



AMPHITHEATER

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

Auditor General's
School District
Spending Analysis
Fiscal Year 2025

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 (5-year change)	Special education population	English learner population	Poverty rate	Graduation rate
Ajo Unified School District	2	382	10% decrease	12%	24%	13%	N/A
Amphitheater Unified School District	21	10,823	15% decrease	19%	7%	14%	85%
Baboquivari Unified School District	4	951	2% decrease	15%	0%	7%	61%
Catalina Foothills Unified School District	7	4,821	7% decrease	11%	2%	5%	93%
Flowing Wells Unified School District	9	4,983	6% decrease	16%	11%	25%	87%
Marana Unified School District	17	12,255	Less than 1%	21%	2%	9%	90%
Sahuarita Unified School District	9	6,047	4% decrease	14%	4%	9%	89%
Sunnyside Unified School District	21	13,343	10% decrease	14%	21%	26%	76%
Tanque Verde Unified School District	4	2,123	3% increase	10%	1%	4%	N/A
Tucson Unified School District	87	37,452	11% decrease	15%	12%	20%	82%
Vail Unified School District	22	14,371	10% increase	14%	1%	6%	93%



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	\$ 52,421	13.2	5%	17.3
Altar Valley Elementary School District	\$ 59,641	9.3	15%	16.7
Amphitheater Unified School District	\$ 54,955	12.8	16%	14.2
Baboquivari Unified School District	\$ 59,375	7.0	29%	14.0
Catalina Foothills Unified School District	\$ 64,400	13.0	12%	16.9
Flowing Wells Unified School District	\$ 63,988	11.1	14%	16.3
Marana Unified School District	\$ 60,861	13.1	17%	16.3
Sahuarita Unified School District	\$ 56,518	10.7	23%	17.5
Sunnyside Unified School District	\$ 60,685	12.8	20%	18.7
Tanque Verde Unified School District	\$ 59,725	13.1	18%	16.5
Tucson Unified School District	\$ 64,241	14.0	13%	17.0
Vail Unified School District	\$ 57,905	9.7	41%	21.1



Pima School District Spending

District name	Instruction	Student Support	Instruction Support	Plant operations	Admin.	Food Service	Trans.	Total
Ajo	\$ 6,871	\$ 808	\$ 261	\$ 1,908	\$ 2,566	\$ 874	\$ 100	\$ 13,388
Amphitheater	\$ 6,828	\$ 1,363	\$ 902	\$ 1,903	\$ 1,418	\$ 503	\$ 760	\$ 13,677
Baboquivari	\$ 7,199	\$ 1,895	\$ 1,176	\$ 4,006	\$ 3,440	\$ 979	\$ 3,648	\$ 22,343
Catalina Foothills	\$ 6,108	\$ 829	\$ 569	\$ 1,430	\$ 1,175	\$ 402	\$ 469	\$ 10,982
Flowing Wells	\$ 6,591	\$ 1,099	\$ 510	\$ 1,449	\$ 1,162	\$ 655	\$ 505	\$ 11,971
Marana	\$ 6,504	\$ 1,171	\$ 708	\$ 1,186	\$ 1,068	\$ 453	\$ 960	\$ 12,050
Sahuarita	\$ 5,848	\$ 926	\$ 314	\$ 1,321	\$ 1,122	\$ 410	\$ 459	\$ 10,400
Sunnyside	\$ 5,379	\$ 1,314	\$ 604	\$ 1,553	\$ 1,073	\$ 668	\$ 441	\$ 11,032
Tanque Verde	\$ 5,686	\$ 1,120	\$ 474	\$ 1,295	\$ 1,355	\$ 438	\$ 477	\$ 10,845
Tucson	\$ 6,651	\$ 1,524	\$ 1,107	\$ 1,858	\$ 1,264	\$ 638	\$ 659	\$ 13,701
Vail	\$ 5,786	\$ 1,044	\$ 896	\$ 1,351	\$ 1,211	\$ 366	\$ 488	\$ 11,142
Peer	\$ 6,054	\$ 1,110	\$ 765	\$ 1,493	\$ 1,240	\$ 458	\$ 627	\$ 11,747
State	\$ 6,541	\$ 1,243	\$ 751	\$ 1,535	\$ 1,309	\$ 590	\$ 584	\$ 12,553



Plant Operations

Plant operations spending per square foot:

State average	\$	8.83
Peer average	\$	9.61
Amphitheater	\$	7.86

Square footage per student:

State average	174
Peer average	151
Amphitheater	242



Operational Peers

District name	Instructional spending percentage
Higley Unified School District	59%
Queen Creek Unified School District	56%
Marana Unified School District	54%
Tolleson Union High School District	54%
Vail Unified School District	52%
Peer Group Average	52%
Flagstaff Unified School District	51%
Amphitheater Unified School District	50%
Agua Fria Union High School District	49%
Sunnyside Unified School District	49%
Tempe Union High School District	48%
Yuma Union High School District	47%



Food Service Operations

Food Service Spending Per Meal

State average	\$4.32
Peer average	\$4.19
Amphitheather	\$3.63

