Missouri Fast Facts

35% Missouri Residents think K–12 education in Missouri is headed in the right direction.

Missouri Parents' Schooling Preferences

- Public District School: 41.0%
- Charter School: 5.0%
- Private School: 38.0%
- Home School: 11.0%
- Don't Know/Refused/Skipped: 5.0%

Where K–12 Missouri Students Attend School Now

- Public District School: 86.0%
- Charter School: 2.0%
- Private School: 10.0%
- Home School: 2.0%
- Private through a School Choice Program: 0.0%

Missouri K–12 Education Spending

- Total Missouri Public Education Revenue: $12.3 Billion
- Avg. Missouri Total Spending Per Pupil (Public): $13,562
- Avg. Missouri Total Spending Per Pupil (Charter): $13,850
- Avg. Missouri Private K–12 Tuition Per Pupil: $10,249

Missouri Education Spending Out of Total

- Public District Schools: 97.2%
- Charter Schools: 2.8%

Missouri Public School Hiring and Salary Trends since 1992

- Percentage Change Per Student Spending
- Percentage Change Avg. Teacher Salaries
- Percentage Change Students
- Percentage Change All Staff
- Percentage Change Teachers
- Percentage Change All Other Staff

Missouri Student Transportation

- Avg. District Busing Expenditure Per Pupil: $1,106
- Total Spending Per Pupil: $2,826

State Student Transportation Statutes


In case of student transportation, the sending district is responsible for providing transportation for out-of-district students. The district responsible for the student’s transportation may purchase transportation services from another district, a private company, or the student’s family. Desegregation transportation programs in the St. Louis area provide funding for transfer students. Missouri’s Private School Transportation Act (Mo. Ann. Stat. § 167.417) allows eligible private school students to use public transportation.