



FACTBOOK

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Facts are the cornerstone of good policy.

Mountain States Policy Center's **Fact Book** is designed as a go-to resource for policymakers, community leaders, journalists, and citizens who want clear, unbiased information about key issues facing our region. In an era where opinions often outpace evidence, the Fact Book cuts through the noise by presenting accurate data — from education and transportation to taxation and economic growth. It's not a policy prescription; it's a foundation. By gathering information from reliable sources and organizing it in a way that is accessible and easy to understand, MSPC is helping ensure that every conversation about policy starts from a place of truth.

Good policy cannot be built on guesswork, emotions, or assumptions. Without a shared set of facts, debates quickly devolve into ideological stalemates, and decisions risk being driven by short-term politics rather than long-term solutions. The MSPC Fact Book provides that shared factual baseline.



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STATEHOOD

Idaho	July 3, 1890
Montana	November 8, 1889
Washington	November 11, 1889
Wyoming	July 10, 1890

POPULATION

(2024)

Idaho	2,001,619
Montana	1,137,233
Washington	7,958,180
Wyoming	587,618

HIGHEST

California	39,431,263
Texas	31,290,831
Florida	23,372,215
New York	19,867,248
Pennsylvania	13,078,751

LOWEST

Wyoming	587,618
Vermont	648,493
D.C.	702,250
Alaska	740,133
North Dakota	796,568

Sources: Encyclopedia Britannica
<https://www.britannica.com/place/list-of-US-states-by-date-of-admission-to-the-Union-2130026>

U.S. Census Bureau
<https://www.census.gov/data/tables/time-series/demo/popest/2020s-state-total.html>

PEOPLE PER HOUSEHOLD

[2024]

Idaho	2.66
Montana	2.38
Washington	2.51
Wyoming	2.38
National	2.49

HIGHEST

Utah	2.99
Hawaii	2.88
California	2.86
Texas	2.70
Idaho	2.66

LOWEST

D.C.	1.99
Maine	2.27
Vermont	2.30
North Dakota	2.31
Wisconsin	2.35

ELECTORAL VOTES

Idaho	4
Montana	4
Washington	12
Wyoming	3

Sources: Tax Foundation

<https://taxfoundation.org/data/all/state/2025-state-tax-data/>

National Archives <https://www.archives.gov/electoral-college/allocation>

NUMBER OF STATE LAWMAKERS

Idaho	105 Senate - 35; House - 70
Montana	150 Senate - 50; House - 100
Washington	147 Senate - 49; House - 98
Wyoming	93 Senate - 31; House - 62

HIGHEST

New Hampshire	424 Senate – 24; House – 400
Pennsylvania	253 Senate – 50; House – 203
New York	213 Senate – 63; House – 150
Minnesota	201 Senate – 67; House – 134
Massachusetts	200 Senate – 40; House – 160

LOWEST

Nebraska	49: Unicameral
Alaska	60 Senate – 20; House – 40
Delaware	62 Senate – 21; House – 41
Nevada	63 Senate – 21; House – 42
Hawaii	76 Senate – 25; House – 51

Source: National Conference of State Legislatures
<https://www.ncsl.org/resources/details/number-of-legislators-and-length-of-terms-in-years>

MEDICAID SPENDING AS A PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL STATE BUDGET

[FY 2024]

Idaho	27.9%
Montana	23.2%
Washington	29.2%
Wyoming	14.3%
National	29.8%

HIGHEST

North Carolina	39.9%
Pennsylvania	39.5%
Ohio	39.1%
Missouri	38.6%
Oklahoma	38.6%

LOWEST

Wyoming	14.3%
Hawaii	15.9%
Alaska	16.0%
Illinois	16.8%
New Jersey	17.7%

Source: National Association of State Budget Officers
https://higherlogicdownload.s3.amazonaws.com/NASBO/9d2d2db1-c943-4f1b-b750-0fca152d64c2/UploadedImages/SER%20Archive/2024_SER/2024_State_Expenditure_Report_S.pdf

TOTAL STATE EXPENDITURES

(FY 2024, DOLLARS IN BILLIONS)

Idaho	\$14.6
Montana	\$10.0
Washington	\$65.9
Wyoming	\$5.4

HIGHEST

California	\$494.2
New York	\$234.9
Texas	\$153.8
Illinois	\$125.8
Pennsylvania	\$119.4

LOWEST

Wyoming	\$5.4
South Dakota	\$6.8
Vermont	\$8.3
North Dakota	\$8.4
New Hampshire	\$8.5

Source: National Association of State Budget Officers

https://higherlogicdownload.s3.amazonaws.com/NASBO/9d2d2db1-c943-4f1b-b750-0fca152d64c2/UploadedImages/SER%20Archive/2024_SER/Executive_Summary-2024_State_Expenditure.pdf

PER CAPITA SPENDING

(FY 2024)

Idaho	\$7,924
Montana	\$8,793
Washington	\$8,281
Wyoming	\$9,189
National	\$9,028

HIGHEST

Alaska	\$21,077
Delaware	\$15,305
Hawaii	\$13,968
Oregon	\$13,528
Vermont	\$12,799

LOWEST

Texas	\$4,915
Florida	\$5,074
Georgia	\$5,626
Nevada	\$6,029
New Hampshire	\$6,033

Source: National Association of State Budget Officers and U.S. Census Bureau

https://higherlogicdownload.s3.amazonaws.com/NASBO/9d2d2db1-c943-4f1b-b750-0fca152d64c2/UploadedImages/SER%20Archive/2024_SER/2024_State_Expenditure_Report_S.pdf

STATE GENERAL FUND BUDGET

(FY 2026, DOLLARS IN BILLIONS)

Idaho	\$5.62
Montana	\$3.43
Washington	\$34.72
Wyoming	\$1.96

PER CAPITA STATE GENERAL FUND SPENDING

(FY 2026 & 2024 POPULATION ESTIMATES)

Idaho	\$2,808
Montana	\$3,016
Washington	\$4,363
Wyoming	\$3,336

Source: State Budgets

ID: <https://www.nasbo.org/mainsite/resources/proposed-enacted-budgets/idaho-budget>

MT: <https://archive.legmt.gov/content/Publications/fiscal/2027-Biennium/Budget-and-Revenue/Status-Reports/General-Fund-Status-Report-10-June3-2025.pdf>

WA: <https://www.nasbo.org/mainsite/resources/proposed-enacted-budgets/washington-budget>

WY: <https://wyoleg.gov/budget/fiscal/profile.pdf?v20250204>
<https://www.nasbo.org/mainsite/resources/proposed-enacted-budgets>

STATE DEBT PER CAPITA

(FY 2022)

Idaho	\$483
Montana	\$2,626
Washington	\$3,794
Wyoming	\$2,057
National	\$3,342

HIGHEST

West Virginia	\$11,244
Massachusetts	\$9,349
Connecticut	\$9,162
Hawaii	\$8,259
New York	\$7,779

LOWEST

Idaho	\$483
Arizona	\$958
Florida	\$1,011
Missouri	\$1,138
Tennessee	\$1,154

STATE CREDIT RATINGS

(FITCH, JUNE 2025, AAA IS HIGHEST)

Idaho	AAA
Montana	AA+
Washington	AA+
Wyoming	N/A

Sources: Tax Foundation

<https://taxfoundation.org/data/all/state/2025-state-tax-data/>

Fitch Ratings

<https://www.mountainstatespolicy.org/idaho-scores-the-strongest-regional-credit-rating>

STATE TAX COLLECTIONS PER CAPITA

(FY 2023)

Idaho	\$3,772
Montana	\$4,128
Washington	\$4,859
Wyoming	\$5,712
National	\$4,262

HIGHEST

North Dakota	\$7,703
Hawaii	\$7,070
Vermont	\$6,938
New Mexico	\$6,737
Delaware	\$6,368

LOWEST

New Hampshire	\$2,508
Florida	\$2,733
Missouri	\$2,802
Texas	\$2,852
South Dakota	\$2,876

STATE & LOCAL TAX COLLECTIONS PER CAPITA

(FY 2022)

Idaho	\$5,173
Montana	\$5,842
Washington	\$7,431
Wyoming	\$6,264
National	\$7,109

HIGHEST

New York	\$12,685
California	\$10,319
Connecticut	\$9,718
Hawaii	\$9,503
New Jersey	\$9,366

LOWEST

Alabama	\$4,722
Tennessee	\$4,731
Mississippi	\$4,767
Florida	\$4,914
Missouri	\$4,979

Source: Tax Foundation

<https://taxfoundation.org/data/all/state/2025-state-tax-data/>

TOP INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX RATE

[2025]

Idaho	5.3%
Montana	5.9%
Washington	7%*
Wyoming	None

HIGHEST

California	13.3%
Hawaii	11.0%
New York	10.9%
New Jersey	10.75%
Oregon	9.9%

LOWEST

No income tax in Alaska, Florida, Nevada, New Hampshire, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, and Wyoming

**Capital gains income*

Source: Tax Foundation

<https://taxfoundation.org/data/all/state/2025-state-tax-data/>

STATE SALES TAX RATE

(2025)

Idaho	6%
Montana	None
Washington	6.5%
Wyoming	4%

HIGHEST

California	7.25%
Indiana	7.00%
Mississippi	7.00%
Rhode Island	7.00%
Tennessee	7.00%

LOWEST

Alaska	None
Delaware	None
Montana	None
New Hampshire	None
Oregon	None

CIGARETTE EXCISE TAX

(2025, DOLLARS PER 20-PACK)

Idaho	\$0.570
Montana	\$1.700
Washington	\$3.025
Wyoming	\$0.600

HIGHEST

New York	\$5.350
Maryland	\$5.000
Connecticut	\$4.350
Rhode Island	\$4.250
Minnesota	\$3.826

LOWEST

Missouri	\$0.17
Georgia	\$0.37
North Dakota	\$0.44
North Carolina	\$0.45
South Carolina/Idaho	\$0.57

Source: Tax Foundation

<https://taxfoundation.org/data/all/state/2025-state-tax-data/>

LIQUOR EXCISE TAX

(2025, DOLLARS PER GALLON)

Idaho	\$12.94
Montana	\$10.55
Washington	\$36.98
Wyoming	\$0.95

HIGHEST

Washington	\$36.98
Virginia	\$23.47
Alabama	\$22.87
Oregon	\$22.86
North Carolina	\$18.23

LOWEST

New Hampshire	None
Wyoming	\$0.95
Missouri	\$2.00
Colorado	\$2.28
Texas	\$2.40

Source: Tax Foundation

<https://taxfoundation.org/data/all/state/2025-state-tax-data/>

BEER EXCISE TAX

(2025, DOLLARS PER GALLON)

Idaho	\$0.15
Montana	\$0.14
Washington	\$0.26
Wyoming	\$0.02

HIGHEST

Tennessee	\$1.29
Alaska	\$1.07
Hawaii	\$0.93
Kentucky	\$0.89
South Carolina	\$0.77

LOWEST

Wyoming	\$0.02
Missouri	\$0.06
Wisconsin	\$0.06
Colorado	\$0.08
Oregon/ Pennsylvania	\$0.08

Source: Tax Foundation

<https://taxfoundation.org/data/all/state/2025-state-tax-data/>

STATE & LOCAL CELL PHONE TAX RATE

[2024]

Idaho	3.35%
Montana	7.03%
Washington	21.60%
Wyoming	9.23%

HIGHEST

Illinois	23.24%
Washington	21.60%
Arkansas	21.46%
New York	20.57%
Nebraska	20.40%

LOWEST

Idaho	3.35%
Nevada	5.10%
Montana	7.03%
Virginia	7.80%
Hawaii	8.01%

Source: Tax Foundation

<https://taxfoundation.org/data/all/state/2025-state-tax-data/>

STATE DEATH TAX EXEMPTION & RATE

[ESTATE TAX, 2025]

Idaho	None
Montana	None
Washington	\$2,193,000 - 10.0% to 20.0%
Wyoming	None

Only 12 states have a death tax: Connecticut, Hawaii, Illinois, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Washington.

Source: Tax Foundation

<https://taxfoundation.org/data/all/state/2025-state-tax-data/>

GASOLINE EXCISE TAX RATE

(JULY 2025 – PER GALLON
EXCLUDES ADD-ON FEES)

Idaho	\$0.320
Montana	\$0.330
Washington	\$0.554
Wyoming	\$0.230

HIGHEST

California	\$0.596
Pennsylvania	\$0.576
Washington	\$0.554
Illinois	\$0.470
North Carolina	\$0.403

LOWEST

Alaska	\$0.080
New York	\$0.080
New Jersey	\$0.105
Vermont	\$0.121
Hawaii	\$0.160

AVERAGE PRICE OF GASOLINE

(JULY 2025)

Idaho	\$3.479
Montana	\$3.250
Washington	\$4.388
Wyoming	\$3.102
National	\$3.160

HIGHEST

California	\$4.477
Hawaii	\$4.468
Washington	\$4.388
Oregon	\$3.983
Alaska	\$3.775

LOWEST

Mississippi	\$2.715
Oklahoma	\$2.767
Louisiana	\$2.781
Texas	\$2.784
Alabama	\$2.797

Source: AAA

<https://gasprices.aaa.com/state-gas-price-averages/>

AVERAGE ANNUAL AUTO INSURANCE COST

(JULY 2025 – FULL COVERAGE)

Idaho	\$1,895
Montana	\$2,707
Washington	\$2,302
Wyoming	\$1,573
National	\$2,571

HIGHEST

Louisiana	\$4,303
Florida	\$4,023
Kentucky	\$3,490
Colorado	\$3,466
Texas	\$3,381

LOWEST

Vermont	\$1,396
Wyoming	\$1,573
New Hampshire	\$1,666
Maine	\$1,669
Ohio	\$1,846

ROAD CONDITIONS – PERCENTAGE OF ACCEPTABLE MILES

[2023]

Idaho	93.8%
Montana	89.2%
Washington	70.4%
Wyoming	94.9%
National	81.1%

HIGHEST

Indiana	97.4%
Kansas	96.2%
South Dakota	95.1%
Wyoming	94.9%
Vermont	94.9%

LOWEST

Rhode Island	55.3%
Hawaii	60.9%
New Mexico	67.0%
Connecticut	70.0%
Mississippi	70.2%

TRANSPORTATION SPENDING AS PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL STATE BUDGET

[FY 2024]

Idaho	11.1%
Montana	12.0%
Washington	7.5%
Wyoming	2.8%
National	8.0%

HIGHEST

Alaska	16.9%
South Dakota	15.3%
Utah	14.7%
Texas	13.3%
Florida	13.0%

LOWEST

Wyoming	2.8%
Nevada	3.9%
Oregon	4.5%
Colorado	4.6%
Louisiana, New York, and Ohio	5.1%

Source: National Association of State Budget Officers
https://higherlogicdownload.s3.amazonaws.com/NASBO/9d2d2db1-c943-4f1b-b750-0fca152d64c2/UploadedImages/SER%20Archive/2024_SFB/2024_State_Expenditure_Report_S.pdf

PERCENTAGE OF FEDERALLY-OWNED LAND BY STATE

Idaho	61.9%
Montana	29.0%
Washington	28.6%
Wyoming	46.7%
National	27.1%

HIGHEST

Nevada	80.1%
Utah	63.1%
Idaho	61.9%
Alaska	60.9%
Oregon	52.3%

LOWEST

Connecticut	0.3%
Iowa	0.3%
Kansas	0.5%
Rhode Island	0.7%
New York	0.8%

FEDERAL AID AS A PERCENTAGE OF GENERAL FUND REVENUE

(FY 2022)

Idaho	35.9%
Montana	42.7%
Washington	34.4%
Wyoming	49.3%
National	37.1%

HIGHEST

Louisiana	52.1%
Alaska	50.3%
Arizona	50.2%
South Dakota	50.0%
Wyoming	49.3%

LOWEST

North Dakota	22.6%
Hawaii	28.1%
California	28.9%
Virginia	29.2%
Utah	29.3%

Source: Tax Foundation

<https://taxfoundation.org/data/all/state/2025-state-tax-data/>

TAX COMPETITIVENESS INDEX RANKING

(2024, 1 BEST, 50 WORST)

Idaho	11
Montana	5
Washington	45
Wyoming	1

TOP 5

Wyoming	1
South Dakota	2
Alaska	3
Florida	4
Montana	5

BOTTOM 5

New York	50
New Jersey	49
California	48
Connecticut	47
Maryland	46

STATE GDP

[QUARTER 1, 2025, DOLLARS IN MILLIONS]

Idaho	\$131,494
Montana	\$77,189
Washington	\$871,504
Wyoming	\$54,278

HIGHEST

California	\$4,197,514
Texas	\$2,797,562
New York	\$2,363,860
Florida	\$1,761,503
Illinois	\$1,158,225

LOWEST

Vermont	\$46,905
Wyoming	\$54,278
Alaska	\$71,955
South Dakota	\$76,574
North Dakota	\$77,118

PERSONAL INCOME

[QUARTER 1, 2025, DOLLARS IN MILLIONS]

Idaho	\$128,535
Montana	\$79,730
Washington	\$687,159
Wyoming	\$51,806

HIGHEST

California	\$3,490,879
Texas	\$2,199,435
New York	\$1,750,141
Florida	\$1,702,157
Illinois	\$967,742

LOWEST

Vermont	\$46,969
Wyoming	\$51,806
Alaska	\$57,403
North Dakota	\$58,675
South Dakota	\$70,977

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

<https://www.bea.gov/news/2025/gross-domestic-product-state-and-personal-income-state-1st-quarter-2025>

MEDIAN HOURLY WAGE

[PRIVATE, JUNE 2025]

Idaho	\$34.07
Montana	\$32.09
Washington	\$42.26
Wyoming	\$31.88

HIGHEST

Washington	\$42.26
Massachusetts	\$42.00
California	\$41.22
Colorado	\$39.19
Minnesota	\$39.17

LOWEST

Mississippi	\$27.95
New Mexico	\$28.80
Louisiana	\$29.62
West Virginia	\$29.70
Arkansas	\$29.88

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

<https://www.bls.gov/charts/state-employment-and-unemployment/average-hourly-earnings-and-weekly-hours-and-earnings-by-state.htm>

MINIMUM WAGE

[2025]

Idaho	\$7.25
Montana	\$10.55
Washington	\$16.66
Wyoming	\$7.25

HIGHEST

Washington	\$16.66
California	\$16.50
Connecticut	\$16.35
New York	\$15.50
New Jersey	\$15.49

LOWEST

Several states have the federal minimum wage of \$7.25, including Idaho and Wyoming.

Source: Department of Labor

<https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/minimum-wage/state>

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

(JUNE 2025)

Idaho	3.6%
Montana	2.8%
Washington	4.5%
Wyoming	3.3%

HIGHEST

Nevada	5.4%
California	5.4%
Michigan	5.3%
Oregon	4.9%
Ohio	4.9%

LOWEST

South Dakota	1.8%
North Dakota	2.5%
Vermont	2.6%
Hawaii	2.8%
Montana	2.8%

REGIONAL PRICE PARITY

(BASED ON 100 AS NATIONAL PRICE LEVEL)

Idaho	91.4
Montana	90.2
Washington	108.6
Wyoming	90.8

HIGHEST

California	112.6
New Jersey	108.9
Hawaii	108.6
Washington	108.6
Massachusetts	108.2

LOWEST

Arkansas	86.5
Mississippi	87.3
South Dakota	88.1
Oklahoma	88.3
Louisiana	88.3

STATE EXPORTS

(2024, DOLLARS IN BILLIONS)

Idaho	\$4.3
Montana	\$2.4
Washington	\$57.8
Wyoming	\$2.1

HIGHEST

Texas	\$454.4
California	\$183.3
New York	\$94.0
Illinois	\$81.8
Florida	\$72.4

LOWEST

Hawaii	\$0.5
Vermont	\$1.9
Wyoming	\$2.1
South Dakota	\$2.1
Montana	\$2.4

STATE EXPORT TOP LOCATION

[2024, DOLLARS IN BILLIONS]

Idaho	Canada - \$1.7
Montana	Canada - \$0.9
Washington	China - \$11.9
Wyoming	Canada - \$0.4

TOP EXPORTED GOOD

[DOLLARS IN BILLIONS]

Idaho	Food products - \$0.9
Montana	Chemicals - \$0.5
Washington	Transportation equipment - \$18.6
Wyoming	Chemicals - \$1.5

BUSINESS FAILURE RATE AFTER ONE YEAR (2024)

Idaho	25.4%
Montana	23.6%
Washington	13.6%
Wyoming	24.3%

HIGHEST

Minnesota	27.7%
Missouri	27.1%
Alaska	26.3%
New Mexico	26.2%
Hawaii	26.2%

LOWEST

Washington	13.6%
California	14.0%
Iowa	19.8%
North Carolina	20.5%
West Virginia	20.9%

Source: LendingTree

<https://www.lendingtree.com/business/small/failure-rate/>

BUSINESS FAILURE RATE AFTER 10 YEARS

[2024]

Idaho	66.9%
Montana	59.0%
Washington	67.8%
Wyoming	65.5%

HIGHEST

Virginia	69.8%
New Mexico	69.2%
Missouri	69.0%
Nebraska	68.8%
Connecticut	67.9%

LOWEST

Montana	59.0%
Iowa	59.7%
Minnesota	59.9%
Indiana	60.3%
South Dakota	61.0%

Source: LendingTree

<https://www.lendingtree.com/business/small/failure-rate/>

PERCENTAGE OF EMPLOYEES IN UNION

(2024)

Idaho	5.9%
Montana	13.1%
Washington	18.3%
Wyoming	6.7%
National	9.9%

HIGHEST

Hawaii	27.5%
New York	21.9%
Alaska	19.5%
Washington	18.3%
Connecticut	17.8%

LOWEST

North Carolina	3.1%
South Dakota	3.7%
South Carolina	4.1%
Georgia	4.4%
Arkansas	4.4%

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

ID: https://www.bls.gov/regions/west/news-release/unionmembership_idaho.htm

MT: https://www.bls.gov/regions/mountain-plains/news-release/unionmembership_montana.htm

WA: https://www.bls.gov/regions/west/news-release/unionmembership_washington.htm

WY: https://www.bls.gov/regions/mountain-plains/news-release/unionmembership_wyoming.htm

VIOLENT CRIME INCIDENTS PER 100K RESIDENTS

[2023]

Idaho	234
Montana	442
Washington	357
Wyoming	191
National	375

HIGHEST

New Mexico	749.3
Alaska	726.3
Tennessee	628.2
Arkansas	619.9
Louisiana	548.0

LOWEST

Maine	102.5
New Hampshire	107.2
Connecticut	150.2
Rhode Island	167.8
Hawaii	187.1

Source: Statista

<https://www.statista.com/statistics/200445/reported-violent-crime-rate-in-the-us-states/>

PROPERTY CRIME INCIDENTS PER 100K RESIDENTS

[2023]

Idaho	809.5
Montana	1,833.7
Washington	2,866.7
Wyoming	1,469.9
National	1,916.7

HIGHEST

New Mexico	2,887.5
Washington	2,886.7
Colorado	2,878.9
Louisiana	2,630.2
Oregon	2,590.7

LOWEST

Idaho	809.5
New Hampshire	888.9
Massachusetts	1,100.7
Maine	1,120.6
Rhode Island	1,120.9

Source: Statista

<https://www.statista.com/statistics/232575/property-crime-rate-in-the-us-by-state/>

POLICE OFFICERS PER 10K RESIDENTS

[2023]

Idaho	16.2
Montana	19.3
Washington	13.5
Wyoming	28.5
National	24.1

HIGHEST

New Jersey	40.1
Louisiana	32.2
New York	31.8
Wyoming	28.5
Illinois	28.1

LOWEST

Washington	13.5
Oregon	15.2
Idaho	16.2
Maine	16.7
Arizona	16.9

Source: Justice Center

<https://projects.csgjusticecenter.org/tools-for-states-to-address-crime/50-state-crime-data/>

MEDIAN HOME VALUE

(2025)

Idaho	\$462,014
Montana	\$459,370
Washington	\$603,837
Wyoming	\$357,698
National	\$349,225

HIGHEST

Hawaii	\$841,274
California	\$788,920
Massachusetts	\$635,252
Washington	\$603,837
Colorado	\$551,854

LOWEST

West Virginia	\$167,589
Mississippi	\$181,232
Louisiana	\$201,100
Oklahoma	\$208,281
Arkansas	\$210,633

Source: Experian

<https://www.experian.com/blogs/ask-experian/research/median-home-values-by-state/>

AVERAGE MONTHLY RENT COST

[JULY 2025]

Idaho	\$1,383
Montana	\$1,412
Washington	\$1,846
Wyoming	\$1,168
National	\$1,637

HIGHEST

New York	\$2,971
Massachusetts	\$2,557
California	\$2,199
New Jersey	\$2,084
Connecticut	\$1,872

LOWEST

Oklahoma	\$905
West Virginia	\$931
Arkansas	\$945
North Dakota	\$960
Iowa	\$962

AVERAGE ANNUAL HOME INSURANCE COST

[MAY 2025]

Idaho	\$1,460
Montana	\$2,735
Washington	\$1,415
Wyoming	\$1,555
National	\$2,110

HIGHEST

Oklahoma	\$6,210
Texas	\$4,585
Nebraska	\$4,505
Colorado	\$4,175
Kansas	\$3,735

LOWEST

Hawaii	\$610
Vermont	\$950
Delaware	\$1,025
Alaska	\$1,035
Maine	\$1,180

PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS PER 10K

[2024]

Idaho	14
Montana	18
Washington	40
Wyoming	9

HIGHEST

Hawaii	81
New York	81
Oregon	54
Vermont	53
California	48

LOWEST

Mississippi	4
Virginia	8
Louisiana	8
Iowa	8
Nine states, including Wyoming	9

Sources: HUD

<https://www.huduser.gov/portal/sites/default/files/pdf/2024-AHAR-Part-1.pdf>

AVERAGE PRICE OF RESIDENTIAL ELECTRICITY

[MAY 2025 - CENTS PER KILOWATT]

Idaho	¢11.88
Montana	¢12.90
Washington	¢13.67
Wyoming	¢13.89
National	¢17.47

HIGHEST

Hawaii	¢41.03
California	¢35.03
Connecticut	¢31.64
Massachusetts	¢29.94
Rhode Island	¢29.00

LOWEST

Idaho	¢11.88
Utah	¢12.63
Montana	¢12.90
Oklahoma	¢12.94
Missouri	¢12.97

Source: EIA

https://www.eia.gov/electricity/monthly/epm_table_grapher.php?t=epmt_5_6_a

AVERAGE PRICE OF RESIDENTIAL NATURAL GAS

(APRIL 2025 – DOLLARS PER THOUSAND CUBIC FEET)

Idaho	\$7.98
Montana	\$8.88
Washington	\$18.17
Wyoming	\$11.57
National	\$16.05

HIGHEST

Hawaii	\$48.96
South Carolina	\$26.59
Florida	\$24.55
Massachusetts	\$23.70
Arkansas	\$23.01

LOWEST

New Mexico	\$5.73
Idaho	\$7.98
Montana	\$8.88
North Dakota	\$9.02
Utah	\$9.64

Source: EIA

https://www.eia.gov/dnav/ng/ng_pri_sum_dcu_nus_m.htm

STATE & LOCAL PROPERTY TAX COLLECTIONS PER CAPITA

[FY 2022]

Idaho	\$1,085
Montana	\$1,937
Washington	\$1,999
Wyoming	\$2,152
National	\$1,949

HIGHEST

New Hampshire	\$3,660
New Jersey	\$3,622
Connecticut	\$3,361
New York	\$3,302
Vermont	\$3,181

LOWEST

Alabama	\$698
Arkansas	\$863
Oklahoma	\$942
Tennessee	\$976
Kentucky	\$1,020

PROPERTY TAX PAID AS PERCENTAGE OF HOUSE VALUE

[FY 2023]

Idaho	0.48%
Montana	0.60%
Washington	0.75%
Wyoming	0.55%
National	0.91%

HIGHEST

Illinois	1.83%
New Jersey	1.77%
Connecticut	1.48%
Nebraska	1.43%
Vermont	1.42%

LOWEST

Hawaii	0.32%
Alabama	0.36%
Arizona	0.44%
South Carolina	0.47%
Utah	0.47%

Source: Tax Foundation

<https://taxfoundation.org/data/all/state/2025-state-tax-data/>

HIGHER EDUCATION SPENDING AS A PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL STATE BUDGET

[FY 2024]

Idaho	8.4%
Montana	7.7%
Washington	13.0%
Wyoming	6.4%
National	8.7%

HIGHEST

Iowa	25.2%
Kentucky	23.8%
North Dakota	23.6%
Nebraska	20.7%
Alabama	19.8%

LOWEST

Vermont	2.0%
Pennsylvania	2.1%
Massachusetts	2.3%
New Hampshire	2.3%
Illinois	2.4%

Source: National Association of State Budget Officers
https://higherlogicdownload.s3.amazonaws.com/NASBO/9d2d2db1-c943-4f1b-b750-0fca152d64c2/UploadedImages/SFR%20Archive/2024_SFR/2024_State_Expenditure_Report_S.pdf

K-12 SPENDING AS PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL STATE BUDGET

[FY 2024]

Idaho	24.1%
Montana	13.2%
Washington	25.9%
Wyoming	17.0%
National	18.9%

HIGHEST

Nevada	32.6%
Vermont	31.9%
Texas	31.8%
Alabama	28.8%
Kansas	26.8%

LOWEST

Arizona	11.6%
Illinois	11.8%
Alaska	12.5%
Nebraska	12.7%
Montana	13.2%

Source: National Association of State Budget Officers
https://higherlogicdownload.s3.amazonaws.com/NASBO/9d2d2db1-c943-4f1b-b750-0fca152d64c2/UploadedImages/SFR%20Archive/2024_SFR/2024_State_Expenditure_Report_S.pdf

AVERAGE K-12 TEACHER SALARY

[FY 2024]

Idaho	\$61,516
Montana	\$57,556
Washington	\$91,720
Wyoming	\$63,669
National	\$72,030

HIGHEST

California	\$101,084
New York	\$95,615
Massachusetts	\$92,076
Washington	\$91,720
Connecticut	\$86,511

LOWEST

Mississippi	\$53,704
Florida	\$54,875
Missouri	\$55,132
West Virginia	\$55,516
Louisiana	\$55,911

TOTAL ANNUAL K-12 PER PUPIL SPENDING

[FY 2021]

Idaho	\$11,700
Montana	\$17,700
Washington	\$22,000
Wyoming	\$22,700
National	\$18,600

HIGHEST

New York	\$32,200
Vermont	\$28,600
New Jersey	\$27,800
Connecticut	\$27,300
Massachusetts	\$26,000

LOWEST

Idaho	\$11,700
Utah	\$12,300
Oklahoma	\$13,000
North Carolina	\$13,200
Arizona	\$13,200

Source: National Center for Education Statistics

<https://nces.ed.gov/programs/coe/indicator/cmb/public-school-expenditure>

4TH GRADE MATH SCORES

(NATIONAL ASSESSMENT OF EDUCATION
PROGRESS, 2024, 500 IS HIGHEST)

Idaho	238
Montana	238
Washington	238
Wyoming	243
National	237

TOP 5

Massachusetts	246
Florida	243
Wyoming	243
New Hampshire	242
Utah	242

BOTTOM 5

New Mexico	224
Alaska	226
Oregon	229
Arkansas	230
District of Columbia	231

4TH GRADE READING SCORES

(NATIONAL ASSESSMENT OF EDUCATION
PROGRESS, 2024, 500 IS HIGHEST)

Idaho	216
Montana	217
Washington	216
Wyoming	222
National	214

TOP 5

Massachusetts	225
Wyoming	222
New Jersey	222
New Hampshire	221
Colorado	221

BOTTOM 5

New Mexico	201
Alaska	202
West Virginia	206
Oregon	207
Oklahoma	207

8TH GRADE MATH SCORES

(NATIONAL ASSESSMENT OF EDUCATION
PROGRESS, 2024, 500 IS HIGHEST)

Idaho	278
Montana	279
Washington	274
Wyoming	278
National	272

TOP 5

Massachusetts	283
Wisconsin	283
Minnesota	282
Utah	282
New Jersey	282

BOTTOM 5

New Mexico	256
West Virginia	261
District of Columbia	262
Alabama	262
Delaware	263

Source: Nation's Report Card

<https://www.nationsreportcard.gov/profiles/stateprofile?sfj=NP&chart=1&sub=MAT&sj=&st=MN&year=2024R3>

8TH GRADE READING SCORES

(NATIONAL ASSESSMENT OF EDUCATION
PROGRESS, 2024, 500 IS HIGHEST)

Idaho	261
Montana	261
Washington	259
Wyoming	260
National	257

TOP 5

Massachusetts	268
New Jersey	266
Colorado	265
New Hampshire	264
Connecticut	263

BOTTOM 5

New Mexico	245
Alaska	246
West Virginia	247
Oklahoma	249
Delaware	249

Source: Nation's Report Card

<https://www.nationsreportcard.gov/profiles/stateprofile?sfj=NP&chart=1&sub=MAT&sj=&st=MN&year=2024R3>

NUMBER OF PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS

[2025]

Idaho	72
Montana	24
Washington	12
Wyoming	5

HIGHEST

California	1,334
Texas	983
Florida	690
Arizona	559
Michigan	368

LOWEST

Kentucky	0
Nebraska	0
North Dakota	0
South Dakota	0
Vermont	0

AVERAGE COST OF 4-YEAR COLLEGE IN-STATE TUITION AND FEES

[2023]

Idaho	\$7,640
Montana	\$7,299
Washington	\$8,006
Wyoming	\$5,100
National	\$9,750

HIGHEST

Vermont	\$17,600
New Hampshire	\$17,019
Pennsylvania	\$16,217
Connecticut	\$15,763
New Jersey	\$15,265

LOWEST

Florida	\$4,540
Wyoming	\$5,100
Nevada	\$6,723
Georgia	\$7,075
Utah	\$7,215

AVERAGE COST OF 2-YEAR COLLEGE IN-STATE TUITION AND FEES

[2023]

Idaho	\$3,361
Montana	\$3,950
Washington	\$4,623
Wyoming	\$4,192
National	\$3,598

HIGHEST

South Dakota	\$7,412
New Hampshire	\$7,108
Vermont	\$6,920
Minnesota	\$6,049
New York	\$5,755

LOWEST

California	\$1,286
Vermont	\$1,923
North Carolina	\$2,527
Texas	\$2,931
Georgia	\$3,134

Source: National Center for Education Statistics
https://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/d23/tables/dt23_33_0_20.asp



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