

2024 Candidate Webinar Series



Tuesday, 8/13 at 12pm – NH Businesses for Social Responsibility

Thursday, 8/15 at 12pm – Disability Rights Center – NH

Tuesday, 8/20 at 12pm – NH Hunger Solutions

Thursday, 8/22 at 12pm – AARP

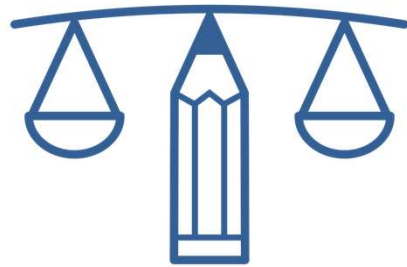
Tuesday, 8/27 at 12pm – NH Center for Justice and Equity

Thursday, 8/29 at 10am – Housing Action NH

Tuesday, 9/3 at 12pm – MomsRising

Thursday, 9/5 at 12pm – Reaching Higher NH





NH SCHOOL

Funding Fairness Project

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



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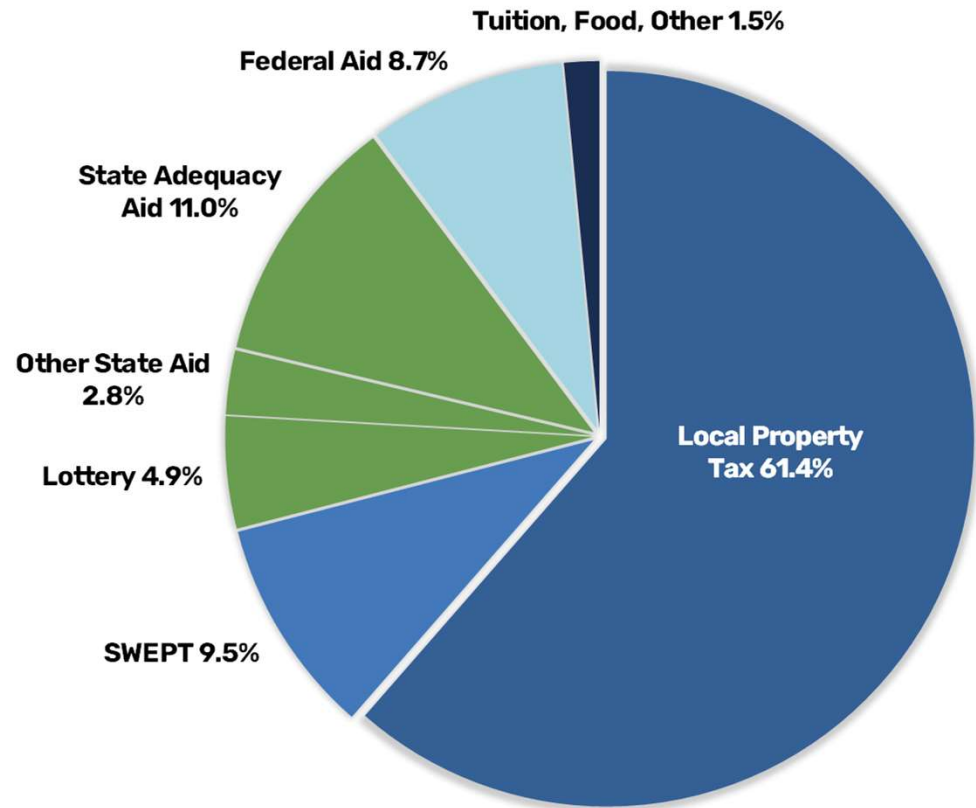
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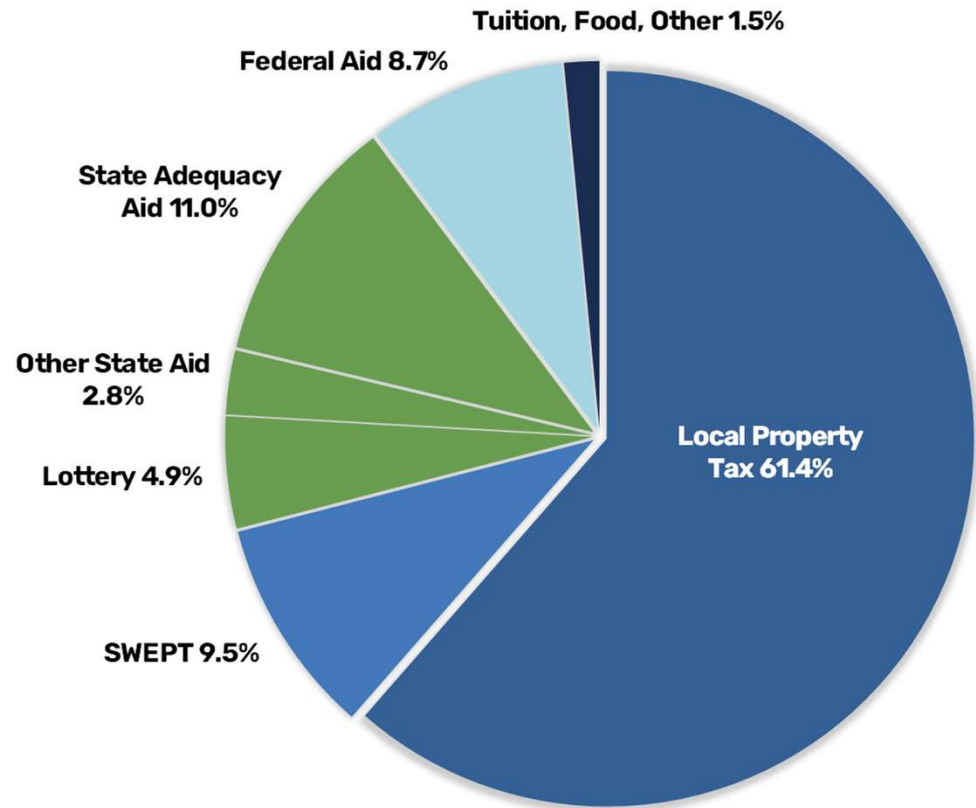
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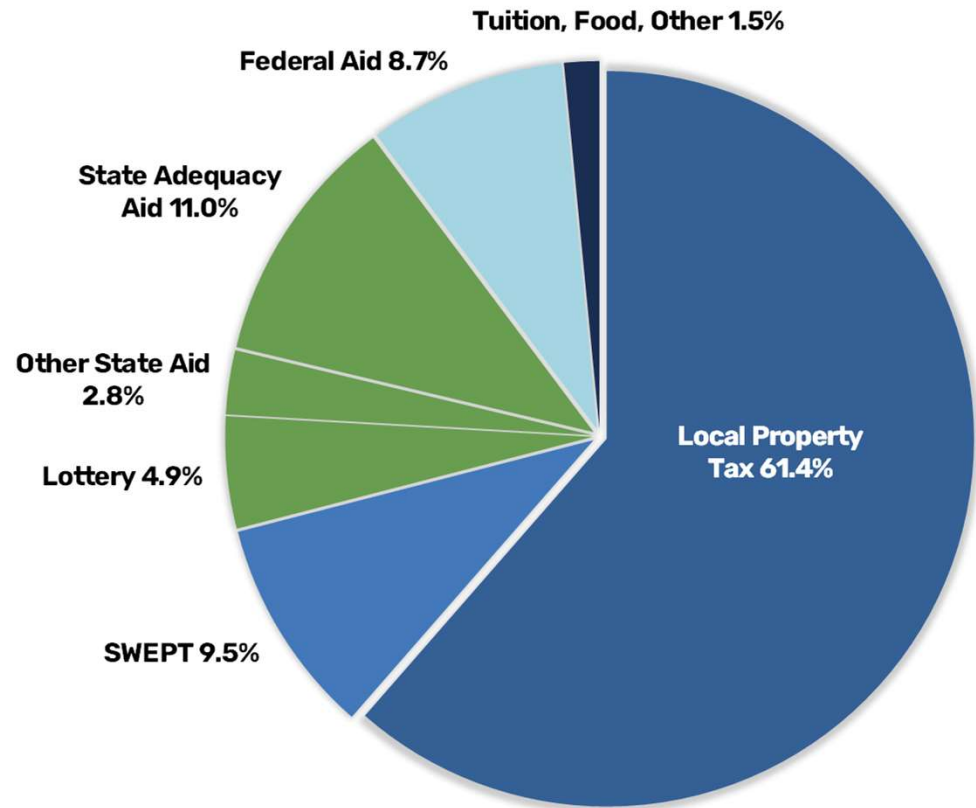
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Calculating the Cost of an Adequate Education

Every student receives **\$4,100** in 'Base Adequacy'

+ \$2,300

for each student eligible for free or reduced-priced lunch

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For each student receiving special education services

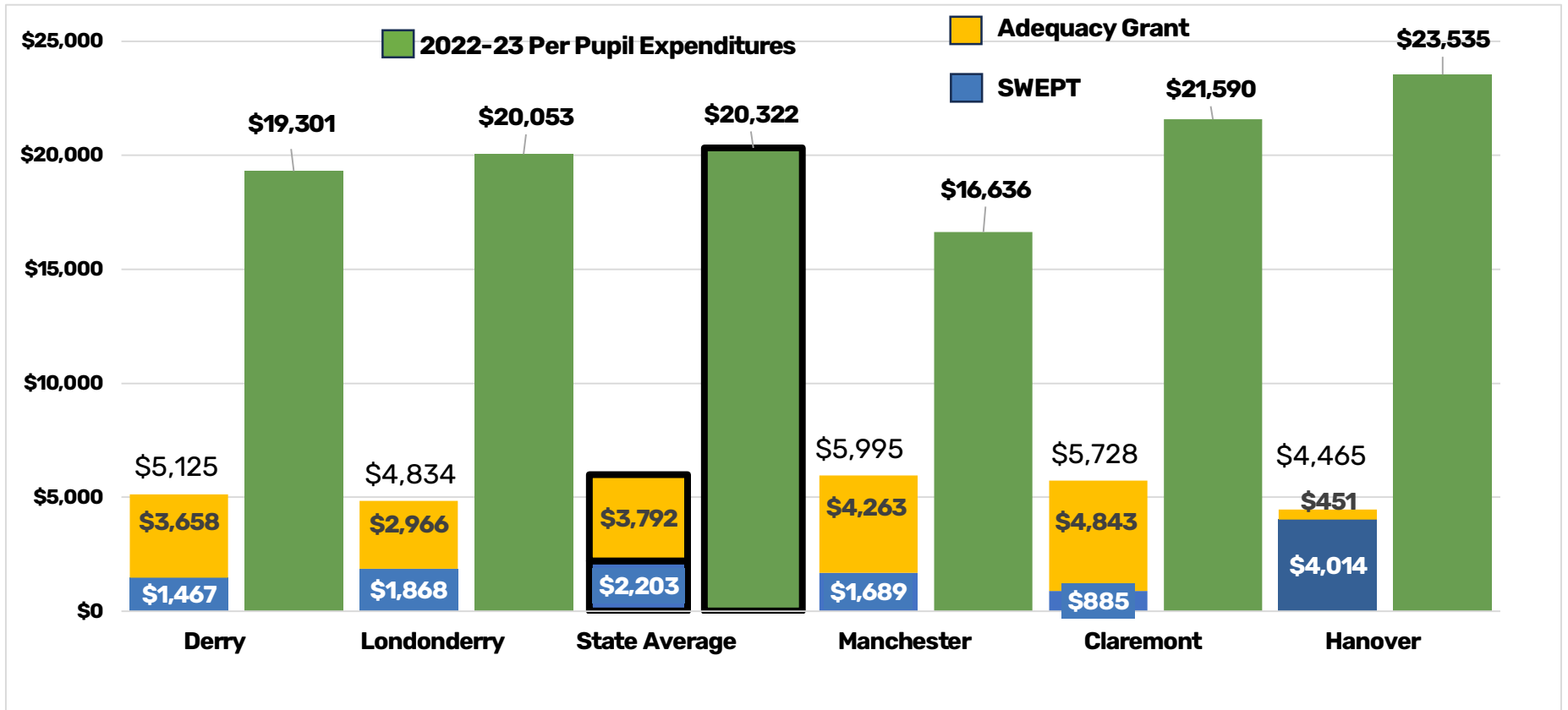
+ \$800

For each student who is an English Language Learner

= \$5,995

Average State Aid Per Student

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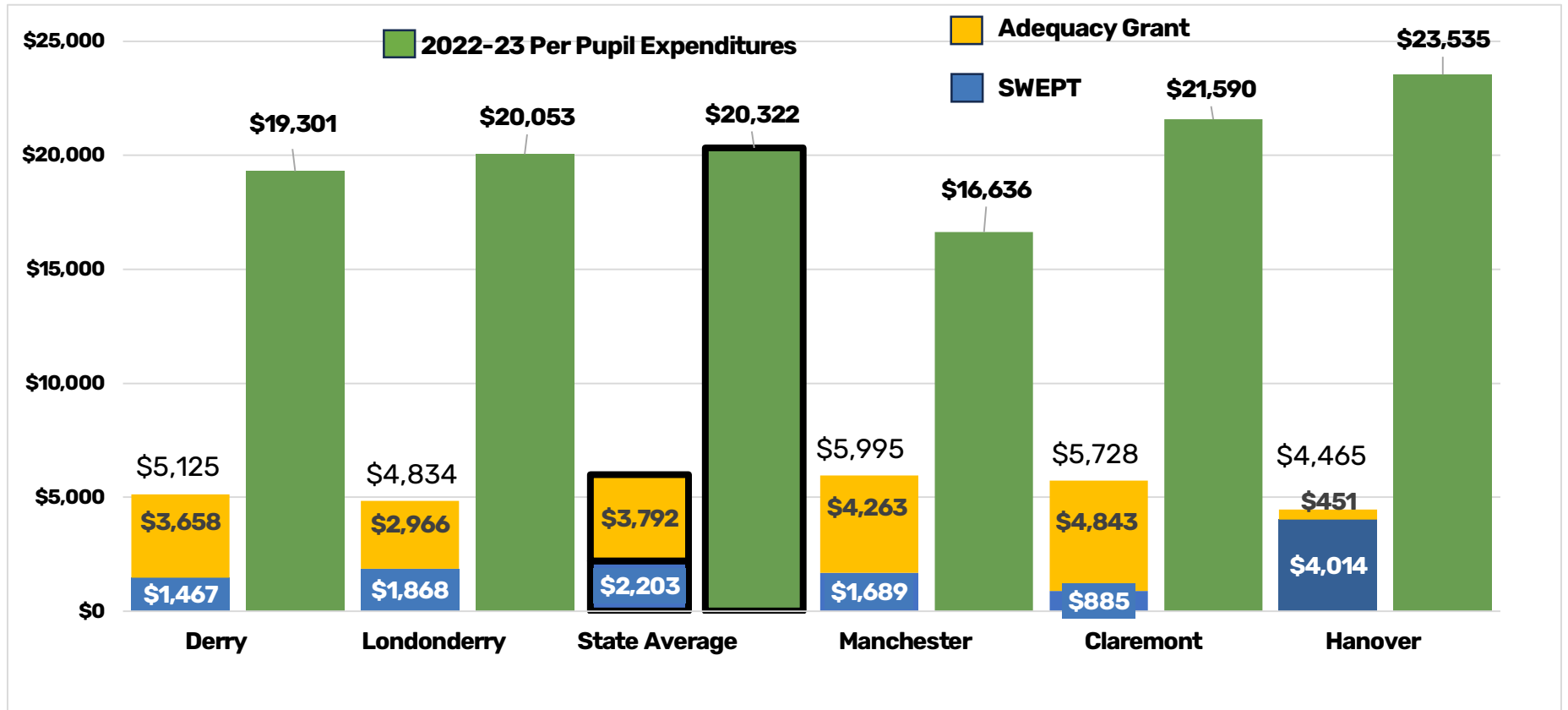
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Advanced Placement Courses

- High Schools with an equalized value per pupil over \$1,000,000 had higher AP scores on average.
- High Schools with fewer students receiving Free and Reduced-Price Lunch (FRL) had greater participation in AP courses and exams.
- High schools with higher percentages of students who were FRL eligible had a smaller percentage of students taking AP exams.

Application, Admittance, and Enrollment at UNH

- The 10 schools with the lowest Equalized Value Per Pupil (EVPP) had lower rates of application, admittance, and enrollment at UNH than schools with high EVPP.
- The 10 schools with the highest percentages of students eligible for Free and Reduced-Price Lunch (FRL) had lower rates of application, admittance, and enrollment at UNH than schools with low percentages.
- The percentage of students FRL-eligible had a greater impact on enrollment to UNH than the EVPP of the school.

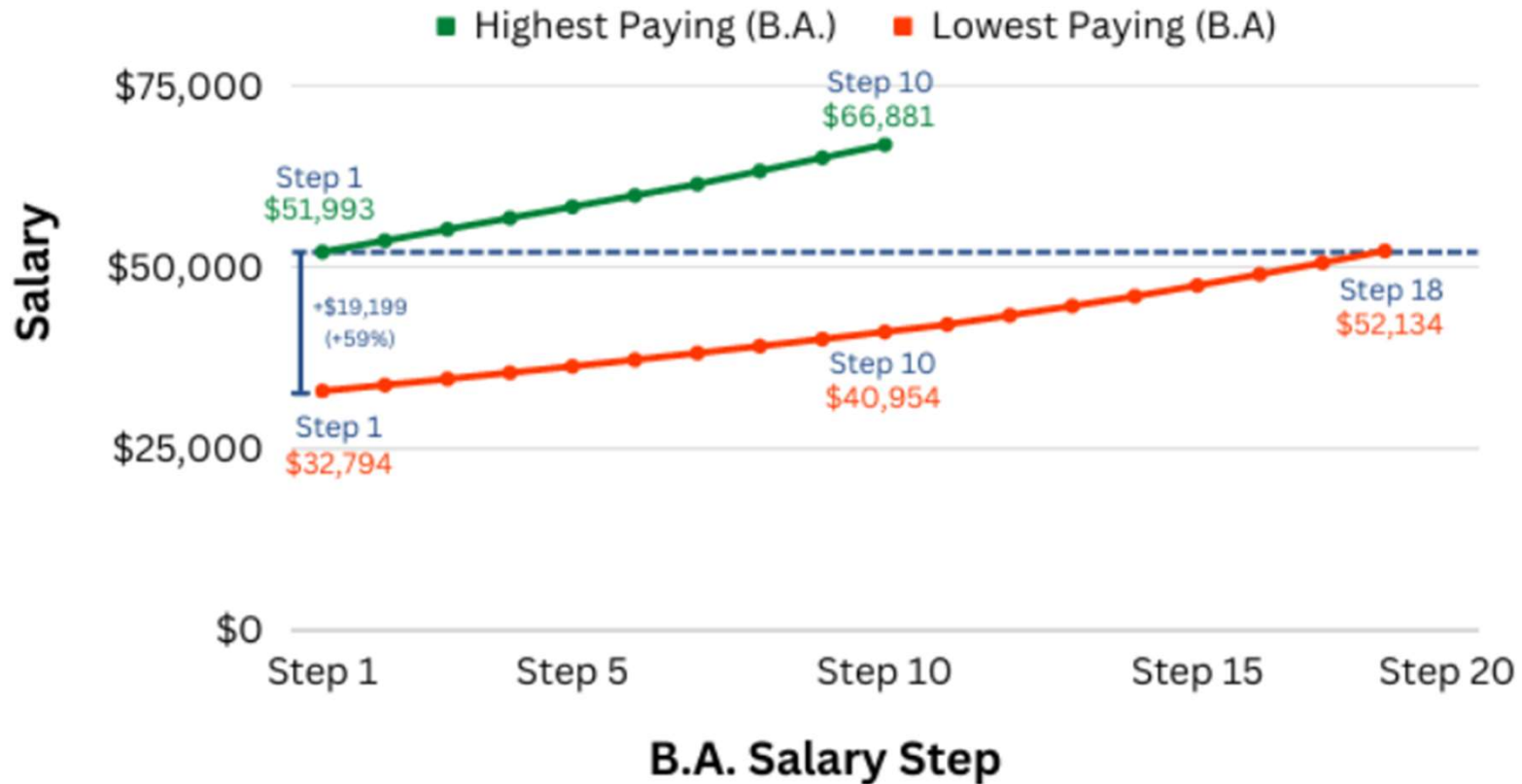
Variations in SAT Scores in NH Public Schools

- Among the seventy-nine high schools for which we had scored, the average student score over 3 years was the lowest at Manchester West High School (905) and the highest at Hanover High School (1283).
- High schools with a higher percentage of students eligible for Free and Reduced-Price Lunch (FRL) had lower scores.
- Students in high schools in property-poor districts (equalized property value per student below \$900,000) had lower average scores than those with higher property values per student.

First-Year Teacher Salary Variation in Communities with <\$2m Per Pupil, by District (2021)



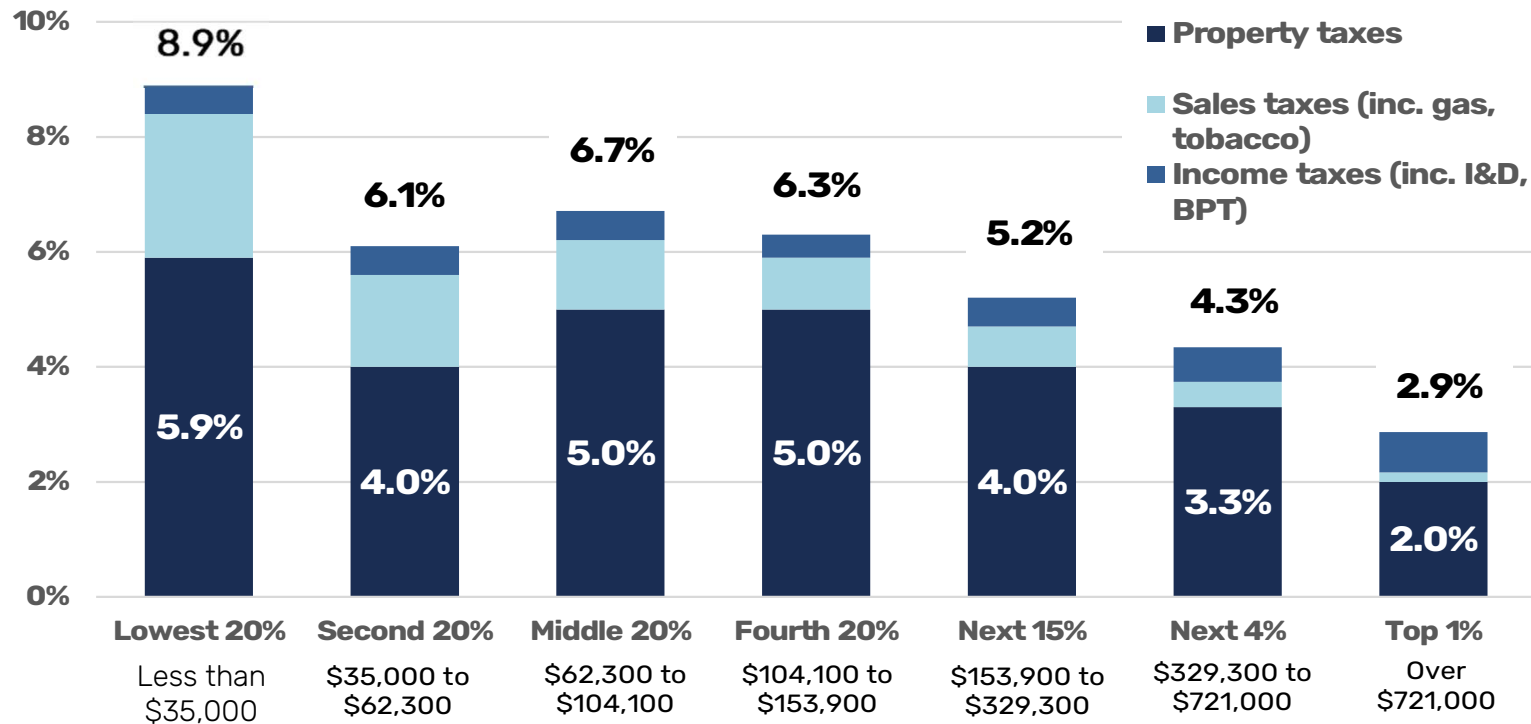
Teacher Salary Change Over Time, Lowest versus Highest Paying Districts (2021)



Source: Reaching Higher NH: "Strategies for Recruiting and Retaining High Quality Teachers. Teacher Compensation in New Hampshire, 2021-2022"

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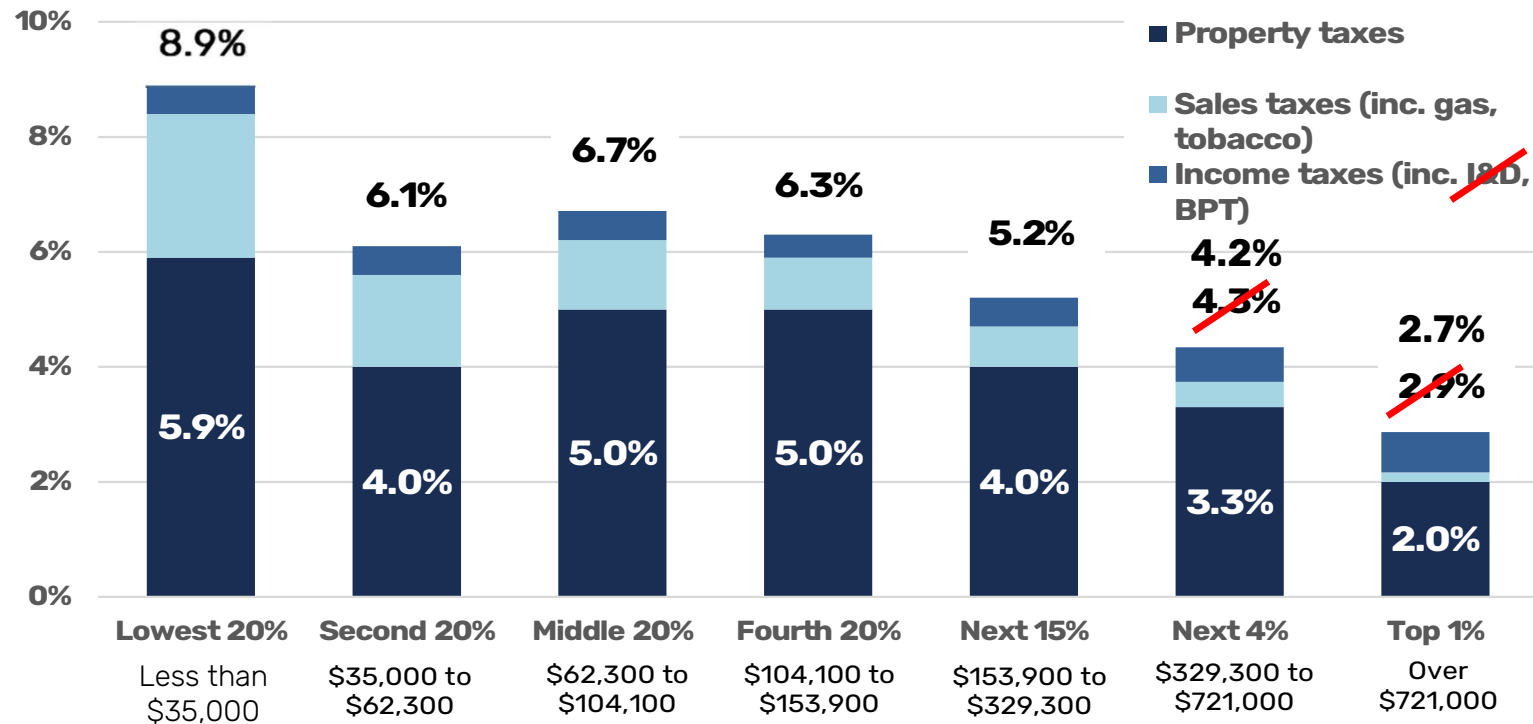
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Summary

- Neither taxpayers nor students are treated equitably or fairly.
- Lack of State funding increases inequitable student opportunities
- About **\$2.7 Billion** is downshifted to local property tax payers each year.
- The current system is unconstitutional.
- The solution lies with state level lawmakers.