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## Introduction

This report includes a high-level overview of student outcome data and how Kansas measures up to the other 49 states. It is meant to complement the other reporting that KASB has released and will be releasing related to improving student outcomes for all Kansas public schools.

## Summary

The following are Key findings presented in this report:

- Kansas ranks 10<sup>th</sup> in the nation on mastery of basic skills before high school as reported by NAEP.
- Kansas ranks 5<sup>th</sup> in the nation on high school completion rates as reported by the U.S. Department of Education and the National Council on Education Statistics (NCES).
- Kansas ranks 5<sup>th</sup> in the percent of students tested meeting all four benchmarks out of all states where a majority of students take the ACT.
- Kansas ranks 15<sup>th</sup> in average educational attainment of adults 25 and older as reported by NCES.
- Kansas ranks 8<sup>th</sup> in the nation in educational achievement measured across outcome measures.
- No state ranking higher in educational achievement spends less per pupil than Kansas.
- Kansas ranks 27<sup>th</sup> in the nation in per pupil spending (25<sup>th</sup> when adjusted for regional cost of living).
- Kansas has noticeably higher rates of students in poverty and eligible for free or reduced lunches than the other states ranking high on achievement.
- Few states ranking higher in educational achievement have lower adult income levels than Kansas.
- Kansas ranks 26<sup>th</sup> in the nation in median household income (20<sup>th</sup> when adjusted for regional cost of living).
- Kansas ranks 24<sup>th</sup> in per capita personal income (11<sup>th</sup> when adjusted for regional cost of living.)

## How are Kansas students performing on reading and math tests?

On the 2013 National Assessment of Education Progress, Kansas had an average of 79.4 percent of students tested on fourth and eighth grade reading and math score at basic and above (a predictor of high school graduation). Kansas ranked 13<sup>th</sup> in the nation, with eight other states between 79 and 80 percent. An average of 40.4 percent of Kansans scored at proficient (predictor of college readiness), ranking 16<sup>th</sup>.

Kansas ranked 6<sup>th</sup> for non-low income (free/reduced meals eligible) students with almost 90 percent at basic and 12<sup>th</sup> for low income students at 68.3 percent, a slightly smaller gap than the national average of 14 percent. At proficient, Kansas ranked 13<sup>th</sup> for both non-low income (54.7 percent) and low income (25.3 percent).

Overall, Kansas ranked 10<sup>th</sup> based on the average of these six indicators. In the region, only Minnesota and Colorado ranked higher overall.

| Mastery of Basic Skills before High School                                                         |                                                                                 |                         |                     |    |                                                                                        |                         |                     |    |                   |    |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|----|-------------------|----|
| 2013 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) Fourth & Eighth Grade Reading & Math Tests |                                                                                 |                         |                     |    |                                                                                        |                         |                     |    |                   |    |
| Rank                                                                                               | Average Percent of Students At Basic or Above<br>(Predictor of Graduation Rate) |                         |                     |    | Average Percent of Students At Proficient or Above<br>(Predictor of College Readiness) |                         |                     |    | Six-score Average |    |
|                                                                                                    | All Students                                                                    | Non-Free/ Reduced Lunch | Free/ Reduced Lunch |    | All Students                                                                           | Non-Free/ Reduced Lunch | Free/ Reduced Lunch |    |                   |    |
| 1                                                                                                  | New Hampshire                                                                   | 85                      | Massachusetts       | 94 | Wyoming                                                                                | 74                      | Massachusetts       | 52 | Massachusetts     | 30 |
| 2                                                                                                  | Massachusetts                                                                   | 85                      | New Jersey          | 91 | New Hampshire                                                                          | 72                      | New Jersey          | 59 | Vermont           | 29 |
| 3                                                                                                  | Wyoming                                                                         | 82                      | Minnesota           | 90 | Vermont                                                                                | 71                      | Minnesota           | 58 | New Hampshire     | 28 |
| 4                                                                                                  | New Jersey                                                                      | 82                      | New Hampshire       | 90 | Massachusetts                                                                          | 71                      | New Jersey          | 47 | Vermont           | 28 |
| 5                                                                                                  | Vermont                                                                         | 82                      | Colorado            | 90 | Indiana                                                                                | 71                      | Vermont             | 46 | Colorado          | 57 |
| 6                                                                                                  | Minnesota                                                                       | 82                      | Kansas              | 90 | Maine                                                                                  | 70                      | Colorado            | 43 | Washington        | 56 |
| 7                                                                                                  | North Dakota                                                                    | 81                      | Connecticut         | 90 | Montana                                                                                | 69                      | Washington          | 43 | Maryland          | 56 |
| 8                                                                                                  | Indiana                                                                         | 80                      | Vermont             | 90 | New Jersey                                                                             | 69                      | Maryland            | 43 | Connecticut       | 56 |
| 9                                                                                                  | Montana                                                                         | 80                      | Pennsylvania        | 90 | North Dakota                                                                           | 69                      | Connecticut         | 42 | Pennsylvania      | 56 |
| 10                                                                                                 | Colorado                                                                        | 80                      | Washington          | 89 | Idaho                                                                                  | 69                      | Pennsylvania        | 42 | New Hampshire     | 55 |
| 11                                                                                                 | Washington                                                                      | 80                      | Indiana             | 89 | Florida                                                                                | 68                      | Virginia            | 41 | North Carolina    | 55 |
| 12                                                                                                 | Pennsylvania                                                                    | 80                      | North Carolina      | 89 | Kansas                                                                                 | 68                      | Ohio                | 41 | Ohio              | 55 |
| 13                                                                                                 | Kansas                                                                          | 79                      | Ohio                | 89 | Washington                                                                             | 68                      | Indiana             | 41 | Kansas            | 55 |
| 14                                                                                                 | Virginia                                                                        | 79                      | Nebraska            | 88 | North Carolina                                                                         | 67                      | Maine               | 41 | Indiana           | 54 |
| 15                                                                                                 | Maine                                                                           | 79                      | Rhode Island        | 88 | Texas                                                                                  | 67                      | Kansas              | 40 | Rhode Island      | 54 |
| 16                                                                                                 | Connecticut                                                                     | 79                      | Florida             | 88 | Minnesota                                                                              | 67                      | Wyoming             | 40 | Oregon            | 53 |
| 17                                                                                                 | Iowa                                                                            | 79                      | Texas               | 88 | Delaware                                                                               | 67                      | Montana             | 40 | Virginia          | 53 |
| 18                                                                                                 | Maryland                                                                        | 79                      | Wyoming             | 88 | Pennsylvania                                                                           | 67                      | Wisconsin           | 40 | Illinois          | 53 |
| 19                                                                                                 | Ohio                                                                            | 78                      | Maryland            | 88 | Kentucky                                                                               | 66                      | Iowa                | 40 | Georgia           | 52 |
| 20                                                                                                 | Nebraska                                                                        | 78                      | Oregon              | 88 | Utah                                                                                   | 66                      | North Dakota        | 39 | Florida           | 52 |
| 21                                                                                                 | Idaho                                                                           | 78                      | Montana             | 88 | Colorado                                                                               | 66                      | Utah                | 39 | Texas             | 52 |
| 22                                                                                                 | Utah                                                                            | 77                      | Virginia            | 88 | Missouri                                                                               | 66                      | Nebraska            | 39 | Wisconsin         | 51 |
| 23                                                                                                 | South Dakota                                                                    | 77                      | Georgia             | 88 | Maryland                                                                               | 65                      | Rhode Island        | 38 | Maine             | 51 |
| 24                                                                                                 | Wisconsin                                                                       | 77                      | Iowa                | 87 | Iowa                                                                                   | 65                      | North Carolina      | 37 | Nebraska          | 51 |
| 25                                                                                                 | Florida                                                                         | 77                      | Kentucky            | 87 | Ohio                                                                                   | 65                      | Idaho               | 37 | Delaware          | 51 |
| 26                                                                                                 | North Carolina                                                                  | 77                      | Wisconsin           | 87 | Nebraska                                                                               | 65                      | South Dakota        | 37 | Kentucky          | 50 |
| 27                                                                                                 | Delaware                                                                        | 77                      | North Dakota        | 87 | Oregon                                                                                 | 65                      | Delaware            | 37 | Tennessee         | 50 |
| 28                                                                                                 | Kentucky                                                                        | 76                      | Illinois            | 87 | Oklahoma                                                                               | 64                      | Kentucky            | 36 | Iowa              | 50 |
| 29                                                                                                 | Missouri                                                                        | 76                      | Missouri            | 87 | Virginia                                                                               | 64                      | Illinois            | 36 | Montana           | 50 |
| 30                                                                                                 | Rhode Island                                                                    | 76                      | Tennessee           | 87 | South Dakota                                                                           | 64                      | Oregon              | 36 | New York          | 50 |
| 31                                                                                                 | Texas                                                                           | 76                      | New York            | 87 | Arkansas                                                                               | 64                      | New York            | 36 | Missouri          | 49 |
| 32                                                                                                 | New York                                                                        | 75                      | Maine               | 87 | Wisconsin                                                                              | 63                      | Florida             | 36 | South Carolina    | 48 |
| 33                                                                                                 | Oregon                                                                          | 75                      | Delaware            | 86 | West Virginia                                                                          | 63                      | Missouri            | 36 | Utah              | 48 |
| 34                                                                                                 | Illinois                                                                        | 74                      | South Dakota        | 86 | New York                                                                               | 63                      | Texas               | 35 | Wyoming           | 48 |
| 35                                                                                                 | Tennessee                                                                       | 73                      | Idaho               | 86 | Georgia                                                                                | 63                      | Hawaii              | 34 | California        | 47 |
| 36                                                                                                 | Georgia                                                                         | 73                      | South Carolina      | 86 | Nevada                                                                                 | 62                      | Tennessee           | 34 | Arkansas          | 47 |
| 37                                                                                                 | Arkansas                                                                        | 73                      | Arkansas            | 85 | Hawaii                                                                                 | 62                      | Georgia             | 34 | Idaho             | 47 |
| 38                                                                                                 | Oklahoma                                                                        | 73                      | Michigan            | 85 | Tennessee                                                                              | 62                      | Michigan            | 33 | Arizona           | 47 |
| 39                                                                                                 | Michigan                                                                        | 72                      | Utah                | 85 | Rhode Island                                                                           | 62                      | Arkansas            | 32 | Michigan          | 47 |
| 40                                                                                                 | Hawaii                                                                          | 72                      | Alabama             | 84 | Connecticut                                                                            | 60                      | Alaska              | 32 | North Dakota      | 46 |
| 41                                                                                                 | Arizona                                                                         | 71                      | Mississippi         | 84 | Arizona                                                                                | 60                      | Arizona             | 31 | South Dakota      | 46 |
| 42                                                                                                 | Nevada                                                                          | 71                      | Arizona             | 84 | Illinois                                                                               | 59                      | South Carolina      | 31 | Hawaii            | 46 |
| 43                                                                                                 | South Carolina                                                                  | 70                      | Oklahoma            | 83 | Michigan                                                                               | 59                      | Nevada              | 30 | Alaska            | 45 |
| 44                                                                                                 | West Virginia                                                                   | 69                      | California          | 83 | South Carolina                                                                         | 59                      | Oklahoma            | 30 | Nevada            | 44 |
| 45                                                                                                 | Alaska                                                                          | 69                      | Hawaii              | 83 | New Mexico                                                                             | 58                      | California          | 29 | Alabama           | 43 |
| 46                                                                                                 | California                                                                      | 67                      | Nevada              | 82 | Louisiana                                                                              | 58                      | West Virginia       | 28 | Oklahoma          | 43 |
| 47                                                                                                 | Alabama                                                                         | 67                      | Alaska              | 82 | California                                                                             | 56                      | Alabama             | 26 | New Mexico        | 41 |
| 48                                                                                                 | Louisiana                                                                       | 66                      | Louisiana           | 82 | Alaska                                                                                 | 56                      | New Mexico          | 24 | Mississippi       | 41 |
| 49                                                                                                 | New Mexico                                                                      | 64                      | West Virginia       | 80 | Mississippi                                                                            | 55                      | Louisiana           | 24 | Louisiana         | 40 |
| 50                                                                                                 | Mississippi                                                                     | 63                      | New Mexico          | 80 | Alabama                                                                                | 54                      | Mississippi         | 22 | West Virginia     | 39 |
|                                                                                                    | United States                                                                   | 75                      | United States       | 87 | United States                                                                          | 63                      | United States       | 36 | United States     | 52 |
|                                                                                                    |                                                                                 |                         |                     |    |                                                                                        |                         |                     |    | United States     | 21 |
|                                                                                                    |                                                                                 |                         |                     |    |                                                                                        |                         |                     |    | United States     | 56 |

## What percent of Kansas students complete high school?

On the new adjusted four-year cohort graduation rate for 2012 (most recent available) 85 percent of Kansas public school students graduated “on time” in four years, tying Kansas for 12<sup>th</sup> with three other states. (Three states did not use this method in 2012). For economically disadvantaged students, 76 percent graduated on time (10<sup>th</sup>) and for students with disabilities, 77 percent (3<sup>rd</sup>).

Using the older averaged freshman graduation rate method, 89 percent of Kansas students graduated on time, tied for 5<sup>th</sup>. Using U.S. Census data, 86 percent of all persons in Kansas aged 18-24 had completed high school, ranking 28<sup>th</sup>. Averaging all of these measures, Kansas ranked 5<sup>th</sup> overall.

| High School Completion Rates                      |                                                                 |    |                            |    |                            |    |                                                            |                                       |                                        |    |                |    |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|----|----------------------------|----|----------------------------|----|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----|----------------|----|
| Three Measures of Completion from Federal Reports |                                                                 |    |                            |    |                            |    |                                                            |                                       |                                        |    |                |    |
| Rank                                              | Public High School Adjusted 4-Year Cohort Graduation Rate, 2012 |    |                            |    |                            |    | Public High School Averaged Freshman Graduation Rate, 2012 | 18-24 Year-old High School Completers | Average High School Completion Percent |    |                |    |
|                                                   | All Students                                                    |    | Economically Disadvantaged |    | Students with Disabilities |    |                                                            |                                       |                                        |    |                |    |
| 1                                                 | Iowa                                                            | 89 | Indiana                    | 85 | Montana                    | 81 | Nebraska                                                   | 93                                    | Hawaii                                 | 92 | Nebraska       | 84 |
| 2                                                 | Nebraska                                                        | 88 | Texas                      | 85 | Arkansas                   | 79 | Vermont                                                    | 93                                    | Vermont                                | 91 | Vermont        | 84 |
| 3                                                 | Texas                                                           | 88 | Tennessee                  | 82 | Kansas                     | 77 | Wisconsin                                                  | 92                                    | North Dakota                           | 91 | Iowa           | 84 |
| 4                                                 | Vermont                                                         | 88 | Hawaii                     | 80 | Texas                      | 77 | North Dakota                                               | 91                                    | Maine                                  | 90 | Texas          | 83 |
| 5                                                 | Wisconsin                                                       | 88 | Iowa                       | 80 | Hawaii                     | 74 | Iowa                                                       | 89                                    | Massachusetts                          | 89 | Kansas         | 83 |
| 6                                                 | North Dakota                                                    | 87 | Nebraska                   | 80 | New Jersey                 | 74 | Kansas                                                     | 89                                    | Nebraska                               | 89 | Tennessee      | 83 |
| 7                                                 | Tennessee                                                       | 87 | Arkansas                   | 79 | Iowa                       | 73 | Minnesota                                                  | 88                                    | Iowa                                   | 89 | Wisconsin      | 82 |
| 8                                                 | Indiana                                                         | 86 | Missouri                   | 79 | Missouri                   | 73 | Pennsylvania                                               | 88                                    | Virginia                               | 89 | Missouri       | 82 |
| 9                                                 | Missouri                                                        | 86 | Vermont                    | 77 | Tennessee                  | 73 | Maine                                                      | 87                                    | New Hampshire                          | 88 | North Dakota   | 82 |
| 10                                                | New Hampshire                                                   | 86 | Kansas                     | 76 | Nebraska                   | 72 | New Hampshire                                              | 87                                    | Wisconsin                              | 88 | New Jersey     | 82 |
| 11                                                | New Jersey                                                      | 86 | Maine                      | 76 | Indiana                    | 71 | New Jersey                                                 | 87                                    | Rhode Island                           | 88 | Montana        | 82 |
| 12                                                | Connecticut                                                     | 85 | Maryland                   | 75 | Vermont                    | 71 | Connecticut                                                | 86                                    | Maryland                               | 88 | Maine          | 82 |
| 13                                                | Kansas                                                          | 85 | New Jersey                 | 75 | Maine                      | 70 | Massachusetts                                              | 86                                    | Tennessee                              | 88 | Hawaii         | 81 |
| 14                                                | Maine                                                           | 85 | North Carolina             | 75 | New Hampshire              | 70 | Missouri                                                   | 86                                    | West Virginia                          | 88 | Indiana        | 81 |
| 15                                                | Massachusetts                                                   | 85 | Wisconsin                  | 75 | Pennsylvania               | 70 | Montana                                                    | 86                                    | New Jersey                             | 88 | Arkansas       | 81 |
| 16                                                | Arkansas                                                        | 84 | North Dakota               | 74 | Illinois                   | 69 | Maryland                                                   | 84                                    | Pennsylvania                           | 88 | New Hampshire  | 81 |
| 17                                                | Maryland                                                        | 84 | Pennsylvania               | 74 | Massachusetts              | 69 | Ohio                                                       | 84                                    | Missouri                               | 87 | Pennsylvania   | 81 |
| 18                                                | Montana                                                         | 84 | California                 | 73 | Wisconsin                  | 69 | Virginia                                                   | 84                                    | Oregon                                 | 87 | Massachusetts  | 80 |
| 19                                                | Pennsylvania                                                    | 84 | Illinois                   | 73 | North Dakota               | 68 | Idaho                                                      | 84                                    | Minnesota                              | 87 | Connecticut    | 79 |
| 20                                                | South Dakota                                                    | 83 | Montana                    | 73 | Ohio                       | 68 | South Dakota                                               | 83                                    | Michigan                               | 87 | Illinois       | 78 |
| 21                                                | Virginia                                                        | 83 | New Hampshire              | 73 | Arizona                    | 65 | Tennessee                                                  | 83                                    | Connecticut                            | 87 | Maryland       | 78 |
| 22                                                | Hawaii                                                          | 82 | Delaware                   | 72 | Connecticut                | 64 | California                                                 | 82                                    | Wyoming                                | 87 | Ohio           | 77 |
| 23                                                | Illinois                                                        | 82 | Massachusetts              | 72 | South Dakota               | 64 | Colorado                                                   | 82                                    | Kentucky                               | 87 | South Dakota   | 76 |
| 24                                                | Ohio                                                            | 81 | Virginia                   | 72 | Utah                       | 64 | Illinois                                                   | 82                                    | New York                               | 87 | California     | 76 |
| 25                                                | Delaware                                                        | 80 | West Virginia              | 72 | California                 | 61 | Texas                                                      | 82                                    | Utah                                   | 86 | West Virginia  | 76 |
| 26                                                | North Carolina                                                  | 80 | Arizona                    | 71 | North Carolina             | 60 | Kentucky                                                   | 82                                    | Alaska                                 | 86 | Utah           | 76 |
| 27                                                | Utah                                                            | 80 | Connecticut                | 71 | West Virginia              | 60 | Indiana                                                    | 80                                    | Idaho                                  | 86 | North Carolina | 75 |
| 28                                                | California                                                      | 79 | Mississippi                | 70 | Rhode Island               | 59 | West Virginia                                              | 80                                    | Kansas                                 | 86 | Virginia       | 75 |
| 29                                                | West Virginia                                                   | 79 | Utah                       | 70 | Wyoming                    | 59 | Wyoming                                                    | 80                                    | Colorado                               | 86 | Arizona        | 74 |
| 30                                                | Wyoming                                                         | 79 | New York                   | 68 | Washington                 | 58 | Alaska                                                     | 79                                    | Illinois                               | 86 | Wyoming        | 74 |
| 31                                                | Minnesota                                                       | 78 | Ohio                       | 68 | Delaware                   | 57 | North Carolina                                             | 79                                    | Ohio                                   | 85 | Delaware       | 74 |
| 32                                                | New York                                                        | 77 | South Carolina             | 68 | Maryland                   | 57 | Washington                                                 | 79                                    | California                             | 85 | Minnesota      | 74 |
| 33                                                | Rhode Island                                                    | 77 | South Dakota               | 67 | Minnesota                  | 56 | Oklahoma                                                   | 79                                    | South Dakota                           | 85 | Rhode Island   | 73 |
| 34                                                | Washington                                                      | 77 | Alabama                    | 66 | New Mexico                 | 56 | Arkansas                                                   | 78                                    | Arkansas                               | 85 | Washington     | 73 |
| 35                                                | Arizona                                                         | 76 | Louisiana                  | 66 | Alabama                    | 54 | Hawaii                                                     | 78                                    | Washington                             | 84 | Colorado       | 72 |
| 36                                                | Michigan                                                        | 76 | Rhode Island               | 66 | Colorado                   | 54 | New York                                                   | 78                                    | Alabama                                | 84 | Michigan       | 72 |
| 37                                                | Alabama                                                         | 75 | Washington                 | 66 | Michigan                   | 54 | Oregon                                                     | 78                                    | Montana                                | 84 | New York       | 72 |
| 38                                                | Colorado                                                        | 75 | Florida                    | 65 | Virginia                   | 49 | Utah                                                       | 78                                    | Florida                                | 84 | Alabama        | 71 |
| 39                                                | Florida                                                         | 75 | New Mexico                 | 65 | Florida                    | 48 | Arizona                                                    | 77                                    | Oklahoma                               | 84 | Florida        | 69 |
| 40                                                | Mississippi                                                     | 75 | Wyoming                    | 65 | New York                   | 48 | Delaware                                                   | 77                                    | South Carolina                         | 84 | New Mexico     | 69 |
| 41                                                | South Carolina                                                  | 75 | Michigan                   | 64 | Alaska                     | 46 | Michigan                                                   | 77                                    | North Carolina                         | 83 | Alaska         | 68 |
| 42                                                | Louisiana                                                       | 72 | Colorado                   | 61 | South Carolina             | 40 | Rhode Island                                               | 76                                    | Indiana                                | 83 | South Carolina | 68 |
| 43                                                | Alaska                                                          | 70 | Georgia                    | 61 | Oregon                     | 38 | Alabama                                                    | 75                                    | Delaware                               | 82 | Oregon         | 66 |
| 44                                                | Georgia                                                         | 70 | Oregon                     | 61 | Georgia                    | 35 | Florida                                                    | 75                                    | Mississippi                            | 82 | Mississippi    | 65 |
| 45                                                | New Mexico                                                      | 70 | Alaska                     | 59 | Louisiana                  | 33 | New Mexico                                                 | 74                                    | Texas                                  | 82 | Louisiana      | 65 |
| 46                                                | Oregon                                                          | 68 | Minnesota                  | 59 | Mississippi                | 32 | Louisiana                                                  | 72                                    | Arizona                                | 82 | Georgia        | 63 |
| 47                                                | Nevada                                                          | 63 | Nevada                     | 58 | Nevada                     | 24 | South Carolina                                             | 72                                    | Georgia                                | 81 | Nevada         | 57 |
| 48                                                | Idaho                                                           | -  | Idaho                      | -  | Idaho                      | -  | Georgia                                                    | 70                                    | Louisiana                              | 80 | Idaho          | 85 |
| 49                                                | Kentucky                                                        | -  | Kentucky                   | -  | Kentucky                   | -  | Mississippi                                                | 68                                    | New Mexico                             | 79 | Kentucky       | 84 |
| 50                                                | Oklahoma                                                        | -  | Oklahoma                   | -  | Oklahoma                   | -  | Nevada                                                     | 60                                    | Nevada                                 | 78 | Oklahoma       | 81 |
|                                                   | United States                                                   | 80 | United States              | 72 | United States              | 61 | United States                                              | 81                                    | United States                          | 85 | United States  | 76 |

## How well are Kansas students prepared for postsecondary education?

Seventy-five percent of Kansas high school seniors took the ACT test in 2013; 16<sup>th</sup> highest in the country. (Ten states require all or most students to take the ACT.) For Kansas, 31 percent met “college ready” benchmarks on all four ACT subjects (English, Math, Reading and Science), ranking Kansas 5<sup>th</sup> among the 29 states where most students take the ACT. Seventy-two percent of Kansans met the English benchmark (tied for 4<sup>th</sup> with five other states) and 51 percent met the math benchmark (ranking 4<sup>th</sup>). Averaging these four marks with the percent of students taking the test, Kansas ranked 6<sup>th</sup> of 29 states.

Among adults aged 18-24, 50.1 percent of Kansans have completed some college courses, earned a technical certificate or an associate’s degree, ranking 6<sup>th</sup>. However, only 8.1 percent had completed a bachelor’s degree, ranking 29<sup>th</sup>. Combining the two, 68.2 percent of young adults in Kansas had some college education, ranking 15<sup>th</sup>.

| Preparation for College                                |                                                                               |                                            |                                     |                                  |                        |                             |                       |                                                             |                |    |                |    |                |    |                |    |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----|----------------|----|----------------|----|----------------|----|
| Measured by ACT and College Attainment by Young Adults |                                                                               |                                            |                                     |                                  |                        |                             |                       |                                                             |                |    |                |    |                |    |                |    |
| Rank                                                   | 2014 ACT College Testing Results (States in which most students take the ACT) |                                            |                                     |                                  |                        |                             |                       | Percent of Population Age 18-24 at Educational Levels, 2012 |                |    |                |    |                |    |                |    |
|                                                        | Percent of High School Graduates Tested                                       | Percent Tested at All 4 College Benchmarks | Percent tested at English Benchmark | Percent Tested at Math Benchmark | ACT Four Score Average | Some College or A.A. Degree | B.A. Degree or Higher | More than High School Completion                            |                |    |                |    |                |    |                |    |
| 1                                                      | Colorado                                                                      | 100                                        | Minnesota                           | 39                               | Minnesota              | 77                          | Minnesota             | 63                                                          | North Dakota   | 56 | Massachusetts  | 15 | North Dakota   | 64 |                |    |
| 2                                                      | Illinois                                                                      | 100                                        | Wisconsin                           | 34                               | Wisconsin              | 75                          | Wisconsin             | 54                                                          | South Dakota   | 59 | Vermont        | 15 | Vermont        | 64 |                |    |
| 3                                                      | Kentucky                                                                      | 100                                        | South Dakota                        | 32                               | Iowa                   | 75                          | South Dakota          | 53                                                          | Wisconsin      | 59 | Iowa           | 52 | New Jersey     | 13 | Nebraska       | 63 |
| 4                                                      | Louisiana                                                                     | 100                                        | Ohio                                | 32                               | Nebraska               | 72                          | Kansas                | 51                                                          | Nebraska       | 58 | Nebraska       | 52 | Connecticut    | 13 | Iowa           | 63 |
| 5                                                      | Michigan                                                                      | 100                                        | Kansas                              | 31                               | South Dakota           | 72                          | Iowa                  | 50                                                          | Illinois       | 58 | Utah           | 51 | Maryland       | 12 | New York       | 62 |
| 6                                                      | North Carolina                                                                | 100                                        | Iowa                                | 31                               | Kansas                 | 72                          | Montana               | 49                                                          | Kansas         | 57 | Kansas         | 50 | Illinois       | 12 | Minnesota      | 62 |
| 7                                                      | Tennessee                                                                     | 100                                        | Nebraska                            | 29                               | Missouri               | 72                          | Ohio                  | 49                                                          | Colorado       | 57 | Minnesota      | 50 | Minnesota      | 12 | Massachusetts  | 61 |
| 8                                                      | Utah                                                                          | 100                                        | Missouri                            | 29                               | Ohio                   | 72                          | Nebraska              | 46                                                          | Utah           | 57 | Michigan       | 50 | Rhode Island   | 12 | Rhode Island   | 61 |
| 9                                                      | Wyoming                                                                       | 100                                        | Illinois                            | 26                               | West Virginia          | 68                          | Missouri              | 45                                                          | North Dakota   | 57 | Oregon         | 50 | Pennsylvania   | 12 | New Hampshire  | 60 |
| 10                                                     | North Dakota                                                                  | 98                                         | Colorado                            | 25                               | Oklahoma               | 66                          | North Dakota          | 43                                                          | Ohio           | 56 | New Hampshire  | 49 | Virginia       | 11 | New Jersey     | 59 |
| 11                                                     | Mississippi                                                                   | 95                                         | Utah                                | 25                               | Alabama                | 65                          | Illinois              | 42                                                          | Iowa           | 56 | Rhode Island   | 49 | Nebraska       | 11 | Maryland       | 59 |
| 12                                                     | Arkansas                                                                      | 90                                         | Georgia                             | 24                               | Georgia                | 64                          | Colorado              | 39                                                          | Missouri       | 55 | South Dakota   | 49 | New Hampshire  | 11 | Illinois       | 59 |
| 13                                                     | Nebraska                                                                      | 84                                         | North Dakota                        | 23                               | Colorado               | 63                          | South Carolina        | 39                                                          | Michigan       | 54 | Wyoming        | 48 | Colorado       | 11 | Utah           | 58 |
| 14                                                     | Alabama                                                                       | 78                                         | Montana                             | 23                               | Utah                   | 63                          | Utah                  | 38                                                          | Wyoming        | 53 | California     | 48 | Iowa           | 10 | Michigan       | 58 |
| 15                                                     | South Dakota                                                                  | 78                                         | South Carolina                      | 23                               | Arkansas               | 63                          | Georgia               | 38                                                          | Arkansas       | 52 | Mississippi    | 48 | Vermont        | 10 | Kansas         | 58 |
| 16                                                     | Kansas                                                                        | 75                                         | Michigan                            | 22                               | Illinois               | 62                          | Arizona               | 38                                                          | Kentucky       | 52 | Wisconsin      | 48 | Washington     | 10 | Connecticut    | 58 |
| 17                                                     | Oklahoma                                                                      | 75                                         | Oklahoma                            | 22                               | North Dakota           | 62                          | Oklahoma              | 37                                                          | Tennessee      | 52 | Missouri       | 48 | Wisconsin      | 10 | Virginia       | 58 |
| 18                                                     | Florida                                                                       | 74                                         | Arkansas                            | 21                               | South Carolina         | 61                          | Michigan              | 35                                                          | Montana        | 51 | New York       | 47 | Maine          | 10 | Wisconsin      | 57 |
| 19                                                     | Minnesota                                                                     | 74                                         | Alabama                             | 21                               | Montana                | 60                          | Arkansas              | 35                                                          | Louisiana      | 50 | Maine          | 47 | Ohio           | 9  | Oregon         | 57 |
| 20                                                     | Missouri                                                                      | 74                                         | Arizona                             | 21                               | Kentucky               | 59                          | Florida               | 35                                                          | Oklahoma       | 50 | Alabama        | 47 | Delaware       | 9  | Colorado       | 57 |
| 21                                                     | Montana                                                                       | 72                                         | Wyoming                             | 20                               | Michigan               | 59                          | North Carolina        | 33                                                          | North Carolina | 49 | Illinois       | 47 | California     | 9  | California     | 57 |
| 22                                                     | Ohio                                                                          | 72                                         | Kentucky                            | 19                               | Tennessee              | 59                          | Wyoming               | 33                                                          | Alabama        | 49 | Maryland       | 47 | Tennessee      | 9  | Maine          | 57 |
| 23                                                     | Wisconsin                                                                     | 71                                         | Tennessee                           | 19                               | Wyoming                | 59                          | New Mexico            | 33                                                          | West Virginia  | 46 | Colorado       | 46 | Hawaii         | 9  | South Dakota   | 57 |
| 24                                                     | New Mexico                                                                    | 70                                         | Florida                             | 19                               | Louisiana              | 56                          | West Virginia         | 33                                                          | Mississippi    | 45 | Virginia       | 46 | North Carolina | 9  | Missouri       | 56 |
| 25                                                     | Iowa                                                                          | 66                                         | West Virginia                       | 19                               | New Mexico             | 55                          | Alabama               | 31                                                          | Florida        | 45 | Ohio           | 46 | North Dakota   | 9  | Ohio           | 55 |
| 26                                                     | West Virginia                                                                 | 63                                         | New Mexico                          | 18                               | Arizona                | 54                          | Kentucky              | 30                                                          | Georgia        | 44 | Massachusetts  | 46 | Missouri       | 9  | Pennsylvania   | 55 |
| 27                                                     | Georgia                                                                       | 51                                         | North Carolina                      | 16                               | Mississippi            | 53                          | Louisiana             | 29                                                          | New Mexico     | 44 | Montana        | 46 | Michigan       | 8  | North Carolina | 55 |
| 28                                                     | South Carolina                                                                | 51                                         | Louisiana                           | 15                               | Florida                | 53                          | Tennessee             | 29                                                          | South Carolina | 44 | Idaho          | 46 | Indiana        | 8  | Wyoming        | 54 |
| 29                                                     | Arizona                                                                       | 50                                         | Mississippi                         | 12                               | North Carolina         | 47                          | Mississippi           | 21                                                          | Arizona        | 41 | North Carolina | 46 | Kansas         | 8  | Alabama        | 54 |
| 30                                                     | Idaho                                                                         |                                            | Idaho                               |                                  | Idaho                  |                             | Idaho                 |                                                             | Idaho          |    | New Mexico     | 46 | West Virginia  | 8  | Washington     | 54 |
| 31                                                     | Hawaii                                                                        |                                            | Hawaii                              |                                  | Hawaii                 |                             | Hawaii                |                                                             | Hawaii         |    | New Jersey     | 46 | Oregon         | 8  | Montana        | 53 |
| 32                                                     | Indiana                                                                       |                                            | Indiana                             |                                  | Indiana                |                             | Indiana               |                                                             | Indiana        |    | Florida        | 45 | South Dakota   | 8  | Florida        | 53 |
| 33                                                     | Alaska                                                                        |                                            | Alaska                              |                                  | Alaska                 |                             | Alaska                |                                                             | Alaska         |    | South Carolina | 45 | Florida        | 8  | Idaho          | 53 |
| 34                                                     | Texas                                                                         |                                            | Texas                               |                                  | Texas                  |                             | Texas                 |                                                             | Texas          |    | Arizona        | 45 | Louisiana      | 8  | Mississippi    | 53 |
| 35                                                     | Oregon                                                                        |                                            | Oregon                              |                                  | Oregon                 |                             | Oregon                |                                                             | Oregon         |    | Connecticut    | 45 | Texas          | 8  | South Carolina | 53 |
| 36                                                     | Nevada                                                                        |                                            | Nevada                              |                                  | Nevada                 |                             | Nevada                |                                                             | Nevada         |    | Arkansas       | 45 | South Carolina | 7  | Indiana        | 53 |
| 37                                                     | Connecticut                                                                   |                                            | Connecticut                         |                                  | Connecticut            |                             | Connecticut           |                                                             | Connecticut    |    | Texas          | 45 | Oklahoma       | 7  | Delaware       | 53 |
| 38                                                     | California                                                                    |                                            | California                          |                                  | California             |                             | California            |                                                             | California     |    | Washington     | 45 | Kentucky       | 7  | Arizona        | 52 |
| 39                                                     | New York                                                                      |                                            | New York                            |                                  | New York               |                             | New York              |                                                             | New York       |    | Indiana        | 44 | Montana        | 7  | Tennessee      | 52 |
| 40                                                     | Vermont                                                                       |                                            | Vermont                             |                                  | Vermont                |                             | Vermont               |                                                             | Vermont        |    | Oklahoma       | 44 | Georgia        | 7  | Hawaii         | 52 |
| 41                                                     | Virginia                                                                      |                                            | Virginia                            |                                  | Virginia               |                             | Virginia              |                                                             | Virginia       |    | Georgia        | 44 | Utah           | 7  | Texas          | 52 |
| 42                                                     | New Jersey                                                                    |                                            | New Jersey                          |                                  | New Jersey             |                             | New Jersey            |                                                             | New Jersey     |    | Tennessee      | 44 | Alabama        | 7  | Arkansas       | 51 |
| 43                                                     | Massachusetts                                                                 |                                            | Massachusetts                       |                                  | Massachusetts          |                             | Massachusetts         |                                                             | Massachusetts  |    | Hawaii         | 44 | Arizona        | 7  | Oklahoma       | 51 |
| 44                                                     | Maryland                                                                      |                                            | Maryland                            |                                  | Maryland               |                             | Maryland              |                                                             | Maryland       |    | Delaware       | 44 | Idaho          | 7  | Georgia        | 51 |
| 45                                                     | Washington                                                                    |                                            | Washington                          |                                  | Washington             |                             | Washington            |                                                             | Washington     |    | Pennsylvania   | 43 | Arkansas       | 7  | New Mexico     | 51 |
| 46                                                     | New Hampshire                                                                 |                                            | New Hampshire                       |                                  | New Hampshire          |                             | New Hampshire         |                                                             | New Hampshire  |    | Kentucky       | 43 | Wyoming        | 6  | Kentucky       | 51 |
| 47                                                     | Pennsylvania                                                                  |                                            | Pennsylvania                        |                                  | Pennsylvania           |                             | Pennsylvania          |                                                             | Pennsylvania   |    | West Virginia  | 43 | Nevada         | 6  | West Virginia  | 51 |
| 48                                                     | Delaware                                                                      |                                            | Delaware                            |                                  | Delaware               |                             | Delaware              |                                                             | Delaware       |    | Louisiana      | 41 | Alaska         | 6  | Louisiana      | 49 |
| 49                                                     | Rhode Island                                                                  |                                            | Rhode Island                        |                                  | Rhode Island           |                             | Rhode Island          |                                                             | Rhode Island   |    | Nevada         | 40 | Mississippi    | 5  | Nevada         | 46 |
| 50                                                     | Maine                                                                         |                                            | Maine                               |                                  | Maine                  |                             | Maine                 |                                                             | Maine          |    | Alaska         | 39 | New Mexico     | 5  | Alaska         | 45 |
|                                                        | United States                                                                 | 54                                         | United States                       | 26                               | United States          | 64                          | United States         | 44                                                          | United States  | 47 | United States  | 46 | United States  | 9  | United States  | 56 |

## What is the educational level of Kansas adults?

Over 90 percent of Kansas adults 25 and older have completed high school, tying Kansas for 16<sup>th</sup> in the nation. Over 30 percent have completed a bachelor's degree, also tied for 16<sup>th</sup>. Just under 11 percent of Kansas adults have an advanced degree, tying for 17<sup>th</sup>.

When all three rankings are averaged, Kansas has an overall rank of 15<sup>th</sup>. Only Colorado and Minnesota have a higher average adult educational attainment in the region.

| Adult Educational Attainment |                                                              |    |                  |    |                 |    |                          |    |  |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|----|------------------|----|-----------------|----|--------------------------|----|--|
| Rank                         | Educational Attainment, Percent of Persons Aged 25 and Older |    |                  |    |                 |    | Average Adult Attainment |    |  |
|                              | High School Completion                                       |    | Four-Year Degree |    | Advanced Degree |    |                          |    |  |
| 1                            | Montana                                                      | 93 | Massachusetts    | 39 | Massachusetts   | 17 | Massachusetts            | 49 |  |
| 2                            | Minnesota                                                    | 92 | Colorado         | 38 | Maryland        | 17 | Connecticut              | 48 |  |
| 3                            | Vermont                                                      | 92 | Connecticut      | 37 | Connecticut     | 17 | Maryland                 | 48 |  |
| 4                            | Maine                                                        | 92 | Maryland         | 37 | Virginia        | 15 | Colorado                 | 47 |  |
| 5                            | Iowa                                                         | 92 | New Jersey       | 36 | New York        | 14 | New Hampshire            | 47 |  |
| 6                            | New Hampshire                                                | 92 | Virginia         | 36 | Colorado        | 14 | Vermont                  | 47 |  |
| 7                            | Alaska                                                       | 92 | New Hampshire    | 35 | New Jersey      | 14 | Virginia                 | 46 |  |
| 8                            | North Dakota                                                 | 92 | Vermont          | 35 | New Hampshire   | 13 | New Jersey               | 46 |  |
| 9                            | Wyoming                                                      | 92 | New York         | 33 | Vermont         | 13 | Minnesota                | 45 |  |
| 10                           | Utah                                                         | 91 | Minnesota        | 33 | Rhode Island    | 13 | Washington               | 45 |  |
| 11                           | Wisconsin                                                    | 91 | Washington       | 32 | Illinois        | 12 | New York                 | 44 |  |
| 12                           | Nebraska                                                     | 91 | Illinois         | 31 | Oregon          | 12 | Utah                     | 44 |  |
| 13                           | South Dakota                                                 | 91 | Rhode Island     | 31 | New Mexico      | 11 | Alaska                   | 44 |  |
| 14                           | Washington                                                   | 91 | California       | 31 | Alaska          | 11 | Oregon                   | 44 |  |
| 15                           | Colorado                                                     | 90 | Utah             | 31 | California      | 11 | Kansas                   | 44 |  |
| 16                           | Oregon                                                       | 90 | Delaware         | 30 | Washington      | 11 | Illinois                 | 44 |  |
| 17                           | Kansas                                                       | 90 | Kansas           | 30 | Delaware        | 11 | Montana                  | 44 |  |
| 18                           | Hawaii                                                       | 90 | Oregon           | 30 | Pennsylvania    | 11 | Hawaii                   | 43 |  |
| 19                           | Connecticut                                                  | 90 | Hawaii           | 30 | Kansas          | 11 | Rhode Island             | 43 |  |
| 20                           | Idaho                                                        | 90 | Nebraska         | 30 | Minnesota       | 11 | Nebraska                 | 43 |  |
| 21                           | Massachusetts                                                | 90 | Alaska           | 29 | Georgia         | 10 | Delaware                 | 43 |  |
| 22                           | Michigan                                                     | 90 | North Dakota     | 29 | Utah            | 10 | Maine                    | 43 |  |
| 23                           | Maryland                                                     | 89 | Montana          | 29 | Hawaii          | 10 | North Dakota             | 43 |  |
| 24                           | Pennsylvania                                                 | 89 | Georgia          | 28 | Arizona         | 10 | Pennsylvania             | 43 |  |
| 25                           | Ohio                                                         | 89 | Pennsylvania     | 28 | Michigan        | 10 | Wisconsin                | 43 |  |
| 26                           | New Jersey                                                   | 88 | Maine            | 28 | Missouri        | 10 | Iowa                     | 42 |  |
| 27                           | Delaware                                                     | 88 | Wisconsin        | 27 | Wisconsin       | 10 | Michigan                 | 42 |  |
| 28                           | Virginia                                                     | 88 | Arizona          | 27 | Florida         | 10 | South Dakota             | 42 |  |
| 29                           | Missouri                                                     | 88 | North Carolina   | 27 | Maine           | 9  | Wyoming                  | 42 |  |
| 30                           | Illinois                                                     | 88 | Texas            | 27 | Nebraska        | 9  | Idaho                    | 41 |  |
| 31                           | Indiana                                                      | 87 | Iowa             | 27 | Montana         | 9  | Georgia                  | 41 |  |
| 32                           | Oklahoma                                                     | 87 | Florida          | 27 | North Carolina  | 9  | California               | 41 |  |
| 33                           | Florida                                                      | 86 | South Dakota     | 27 | Ohio            | 9  | Arizona                  | 41 |  |
| 34                           | Rhode Island                                                 | 86 | Michigan         | 26 | Texas           | 9  | Missouri                 | 41 |  |
| 35                           | Arizona                                                      | 86 | New Mexico       | 26 | South Carolina  | 9  | Ohio                     | 41 |  |
| 36                           | Nevada                                                       | 86 | Missouri         | 26 | Tennessee       | 9  | Florida                  | 41 |  |
| 37                           | New York                                                     | 85 | Idaho            | 26 | Alabama         | 9  | New Mexico               | 41 |  |
| 38                           | Georgia                                                      | 85 | Wyoming          | 25 | Idaho           | 9  | North Carolina           | 41 |  |
| 39                           | Arkansas                                                     | 85 | South Carolina   | 25 | North Dakota    | 9  | South Carolina           | 40 |  |
| 40                           | Tennessee                                                    | 85 | Ohio             | 25 | Kentucky        | 9  | Indiana                  | 40 |  |
| 41                           | North Carolina                                               | 85 | Tennessee        | 25 | Iowa            | 8  | Oklahoma                 | 40 |  |
| 42                           | South Carolina                                               | 85 | Oklahoma         | 24 | Indiana         | 8  | Tennessee                | 39 |  |
| 43                           | New Mexico                                                   | 85 | Alabama          | 23 | South Dakota    | 8  | Texas                    | 39 |  |
| 44                           | West Virginia                                                | 84 | Indiana          | 23 | Wyoming         | 8  | Nevada                   | 39 |  |
| 45                           | Alabama                                                      | 84 | Nevada           | 23 | Oklahoma        | 8  | Alabama                  | 39 |  |
| 46                           | Kentucky                                                     | 84 | Louisiana        | 22 | Mississippi     | 8  | Kentucky                 | 38 |  |
| 47                           | Louisiana                                                    | 83 | Kentucky         | 22 | Nevada          | 8  | Arkansas                 | 38 |  |
| 48                           | Mississippi                                                  | 83 | Arkansas         | 21 | Louisiana       | 8  | Louisiana                | 38 |  |
| 49                           | Texas                                                        | 82 | Mississippi      | 21 | Arkansas        | 7  | Mississippi              | 37 |  |
| 50                           | California                                                   | 81 | West Virginia    | 18 | West Virginia   | 7  | West Virginia            | 36 |  |
|                              | United States                                                | 86 | United States    | 29 | United States   | 11 | United States            | 42 |  |

## How does Kansas overall educational achievement rank compared to other states?

Across five categories of educational achievement, Kansas ranks between 5<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Averaging four of the measures, but excluding the ACT measures because 21 states do not use ACT for a majority of their students, Kansas ranks 8<sup>th</sup> in the nation overall.

| Overall Educational Achievement |                             |    |                                        |    |                        |    |                                  |    |                          |    |                               |    |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|----|----------------------------------------|----|------------------------|----|----------------------------------|----|--------------------------|----|-------------------------------|----|
| Rank                            | Six-score 2013 NAEP Average |    | Average High School Completion Percent |    | ACT Four Score Average |    | Age 18-24, More than High School |    | Average Adult Attainment |    | Overall Average (without ACT) |    |
| 1                               | Massachusetts               | 66 | Nebraska                               | 84 | Minnesota              | 63 | North Dakota                     | 64 | Massachusetts            | 49 | Vermont                       | 64 |
| 2                               | New Hampshire               | 63 | Vermont                                | 84 | South Dakota           | 59 | Vermont                          | 64 | Connecticut              | 48 | Massachusetts                 | 64 |
| 3                               | Vermont                     | 63 | Iowa                                   | 84 | Wisconsin              | 59 | Iowa                             | 63 | Maryland                 | 48 | New Hampshire                 | 63 |
| 4                               | New Jersey                  | 62 | Texas                                  | 83 | Nebraska               | 58 | Nebraska                         | 63 | Colorado                 | 47 | New Jersey                    | 62 |
| 5                               | Minnesota                   | 62 | Kansas                                 | 83 | Illinois               | 58 | New York                         | 62 | New Hampshire            | 47 | Nebraska                      | 62 |
| 6                               | Washington                  | 60 | Tennessee                              | 83 | Kansas                 | 57 | Minnesota                        | 62 | Vermont                  | 47 | North Dakota                  | 62 |
| 7                               | Indiana                     | 60 | Wisconsin                              | 82 | Colorado               | 57 | Massachusetts                    | 61 | Virginia                 | 46 | Iowa                          | 62 |
| 8                               | Wyoming                     | 60 | Missouri                               | 82 | North Dakota           | 57 | Rhode Island                     | 61 | New Jersey               | 46 | Kansas                        | 61 |
| 9                               | Colorado                    | 60 | North Dakota                           | 82 | Utah                   | 57 | New Hampshire                    | 60 | Minnesota                | 45 | Maryland                      | 61 |
| 10                              | Kansas                      | 60 | New Jersey                             | 82 | Ohio                   | 56 | New Jersey                       | 59 | Washington               | 45 | Minnesota                     | 61 |
| 11                              | Pennsylvania                | 60 | Montana                                | 82 | Iowa                   | 56 | Maryland                         | 59 | New York                 | 44 | Connecticut                   | 61 |
| 12                              | Maine                       | 59 | Maine                                  | 82 | Missouri               | 55 | Illinois                         | 59 | Utah                     | 44 | Maine                         | 60 |
| 13                              | Maryland                    | 59 | Hawaii                                 | 81 | Michigan               | 54 | Utah                             | 58 | Alaska                   | 44 | Wisconsin                     | 60 |
| 14                              | Montana                     | 59 | Indiana                                | 81 | Wyoming                | 53 | Michigan                         | 58 | Oregon                   | 44 | Pennsylvania                  | 59 |
| 15                              | Ohio                        | 59 | Arkansas                               | 81 | Arkansas               | 52 | Kansas                           | 58 | Kansas                   | 44 | Montana                       | 59 |
| 16                              | North Carolina              | 58 | New Hampshire                          | 81 | Kentucky               | 52 | Connecticut                      | 58 | Illinois                 | 44 | Virginia                      | 59 |
| 17                              | North Dakota                | 58 | Pennsylvania                           | 81 | Tennessee              | 52 | Virginia                         | 58 | Montana                  | 44 | Idaho                         | 59 |
| 18                              | Connecticut                 | 58 | Massachusetts                          | 80 | Montana                | 51 | Wisconsin                        | 57 | Hawaii                   | 43 | Colorado                      | 59 |
| 19                              | Florida                     | 58 | Connecticut                            | 79 | Louisiana              | 50 | Oregon                           | 57 | Rhode Island             | 43 | Missouri                      | 59 |
| 20                              | Virginia                    | 58 | Illinois                               | 78 | Oklahoma               | 50 | Colorado                         | 57 | Nebraska                 | 43 | Illinois                      | 59 |
| 21                              | Iowa                        | 57 | Maryland                               | 78 | North Carolina         | 49 | California                       | 57 | Delaware                 | 43 | Utah                          | 59 |
| 22                              | Nebraska                    | 57 | Ohio                                   | 77 | Alabama                | 49 | Maine                            | 57 | Maine                    | 43 | Rhode Island                  | 58 |
| 23                              | Wisconsin                   | 57 | South Dakota                           | 76 | West Virginia          | 46 | South Dakota                     | 57 | North Dakota             | 43 | New York                      | 58 |
| 24                              | Idaho                       | 57 | California                             | 76 | Florida                | 45 | Missouri                         | 56 | Pennsylvania             | 43 | Indiana                       | 58 |
| 25                              | Utah                        | 57 | West Virginia                          | 76 | Mississippi            | 45 | Ohio                             | 55 | Wisconsin                | 43 | Ohio                          | 58 |
| 26                              | Texas                       | 57 | Utah                                   | 76 | Georgia                | 44 | Pennsylvania                     | 55 | Iowa                     | 42 | Washington                    | 58 |
| 27                              | Delaware                    | 57 | North Carolina                         | 75 | New Mexico             | 44 | North Carolina                   | 55 | Michigan                 | 42 | Texas                         | 58 |
| 28                              | Kentucky                    | 57 | Virginia                               | 75 | South Carolina         | 44 | Alabama                          | 54 | South Dakota             | 42 | Hawaii                        | 58 |
| 29                              | Oregon                      | 57 | Arizona                                | 74 | Arizona                | 41 | Wyoming                          | 54 | Wyoming                  | 42 | South Dakota                  | 58 |
| 30                              | Rhode Island                | 56 | Wyoming                                | 74 | Alaska                 |    | Washington                       | 54 | Idaho                    | 41 | Wyoming                       | 57 |
| 31                              | Missouri                    | 56 | Delaware                               | 74 | California             |    | Montana                          | 53 | Georgia                  | 41 | Kentucky                      | 57 |
| 32                              | New York                    | 55 | Minnesota                              | 74 | Connecticut            |    | Florida                          | 53 | California               | 41 | North Carolina                | 57 |
| 33                              | South Dakota                | 55 | Rhode Island                           | 73 | Delaware               |    | Idaho                            | 53 | Arizona                  | 41 | Tennessee                     | 57 |
| 34                              | Georgia                     | 55 | Washington                             | 73 | Hawaii                 |    | Mississippi                      | 53 | Missouri                 | 41 | Delaware                      | 56 |
| 35                              | Illinois                    | 55 | Colorado                               | 72 | Idaho                  |    | South Carolina                   | 53 | Ohio                     | 41 | Oklahoma                      | 56 |
| 36                              | Tennessee                   | 54 | Michigan                               | 72 | Indiana                |    | Indiana                          | 53 | Florida                  | 41 | Michigan                      | 56 |
| 37                              | Arkansas                    | 54 | New York                               | 72 | Maine                  |    | Delaware                         | 53 | New Mexico               | 41 | Oregon                        | 56 |
| 38                              | Hawaii                      | 53 | Alabama                                | 71 | Maryland               |    | Arizona                          | 52 | North Carolina           | 41 | Arkansas                      | 56 |
| 39                              | Michigan                    | 52 | Florida                                | 69 | Massachusetts          |    | Hawaii                           | 52 | South Carolina           | 40 | California                    | 56 |
| 40                              | Oklahoma                    | 52 | New Mexico                             | 69 | Nevada                 |    | Tennessee                        | 52 | Indiana                  | 40 | Florida                       | 55 |
| 41                              | South Carolina              | 52 | Alaska                                 | 68 | New Hampshire          |    | Texas                            | 52 | Oklahoma                 | 40 | Arizona                       | 55 |
| 42                              | Arizona                     | 52 | South Carolina                         | 68 | New Jersey             |    | Arkansas                         | 51 | Tennessee                | 39 | West Virginia                 | 53 |
| 43                              | Nevada                      | 52 | Oregon                                 | 66 | New York               |    | Oklahoma                         | 51 | Texas                    | 39 | South Carolina                | 53 |
| 44                              | Alaska                      | 51 | Mississippi                            | 65 | Oregon                 |    | Georgia                          | 51 | Nevada                   | 39 | Alabama                       | 53 |
| 45                              | West Virginia               | 50 | Louisiana                              | 65 | Pennsylvania           |    | New Mexico                       | 51 | Alabama                  | 39 | Georgia                       | 53 |
| 46                              | California                  | 50 | Georgia                                | 63 | Rhode Island           |    | Kentucky                         | 51 | Kentucky                 | 38 | New Mexico                    | 52 |
| 47                              | Alabama                     | 48 | Nevada                                 | 57 | Texas                  |    | West Virginia                    | 51 | Arkansas                 | 38 | Alaska                        | 52 |
| 48                              | New Mexico                  | 47 | Idaho                                  | 85 | Vermont                |    | Louisiana                        | 49 | Louisiana                | 38 | Mississippi                   | 51 |
| 49                              | Louisiana                   | 47 | Kentucky                               | 84 | Virginia               |    | Nevada                           | 46 | Mississippi              | 37 | Louisiana                     | 50 |
| 50                              | Mississippi                 | 47 | Oklahoma                               | 81 | Washington             |    | Alaska                           | 45 | West Virginia            | 36 | Nevada                        | 48 |
|                                 | United States               | 56 | United States                          | 76 | United States          | 47 | United States                    | 56 | United States            | 42 | United States                 | 57 |



## How does Kansas compare with other states in per pupil funding and student needs?

Kansas ranks 8<sup>th</sup> in overall achievement, with actual, unadjusted total funding per pupil of \$11,557, ranking 27<sup>th</sup> and about \$800 below the national average. Using regional cost of living adjustments from the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, Kansas per pupil funding rises to 25<sup>th</sup>, about \$500 above average. None of the top 10 states in achievement spend less than Kansas in either actual or adjusted dollars.

Every other top 10 state also has significantly lower percentages of students on free or reduced meals, children at or below 100 percent of the poverty rate, and at or below 250 percent of the poverty rate.

| Educational Achievement and Per Pupil Funding |                |                               |                             |                                         |    |                                              |    |                                                       |    |                                                          |    |                                                          |
|-----------------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----|----------------------------------------------|----|-------------------------------------------------------|----|----------------------------------------------------------|----|----------------------------------------------------------|
| Rank                                          | State          | Overall Average (without ACT) | Six-Score 2013 NAEP Average | Total Revenue Per Pupil, 2012, and Rank |    | Total Revenue, Regionally Adjusted, and Rank |    | Percent Students on Free/Reduced Meals and Rank, 2012 |    | Percent of Children below 100% of Poverty and Rank, 2012 |    | Percent of Children Below 250% of Poverty and Rank, 2012 |
| 1                                             | Vermont        | 64                            | 62.6                        | \$17,873                                | 6  | \$17,713                                     | 3  | 39.2                                                  | 41 | 15                                                       | 41 | 48 36                                                    |
| 2                                             | Massachusetts  | 64                            | 66.2                        | \$16,930                                | 7  | \$15,793                                     | 10 | 35.1                                                  | 48 | 15                                                       | 41 | 38 49                                                    |
| 3                                             | New Hampshire  | 63                            | 63.3                        | \$15,002                                | 12 | \$14,126                                     | 15 | 26.3                                                  | 50 | 16                                                       | 39 | 40 45                                                    |
| 4                                             | New Jersey     | 62                            | 62.4                        | \$20,008                                | 2  | \$17,535                                     | 4  | 35.5                                                  | 47 | 15                                                       | 41 | 39 46                                                    |
| 5                                             | Nebraska       | 62                            | 57.3                        | \$12,267                                | 23 | \$13,615                                     | 19 | 43.8                                                  | 31 | 18                                                       | 32 | 50 30                                                    |
| 6                                             | North Dakota   | 62                            | 57.8                        | \$13,368                                | 18 | \$14,787                                     | 13 | 32.8                                                  | 49 | 13                                                       | 50 | 39 46                                                    |
| 7                                             | Iowa           | 62                            | 57.3                        | \$12,175                                | 24 | \$13,604                                     | 20 | 40.0                                                  | 40 | 16                                                       | 39 | 48 36                                                    |
| 8                                             | Kansas         | 61                            | 59.7                        | \$11,557                                | 27 | \$12,856                                     | 25 | 48.9                                                  | 23 | 19                                                       | 29 | 53 27                                                    |
| 9                                             | Maryland       | 61                            | 59.0                        | \$16,103                                | 8  | \$14,468                                     | 14 | 41.8                                                  | 34 | 14                                                       | 48 | 39 46                                                    |
| 10                                            | Minnesota      | 61                            | 61.8                        | \$13,163                                | 19 | \$13,500                                     | 22 | 37.1                                                  | 44 | 15                                                       | 41 | 42 44                                                    |
| 11                                            | Connecticut    | 61                            | 57.7                        | \$18,886                                | 3  | \$17,264                                     | 5  | 35.7                                                  | 46 | 15                                                       | 41 | 37 50                                                    |
| 12                                            | Maine          | 60                            | 59.1                        | \$13,649                                | 16 | \$13,885                                     | 18 | 43.0                                                  | 33 | 21                                                       | 24 | 54 24                                                    |
| 13                                            | Wisconsin      | 60                            | 57.0                        | \$12,582                                | 21 | \$13,544                                     | 21 | 40.8                                                  | 36 | 18                                                       | 32 | 49 32                                                    |
| 14                                            | Pennsylvania   | 59                            | 59.6                        | \$16,085                                | 9  | \$16,297                                     | 7  | 40.2                                                  | 39 | 20                                                       | 27 | 49 32                                                    |
| 15                                            | Montana        | 59                            | 58.9                        | \$11,336                                | 29 | \$12,034                                     | 29 | 40.3                                                  | 38 | 20                                                       | 27 | 56 18                                                    |
| 16                                            | Virginia       | 59                            | 57.5                        | \$11,686                                | 26 | \$11,323                                     | 34 | 39.2                                                  | 42 | 15                                                       | 41 | 44 43                                                    |
| 17                                            | Idaho          | 59                            | 56.9                        | \$7,405                                 | 50 | \$7,911                                      | 49 | 49.0                                                  | 22 | 21                                                       | 24 | 62 4                                                     |
| 18                                            | Colorado       | 59                            | 59.9                        | \$10,165                                | 39 | \$10,005                                     | 41 | 40.9                                                  | 35 | 18                                                       | 32 | 48 36                                                    |
| 19                                            | Missouri       | 59                            | 56.0                        | \$11,139                                | 30 | \$12,644                                     | 26 | 46.5                                                  | 28 | 23                                                       | 20 | 56 18                                                    |
| 20                                            | Illinois       | 59                            | 54.7                        | \$14,074                                | 13 | \$13,990                                     | 16 | 49.0                                                  | 21 | 21                                                       | 24 | 50 30                                                    |
| 21                                            | Utah           | 59                            | 56.8                        | \$7,607                                 | 49 | \$7,858                                      | 50 | 47.6                                                  | 27 | 15                                                       | 41 | 54 24                                                    |
| 22                                            | Rhode Island   | 58                            | 56.3                        | \$15,974                                | 10 | \$16,184                                     | 8  | 43.9                                                  | 30 | 19                                                       | 29 | 48 36                                                    |
| 23                                            | New York       | 58                            | 55.5                        | \$22,238                                | 1  | \$19,271                                     | 1  | 49.7                                                  | 19 | 23                                                       | 20 | 51 29                                                    |
| 24                                            | Indiana        | 58                            | 60.1                        | \$12,063                                | 25 | \$13,241                                     | 23 | 48.0                                                  | 25 | 22                                                       | 23 | 56 18                                                    |
| 25                                            | Ohio           | 58                            | 58.6                        | \$13,511                                | 17 | \$15,147                                     | 11 | 43.6                                                  | 32 | 24                                                       | 16 | 54 24                                                    |
| 26                                            | Washington     | 58                            | 60.4                        | \$11,358                                | 28 | \$11,006                                     | 36 | 44.5                                                  | 29 | 19                                                       | 29 | 49 32                                                    |
| 27                                            | Texas          | 58                            | 56.7                        | \$10,282                                | 38 | \$10,655                                     | 39 | 51.1                                                  | 17 | 26                                                       | 10 | 59 11                                                    |
| 28                                            | Hawaii         | 58                            | 53.3                        | \$13,875                                | 15 | \$11,839                                     | 31 | 49.3                                                  | 20 | 17                                                       | 35 | 45 42                                                    |
| 29                                            | South Dakota   | 58                            | 55.4                        | \$10,149                                | 40 | \$11,507                                     | 32 | 38.6                                                  | 43 | 17                                                       | 35 | 53 27                                                    |
| 30                                            | Wyoming        | 57                            | 60.0                        | \$18,446                                | 4  | \$19,135                                     | 2  | 37.1                                                  | 45 | 17                                                       | 35 | 48 36                                                    |
| 31                                            | Kentucky       | 57                            | 56.5                        | \$10,547                                | 36 | \$11,877                                     | 30 | 54.4                                                  | 11 | 27                                                       | 5  | 58 17                                                    |
| 32                                            | North Carolina | 57                            | 58.1                        | \$8,746                                 | 47 | \$9,548                                      | 45 | 52.4                                                  | 16 | 26                                                       | 10 | 59 11                                                    |
| 33                                            | Tennessee      | 57                            | 54.2                        | \$8,961                                 | 45 | \$9,880                                      | 42 | 57.5                                                  | 8  | 26                                                       | 10 | 60 8                                                     |
| 34                                            | Delaware       | 56                            | 56.5                        | \$15,301                                | 11 | \$14,957                                     | 12 | 48.9                                                  | 24 | 17                                                       | 35 | 49 32                                                    |
| 35                                            | Oklahoma       | 56                            | 52.2                        | \$8,767                                 | 46 | \$9,752                                      | 43 | 61.2                                                  | 4  | 24                                                       | 16 | 60 8                                                     |
| 36                                            | Michigan       | 56                            | 52.4                        | \$12,433                                | 22 | \$13,171                                     | 24 | 48.0                                                  | 26 | 25                                                       | 13 | 55 23                                                    |
| 37                                            | Oregon         | 56                            | 56.5                        | \$10,724                                | 34 | \$10,854                                     | 38 | 53.2                                                  | 14 | 23                                                       | 20 | 56 18                                                    |
| 38                                            | Arkansas       | 56                            | 53.9                        | \$10,830                                | 32 | \$12,363                                     | 27 | 60.9                                                  | 5  | 29                                                       | 2  | 64 3                                                     |
| 39                                            | California     | 56                            | 50.0                        | \$10,732                                | 33 | \$9,505                                      | 46 | 54.1                                                  | 12 | 24                                                       | 16 | 56 18                                                    |
| 40                                            | Florida        | 55                            | 57.7                        | \$9,077                                 | 44 | \$9,187                                      | 47 | 57.6                                                  | 7  | 25                                                       | 13 | 60 8                                                     |
| 41                                            | Arizona        | 55                            | 51.9                        | \$8,347                                 | 48 | \$8,509                                      | 48 | 50.0                                                  | 18 | 27                                                       | 5  | 61 5                                                     |
| 42                                            | West Virginia  | 53                            | 50.3                        | \$14,033                                | 14 | \$15,838                                     | 9  | 52.8                                                  | 15 | 25                                                       | 13 | 59 11                                                    |
| 43                                            | South Carolina | 53                            | 52.0                        | \$11,003                                | 31 | \$12,131                                     | 28 | 56.8                                                  | 10 | 27                                                       | 5  | 61 5                                                     |
| 44                                            | Alabama        | 53                            | 48.2                        | \$9,582                                 | 41 | \$10,877                                     | 37 | 57.5                                                  | 9  | 27                                                       | 5  | 59 11                                                    |
| 45                                            | Georgia        | 53                            | 55.1                        | \$10,518                                | 37 | \$11,433                                     | 33 | 58.7                                                  | 6  | 27                                                       | 5  | 59 11                                                    |
| 46                                            | New Mexico     | 52                            | 47.5                        | \$10,584                                | 35 | \$11,164                                     | 35 | 68.5                                                  | 2  | 29                                                       | 2  | 65 2                                                     |
| 47                                            | Alaska         | 52                            | 50.5                        | \$18,226                                | 5  | \$17,018                                     | 6  | 40.6                                                  | 37 | 14                                                       | 48 | 46 41                                                    |
| 48                                            | Mississippi    | 51                            | 46.9                        | \$9,104                                 | 43 | \$10,537                                     | 40 | 71.5                                                  | 1  | 35                                                       | 1  | 69 1                                                     |
| 49                                            | Louisiana      | 50                            | 47.5                        | \$12,698                                | 20 | \$13,892                                     | 17 | 67.1                                                  | 3  | 28                                                       | 4  | 59 11                                                    |
| 50                                            | Nevada         | 48                            | 51.6                        | \$9,457                                 | 42 | \$9,630                                      | 44 | 54.1                                                  | 13 | 24                                                       | 16 | 61 5                                                     |
| U.S. Average                                  |                |                               | 55.7                        | \$12,331                                |    | \$12,331                                     |    | 49.6                                                  |    | 23                                                       |    | 54                                                       |
| Top 10 States                                 |                |                               |                             | \$14,845                                |    | \$14,800                                     |    | 38                                                    |    | 16                                                       |    | 44                                                       |
| States 11-20                                  |                |                               |                             | \$12,701                                |    | \$12,890                                     |    | 42                                                    |    | 19                                                       |    | 51                                                       |
| States 21-30                                  |                |                               |                             | \$13,550                                |    | \$13,584                                     |    | 45                                                    |    | 20                                                       |    | 52                                                       |
| States 31-40                                  |                |                               |                             | \$10,612                                |    | \$11,110                                     |    | 55                                                    |    | 25                                                       |    | 58                                                       |
| States 41-50                                  |                |                               |                             | \$11,355                                |    | \$12,103                                     |    | 58                                                    |    | 26                                                       |    | 60                                                       |

The bottom of this table shows that the highest achieving states have the highest spending of any group of 10 states, and the lowest achieving states spend the least. There is an ever close relationship between achievement and student income. Kansas is an exception to both of these trends.

## How does educational attainment compare with state economic prosperity?

The states with the highest adult (ages 25 and over) educational attainment have the highest median household income and per capita income, whether in actual dollars or adjusted for regional differences.

Kansas ranks 15<sup>th</sup> in average adult attainment and ranks 26<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> in median household and per capita income (20<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> when regionally adjusted).

| Educational Attainment and Income |                          |      |                                         |    |                                                           |    |                                   |    |                                                     |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|------|-----------------------------------------|----|-----------------------------------------------------------|----|-----------------------------------|----|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Rank                              | Average Adult Attainment |      | Median Household Income, 2012, and Rank |    | Median Household Income, Regional Cost Adjusted, and Rank |    | Per Capita Income, 2012, and Rank |    | Per Capita Income, Regional Cost Adjusted, and Rank |
| 1                                 | Massachusetts            | 49   | \$63,656                                | 6  | \$59,381                                                  | 11 | \$55,976                          | 2  | \$52,216 4                                          |
| 2                                 | Connecticut              | 48   | \$64,247                                | 5  | \$58,727                                                  | 12 | \$59,687                          | 1  | \$54,559 2                                          |
| 3                                 | Maryland                 | 48   | \$71,836                                | 1  | \$64,542                                                  | 1  | \$53,816                          | 5  | \$48,352 8                                          |
| 4                                 | Colorado                 | 47   | \$57,255                                | 12 | \$56,353                                                  | 18 | \$45,775                          | 16 | \$45,054 21                                         |
| 5                                 | New Hampshire            | 47   | \$67,819                                | 2  | \$63,859                                                  | 2  | \$49,129                          | 9  | \$46,261 14                                         |
| 6                                 | Vermont                  | 47   | \$55,582                                | 17 | \$55,086                                                  | 21 | \$44,545                          | 21 | \$44,148 26                                         |
| 7                                 | Virginia                 | 46   | \$64,632                                | 4  | \$62,627                                                  | 4  | \$48,377                          | 10 | \$46,877 12                                         |
| 8                                 | New Jersey               | 46   | \$66,692                                | 3  | \$58,451                                                  | 13 | \$54,987                          | 3  | \$48,192 9                                          |
| 9                                 | Minnesota                | 45   | \$61,795                                | 9  | \$63,379                                                  | 3  | \$46,925                          | 11 | \$48,128 10                                         |
| 10                                | Washington               | 45   | \$62,187                                | 8  | \$60,258                                                  | 7  | \$46,045                          | 13 | \$44,617 23                                         |
| 11                                | New York                 | 44   | \$47,680                                | 34 | \$41,317                                                  | 50 | \$53,241                          | 6  | \$46,136 16                                         |
| 12                                | Utah                     | 44   | \$58,341                                | 10 | \$60,270                                                  | 6  | \$35,430                          | 46 | \$36,601 50                                         |
| 13                                | Alaska                   | 44   | \$63,648                                | 7  | \$59,429                                                  | 10 | \$49,436                          | 8  | \$46,159 15                                         |
| 14                                | Oregon                   | 44   | \$51,775                                | 23 | \$52,404                                                  | 26 | \$39,166                          | 32 | \$39,642 41                                         |
| 15                                | Kansas                   | 44   | \$50,003                                | 26 | \$55,620                                                  | 20 | \$43,015                          | 24 | \$47,848 11                                         |
| 16                                | Illinois                 | 44   | \$51,738                                | 24 | \$51,429                                                  | 28 | \$45,832                          | 15 | \$45,559 18                                         |
| 17                                | Montana                  | 44   | \$45,088                                | 39 | \$47,865                                                  | 41 | \$38,555                          | 35 | \$40,929 34                                         |
| 18                                | Hawaii                   | 43   | \$56,263                                | 14 | \$48,006                                                  | 38 | \$44,767                          | 20 | \$38,197 46                                         |
| 19                                | Rhode Island             | 43   | \$56,065                                | 15 | \$56,804                                                  | 16 | \$45,877                          | 14 | \$46,481 13                                         |
| 20                                | Nebraska                 | 43   | \$52,196                                | 20 | \$57,931                                                  | 14 | \$45,012                          | 19 | \$49,958 6                                          |
| 21                                | Delaware                 | 43   | \$48,972                                | 30 | \$47,871                                                  | 40 | \$44,224                          | 22 | \$43,230 28                                         |
| 22                                | Maine                    | 43   | \$49,158                                | 29 | \$50,008                                                  | 32 | \$40,087                          | 29 | \$40,780 35                                         |
| 23                                | North Dakota             | 43   | \$55,766                                | 16 | \$61,688                                                  | 5  | \$54,871                          | 4  | \$60,698 1                                          |
| 24                                | Pennsylvania             | 43   | \$51,904                                | 22 | \$52,588                                                  | 25 | \$45,083                          | 18 | \$45,677 17                                         |
| 25                                | Wisconsin                | 43   | \$53,079                                | 19 | \$57,136                                                  | 15 | \$42,121                          | 26 | \$45,340 19                                         |
| 26                                | Iowa                     | 42   | \$53,442                                | 18 | \$59,712                                                  | 8  | \$43,935                          | 23 | \$49,089 7                                          |
| 27                                | Michigan                 | 42   | \$50,015                                | 25 | \$52,982                                                  | 24 | \$38,291                          | 36 | \$40,563 38                                         |
| 28                                | South Dakota             | 42   | \$49,415                                | 28 | \$56,026                                                  | 19 | \$45,381                          | 17 | \$51,452 5                                          |
| 29                                | Wyoming                  | 42   | \$57,512                                | 11 | \$59,660                                                  | 9  | \$50,567                          | 7  | \$52,455 3                                          |
| 30                                | Idaho                    | 41   | \$47,922                                | 33 | \$51,198                                                  | 29 | \$34,481                          | 49 | \$36,839 49                                         |
| 31                                | Georgia                  | 41   | \$48,121                                | 32 | \$52,305                                                  | 27 | \$37,449                          | 40 | \$40,705 37                                         |
| 32                                | California               | 41   | \$57,020                                | 13 | \$50,504                                                  | 31 | \$46,477                          | 12 | \$41,167 33                                         |
| 33                                | Arizona                  | 41   | \$47,044                                | 36 | \$47,955                                                  | 39 | \$36,243                          | 41 | \$36,945 48                                         |
| 34                                | Missouri                 | 41   | \$49,764                                | 27 | \$56,486                                                  | 17 | \$39,133                          | 33 | \$44,419 24                                         |
| 35                                | Ohio                     | 41   | \$44,375                                | 41 | \$49,748                                                  | 33 | \$40,057                          | 30 | \$44,907 22                                         |
| 36                                | Florida                  | 41   | \$46,071                                | 38 | \$46,631                                                  | 43 | \$41,012                          | 27 | \$41,510 31                                         |
| 37                                | New Mexico               | 41   | \$43,424                                | 44 | \$45,806                                                  | 45 | \$35,682                          | 43 | \$37,639 47                                         |
| 38                                | North Carolina           | 41   | \$41,553                                | 46 | \$45,364                                                  | 46 | \$37,910                          | 39 | \$41,386 32                                         |
| 39                                | South Carolina           | 40   | \$44,401                                | 40 | \$48,954                                                  | 36 | \$35,056                          | 48 | \$38,650 45                                         |
| 40                                | Indiana                  | 40   | \$46,158                                | 37 | \$50,667                                                  | 30 | \$38,119                          | 38 | \$41,843 30                                         |
| 41                                | Oklahoma                 | 40   | \$48,407                                | 31 | \$53,845                                                  | 22 | \$40,620                          | 28 | \$45,184 20                                         |
| 42                                | Tennessee                | 39   | \$42,995                                | 45 | \$47,404                                                  | 42 | \$38,752                          | 34 | \$42,725 29                                         |
| 43                                | Texas                    | 39   | \$51,926                                | 21 | \$53,809                                                  | 23 | \$42,638                          | 25 | \$44,184 25                                         |
| 44                                | Nevada                   | 39   | \$47,333                                | 35 | \$48,201                                                  | 37 | \$38,221                          | 37 | \$38,922 44                                         |
| 45                                | Alabama                  | 39   | \$43,464                                | 43 | \$49,335                                                  | 34 | \$35,926                          | 42 | \$40,779 36                                         |
| 46                                | Kentucky                 | 38   | \$41,086                                | 47 | \$46,269                                                  | 44 | \$35,643                          | 44 | \$40,139 40                                         |
| 47                                | Arkansas                 | 38   | \$39,018                                | 49 | \$44,541                                                  | 47 | \$35,437                          | 45 | \$40,453 39                                         |
| 48                                | Louisiana                | 38   | \$39,085                                | 48 | \$42,762                                                  | 48 | \$40,057                          | 30 | \$43,826 27                                         |
| 49                                | Mississippi              | 37   | \$36,641                                | 50 | \$42,409                                                  | 49 | \$33,657                          | 50 | \$38,955 43                                         |
| 50                                | West Virginia            | 36   | \$43,553                                | 42 | \$49,157                                                  | 35 | \$35,082                          | 47 | \$39,596 42                                         |
| U.S Average                       |                          | 42.2 | \$51,017                                |    | \$51,017                                                  |    | \$43,735                          |    | \$43,735                                            |
| Top 10 States                     |                          |      | \$63,570                                |    | \$60,266                                                  |    | \$50,526                          |    | \$47,840                                            |
| States 11-20                      |                          |      | \$53,280                                |    | \$53,107                                                  |    | \$44,033                          |    | \$43,751                                            |
| States 21-30                      |                          |      | \$51,718                                |    | \$54,887                                                  |    | \$43,904                          |    | \$46,612                                            |
| States 31-40                      |                          |      | \$46,793                                |    | \$49,442                                                  |    | \$38,714                          |    | \$40,917                                            |
| States 41-50                      |                          |      | \$43,351                                |    | \$47,773                                                  |    | \$37,603                          |    | \$41,476                                            |

## Data Sources and Methods

### Page 4

- 2013 NAEP data taken from the National Council on Education Statistics' NAEP data explorer: <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/naepdata/report.aspx>
- Data presented as reported by NAEP except for Six-Score Average, which was calculated by adding the six other measures and dividing by six. This average was then ranked.

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- 2012 Public high school adjusted four-year cohort graduation rate taken from US Department of Education's ED Data Express: <http://eddataexpress.ed.gov/data-elements.cfm>
- 2012 Public high school averaged freshman graduation rate taken from NCES's Digest of Education Statistics: [http://nces.ed.gov/pubs2014/2014391/tables/table\\_01.asp](http://nces.ed.gov/pubs2014/2014391/tables/table_01.asp)
- 2012 Percent 18-24 year-old high school completers taken from NCES's Digest of Education Statistics: [http://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/d13/tables/dt13\\_104.40.asp](http://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/d13/tables/dt13_104.40.asp)
- Average High School Completion Percent calculated by adding the five other percents and dividing by five. This average was then ranked.

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- 2014 ACT data taken from ACT.org: [www.act.org/newsroom/data/2014/](http://www.act.org/newsroom/data/2014/)
- 2012 Percent 18-24 year-olds at education levels taken from NCES's Digest of Education Statistics: [http://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/d13/tables/dt13\\_104.40.asp](http://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/d13/tables/dt13_104.40.asp)

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- 2012 Percent 25 year olds and older at education levels taken from NCES's Digest of Education Statistics: [http://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/d13/tables/dt13\\_104.40.asp](http://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/d13/tables/dt13_104.40.asp)
- Average adult attainment calculated by adding the three percents and dividing by three. This average was then ranked.

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- Values in the first five columns calculated/presented as described under Pages 4-7.
- Overall Average (without ACT) calculated by adding the percents from the four other measures and dividing by four. This average was then ranked.

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- Overall Average (without ACT) calculated as described under Page 8.
- 2012 Total revenue per pupil taken from the U.S. Census Bureau: [www.census.gov/govs/school/](http://www.census.gov/govs/school/)
- 2012 Total revenue regionally adjusted based on U.S. Census Bureau figures adjusted for Regional Price Parity as calculated by the Bureau for Economic Analysis: [www.bea.gov/newsreleases/regional/rpp/rpp\\_newsrelease.htm](http://www.bea.gov/newsreleases/regional/rpp/rpp_newsrelease.htm)
- 2012 Percent of students eligible for free/reduced meals taken from NCES's Digest of Education Statistics: [http://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/d13/tables/dt13\\_204.10.asp](http://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/d13/tables/dt13_204.10.asp)
- 2012 Percent of children below 100 percent and 250 percent poverty taken from the Anne E. Casey's Kids Count Data Book: <http://datacenter.kidscount.org/>

### Page 10

- Average adult attainment calculated as described under Page 7.
- 2012 Median household income taken from the U.S. Census Bureau: [www.census.gov/hhes/www/income/data/historical/household/](http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/income/data/historical/household/)
- 2012 Median household income regionally adjusted based on U.S. Census Bureau figures adjusted for Regional Price Parity as calculated by the Bureau for Economic Analysis: [www.bea.gov/newsreleases/regional/rpp/rpp\\_newsrelease.htm](http://www.bea.gov/newsreleases/regional/rpp/rpp_newsrelease.htm)
- 2012 Per capita income taken from the Bureau of Economic Analysis: [www.bea.gov/itable/index.cfm](http://www.bea.gov/itable/index.cfm)
- 2012 Per capita income regionally adjusted based on Bureau for Economic Analysis figures adjusted for Regional Price Parity as calculated by the Bureau for Economic Analysis: [www.bea.gov/newsreleases/regional/rpp/rpp\\_newsrelease.htm](http://www.bea.gov/newsreleases/regional/rpp/rpp_newsrelease.htm)



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