

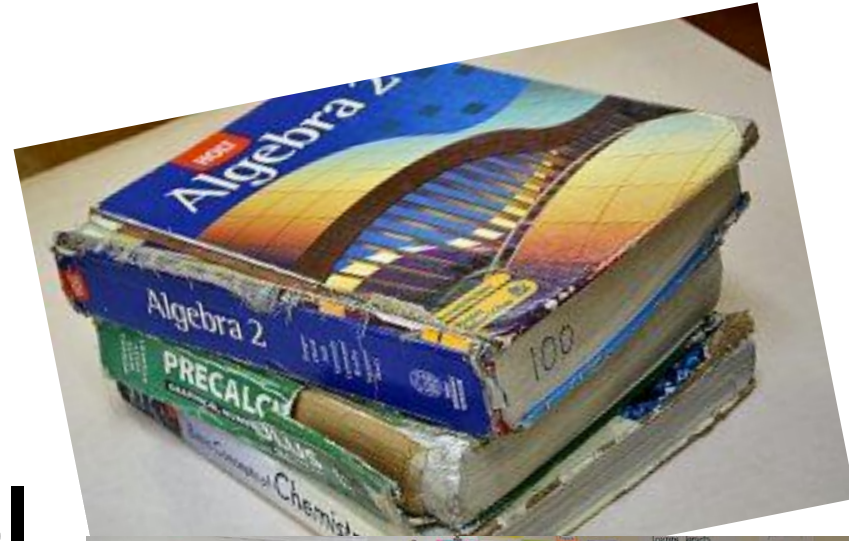
EDUCATION IN UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



Education in the United States is provided by public, private and home schools.



State governments set overall educational standards, often mandate standardized tests for K–12 public school systems and supervise, usually through a board of regents, state colleges, and universities



Funding comes from the state, local, and federal government.



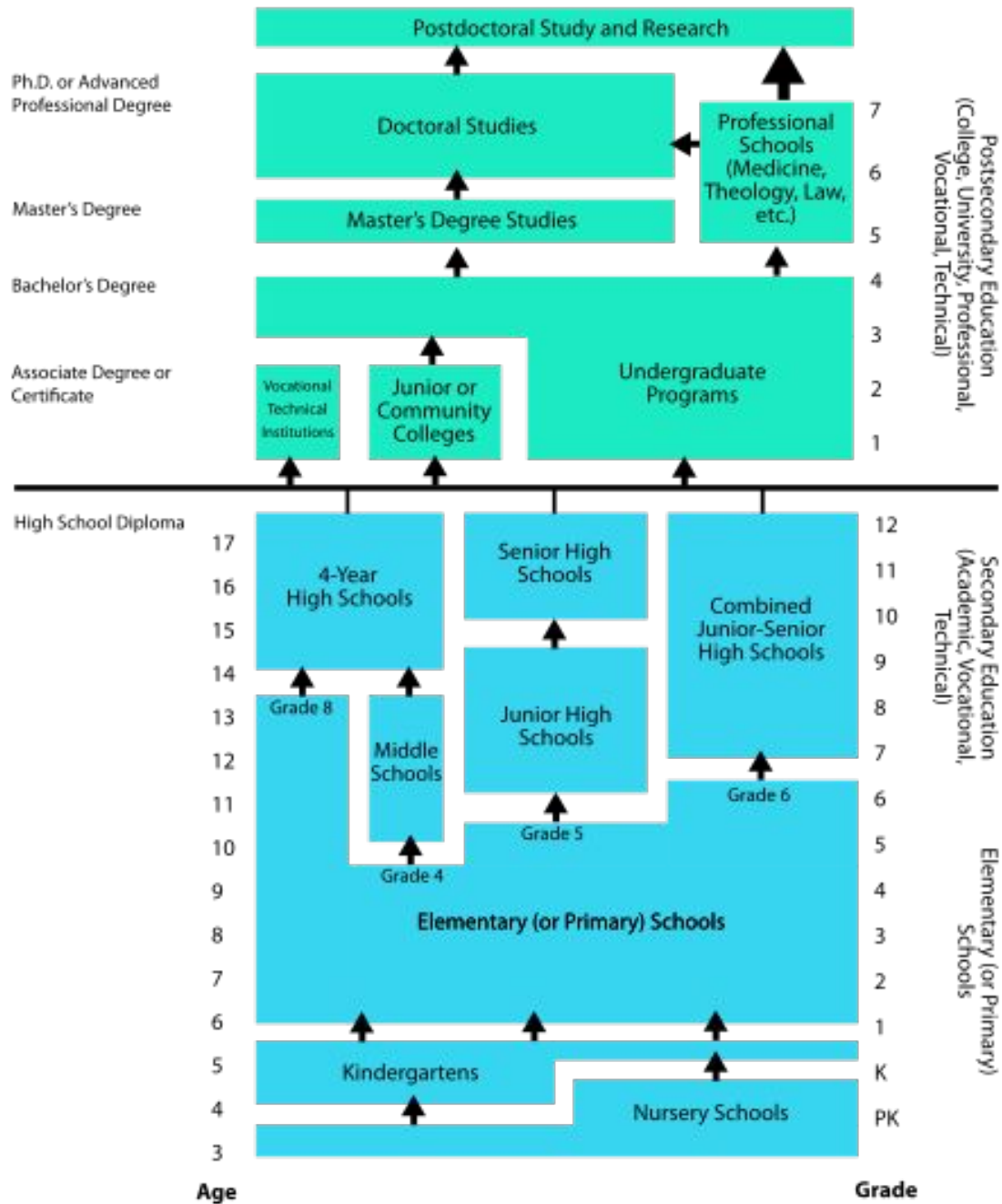


The United States spends more per student on education than any other country. In 2014, the Pearson/Economist Intelligence Unit rated US education as 14th best in the world, just behind Russia.

By state law, education is compulsory over an age range starting between five and eight and ending somewhere between ages sixteen and eighteen, depending on the state. This requirement can be satisfied in **public schools, state-certified private schools,** or an approved **home school program.** In most schools, compulsory education is divided into three levels: **elementary school, middle or junior high school, and high school.**



Diagram of education in the United States



Education of students with special needs

Commonly known as *special classes*, are taught by teachers with training in adapting curricula to meet the needs of students with special needs.



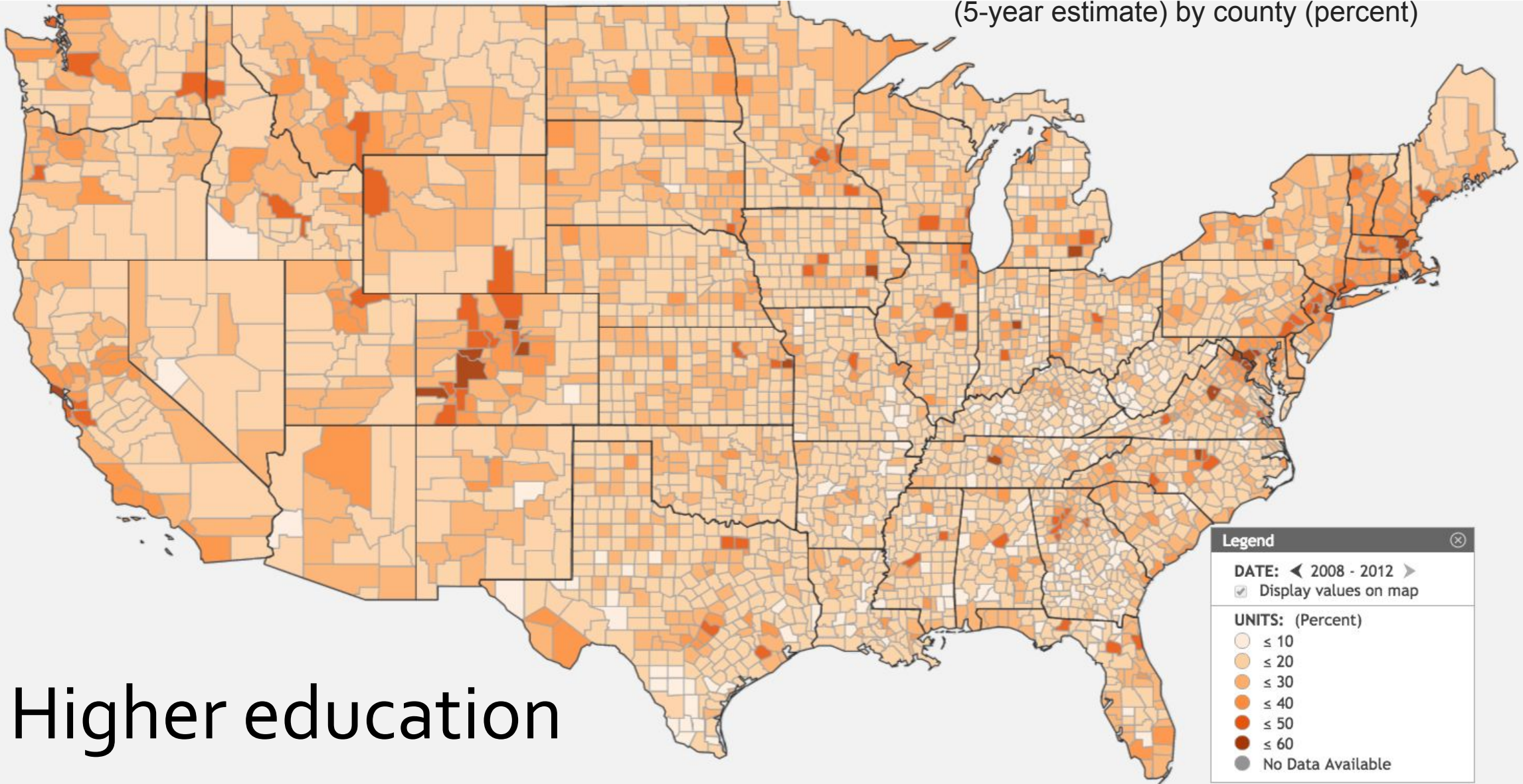
PS 721, a Special Education school in Brooklyn, New York

Educating children with disabilities



The federal law, Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requires states to ensure that all government-run schools provide services to meet the individual needs of students with special needs, as defined by the law. All students with special needs are entitled to a free and appropriate public education (FAPE).

2008–2012 bachelor's degree or higher
(5-year estimate) by county (percent)



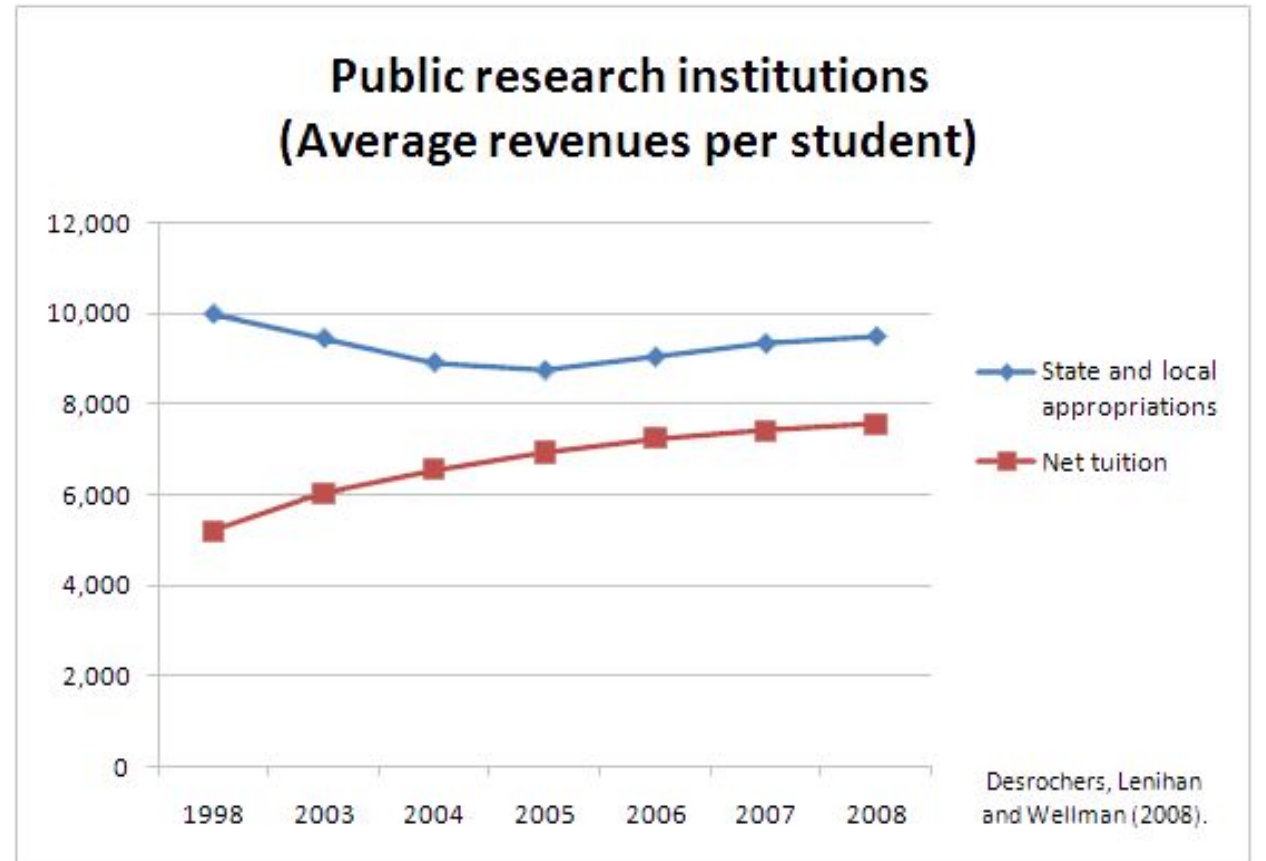
Higher education

Educational attainment in the United States, age 25 and over (2009)[135]

Education	Percentage
High school graduate	86.68%
Some college	55.60%
Associate or bachelor's degree	38.54%
Bachelor's degree	29.0%
Master's degree	7.62%
Doctorate or professional degree	2.94%



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