

## Return on Educational Investment A District-by-District Evaluation of U.S. Educational Productivity Center for American Progress by Ulrich Boser

This project measures the academic achievement a school district produces relative to its educational spending, while controlling for factors outside a district's control, such as cost of living and students in poverty including an interactive tool to compare productivity of districts within each state.

Access the interactive tool by visiting:

<http://www.americanprogress.org/issues/education/news/2011/01/19/8879/return-on-educational-investment-findings/>

Click on the link titled Interactive.



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**Note:** This map was updated on April 5, 2011.

Map made possible with help from ESRI.

#### Return on Educational Investment: A district-by-district evaluation of educational productivity

To spark a national dialogue about educational productivity, we've attempted to evaluate the return on investment (ROI) of almost every major school district in the country. By productivity, we mean how much learning a district produces for every dollar spent. We control for factors such as cost of living and students in poverty. Use the map to see how each district performs and click on the tabs to toggle between our three different metrics. We call them **Basic ROI**, **Adjusted ROI**, and **Predicted Index**. [Click here for our methodology and here for additional instructions on how best to use the map.](#)

Basic ROI	Adjusted ROI	Predicted Index
Wayne	OHIO	Pittsburgh
Columbus	Virginia	Philadelphia

**Virginia**  
Identify high-achieving, low-spending school districts

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