



## Utah once again dead last in per-student education spending

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Newly released census data finds that Utah is still last place in education spending for each public school student.

A U.S. Census Bureau report released on Thursday, June 10, based on 2014 data ranks Utah dead-last in per pupil spending, which is \$6,500 per student, according to the report. The national average is about \$11,000 per student.

The ranking is likely due to the state's growing student population of 633,900, the Salt Lake Tribune reported. The ranking remains the same it has for many years, despite the Utah Legislature's boost to state education funds by 3.75 percent, a higher increase than the national increase of 2.7 percent.

New York is on top of the list, spending \$20,610 per student, according to the report.

State school board Chairman David Crandall told the Salt Lake Tribune that the state is making progress as shown by increasing test scores.

A 2014 study by the CATO Institute states that there is no link between student performance and individual student funding, CBS Washington reported. Over a 40-year period, despite funding exponentially increasing, student performance has remained stagnant.