

IDEA Money Watch

because we need to know where the money goes

Federal Appropriations for IDEA Part B, Section 611 (children ages 3–21)

| Fiscal year | Children served (in thousands) | Appropriation (in thousands of dollars) | Federal share per child served (whole dollars) | Percentage of APPE |
|-------------|--------------------------------|---|--|--------------------|
| 1988 | 4,236 | 1,431,737 | 338 | 9% |
| 1989 | 4,347 | 1,475,449 | 339 | 8% |
| 1990 | 4,419 | 1,542,610 | 349 | 8% |
| 1991 | 4,567 | 1,854,186 | 406 | 9% |
| 1992 | 4,727 | 1,976,095 | 418 | 8% |
| 1993 | 4,896 | 2,052,728 | 419 | 8% |
| 1994 | 5,101 | 2,149,686 | 421 | 8% |
| 1995 | 5,467 | 2,322,915 | 425 | 8% |
| 1996 | 5,629 | 2,323,837 | 413 | 7% |
| 1997 | 5,806 | 3,107,522 | 535 | 9% |
| 1998 | 5,978 | 3,807,700 | 636 | 11% |
| 1999 | 6,133 | 4,310,700 | 701 | 11% |
| 2000 | 6,274 | 4,989,685 | 793 | 12% |
| 2001 | 6,381 | 6,339,685 | 991 | 14% |
| 2002 | 6,483 | 7,528,533 | 1,159 | 15% |
| 2003 | 6,611 | 8,874,398 | 1,340 | 17% |
| 2004 | 6,723 | 10,068,106 | 1,495 | 18% |
| 2005 | 6,820 | 10,589,746 | 1,558 | 18% |
| 2006 | 6,814 | 10,582,961 | 1,551 | 18% |
| 2007 | 6,796 | 10,782,961 | 1,584 | 17% |
| 2008 | 6,718 | 10,947,511 | 1,609 | 17% |
| 2009 | 6,599 | 22,805,211* | 3,453 | 33% |
| 2010 | 6,614 | 11,505,211 | 1,736 | 16% |
| 2011 | 6,552 | 11,465,960 | 1,745 | 16% |
| 2012 | 6,543 | 11,577,855 | 1,766 | 16% |
| 2013 | 6,574 | 10,974,866 | 1,674 | 15% |
| 2014 | 6,593 | 11,472,848 | 1,743 | 16% |
| 2015 | 6,691 | 11,497,848 | 1,717 | 16% |
| 2016 | 6,691 | 11,912,848 | 1,777 | 16% |
| 2017 | 6,808 | 12,002,813 | 1,751 | 15% |
| 2018 | 6,882 | 12,277,848 | 1,738 | 14% |
| 2019 | 7,130 | 12,364,392 | 1,731 | 13% |
| 2020 | 7,239 | 12,764,392 | 1,762 | 13% |
| 2021 | 7,389 | 12,864,392 | 1,739 | 13% |

*2009 includes funds made available under the ARRA (P.L. 111–15).

2013 reflects the impact of sequestration required under the Budget Control Act of 2011. 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 are estimates.

Source: U.S. Department of Education. "Special Education Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Request."