

HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING

This memorandum provides information regarding general fund support for higher education in North Dakota and other selected states.

STATE GENERAL FUND SUPPORT FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

The table below details funding provided for higher education from the general fund of selected states, including a percentage comparison to each state's total general fund budget.

State	Higher Education Funding From State General Fund	Total State General Fund Budget	Higher Education Funding as a Percentage of Total General Fund Budget
North Dakota	\$593,296,143 ¹	\$3,249,365,481 ⁸	18.3%
South Dakota	\$170,902,101 ²	\$1,133,975,639 ⁹	15.1%
Montana	\$192,404,000 ³	\$1,859,974,000 ⁹	10.3%
Minnesota	\$2,856,000,000 ⁴	\$31,330,000,000 ⁸	9.1%
Nebraska	\$547,471,887 ⁵	\$3,380,864,343 ⁹	16.2%
Idaho	\$253,278,100 ⁶	\$2,506,580,100 ⁹	10.1%
Colorado	\$812,900,000 ⁷	\$7,675,900,000 ⁹	10.6%

¹Funding for the North Dakota University System for the 2009-11 biennium.

²Funding for the South Dakota Board of Regents for fiscal year 2010.

³Higher education funding provided in Montana for fiscal year 2009.

⁴Higher education funding in Minnesota for fiscal years 2010 and 2011. Includes executive budget allotments made in July 2009.

⁵Operations funding provided to Nebraska universities and colleges for fiscal year 2009-10.

⁶Funding for Idaho colleges and universities for fiscal year 2010. Does not include \$26,407,000 of funding from the general fund for local community colleges.

⁷Funding provided for higher education in Colorado for fiscal year 2008-09.

⁸Biennial budget.

⁹Annual budget.

GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION, KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE 12 EDUCATION, AND HUMAN SERVICES

The tables below provide information regarding general fund appropriations for higher education, state school aid (foundation aid), and the Department of Human Services for selected bienniums and a comparison of increases in general fund appropriations.

	General Fund Appropriations			
	Higher Education	State School Aid (Foundation Aid)	Department of Human Services	Total General Fund Appropriations
1969-71	\$46,777,536	\$50,200,000		\$183,686,131
1979-81	\$156,217,228	\$192,594,000 ²		\$654,719,450
1981-83	\$219,752,432	\$202,738,209		\$903,596,232
1983-85	\$196,294,139	\$352,666,802	\$187,703,993	\$1,005,111,046
1989-91	\$251,467,065	\$374,198,588	\$235,874,219	\$1,119,785,620
1999-2001	\$328,813,637	\$479,006,259	\$347,026,541	\$1,594,038,538
2009-11	\$593,296,143	\$1,092,865,879 ³	\$650,645,814	\$3,249,365,481

¹Prior to the 1983-85 biennium, appropriations for entities of the Department of Human Services were not consolidated.

²During the 1979-81 and 1981-83 bienniums, certain oil and gas taxes were allocated directly to foundation aid payments which reduced the amount of general fund support.

³Includes \$295 million of funding designated for property tax relief.

Comparison of Increases in General Fund Appropriations			
	Higher Education	State School Aid (Foundation Aid)	Department of Human Services
Percentage increase from 1969-71 to 2009-11	1,168.3%	2,077.0% ¹	³
Percentage increase from 1979-81 to 2009-11	279.8%	467.4% ^{1,2}	³
Percentage increase from 1981-83 to 2009-11	170.0%	439.1% ¹	³
Percentage increase from 1983-85 to 2009-11	202.2%	209.9% ¹	246.6%
Percentage increase from 1989-91 to 2009-11	135.9%	192.1% ¹	175.8%
Percentage increase from 1999-2001 to 2009-11	80.4%	128.2% ¹	87.5%

¹The percentages reflect \$295 million of property tax relief provided in the 2009-11 biennium. Excluding this \$295 million from 2009-11 biennium funding would result in the percentage increases for state school aid being:

1969-71 to 2009-11	1,489.4%
1979-81 to 2009-11	314.3%
1981-83 to 2009-11	293.5%
1983-85 to 2009-11	126.2%
1989-91 to 2009-11	113.2%
1999-2001 to 2009-11	66.6%

²During the 1979-81 and 1981-83 bienniums, certain oil and gas taxes were allocated to foundation aid which reduced the amount of general fund support.

³Prior to the 1983-85 biennium, appropriations for entities of the Department of Human Services were not consolidated.

Attached as an [appendix](#) is a comparison of total general fund appropriations and general fund appropriations for higher education, foundation aid, and human services from the 1965-67 through 2009-11 bienniums.

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