

Mississippi Public Education Underfunding

The columns below show the amount that students in each school district have their education underfunded for a single year based on each of three standards: 1) the adequacy standard for Mississippi as defined in state law; 2) the level at which our neighboring southern states fund their schools; and 3) how schools across the nation, on average, provide funding for their children's public education. Mississippi falls woefully short by any of these measures. Our children deserve better.

School District	Current-Year Underfunding by Mississippi Standard of Adequacy ¹ (FY2018)	Underfunding by Neighboring States Standard ² (FY2014, most recent available)	Underfunding by National Average Standard ³ (FY2014, most recent available)
ABERDEEN	-\$586,285	-\$2,090,930	-\$5,184,512
ALCORN CO.	-\$1,477,261	-\$5,268,515	-\$13,063,412
AMITE CO.	-\$545,663	-\$1,946,058	-\$4,825,298
AMORY	-\$804,267	-\$2,868,344	-\$7,112,131
ATTALA CO.	-\$490,336	-\$1,748,737	-\$4,336,037
BALDWIN	-\$362,361	-\$1,292,328	-\$3,204,358
BAY ST. LOUIS	-\$795,716	-\$2,837,848	-\$7,036,514
BENTON CO.	-\$608,291	-\$2,169,415	-\$5,379,119
BILOXI	-\$2,515,517	-\$8,971,359	-\$22,244,708
BOONEVILLE	-\$603,285	-\$2,151,559	-\$5,334,843
BROOKHAVEN	-\$1,278,840	-\$4,560,866	-\$11,308,780
CALHOUN CO.	-\$1,152,016	-\$4,108,557	-\$10,187,268
CANTON	-\$1,422,661	-\$5,073,790	-\$12,580,588
CARROLL CO.	-\$445,878	-\$1,590,182	-\$3,942,895
CHICKASAW CO.	-\$267,234	-\$953,067	-\$2,363,153
CHOCTAW CO.	-\$649,059	-\$2,314,809	-\$5,739,626
CLAIBORNE CO.	-\$646,786	-\$2,306,703	-\$5,719,528
CLARKSDALE	-\$1,254,975	-\$4,475,752	-\$11,097,737
CLEVELAND	-\$1,497,935	-\$5,342,248	-\$13,246,235
CLINTON	-\$2,195,375	-\$7,829,601	-\$19,413,690
COAHOMA AHS	-\$131,723	-\$469,777	-\$1,164,825
COAHOMA CO.	-\$659,708	-\$2,352,786	-\$5,833,791
COFFEEVILLE	-\$240,084	-\$856,241	-\$2,123,070
COLUMBIA	-\$793,952	-\$2,831,557	-\$7,020,915
COLUMBUS	-\$1,724,430	-\$6,150,019	-\$15,249,124
COPIAH CO.	-\$1,280,614	-\$4,567,190	-\$11,324,461
CORINTH	-\$1,118,339	-\$3,988,452	-\$9,889,465
COVINGTON CO.	-\$1,300,306	-\$4,637,422	-\$11,498,602
DESOTO CO.	-\$14,032,155	-\$50,044,380	-\$124,086,278
DURANT	-\$265,448	-\$946,695	-\$2,347,354
EAST JASPER	-\$412,995	-\$1,472,908	-\$3,652,111
EAST TALLAHATCHIE	-\$557,192	-\$1,987,175	-\$4,927,250
ENTERPRISE	-\$440,407	-\$1,570,670	-\$3,894,516
FOREST SEP	-\$683,168	-\$2,436,456	-\$6,041,254
FORREST AHS	-\$255,983	-\$912,941	-\$2,263,659
FORREST CO.	-\$1,027,820	-\$3,665,627	-\$9,089,012

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FRANKLIN CO.	-\$641,396	-\$2,287,480	-\$5,671,864
GEORGE CO.	-\$1,866,499	-\$6,656,697	-\$16,505,444
GREENE CO.	-\$917,108	-\$3,270,782	-\$8,109,985
GREENVILLE	-\$2,192,850	-\$7,820,595	-\$19,391,358
GREENWOOD	-\$1,212,855	-\$4,325,533	-\$10,725,267
GRENADA	-\$1,770,545	-\$6,314,484	-\$15,656,919
GULFPORT	-\$2,619,626	-\$9,342,654	-\$23,165,342
HANCOCK CO.	-\$1,897,710	-\$6,768,008	-\$16,781,442
HARRISON CO.	-\$6,239,128	-\$22,251,273	-\$55,172,582
HATTIESBURG	-\$1,820,644	-\$6,493,157	-\$16,099,943
HAZLEHURST	-\$624,918	-\$2,228,713	-\$5,526,148
HINDS CO.	-\$2,425,274	-\$8,649,515	-\$21,446,686
HOLLANDALE	-\$319,835	-\$1,140,663	-\$2,828,301
HOLLY SPRINGS	-\$612,296	-\$2,183,698	-\$5,414,532
HOLMES CO.	-\$1,307,618	-\$4,663,498	-\$11,563,259
HOUSTON	-\$867,644	-\$3,094,370	-\$7,672,568
HUMPHREYS CO.	-\$815,944	-\$2,909,988	-\$7,215,386
ITAWAMBA CO.	-\$1,711,392	-\$6,103,522	-\$15,133,833
JACKSON CO.	-\$3,742,331	-\$13,346,675	-\$33,093,412
JACKSON PUBLIC	-\$11,517,451	-\$41,075,924	-\$101,848,768
JEFF DAVIS CO.	-\$679,603	-\$2,423,743	-\$6,009,730
JEFFERSON CO.	-\$640,612	-\$2,284,685	-\$5,664,932
JONES CO.	-\$4,026,158	-\$14,358,921	-\$35,603,299
KEMPER CO.	-\$487,614	-\$1,739,029	-\$4,311,967
KOSCIUSKO	-\$1,069,256	-\$3,813,401	-\$9,455,423
LAFAYETTE CO.	-\$1,205,845	-\$4,300,535	-\$10,663,282
LAMAR CO.	-\$4,313,413	-\$15,383,388	-\$38,143,490
LAUDERDALE CO.	-\$3,023,449	-\$10,782,849	-\$26,736,341
LAUREL	-\$1,302,062	-\$4,643,684	-\$11,514,129
LAWRENCE CO.	-\$952,434	-\$3,396,769	-\$8,422,372
LEAKE COUNTY	-\$1,405,414	-\$5,012,278	-\$12,428,068
LEE COUNTY	-\$3,145,527	-\$11,218,231	-\$27,815,882
LEFLORE CO.	-\$1,068,049	-\$3,809,096	-\$9,444,748
LELAND	-\$368,221	-\$1,313,228	-\$3,256,180
LINCOLN CO.	-\$1,474,460	-\$5,258,526	-\$13,038,646
LONG BEACH	-\$1,592,988	-\$5,681,245	-\$14,086,787
LOUISVILLE	-\$1,292,278	-\$4,608,791	-\$11,427,612
LOWNDES CO.	-\$2,229,847	-\$7,952,543	-\$19,718,527
LUMBERTON	-\$300,481	-\$1,071,639	-\$2,657,154
MADISON CO.	-\$5,417,315	-\$19,320,351	-\$47,905,287
MARION CO.	-\$1,047,594	-\$3,736,147	-\$9,263,869
MARSHALL CO.	-\$1,300,888	-\$4,639,495	-\$11,503,742
MCCOMB	-\$1,136,329	-\$4,052,611	-\$10,048,548
MERIDIAN	-\$2,240,458	-\$7,990,386	-\$19,812,359
MIDTOWN PUBLIC CHARTER	-\$98,188	-\$350,179	-\$868,278
MONROE CO.	-\$1,065,319	-\$3,799,361	-\$9,420,609

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MONTGOMERY CO.	-\$199,136	-\$710,198	-\$1,760,955
MOSS POINT	-\$1,021,554	-\$3,643,277	-\$9,033,596
NATCHEZ-ADAMS	-\$1,481,768	-\$5,284,589	-\$13,103,270
NESHOBA CO.	-\$1,598,535	-\$5,701,028	-\$14,135,841
NETTLETON	-\$656,744	-\$2,342,216	-\$5,807,582
NEW ALBANY	-\$1,012,649	-\$3,611,520	-\$8,954,853
NEWTON CO.	-\$863,391	-\$3,079,204	-\$7,634,964
NEWTON MUNICIPAL	-\$467,565	-\$1,667,526	-\$4,134,672
NORTH BOLIVAR CONS.	-\$562,190	-\$2,004,997	-\$4,971,439
NORTH PANOLA	-\$701,389	-\$2,501,438	-\$6,202,377
NORTH PIKE	-\$1,190,872	-\$4,247,133	-\$10,530,871
NORTH TIPPAH	-\$638,534	-\$2,277,271	-\$5,646,550
NOXUBEE CO.	-\$785,000	-\$2,799,631	-\$6,941,755
OCEAN SPRINGS	-\$2,587,654	-\$9,228,628	-\$22,882,611
OKOLONA	-\$336,882	-\$1,201,457	-\$2,979,043
OXFORD	-\$1,712,651	-\$6,108,010	-\$15,144,962
PASCAGOULA	-\$3,120,095	-\$11,127,529	-\$27,590,983
PASS CHRISTIAN	-\$847,823	-\$3,023,681	-\$7,497,291
PEARL	-\$1,727,962	-\$6,162,618	-\$15,280,364
PEARL RIVER CO.	-\$1,614,431	-\$5,757,719	-\$14,276,406
PERRY CO.	-\$519,062	-\$1,851,185	-\$4,590,060
PETAL	-\$1,811,668	-\$6,461,144	-\$16,020,567
PHILADELPHIA	-\$473,351	-\$1,688,162	-\$4,185,840
PICAYUNE	-\$1,533,365	-\$5,468,606	-\$13,559,543
PONTOTOC CITY	-\$1,099,701	-\$3,921,981	-\$9,724,650
PONTOTOC CO.	-\$1,839,925	-\$6,561,922	-\$16,270,448
POPLARVILLE	-\$874,604	-\$3,119,196	-\$7,734,123
PRENTISS CO.	-\$1,215,410	-\$4,334,648	-\$10,747,866
QUITMAN CO.	-\$496,127	-\$1,769,391	-\$4,387,249
QUITMAN SEP	-\$815,882	-\$2,909,769	-\$7,214,845
RANKIN CO.	-\$7,665,525	-\$27,338,384	-\$67,786,199
REIMAGINE PREP CHARTER	-\$195,683	-\$697,886	-\$1,730,425
RIGHTON	-\$338,383	-\$1,206,810	-\$2,992,315
SCOTT CO.	-\$2,058,465	-\$7,341,325	-\$18,202,998
SENATOBIA	-\$826,849	-\$2,948,881	-\$7,311,824
SIMPSON CO.	-\$1,617,619	-\$5,769,087	-\$14,304,594
SMILOW PREP CHARTER	-\$134,898	-\$481,101	-\$1,192,903
SMITH CO.	-\$1,233,637	-\$4,399,651	-\$10,909,045
SOUTH DELTA	-\$377,424	-\$1,346,049	-\$3,337,563
SOUTH PANOLA	-\$1,945,523	-\$6,938,527	-\$17,204,249
SOUTH PIKE	-\$733,276	-\$2,615,162	-\$6,484,359
SOUTH TIPPAH	-\$1,396,917	-\$4,981,976	-\$12,352,932
STARKVILLE-OKTIBBEHA	-\$2,194,249	-\$7,825,588	-\$19,403,738
STONE CO.	-\$1,195,834	-\$4,264,832	-\$10,574,757
SUNFLOWER CONS.	-\$1,727,230	-\$6,160,006	-\$15,273,887
TATE CO.	-\$1,227,681	-\$4,378,410	-\$10,856,376

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TISHOMINGO CO.	-\$1,428,068	-\$5,093,074	-\$12,628,403
TUNICA CO.	-\$852,417	-\$3,040,068	-\$7,537,924
TUPELO	-\$2,891,021	-\$10,310,560	-\$25,565,288
UNION CITY	-\$527,330	-\$1,880,672	-\$4,663,172
UNION CO.	-\$1,360,005	-\$4,850,332	-\$12,026,518
VICKSBURG-WARREN	-\$3,465,356	-\$12,358,870	-\$30,644,125
WALTHALL CO.	-\$891,992	-\$3,181,208	-\$7,887,884
WATER VALLEY	-\$521,446	-\$1,859,690	-\$4,611,146
WAYNE CO.	-\$1,541,668	-\$5,498,217	-\$13,632,966
WEBSTER CO.	-\$876,496	-\$3,125,942	-\$7,750,849
WEST BOLIVAR CONS.	-\$652,757	-\$2,327,999	-\$5,772,332
WEST JASPER	-\$633,204	-\$2,258,262	-\$5,599,416
WEST POINT	-\$1,379,721	-\$4,920,649	-\$12,200,871
WEST TALLAHATCHIE	-\$384,233	-\$1,370,333	-\$3,397,775
WESTERN LINE	-\$799,601	-\$2,851,702	-\$7,070,866
WILKINSON CO.	-\$580,323	-\$2,069,670	-\$5,131,797
WINONA	-\$570,158	-\$2,033,415	-\$5,041,903
YAZOO CITY	-\$1,220,316	-\$4,352,145	-\$10,791,251
YAZOO CO.	-\$672,808	-\$2,399,510	-\$5,949,644
Other Programs	-\$1,365,174	-\$4,868,773	-\$12,072,243
TOTAL	-\$213,820,138	-\$762,569,742	-\$1,890,810,533

¹Underfunding by the Mississippi standard for adequacy is provided by MDE and is based upon the statutory requirement per the Mississippi Adequate Education Program. Only state school district (MAEP) funding is included in this column.

²Underfunding by the Neighboring States standard is calculated based upon the difference in Mississippi's total K-12 per student expenditure compared to the average total K-12 per student expenditure for our neighboring southern states (Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Tennessee), using the most recent data available (FY2014). This column includes local, state, and federal funding.

³Underfunding by the National Average standard is calculated based upon the difference in Mississippi's total K-12 expenditure per student compared to the average total K-12 expenditure per student for the United States, using the most recent data available (FY2014). This column includes local, state, and federal funding.

Sources: Mississippi Department of Education MAEP Allocations for FY2018; 2014 Annual Survey of School System Finances, U.S. Census Bureau