



Transportation Costs Report FY 2020

The Department of Education recently released the FY 2020 Transportation Costs Report and IASB's analysis of this report is included below.

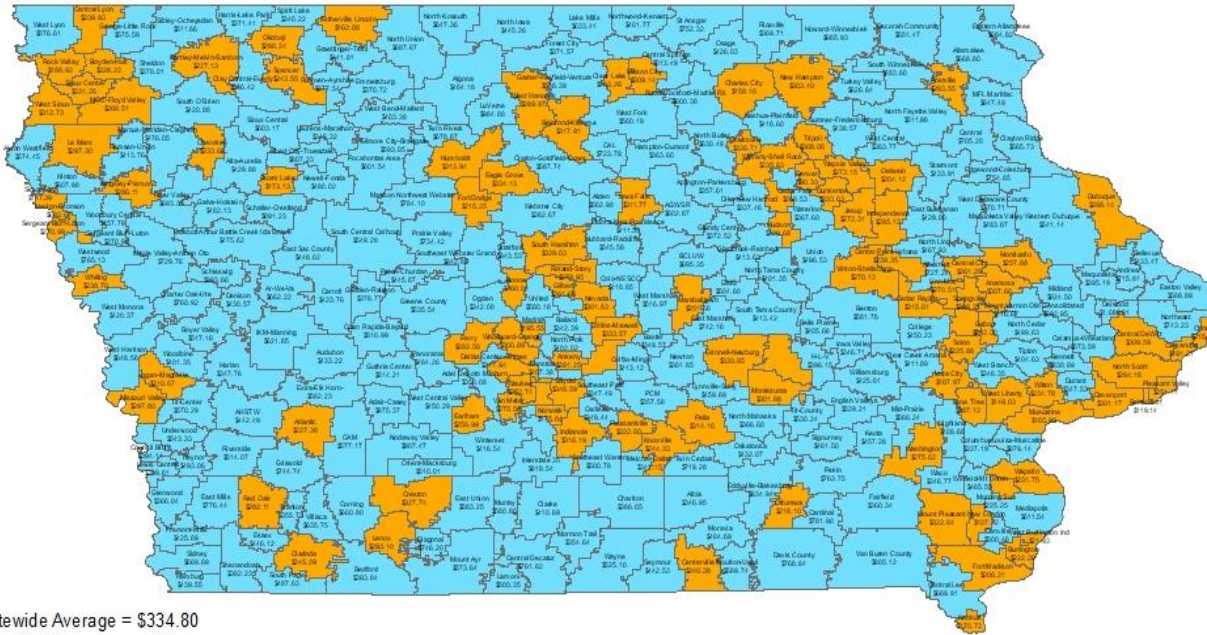
Statewide Look at FY 2020 Transportation Costs and Transportation Aid

The following map provides the average transportation cost per pupil (based on the adjusted net operating cost divided by the certified enrollment less shared time students) for FY 2020. Districts shaded in orange are below the statewide average. Districts shaded in blue are above the statewide average and are projected to receive transportation aid allocation for FY 2022 per the standing appropriation provided for school district transportation aid. The current law requires that last year's appropriation amount that totaled \$26.7 million will increase by a state percent of growth rate established by the legislature. This transportation funding is an appropriation outside the school finance formula and although the overall total amount will likely increase, it is important to note that the specific amount a district may receive will fluctuate from year-to-year. Fluctuations in the statewide average per pupil cost and each district's average cost will have an impact on which districts will receive funding in the future.

- [See a larger map](#)
- [See district specific information \(these amounts will be updated in the future to reflect legislative action impacting transportation aid funding\)](#)



Iowa Association of School Boards Status by School District of the Net Transportation Cost Per Pupil: FY 2020



Statewide Average = \$334.80

Note:
The net operating transportation cost per pupil for each district will impact the amount of transportation aid a district may receive for FY 2022.

Legend

Average Per Pupil Transportation Costs - Status (FY 2020)

- Below the Per Pupil Statewide Average (109 Districts)
- Above the Per Pupil Statewide Average (218 Districts)

Highest Average Per Pupil Cost		Lowest Average Per Pupil Cost	
District	Per Pupil Amount	District	Per Pupil Amount
Delwood	\$ 1,081	West Burlington Ind	\$ 22
LuVerne	\$ 985	Denver	\$ 90
Nodaway Valley	\$ 907	New London	\$ 107
Schleswig	\$ 904	Sioux City	\$ 117
Schaller-Crestland	\$ 891	Bettendorf	\$ 119

Sources:
Iowa Department of Education, Transportation Cost file
IASB analysis and calculations

Governor's Recommendation for Transportation Aid

The governor presented her FY 2022 budget requests on January 12, 2021. Included in her recommendations was a 2.5% SSA state percent of growth rate, increasing transportation aid funding by \$667,000. Based on this recommendation, the total FY 2022 transportation aid would be \$23.4 million and provide funding to districts that were above the statewide per pupil average transportation cost of \$334.80 in FY 2020.

Note: Sources of data include the Department of Education, Transportation file and the Department of Management, School Aid file.