



## BUCKLEY EDUCATION

Navigating Your Educational Future

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Mike Kazmierski  
President and CEO  
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Dear Mike,

This one page synopsis is intended to be both a summary and overview of the data collection for the Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada (EDAWN).

*Buckley Education Group, Inc. was tasked with researching the education data which reflects the demography of Western Nevada's education system, statistics and educational outcomes. Educational data is complex and comprehensive as public education systems are mandated to report baselines, growth modules and standards to the required agencies within the defined State. To provide information relevant on Western Nevada it was essential to review National data as well as regional data to best understand and ascertain the growth and standards of Western Nevada.*

*To begin the data research, education data was aggregated from a macro analysis and then narrowed to a micro analysis. In order for this analysis to occur, the Buckley Education Group, Inc. team reviewed the following data pools:*

- Washoe County Education Data
- National Average ACT Composite Scores
- National Average SAT Composite Scores
- 2013 Nevada Education Data Book
- Washoe County School District Board of Trustees – Legislative Platform for the 2013 Session
- Assessment 411 – Washoe County School District Assessment – August 2013
- Education Alliance of Washoe County
- United States of America Department of Education Database - 2009 to 2011
- National Education Association – Rankings and Estimates – NEA Research December 2012

*The National data compiles the individual State data to then compare each State nationally. In the research completed on behalf of EDAWN, it is evident that Washoe County has made education a commitment. From the Washoe County superintendent's message to increase the college acceptance and attendance rate to the commitment of the state of Nevada to increase graduation rates and test rates, both Washoe County and Nevada report an increase in the commitment to improve education results.*

*Washoe County is committed to education. This commitment has been and continues to be demonstrated through annual education review, a commitment within all levels of the education infrastructure from superintendent to classroom teacher and through the deliberate measures presented and catalogued within the State's database.*

*In my extensive review of Washoe County Schools, the western region of the State of Nevada and the National comparatives, it is crystal clear and quite evident that education is **THE** priority for Washoe County. Public schools systems are complex in structure. Gathering data and then analyzing said data requires an understanding of the socioeconomic, political, personal and historic demography of the region. As data is analyzed, understanding the areas growth and complexity is essential to the analysis. This project unfolded the apparent and deliberate efforts of Washoe County and the Western Nevada school infrastructures. Change is on the move and the Western region of Nevada will most certainly continue to have education data worth noting in the years ahead.*

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State	College Readiness in All Subjects
Massachusetts	43
Connecticut	42
New York	39
New Hampshire	38
New Jersey	37
Minnesota	36
Maine	35
Washington	35
Delaware	34
Rhode Island	34
Pennsylvania	33
Vermont	33
Virginia	32
Wisconsin	32
<b>Washoe County</b>	<b>31</b>
Indiana	31
Iowa	31
Maryland	31
California	30
North Carolina	30
Montana	29
Nebraska	29
South Dakota	29
Kansas	28
Ohio	28
Oregon	27
Utah	27
Idaho	26
Missouri	26
National	25
Alaska	25
District of Columbia	25
Hawaii	25
Nevada	25
Texas	24
Colorado	23
Illinois	23
Georgia	21
North Dakota	21
Michigan	20
Oklahoma	20
South Carolina	19
Alabama	18
Arizona	18
Wyoming	18

Arkansas	17
Florida	17
New Mexico	17
West Virginia	17
Kentucky	16
Louisiana	16
Tennessee	15
Mississippi	10

### Percentage of Graduates Who Took an AP Test

Florida	52.9%
Maryland	48.2%
Arkansas	42.7%
New York	42.7%
Virginia	42.4%
Georgia	41.1%
Massachusetts	39.1%
Colorado	38.8%
Maine	38.7%
District of Columbia	38.6%
California	37.4%
<b>Washoe County</b>	<b>37.0%</b>
Connecticut	37.0%
Texas	35.5%
Vermont	34.5%
Indiana	34.4%
Washington	32.8%
Nevada	31.8%
Utah	31.8%
Delaware	31.6%
Kentucky	31.3%
North Carolina	31.1%
Illinois	30.5%
South Carolina	30.5%
Minnesota	29.9%
Wisconsin	29.6%
New Jersey	28.6%
New Mexico	28.0%
Hawaii	27.6%
Michigan	26.5%
Oregon	26.0%
Alabama	25.7%
New Hampshire	24.3%
Pennsylvania	22.8%
Alaska	22.7%
Oklahoma	22.6%
Rhode Island	22.6%
West Virginia	22.4%
Ohio	21.4%
Tennessee	21.4%
Montana	20.7%
South Dakota	19.8%
Wyoming	19.5%
Idaho	18.4%
Kansas	18.3%
Arizona	17.4%

Iowa	16.2%
Louisiana	16.1%
Missouri	15.9%
Nebraska	14.9%
Mississippi	14.6%
North Dakota	13.7%

State	Average English Score	State	Average Math Score
Massachusetts	23.9	Massachusetts	24.5
Connecticut	23.9	New Jersey	23.9
New Hampshire	23.6	Connecticut	23.8
Maine	23.5	New Hampshire	23.7
New Jersey	23.1	New York	23.7
Rhode Island	22.9	Maine	23.3
New York	22.7	Washington	23.1
Vermont	22.6	Minnesota	23
Washington	22.3	Vermont	22.9
Delaware	22.3	California	22.8
Minnesota	22.1	Rhode Island	22.7
Virginia	22.1	Pennsylvania	22.7
Pennsylvania	22	Indiana	22.5
Nebraska	21.8	Delaware	22.4
Indiana	21.7	Virginia	22.3
California	21.6	North Carolina	22.3
Maryland	21.6	Maryland	22.2
Iowa	21.6	<b>Washoe County</b>	<b>22.1</b>
Wisconsin	21.5	Wisconsin	22
Missouri	21.4	Montana	21.9
Kansas	21.3	Hawaii	21.9
Montana	21.1	Kansas	21.8
Ohio	21.1	South Dakota	21.8
<b>Washoe County</b>	<b>21</b>	Nebraska	21.7
North Carolina	21	Iowa	21.7
South Dakota	21	Oregon	21.6
Idaho	21	Ohio	21.5
Oregon	20.6	Nevada	21.4
West Virginia	20.6	Texas	21.4
Hawaii	20.5	Idaho	21.3
Nevada	20.5	Alaska	21.3
National	20.5	Missouri	21.1
Illinois	20.5	National	21.1
Oklahoma	20.4	Illinois	21
Louisiana	20.4	North Dakota	21
Alaska	20.3	Georgia	20.6
Alabama	20.3	Colorado	20.5
Georgia	20.1	Utah	20.3
Utah	20	Arizona	20.3
Arkansas	20	South Carolina	20.2
Colorado	19.9	Wyoming	20.2

Texas	19.6
North Dakota	19.6
Tennessee	19.6
South Carolina	19.5
Kentucky	19.5
Michigan	19.3
Wyoming	19.2
District of Columbia	19
New Mexico	19
Florida	18.9
Arizona	18.6
Mississippi	18.6

Oklahoma	20.1
Michigan	20.1
Arkansas	20
District of Columbia	20
Florida	20
Louisiana	19.9
West Virginia	19.6
Alabama	19.6
New Mexico	19.6
Kentucky	19.4
Tennessee	19.1
Mississippi	18.3



State	Graduation Rate (%)
Iowa	88
Vermont	87
Wisconsin	87
Indiana	86
Nebraska	86
New Hampshire	86
North Dakota	86
Tennessee	86
Texas	86
Illinois	84
Maine	84
Connecticut	83
Kansas	83
Maryland	83
Massachusetts	83
New Jersey	83
Pennsylvania	83
South Dakota	83
Montana	82
Virginia	82
Arkansas	81
Missouri	81
Hawaii	80
Ohio	80
Wyoming	80
Arizona	78
Delaware	78
North Carolina	78
Minnesota	77
New York	77
Rhode Island	77
California	76
Utah	76
Washington	76
West Virginia	76
Mississippi	75
Colorado	74
Michigan	74
South Carolina	74
Alabama	72
Florida	71
Louisiana	71
<b>Washoe County</b>	<b>70</b>
Alaska	68
Oregon	68
Georgia	67



New Mexico	63
Nevada	62
District of Columbia	59
Idaho	Did Not Report
Kentucky	Did Not Report
Oklahoma	Did Not Report

State	Student ot Teacher Ratio
Vermont	9.4
Nebraska	10.7
Maine	11.9
New Jersey	12
Virginia	12.1
New Hampshire	12.2
North Dakota	12.2
Wyoming	12.3
Rhode Island	12.4
District of Columbia	12.7
New York	12.7
Montana	13.1
Missouri	13.2
Conneticut	13.3
South Dakota	13.7
Massachusetts	13.8
Louisiana	14.1
Kansas	14.2
West Virginia	14.2
Delaware	14.5
Iowa	14.5
Pennsylvania	14.5
Maryland	14.6
Mississippi	14.6
Tennessee	14.8
Arkansas	15.1
Georgia	15.2
North Carolina	15.2
South Carolina	15.2
Texas	15.4
Alaska	15.5
Wisconsin	15.5
New Mexico	15.6
Hawaii	15.7
Florida	15.8
Minnesota	15.9
Kentucky	16
Oklahoma	16.1
Alabama	16.2
Illinois	16.3
Indiana	16.7
Ohio	17.3
Colorado	17.8
Arizona	18
Idaho	18.2
Nevada	18.2

Michigan	18.4
Washington	19.7
<b>Washoe County</b>	<b>20</b>
Oregon	20.2
Utah	21.9
California	25.6

State	\$ Spent per Student
Vermont	\$ 21,924
New York	\$ 19,513
New Jersey	\$ 18,829
Alaska	\$ 18,215
Wyoming	\$ 18,137
Connecticut	\$ 17,800
Pennsylvania	\$ 17,423
Massachusetts	\$ 17,096
Rhode Island	\$ 16,675
Delaware	\$ 16,656
Maine	\$ 16,105
Maryland	\$ 15,959
New Hampshire	\$ 15,826
Hawaii	\$ 15,057
Wisconsin	\$ 14,088
Minnesota	\$ 12,836
West Virginia	\$ 12,710
Illinois	\$ 12,612
Missouri	\$ 12,491
North Dakota	\$ 12,465
Virginia	\$ 12,389
District of Columbia	\$ 12,348
Kansas	\$ 11,748
Oregon	\$ 11,629
Washington	\$ 11,599
Iowa	\$ 11,484
Indiana	\$ 11,291
Montana	\$ 11,268
Louisiana	\$ 11,169
New Mexico	\$ 11,133
South Carolina	\$ 10,945
Arkansas	\$ 10,879
Georgia	\$ 10,748
California	\$ 10,536
South Dakota	\$ 10,360
Ohio	\$ 10,228
Colorado	\$ 10,217
Nebraska	\$ 10,217
Texas	\$ 10,055
Arizona	\$ 10,034
Michigan	\$ 9,733
Alabama	\$ 9,557
Oklahoma	\$ 9,257
Tennessee	\$ 9,163
North Carolina	\$ 9,153
Kentucky	\$ 9,101

Idaho	\$	9,055
Florida	\$	9,053
Mississippi	\$	8,813
<b>Washoe County</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>8,635</b>
Utah	\$	8,247
Nevada	\$	7,473