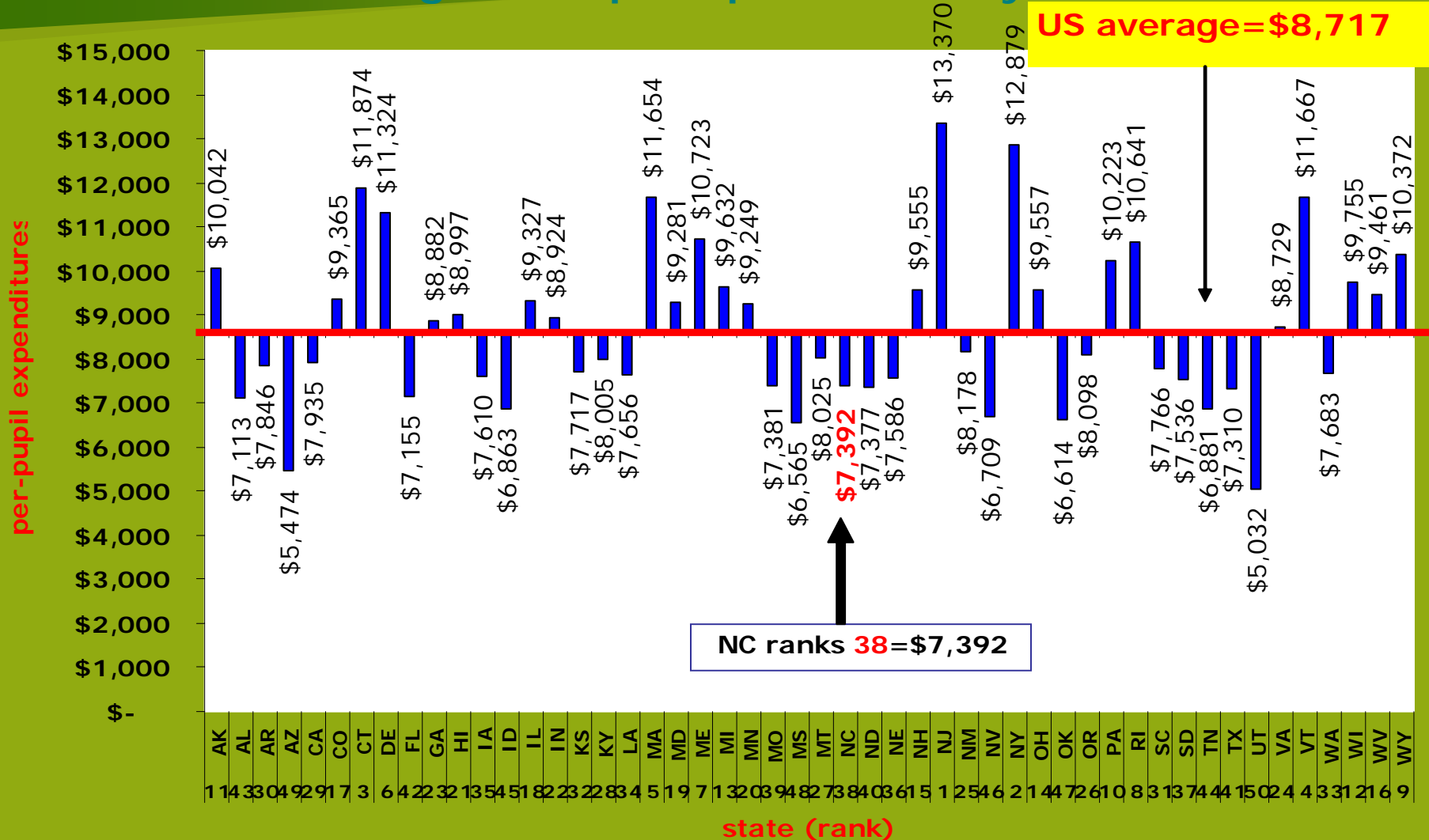


# A Quick Look at School Funding in Wake County & North Carolina

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# North Carolina is a Low-Spending State. In 2006-07, it ranked 38th...

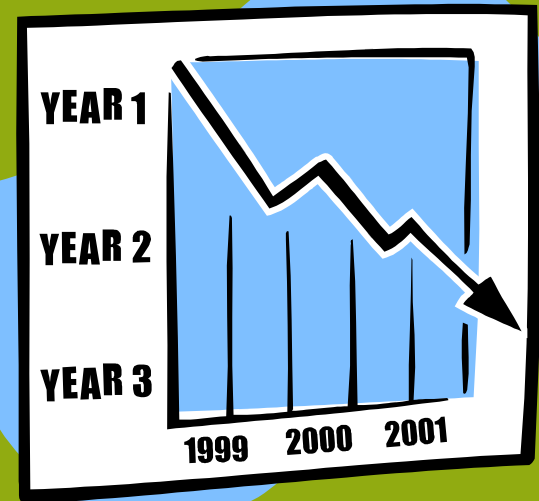
## Ranking Per-Pupil Expenditures by State



# In 2007-08, North Carolina dropped to 40<sup>th</sup> in School Spending

## 2007-08 Data:

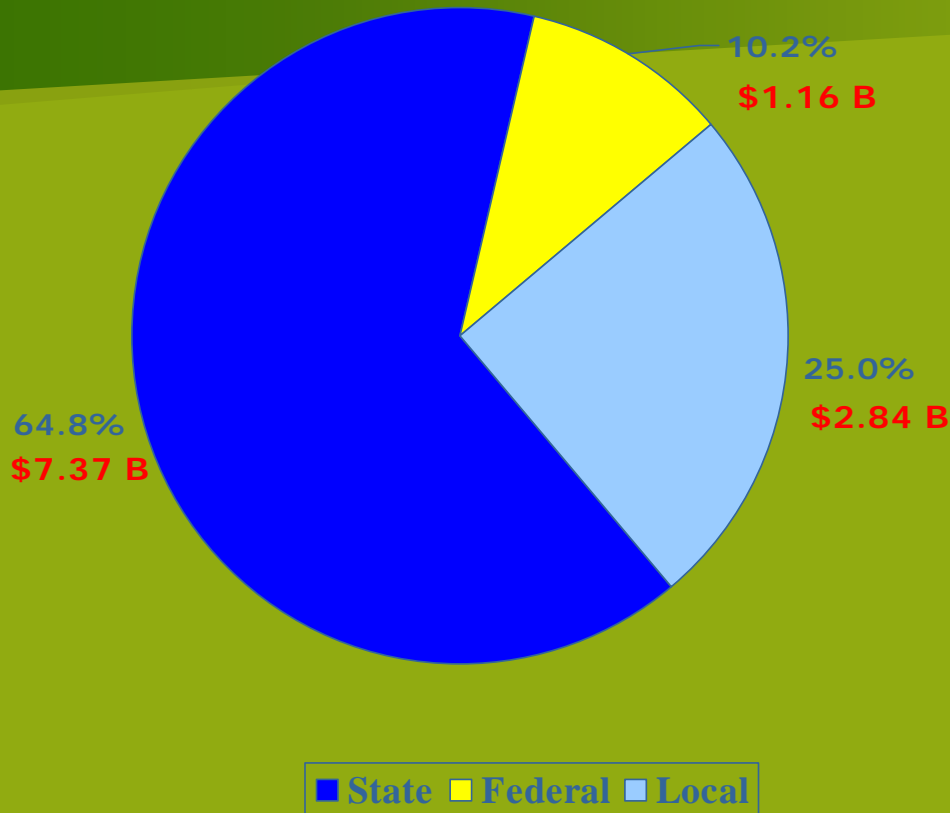
- North Carolina = \$8,615
- U.S. Average = \$9,963
  - Difference of \$1,348



# Local Homeowners Benefit from High State Contribution to Schools



# NC's 2007-08 Sources of School Funding



## National Average:

State = 47.9%

Local = 43.3%

Federal = 8.8%

## New Jersey:

State = 36.1%

Local = 60.6%

Federal = 3.3%

## Pennsylvania:

State = 36.4%

Local = 56.6%

Federal = 7.0%

# Wake County Supports Relatively High Per Pupil Spending with Low Tax Effort



# Per Pupil Expenditure Ranking:

County	Rank	Total Current Spending per Pupil	County	Rank	Total Current Spending per Pupil
Orange	1	\$3,817	<b>Wake</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>\$2,007</b>
Dare	2	\$3,780	Brunswick	12	\$1,995
Durham	3	\$2,662	Forsyth	13	\$1,886
Mecklenburg	4	\$2,424	Transylvania	14	\$1,828
New Hanover	5	\$2,360	Buncombe	15	\$1,805
Chatham	6	\$2,354	Haywood	16	\$1,685
Guilford	7	\$2,205	Moore	17	\$1,659
Watauga	8	\$2,114	Hyde	18	\$1,638
Currituck	9	\$2,108	Union	19	\$1,629
Carteret	10	\$2,061	Polk	20	\$1,628

Data Source: 2008 Local School Finance Study (FY 2006-07)

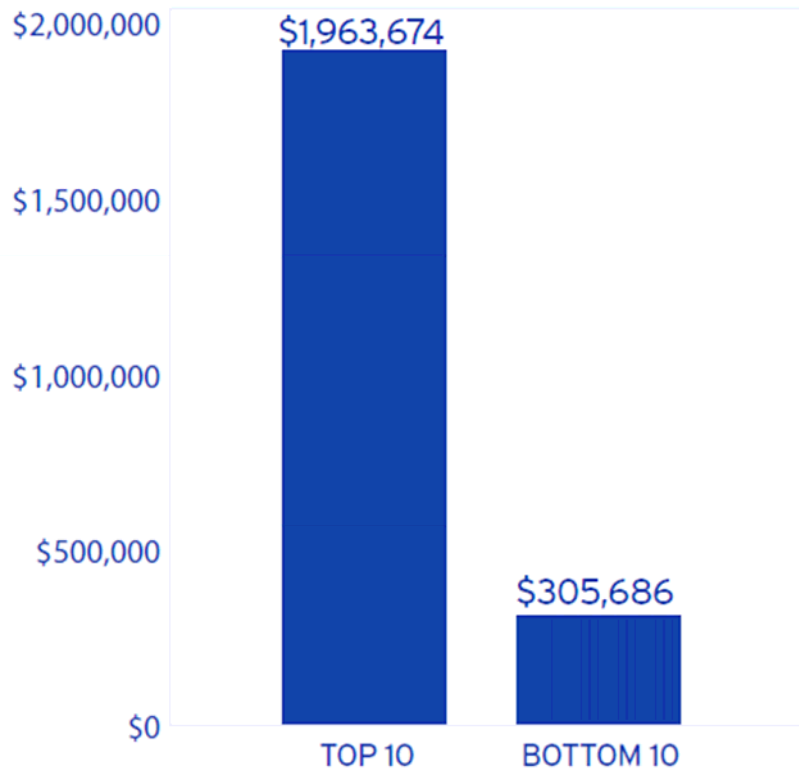
# Average Effective Tax Rate:

- Wake County = \$0.531
- State Average = \$0.573



# Adjusted Property Tax Base per Student:

Taxable Real Estate Wealth Available Per Child in the Wealthiest & Poorest Counties



- Wake County = \$715,770
- State Average = \$602,180
- Top 10 = \$1,963,674
- Bottom 10 = \$305,686

# Contrary to Popular Opinion, Wake's Transportation Costs are Comparable to or Lower than Other "Urbans"...

District	Buses	Pupils	Miles	Cost	Cost per Pupil	Cost per Mile
Wake	798	66,151	14,906,356	35,824,518	541.56	2.40
CMS	1,149	80,584	22,699,476	52,516,629	651.70	2.31
Forsyth	372	27,433	6,929,603	15,701,686	572.36	2.27
Durham	263	16,883	3,720,790	12,950,137	767.05	3.48
Guilford	618	38,703	9,403,547	26,429,812	682.89	2.81

# And Wake's Per Pupil Spending is Lower than Charlotte, which has Gone to Neighborhood Schools

## Per Pupil Spending Analysis

Charlotte-Mecklenburg	\$8,595 / pupil
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Wake County	\$8,117 / pupil
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Difference	\$478 / pupil
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If Wake spent as much as Charlotte-Mecklenburg, the overall budget would increase by \$65,964,000.

# To Sum it Up...

1. NC & Wake County spend less per pupil than other states
2. NC Homeowners spend less on schools than those in other states
3. Because of its high tax base, Wake can support schools with a low tax rate
4. Wake's bussing costs are in line with or lower than other urban school districts
5. Wake is spending less per pupil than urban neighborhood districts