Education Funding: Where Do Schools Get their Money? How Do They Spend It?

2009-2010 Education Finance (Dollar Amounts in Billions)

NOTE: Finance amounts presented are statistical in nature and do not represent an accounting statement. Therefore, a difference between revenue and expenditure does not indicate a “budget” surplus or deficit.

**Revenue**

- From Federal Sources
  - Vocational Programs $0.8
  - Compensatory Programs $4.6
- From State Sources
  - Transportation $4.0
  - Special Education $16.7
  - LEA State Payments $12.8
- From Local Sources
  - Other & Nonspecified $42.8

Total Revenue $593.7

**Expenditure**

- Current Spending
  - Other Current Spending $27.1
  - Pupil Transportation $22.1
  - Gen. Admin. $9.6
  - Other & Nonspecified Support Services $17.5

- Capital Outlay
  - School Administration $27.8
  - Pupil Support Services $28.6
  - Instructional Staff Support Services $24.8

- Other
  - Instructional Equipment $2.4
  - Other Equipment $6.7
  - Construction $47.0
  - Instruction to Other Governmental Bodies $1.7
  - Payments to Other Governments $1.1

Total Expenditure $602.6

SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Annual Survey of Local Government Finances—School Systems. Data are not subject to sampling error, but for information on nonsampling error and definitions, see introductory text. Data users who create their own estimates from these tables should cite the U.S. Census Bureau as the source of the original data only.