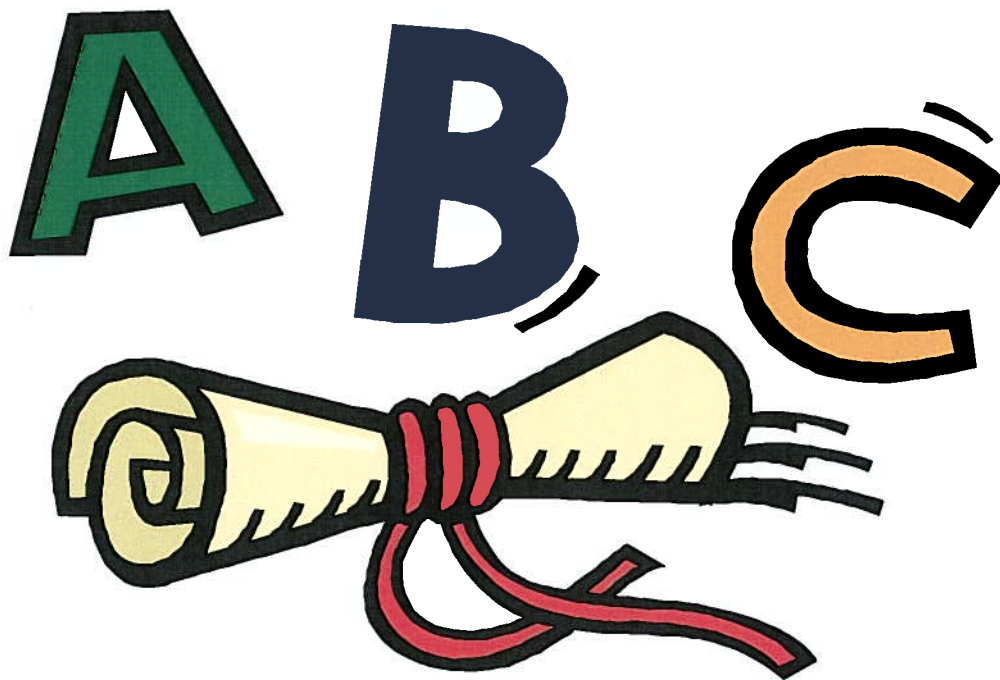


# Comparative Data



**How does Weston rank in ability to pay and spending as compared to other Connecticut districts, and similar districts?**

# COMPARATIVE DATA

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This section of the budget book compares Weston with school districts in its Demographic Reference Group - DRG, and with all other districts in the State of Connecticut. The DRG classification clusters school districts that have public school students with similar socioeconomic status and need together for district level comparisons.

- ❖ Comparison of Net Per Pupil Expenditures & Wealth Ranking
- ❖ Comparison of Per Pupil Expenditures by Object
- ❖ Comparison of Per Pupil Expenditures by Function

The State Department of Education provides the following explanation of Net Current Expenditures per Pupil. NCEP measures education expenditures with a couple of adjustments (as explained below) for all the students for which a town is fiscally responsible, regardless of whether the town operates its own school or tuitions its resident students to other districts/regions or private schools.

Average Daily Membership (ADM) represents the average daily membership calculated from the October 1<sup>st</sup> Public School Information System (PSIS) and from the End of Year School Report (ED001). ADM represents resident students adjusted for school sessions in excess of the 180-day/900-hour minimum, tuition free summer school, full-time equivalent (FTE) prekindergarten pupils and participation in Open Choice.

Net Current Expenditures (NCE) are calculated as defined in Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-261(a)(3). NCE includes all current public elementary and secondary expenditures from all sources, excluding reimbursable regular education transportation, tuition revenue, capital expenditures for land, land buildings and equipment, and debt service. The principal portion of debt service for items that can be included in NCE, such as certain minor repairs and roof replacements, may count towards NCE.

Net Current Expenditure Per Pupil (NCEP) represents NCE divided by ADM.

The NCEP Rank is a town's rank between 1 (highest) and 169 (lowest) in NCEP.

**WESTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
WESTON, CONNECTICUT**

**2009-2010 PER PUPIL EXPENDITURES  
*Net Per Pupil Expenditures (unaudited)  
& Wealth Ranking***

**COMPARISON OF STATE DESIGNATED "ECONOMIC REFERENCE GROUP" - DRG A**

	<u>Town Name</u>	<u>Net Per Pupil Expenditures</u>		<u>Wealth</u>
		<u>2009-2010</u>	<u>DRG A Rank</u>	<u>State Rank</u>
<b><u>K-12 Districts</u></b>				
	<b>WESTON</b>	<b>\$17,359</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>15</b>
	<b>NEW CANAAN</b>	<b>\$17,032</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>18</b>
	<b>WESTPORT</b>	<b>\$16,974</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>19</b>
	<b>REDDING</b>	<b>\$16,501</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>21</b>
	<b>WILTON</b>	<b>\$15,692</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>25</b>
	<b>DARIEN</b>	<b>\$14,981</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>19</b>
	<b>EASTON</b>	<b>\$14,674</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>30</b>
	<b>RIDGEFIELD</b>	<b>\$13,924</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>59</b>
	<b>REGION 9</b>	<b>\$18,426</b>		<b>9</b>
	<b>DRG A' AVERAGE</b>	<b>\$16,174</b>		<b>14/15</b>
	<b>STATE AVERAGE</b>	<b>\$13,702</b>		

Expenditures reflected in this section include: salaries, employee benefits, instructional supplies, educational media supplies, instructional equipment and purchased services.

DRG A towns are designated by the state group referencing by parents' education, wealth, etc.

Source: State Department of Education, November 2010

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**2008-2009 PER PUPIL EXPENDITURES  
BY FUNCTION  
AUDITED DATA**

**COMPARISON OF STATE DESIGNATED "ECONOMIC REFERENCE GROUP" - DRG A**

<u>Town Name</u>	<u>Instructional Programs</u>		<u>Pupil Personnel Services</u>		<u>School Based Admin</u>		<u>General - District Admin</u>		<u>Plant</u>		<u>All Categories Reported Here</u>	
	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Rank</u>
<b><u>K-12 Districts</u></b>												
DARIEN	\$9,596	6	\$1,043	6	\$807	7	\$676	4	\$1,774	5	\$13,896	7
NEW CANAAN	\$9,764	4	\$1,846	4	\$1,150	1	\$854	2	\$2,267	2	\$15,881	3
RIDGEFIELD	\$8,166	9	\$1,255	5	\$783	8	\$267	9	\$1,635	7	\$12,106	8
WESTON	\$9,765	3	\$2,512	1	\$817	6	\$591	5	\$2,374	1	\$16,059	2
WESTPORT	\$9,634	5	\$2,085	3	\$1,079	2	\$524	6/7	\$2,230	3	\$15,552	4
WILTON	\$9,301	7	\$2,180	2	\$754	9	\$870	1	\$1,639	6	\$14,744	5
<b><u>Elementary Only</u></b>												
EASTON	\$8,843	8	\$417	9	\$908	3	\$524	6/7	\$1,299	9	\$11,991	9
REDDING	\$10,767	2	\$465	8	\$862	4	\$503	8	\$1,611	8	\$14,208	6
<b><u>High School Only</u></b>												
REGION 9	\$12,107	1	\$606	7	\$828	5	\$826	3	\$2,170	4	\$16,537	1
DRG A' AVERAGE	\$9,438		\$1,611		\$900		\$609		\$1,920		\$14,478	
STATE AVERAGE	\$8,111		\$1,316		\$786		\$641		\$1,466		\$12,320	

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**2008-2009 PER PUPIL EXPENDITURES  
BY OBJECT  
AUDITED DATA**

**COMPARISON OF STATE DESIGNATED "ECONOMIC REFERENCE GROUP" - DRG A**

<u>Town Name</u>	<u>Salaries</u>		<u>Employee Benefits</u>		<u>Instructional Supplies</u>		<u>Purchased Services</u>		<u>All Categories Reported Here</u>	
	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Rank</u>
<u>K-12 Districts</u>										
DARIEN	\$10,172	4	\$1,965	8	\$220	4	\$1,443	9	\$13,800	7
NEW CANAAN	\$11,115	1	\$2,707	3	\$127	9	\$1,750	7	\$15,699	2
RIDGEFIELD	\$8,006	8	\$2,353	5	\$171	7	\$1,976	6	\$12,506	8
WESTON	\$10,005	5	\$3,263	1	\$182	5	\$2,244	4	\$15,694	3
WESTPORT	\$10,869	2	\$2,515	4	\$311	2	\$1,629	8	\$15,324	4
WILTON	\$9,954	6	\$2,781	2	\$175	6	\$2,003	5	\$14,913	5
<u>Elementary Only</u>										
EASTON	\$7,986	9	\$1,832	9	\$147	8	\$2,445	3	\$12,410	9
REDDING	\$9,666	7	\$2,158	6	\$235	3	\$2,496	2	\$14,555	6
<u>High School Only</u>										
REGION 9	\$10,788	3	\$2,154	7	\$376	1	\$3,053	1	\$16,371	1
DRG A' AVERAGE	\$9,907		\$2,475		\$209		\$1,898		\$14,489	
STATE AVERAGE	\$8,444		\$2,178		\$215		\$1,684		\$12,521	

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