

Nebraska school finance variations

Panhandle schools, 2023-24 to 2024-25

A report earlier this month from Gov. Jim Pillen's office highlighted how year-to-year cuts in state school aid often force K-12 districts to seek more money from property taxes. Four Panhandle districts – Gering, Morrill, Bayard and South Platte – both absorbed aid cuts and raised their 2024-25 tax requests more than the 2.8% statewide average, according to data in the governor’s report.

	State Aid Variation		Special Ed Variation		Prop Tax Variation		Overall Variation	
District	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%
Alliance	\$92,246	3.6%	\$307,165	18.7%	-\$367,565	-3.0%	\$31,846	0.2%
<i>Banner County</i>	-\$133,139	-20.5%	\$11,986	4.0%	\$59,666	2.2%	-\$61,487	-1.7%
Bayard	-\$427,947	-23.2%	\$13,787	3.0%	\$426,907	11.8%	\$12,747	0.2%
<i>Bridgeport</i>	\$146,072	9.2%	\$31,960	4.6%	\$203,843	3.0%	\$381,875	4.2%
Chadron	\$900,740	19.3%	\$41,716	4.0%	\$151,516	2.2%	\$1,093,972	8.7%
<i>Crawford</i>	\$4,968	0.9%	\$5,650	4.0%	\$303,030	10.8%	\$313,648	9.0%
Creek Valley	\$11,027	4.2%	\$16,793	4.0%	-\$29,845	-0.8%	-\$2,025	0%
<i>Garden County</i>	\$38,871	12.7%	\$17,550	4.6%	\$317,080	9.5%	\$373,501	9.3%
Gering	-\$123,004	-1.3%	\$63,954	4.1%	\$870,855	8.6%	\$811,805	3.8%
<i>Gordon-Rushville</i>	-\$6,748	-0.8%	\$47,628	6.9%	\$108,037	1.3%	\$148,917	1.5%
<i>Hay Springs</i>	\$21,914	1.4%	\$3,658	2.6%	\$130,182	7.1%	\$155,754	4.4%
Hemingford	\$15,757	1.3%	\$20,063	4.0%	\$75,365	1.2%	\$111,185	1.3%
<i>Kimball</i>	\$6,756	1.1%	\$16,625	2.9%	\$452,000	7.8%	\$475,381	6.8%
Leyton	\$100,916	46.3%	\$4,042	2.6%	\$88,875	2.2%	\$193,833	4.3%
<i>Minatare</i>	-\$26,744	-0.9%	-\$9,887	-3.7%	\$5,252	1.0%	-\$31,379	-0.8%
<i>Mitchell</i>	-\$407,533	-8.8%	\$17,038	2.9%	\$67,341	2.1%	-\$323,154	-3.8%
Morrill	-\$587,030	-29.2%	\$21,335	4.0%	\$209,976	4.4%	-\$355,719	-4.9%
<i>Potter-Dix</i>	-\$18,084	-2.7%	\$11,998	4.0%	\$61,838	2.1%	\$55,752	1.4%
<i>Scottsbluff</i>	-\$119,835	-0.6%	\$12,821	0.2%	-\$2,644,450	-15.5%	-\$2,751,464	-6.6%
<i>Sidney</i>	-\$465,167	-8.4%	\$43,858	3.7%	-\$1,258	0%	-\$422,567	-2.8%
Sioux County	\$29,460	22.6%	\$11,702	6.2%	\$75,401	2.0%	\$116,563	2.8%
South Platte	-\$92,862	-12.2%	\$125,171	39.9%	\$438,935	14.2%	\$471,244	11.3%
Panhandle schools	-\$1,039,366	-1.7%	\$836,613	4.7%	\$1,002,981	0.8%	\$800,228	0.4%
Statewide	-\$16,581,144	-1.4%	\$21,763,972	4.8%	\$76,076,585	2.8%	\$81,250,413	1.9%

1. Districts in **boldface** had both a cut in 2024-25 state aid and a 2024-25 property tax increase over the statewide average.
2. Districts in *italics* had either a 2024-25 state aid cut or a 2024-25 property tax increase over the statewide average.
Source: Governor’s Policy Research Office