

Section 7
**State Formula Grant Aid as a Percentage of
Selected Current Expenditures (SCE) from 1999-2000 to 2003-04**

Sorted in Quintiles by ECS Wealth Rank

The analysis on the following page illustrates state support of selected current expenditures for public elementary and secondary education for fiscal years 1999-2000 through 2003-04. As used in this analysis, selected current expenditures include all educational expenditures except those supported by miscellaneous revenues, state and federal prepayment grants, school construction, nonelementary/secondary education (e.g., adult education), nonpublic and capital building expenditures, and debt service. State aid includes the following grants: Education Cost Sharing (ECS), special education, public transportation and vocational agriculture.

The data in this analysis are sorted in quintiles — five groups of school districts based on 2004-05 ECS town wealth. This analysis is based on 158 school districts (169 towns less the 20 K-12 regional member towns plus the 9 K-12 regional districts). To avoid duplication, the eight high school districts are not included. Groups 2, 3 and 4 include 32 school districts, while Groups 1 and 5 include 31. A list of the school districts in each quintile appears following the analysis.

This analysis includes new state aid as a percentage of new selected current expenditures. It also isolates the portion of new education spending that is derived from state effort versus local effort. A figure of 100 percent, for example, would mean that all new spending for that year was subsidized by state grant revenues.