

NH SCHOOL

Funding Fairness Project

*Advocating to make
school funding more equitable
for students and taxpayers alike*

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Which Home Has the Larger School Property Tax Bill?



“An absolutely wonderful, 3-bedroom, 2 bath home...major addition in 2002 and a major renovation in 2017...first floor features a spacious living room with a completely rebuilt stone fireplace and hearth...Over the garage is the added rec room...multilevel decks, a peaceful screened porch, and spacious yard ”



“This adorable 2 bedroom home offers a full front covered porch just waiting for you to sip your morning coffee or swing from a hammock, an open concept kitchen and living room with cathedral ceilings, a HUGE bathroom complete with first floor laundry, a first floor bedroom and a park like front and back yard.”



Which Home Has the Larger School Property Tax Bill?



Tuftonboro

2021 market price: \$568,500
2020 assessed value: \$373,900

2020 school property tax: **\$1,948**



Hillsborough

2021 market price: \$156,000
2020 assessed value: \$117,100

2020 school property tax: **\$1,994**



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Easton

2021 market price: \$759,000
2020 assessed value: \$476,800

2020 school property tax: **\$4,196**



Haverhill

2021 market price: \$385,000
2020 assessed value: \$218,500

2020 school property tax: **\$4,084**



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Rye

2021 market price: \$740,000
2020 assessed value: \$520,500

2020 school property tax: **\$3,201**



Rochester

2021 market price: \$155,500
2020 assessed value: \$140,400

2020 school property tax: **\$1,966**



Role of Property Taxes & Resulting Inequities

Equalized Valuation and Tax Rates for Select NH Schools, 2020-21

Town	Pupils	Equalized Value Per Pupil	Equalized School Tax Rate	Amount Raised Per Pupil
New Hampshire	166,261	\$1,346,793	11.21	\$15,098
Portsmouth	2,117	\$3,399,350	6.10	\$20,736
Milford	2,184	\$902,842	16.21	\$14,635
Bow	1,440	\$943,418	14.64	\$13,812
Claremont	1,609	\$523,285	20.37	\$10,659
Newport	790	\$649,873	15.42	\$10,021
Brentwood	748	\$1,085,324	17.23	\$18,700
New London	342	\$4,264,231	9.67	\$41,235
Bristol	349	\$1,662,424	10.35	\$17,206



Disparities Can Compound to Limit Opportunity

Elementary Per Pupil Expenditures, 2020-2021

Rye \$28,865

Rochester \$18,205

**PER PUPIL
DIFFERENCE** \$10,957

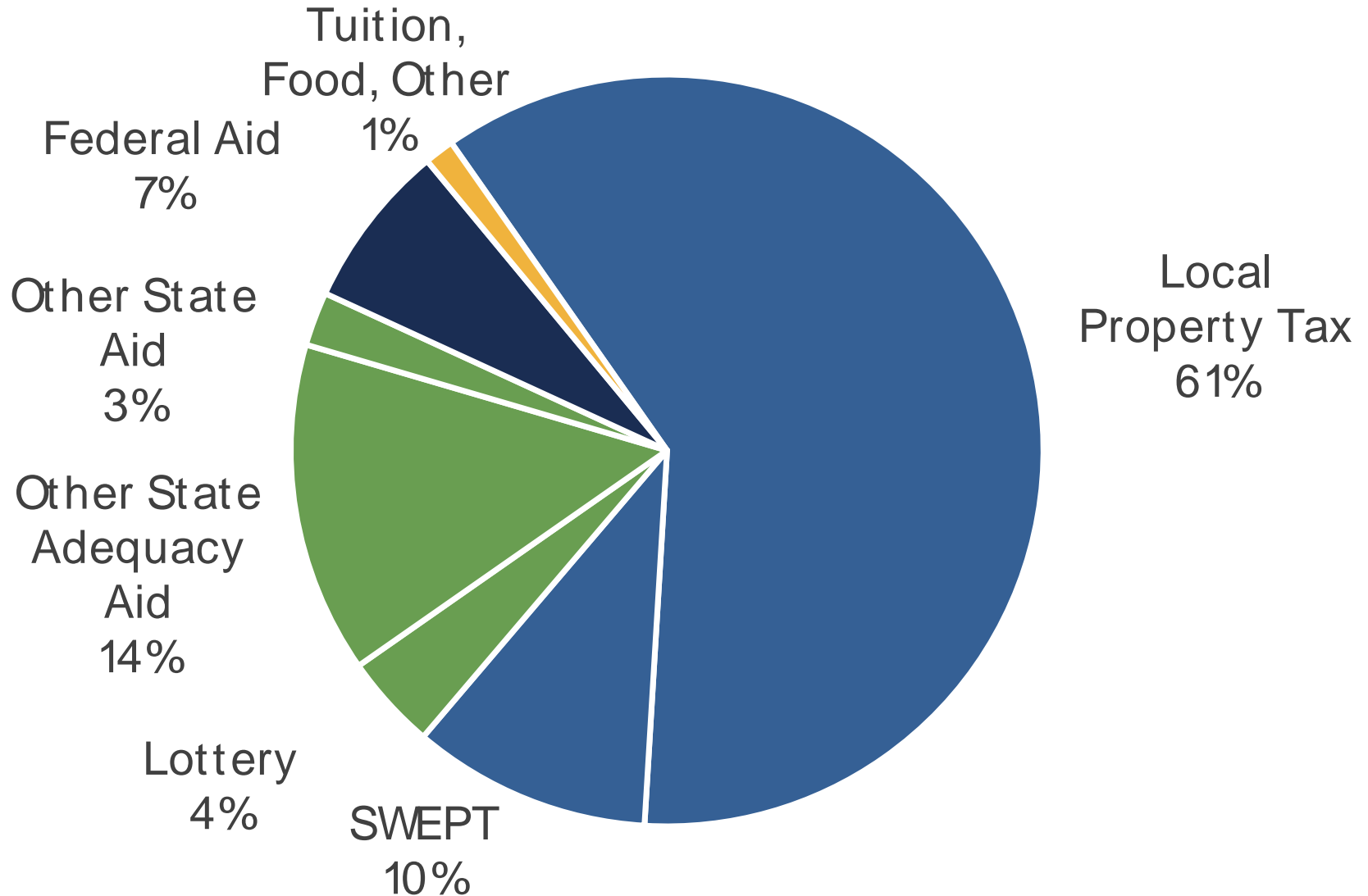
Classroom size 20

**CLASSROOM
DIFFERENCE** \$213,200

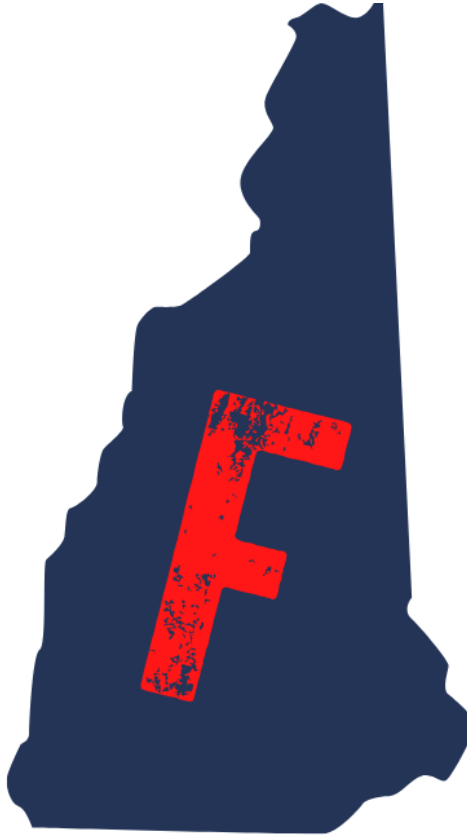


NH Relies Overwhelmingly on Local Property Taxes to Fund Public Education

2020-2021 Revenue of NH School Districts - \$3.54 billion



NH Receives an “F” in Funding Distribution From the Education Law Center’s “Making the Grade” Report



The Granite State had the biggest funding disparity between wealthy and low-income communities in the country.

