

Staff-Per-Pupil Ratios in California 2006-07

This chart, based on data from the National Center for Education Statistics, shows how California's staff-per-pupil ratios compare with the national average and that of other states.

For a more complete picture, see the chart on [California Rankings 2006-07](#) in expenditures per pupil, teacher salaries, and public school revenue.

Ratio of Staff to 1,000 Students by Position, Fall 2006–07

	California's % of National Average	California's Rank	California's Ratio	U.S. Average Ratio	Texas	New York	Florida	Illinois
Total staff to students	72%	50	91.5	127	136.3	135.3	122.4	105.4
All professional (certified) staff to students	72%	50	51.8	72.1	76.5	85.7	67.9	70.3
Total district staff (including classified staff)	84%	35	5.1	6.1	6	8.6	6.7	1.5
District officials/administrators only	39%	44	0.5	1.2	1.2	1.1	0.8	0.0 ¹
Total school staff (including classified staff)	73%	51	70.2	96.3	98.6	104	89.3	93.3
Certified school staff only	73%	50	51.4	70.9	75.3	84.7	67.2	70.3
School principals & asst. principals	71%	48	2.2	3.1	4.2	3.1	2.9	1.8
Guidance counselors	48%	50	1	2.1	2.3	2.4	2.3	0.9
Librarians	18%	51	0.2	1.1	1.1	1.2	1	1
All Teachers	74%	49	47.9 *	64.5 *	67.8	77.9	61	66.6
Elementary Teachers (Grades 1-8)	98%	29	48.2	49.4	46.8	57.2	37.5	39.6
Secondary Teachers (Grades 9-12)	51%	51	42.7	83.6	93.6	89.4	79.9	97.1

* These numbers translate into a student/teacher ratio of 20.9 students to 1 teacher for California and 15.5 to 1 for the entire U.S. Only Oregon and Utah have a higher student/teacher ratio than California.

1. Illinois has 0.02 district officials/administrators per 1,000 students.

Notes: The numbers in this table are based on fall enrollment data and include pre-K public school students and their teachers. NCES estimated that there were 119,895 pre-K students and 7,387 pre-K teachers in California in 2006-07. If the pre-K students and teachers are not included, California's student/teacher ratio is 21.0. The District of Columbia is included among the states. The "Total staff" row includes all district and school staff plus those who fall under the NCES category "All Other Support Staff." The California's percent of national average figures were calculated using unrounded numbers.

Data: National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) Common Core of Data, 2006-07, accessed 1/26/09

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