



**AMPHITHEATER**

*P u b l i c S c h o o l s*

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 of schools | Students attending | Enrollment (1-year change) | Special education population | English learner 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 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%                         | 10%                          | 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%             |



# Teacher Data

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



# Pima School District Spending

| District name      | Instruction | Student Support | Instruction 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             | \$ 7,195    | \$ 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              | \$ 1,185 | \$ 1,464         | \$ 438       | \$ 613   | \$ 11,382 |
| State              | \$ 6,511    | \$ 1,210        | \$ 764              | \$ 1,276 | \$ 1,476         | \$ 565       | \$ 569   | \$ 12,371 |



# 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 |





# Food Service Operations

## Food Service Spending Per Meal

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

