

Using the School-by-School Scatterplots

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Directions

Step 1: Visit <https://edunomicslab.org/spending-v-outcomes/>

Step 2: Scroll down and click on your state

Step 3: Filter to create each of 3 displays. Take a screenshot of each before moving on.

Display #1

Under "District," unselect "All" and select *your district*. Hover over individual schools to see their info.

- Which school draws down the most \$/pp?
- The least?
- Do higher-poverty schools tend to get more money?
- Which school is the highest performing?
- Which school is the lowest performing?

Display #2

Under "District" select "All"

Then, under "Highlight District" select your district (if the image does not immediately appear, please click twice.)

Then, under grades served, unselect "All" and select "Elementary"

Then, under "% Economically Disadvantaged" (also labeled "%FRL," "% Low Income" depending on the state definition), unselect "All" and choose a range that fits most of your schools

- How do your elementary schools compare to others in the state with similar poverty levels?
- Is one in the lower right quadrant (meaning it spends more but gets lower outcomes than similar peers)?
- Is one in the upper left quadrant (meaning it is better at leveraging its dollars to do more for students than similar peers)?

Display #3

Under grades served, unselect "Elementary" and select "High"

Then, under "% Economically Disadvantaged" (also labeled "%FRL," "% Low Income" depending on the state definition), select "All"

- How do your high schools compare on spending and outcomes to others in the state?

Additional options:

In the upper-left corner, you can toggle to choose different outcomes measure available in your state.

Data notes: Spending data is from the National Education Resource Database on Schools (NERD\$) as reported by each state. Outcomes are state-reported on standardized exams.