

FUNDING PREK-12 EDUCATION

Key Facts

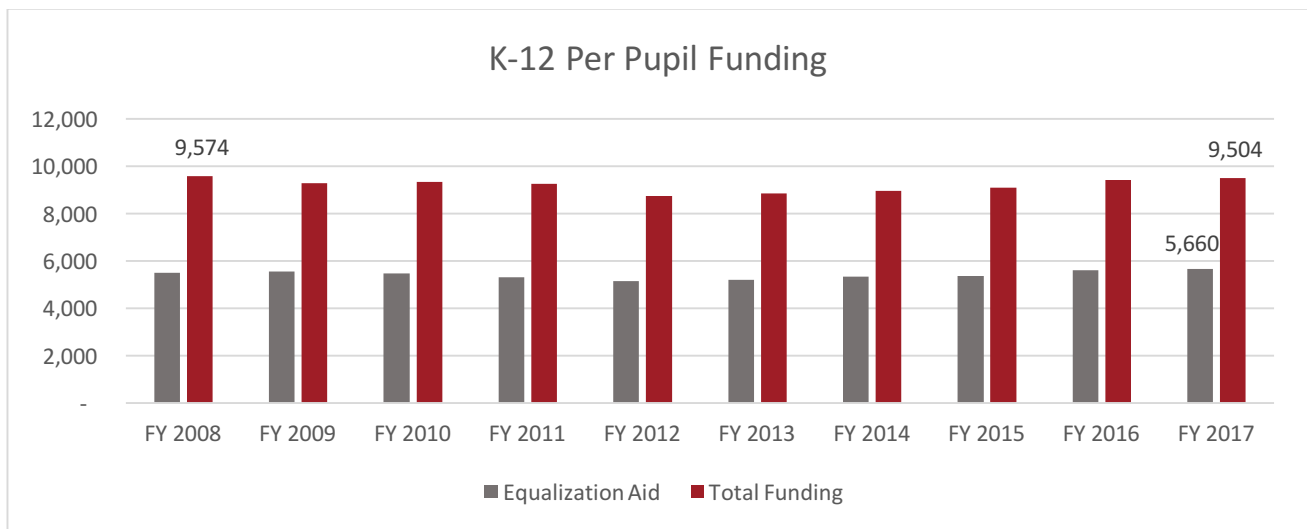
KEY GOALS & METRICS IN FOR EDUCATION IN ARIZONA

The Center for the Future of Arizona and Expect More Arizona recently launched the “Arizona Education Progress Meter” which has eight primary metrics. The selected metrics and Arizona’s current status are as follows:

- **Attainment:** Currently **42%** of Arizonans ages 25-64 years of age have completed a 2- or 4-year degree or received a postsecondary certificate. **Goal: 60% by 2030.**
- **Post High School Enrollment:** Currently **53%** of Arizona high school graduates who are enrolled in postsecondary education the semester after graduating from high school. **Goal: 70% by 2030.**
- **Opportunity Youth:** Currently **15%** of 16-24 year olds in Arizona are NOT going to school or working. **Goal: Reduce to 7% by 2030**
- **High School Graduation:** Currently **78%** of Arizona high school students graduate in 4 years. **Goal: 90% by 2030.**
- **8th Grade Math:** Currently **36%** of Arizona 8th grade students are prepared to be successful in high school math (includes 8th grade students passing the 8th grade AzMERIT math assessment, Algebra I EOC test, Geometry EOC test, or Algebra II EOC test.) **Goal: 69% by 2030.**
- **3rd Grade Reading:** Currently **41%** of Arizona 3rd grade students who scored Proficient or Highly Proficient on the AzMERIT 3rd grade English language arts assessment. **Goal: 72% by 2030.**
- **Quality Early Learning:** **21%** of Arizona 3 and 4 year-old children that are in quality early learning settings. **Goal: 45% by 2030.**
- **Teacher Pay:** Currently **Arizona ranks 50th in the nation** for median Arizona elementary teacher pay. **Goal: To reach the national median in 5 years.**

HOW MUCH DOES THE K-12 SYSTEM RECEIVE?

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2017, Arizona will provide approximately \$5,660 per student. Per pupil funding reductions between FY 2009 and FY 2012 were due to adjustments made during the recession. When all sources of funding are considered, including federal and local funds, the average per pupil amount jumps to \$9,504.



Source: Joint Legislative Budget Committee, *K-12 Funding Since 2008 (Non-Capital Funding Only)* 7/25/16

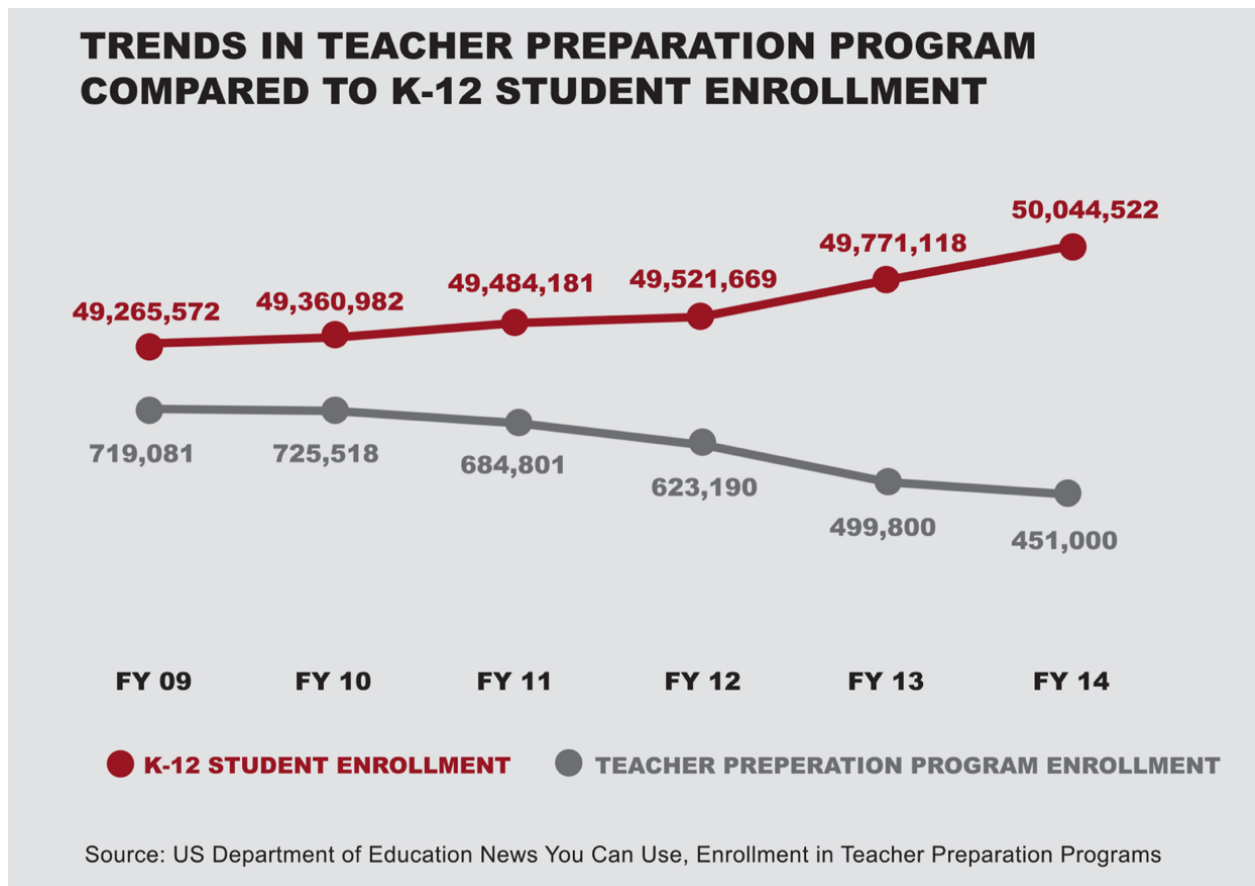
Arizona spends less than \$35 per \$1,000 of personal income on education and is one of only four states in the U.S. with this distinction. Arizona, Idaho, Utah and Oklahoma have the lowest overall state commitment to education spending.

TEACHERS

School districts around the state are unable to hire and retain certified teachers. The teacher shortage has been exacerbated by the inability to provide cost of living raises and competitive salaries.

It is projected that 26,122 (or 24%) of Arizona teachers will be eligible to retire by June 30, 2018.

Student to teacher ratios: To bring the state to the national average of 16 to 1 would require an additional 21,000 teachers. To return the state to the pre-recession 20 to 1 levels would require 7,460 new teachers. Exacerbating the problem is a national trend of decreasing enrollment in teacher preparation programs.



Source: 110th Arizona Town Hall "Funding PreK-12 Education" Background Report
The report can be downloaded at www.aztownhall.org.