

The average current expense cost in 1924 of educating a pupil in the schools of the twenty-three counties was \$47. Graded schools having three or more teachers with better trained teachers, more equipment, and expenditures for transportation cost less per pupil than rural schools having one or two teachers chiefly because the classes were larger. Transportation was provided at public expense for 6,500 pupils at a cost of \$188,500.

Two-thirds of the white high schools, nearly a third of the white elementary and three-fifths of colored schools in the counties reported that they had parent-teacher associations organized in 1924.

The index number for judging educational efficiency based on five items which evaluate attendance and five which indicate public interest as proved by financial support of schools, continues to show improvement for Maryland. For 1924 it registers 77.8 points in the entire State and 61.0 in the twenty-three counties, including both white and colored schools. In 1918 the index number for Maryland was 43.2 points. The goal is 100.

1924 EDUCATIONAL INDEX NUMBER FOR MARYLAND.

All Schools		White Schools		Colored Schools	
County	1924 Index Number	County	1924 Index Number	County	1924 Index Number
Baltimore	77.8*	Baltimore	80.1*	Allegany	83.8*
Allegany	74.7*	Allegany	74.5*	Baltimore	50.4*
Montgomery	65.4*	Montgomery	73.6*	Frederick	45.0*
Frederick	63.6*	Talbot	73.5*	Carroll	44.9*
Talbot	62.6*	Queen Anne's	69.8*	Wicomico	43.2*
Carroll	62.3*	Prince George's	66.2*	Caroline	42.1*
Harford	61.7*	Anne Arundel	66.1*	Harford	40.7*
Washington	61.3*	Kent	65.6*	Anne Arundel	39.8*
Queen Anne's	60.5*	Frederick	65.6*	Somerset	39.1*
Prince George's	60.1*	Harford	63.8*	Cecil	39.0*
Cecil	59.9*	Wicomico	63.6*	Prince George's	37.6*
Wicomico	59.0*	Worcester	63.5*	Talbot	37.5*
Anne Arundel	58.0*	Carroll	63.1*	Dorchester	36.0*
Caroline	57.1*	Howard	62.7*	Washington	35.7*
Howard	56.9*	Caroline	62.2*	Kent	33.9*
Kent	56.5*	Cecil	62.0*	Queen Anne's	33.9*
Worcester	55.7*	Washington	61.9*	Worcester	32.1*
Garrett	55.4*	Dorchester	60.3*	Montgomery	30.3*
Dorchester	53.1*	Calvert	60.1*	Charles	30.2*
Somerset	52.5*	Somerset	59.8*	Howard	29.0*
Calvert	48.9*	Garrett	55.4*	Calvert	26.7*
Charles	44.4*	Charles	53.2*	St. Mary's	25.1*
St. Mary's	43.2*	St. Mary's	48.1*		
County Average	61.0	County Average	65.5	County Average	38.3
Baltimore City	102.1	Baltimore City	102.3	Baltimore City	101.4
State Average	77.8	State Average	80.6	State Average	62.8

* For individual counties, in order to eliminate wide fluctuations from year to year, the average of capital outlay expenditures for the past four years was used instead of expenditures in 1924 only. For the last three items at the bottom of the columns, 1924 expenditures for capital outlay were used in computing the index numbers.

Board of Education—Baltimore City.

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