

# Auditor General's School District Spending Analysis Fiscal Year 2024

#### Definitions

- Administration Superintendents, principals, business managers, clerical, and other staff who perform accounting, payroll, purchasing, warehousing, printing, human resource activities, and administrative technology services
- Plant Heating and cooling, equipment repair, grounds keeping, and security
- Food Services Cost of preparing and serving meals and snacks
- Transportation Costs of transporting students to and from school and school activities
- Student Support Counselors, audiologists, speech pathologists, nurses, social workers, and attendance services
- Instruction Support Librarians, teacher training, curriculum development, and instruction related technology services







# Overview of Pima County School Districts

| District name                                 | Number<br>of schools | Students<br>attending | Enrollment (1-<br>year change) | Special education population | English<br>learner<br>population | Poverty rate | Graduation rate |
|---|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Ajo Unified School District                   | 2                    | 383                   | -12%                           | 11%                          | 24%                              | 15%          | N/A             |
| Amphitheater Unified School District          | 21                   | 11,356                | -13%                           | 18%                          | 6%                               | 15%          | 83%             |
| Baboquivari Unified School District           | 4                    | 996                   | -1%                            | 14%                          | 0%                               | 8%           | 55%             |
| Catalina Foothills Unified School<br>District | 7                    | 4,867                 | -5%                            | 10%                          | 2%                               | 5%           | 88%             |
| Flowing Wells Unified School District         | 9                    | 5,016                 | -6%                            | 16%                          | 9%                               | 26%          | 86%             |
| Marana Unified School District                | 17                   | 12,306                | 5%                             | 20%                          | 2%                               | 9%           | 87%             |
| Sahuarita Unified School District             | 9                    | 6,142                 | -1%                            | 14%                          | 3%                               | 8%           | 88%             |
| Sunnyside Unified School District             | 21                   | 13,489                | -12%                           | 14%                          | 20%                              | 26%          | 75%             |
| Tanque Verde Unified School District          | 4                    | 2,109                 | 5%                             |                              | 0%                               | 4%           | N/A             |
| Tucson Unified School District                | 87                   | 38,010                | -11%                           | 15%                          | 11%                              | 19%          | 82%             |
| Vail Unified School District                  | 22                   | 14,113                | 10%                            | 14%                          | 1%                               | 6%           | 91%             |



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### Teacher Data

| District name                              | t Average<br>ner Salary | Average years of teacher experience | teache | entage of<br>rs in first 3<br>rears | Students per<br>teacher |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Ajo Unified School District                | \$<br>58,846            | 12.8                                | į      | 52%                                 | 18.3                    |
| Altar Valley Elementary School District    | \$<br>53,421            | 7.4                                 | 5      | 18%                                 | 17.6                    |
| Amphitheater Unified School District       | \$<br>64,057            | 12.6                                | 5      | 16%                                 | 15.4                    |
| Baboquivari Unified School District        | \$<br>59,902            | 5.7                                 | 3      | 36%                                 | 14.4                    |
| Catalina Foothills Unified School District | \$<br>62,360            | 12.8                                | :      | 10%                                 | 17.2                    |
| Flowing Wells Unified School District      | \$<br>63,845            | 11.2                                | :      | 21%                                 | 16.4                    |
| Marana Unified School District             | \$<br>67,748            | 13.0                                | =      | 16%                                 | 15.5                    |
| Sahuarita Unified School District          | \$<br>56,035            | 10.6                                | 3      | 34%                                 | 18.4                    |
| Sunnyside Unified School District          | \$<br>57,380            | 12.9                                | 2      | 20%                                 | 18.3                    |
| Tanque Verde Unified School District       | \$<br>56,504            | 13.8                                | :      | 21%                                 | 16.0                    |
| Tucson Unified School District             | \$<br>59,027            | 13.8                                | :      | 17%                                 | 14.9                    |
| Vail Unified School District               | \$<br>56,209            | 9.3                                 | :      | 25%                                 | 17.6                    |



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## Pima School District Spending

| District name      | Instruction       | Student<br>Support | Instruction<br>Support | Admin           | Plant Operations | Food Service | Trans    | Total     |
|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------|----------|-----------|
| Ajo                | \$ 6,622          | \$ 1,026           | \$ 489                 | \$ 2,376        | \$ 2,360         | \$ 806       | \$ 94    | \$ 13,773 |
| Amphitheater       | \$ 6,451          | \$ 1,267           | \$ 863                 | \$ 1,208        | \$ 2,076         | \$ 465       | \$ 790   | \$ 13,120 |
| Baboquivari        | \$ 7,010          | \$ 1,732           | \$ 1,311               | \$ 3,614        | \$ 3,400         | \$ 762       | \$ 3,215 | \$ 21,044 |
| Catalina Foothills | \$ 5,846          | \$ 836             | \$ 585                 | \$ 1,104        | \$ 1,402         | \$ 350       | \$ 465   | \$ 10,588 |
| Flowing Wells      | \$ 6,559          | \$ 1,138           | \$ 509                 | \$ 1,185        | \$ 1,406         | \$ 622       | \$ 494   | \$ 11,913 |
| Marana             | \$ 6,523          | \$ 1,144           | \$ 659                 | \$ 1,000        | \$ 1,147         | \$ 427       | \$ 962   | \$ 11,862 |
| Sahuarita          | \$ 5,344          | \$ 840             | \$ 275                 | \$ 1,038        | \$ 1,256         | \$ 398       | \$ 456   | \$ 9,607  |
| Sunnyside          | \$ 5,522          | \$ 1,206           | \$ 697                 | \$ 1,072        | \$ 1,410         | \$ 624       | \$ 460   | \$ 10,991 |
| Tanque Verde       | \$ 5,806          | \$ 1,054           | \$ 446                 | \$ 1,477        | \$ 1,254         | \$ 423       | \$ 441   | \$ 10,901 |
| Tucson             | \$ 7 <b>,</b> 195 | \$ 1,551           | \$ 1,171               | \$ 1,293        | \$ 1,908         | \$ 634       | \$ 673   | \$ 14,425 |
| Vail               | \$ 5,491          | \$ 982             | \$ 844                 | \$ 1,201        | \$ 1,269         | \$ 344       | \$ 455   | \$ 10,586 |
| Peer               | \$ 5,872          | \$ 1,057           | \$ 753                 | <b>\$ 1,185</b> | \$ 1,464         | \$ 438       | \$ 613   | \$ 11,382 |
| State              | \$ 6,511          | \$ 1,210           | \$ 764                 | \$ 1,276        | \$ 1,476         | \$ 565       | \$ 569   | \$ 12,371 |



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## Plant Operations

| Plant operations spending per square foot: |     |      |
|--|-----|------|
| State average                              | \$  | 8.59 |
| Peer average                               | \$  | 9.42 |
| Amphitheater                               | \$  | 9.00 |
|  |     |      |
| Square footage per student:                |     |      |
| State average                              | 172 |      |
| Peer average                               | 158 |      |
| Amphitheater                               | 231 |      |





## **Operational Peers**

| District Name                        | Instructional Percentage |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Higley Unified School District       | 58%                      |
| Queen Creek Unified School District  | 56%                      |
| Marana Unified School District       | 55%                      |
| Tolleson Union High School District  | 52%                      |
| Vail Unified School District         | 52%                      |
| Peer Group Average                   | 52%                      |
| Flagstaff Unified School District    | 51%                      |
| Sunnyside Unified School District    | 50%                      |
| Agua Fria Union High School District | 50%                      |
| Amphitheater Unified School District | 49%                      |
| Tempe Union High School District     | 49%                      |
| Yuma Union High School District      | 48%                      |





## Transportation Spending Per Mile

Between 301 and 405 miles per rider in city/suburbs

| Apache Junction Unified School District | \$4.03  |
|---|---------|
| Kyrene Elementary School District       | \$5.31  |
| Casa Grande Elementary School District  | \$6.01  |
| Tanque Verde Unified School District    | \$6.90  |
| Mesa Unified School District            | \$6.91  |
| Fountain Hills Unified School District  | \$6.06  |
| Tempe Union High School District        | \$6.42  |
| Peoria Unified School District          | \$6.75  |
| Paradise Valley Unified School District | \$6.23  |
| Gilbert Unified School District         | \$6.75  |
| Scottsdale Unified School District      | \$6.89  |
| Peer group average                      | \$7.07  |
| Wilson Elementary School District       | \$7.19  |
| Agua Fria Union High School District    | \$8.09  |
| Liberty Elementary School District      | \$10.49 |
| Amphitheater Unified School District    | \$11.02 |



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#### Food Service Operations

Food Service Spending Per Meal

| State average | \$4.28 |
|---------------|--------|
| Peer average  | \$4.20 |
| Amphitheater  | \$3.45 |



