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2015 4th Grade Math NAEP Assessment Average Scale Scores

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2015 8th Grade Reading NAEP Assessment Average Scale Scores

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State: Tennessee
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State: Florida
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State: Oklahoma
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State: Georgia
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State: SLC
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State: North Carolina
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State: Alabama
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State: Louisiana
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State: Mississippi
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2015 4th Grade Science NAEP Assessment Average Scale Scores

2015 8th Grade Science NAEP Assessment Average Scale Scores

### 2014-2015 Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate

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Educational Attainment
Percentage of Population 25 or older with a Bachelor’s Degree (2015)

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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015 American Community Survey.
Child Poverty
Percent of Children Under 18 Years Below Poverty Level (2015)

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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015 American Community Survey
Total Students Enrolled 2014-15
SLC Total: 19,334,464

Student Enrollment 10-Year Increase (between 2004-05 and 2014-15)

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Source: Percentages calculated from data derived from U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Common Core of Data (CCD).
Percentage of Students with IEPs (2014-15)

- Texas: 8.6%
- Louisiana: 11.0%
- Georgia: 11.2%
- SLC: 11.7%
- U.S.: 12.8%
- North Carolina: 12.8%
- Tennessee: 13.1%
- South Carolina: 13.1%
- Florida: 13.1%
- Mississippi: 13.5%
- Missouri: 13.6%
- Arkansas: 13.6%
- Kentucky: 14.2%
- Oklahoma: 15.3%
- West Virginia: 15.8%

Source: The percentages were calculated from data derived from the U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Common Core of Data (CCD).
Percentage of Students in LEP Programs (2014-15)

- Texas: 15.6%
- U.S.: 9.5%
- Florida: 9.2%
- SLC: 8.9%
- Arkansas: 7.7%
- Oklahoma: 7.1%
- North Carolina: 6.1%
- South Carolina: 5.6%
- Georgia: 5.6%
- Tennessee: 3.7%
- Missouri: 3.2%
- Kentucky: 3.0%
- Louisiana: 2.6%
- West Virginia: 1.0%

Source: The percentages were calculated from data derived from the U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Common Core of Data (CCD).
Pupil-Teacher Ratio (2014-15)

- Missouri: 13.6
- Arkansas: 13.9
- West Virginia: 14.0
- Virginia: 14.2
- Tennessee: 15.2
- Mississippi: 15.2
- Texas: 15.3
- South Carolina: 15.3
- SLC: 15.3
- Florida: 15.3
- Louisiana: 15.5
- North Carolina: 15.6
- Georgia: 15.6
- U.S.: 16.1
- Oklahoma: 16.4
- Kentucky: 16.6
- Alabama: 17.4

Student-Guidance Counselor Ratio (2014-15)

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Student-School Administrator Ratio (2014-15)

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Current Exp. Per Student 10-Year Increase (between 2003-04 and 2013-14)

Georgia  19.3%
Texas  20.3%
North Carolina  25.3%
SLC  28.6%
Oklahoma  29.9%
Missouri  31.8%
Florida  31.8%
West Virginia  32.4%
U.S.  33.2%
Virginia  33.3%
Mississippi  33.3%
South Carolina  33.9%
Tennessee  34.0%
Kentucky  37.1%
Alabama  37.3%
Arkansas  42.5%
Louisiana  49.3%

Source: Percentages calculated from data derived from the U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Common Core of Data.
Total Salary Expenditures Per Student (2013-14)

- Oklahoma: 4,630
- Mississippi: 4,794
- Florida: 5,045
- Alabama: 5,070
- North Carolina: 5,074
- Tennessee: 5,136
- Georgia: 5,523
- SLC: 5,555
- South Carolina: 5,630
- Texas: 5,776
- Arkansas: 5,781
- Kentucky: 5,809
- Louisiana: 5,866
- Missouri: 6,022
- West Virginia: 6,120
- U.S.: 6,372
- Virginia: 6,867

Total Employee Benefit Expenditures Per Student (2013-14)