

Fair is Fair

Education Trust's Title I Equity Campaign




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Title I

- Created in 1965, Title I is “the single largest elementary and secondary education program operated by the US Department of Education.”
- In 2009 Title I provided more than \$14 Billion dollars to states as the primary source of federal funds improve educational outcomes for students who live in poverty.

Source: Secret Recipes Revealed: Demystifying the Title I-A Funding Formulas” –Center for American Progress, Raegen T. Miller, August, 2009



When state-to-state allocations
per poor child are compared,
however, the discrepancies are
shockingly unfair.



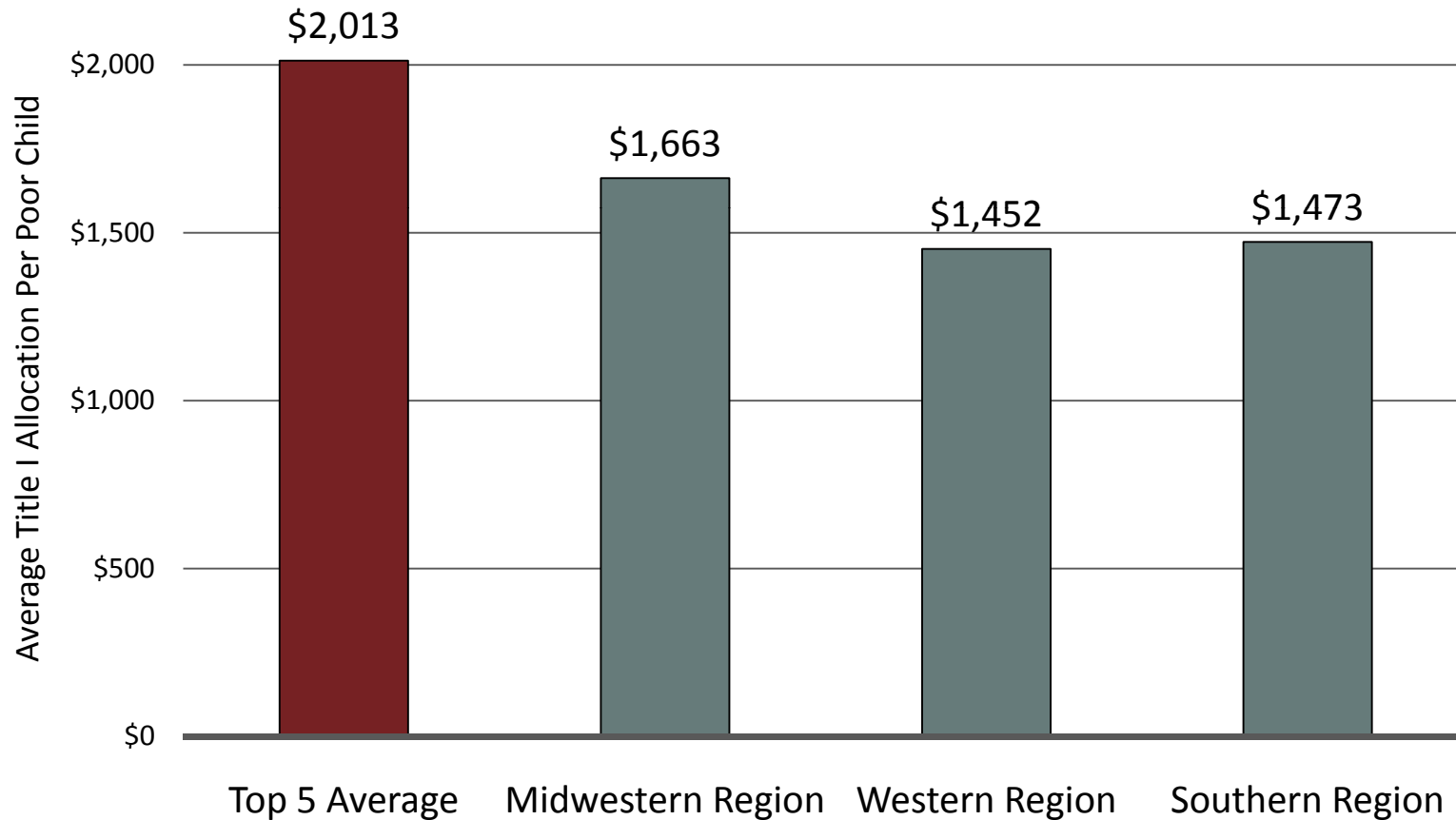
Eight states receive a guaranteed allocation because their populations are so sparse – and as such the per child allocations in these states are high.

The 5 states with the highest allocations and the most low-income students are:

State	Children in Poverty	Title I Allocation Per Child in Poverty
New York	576,131	\$2,160
Maryland	92,601	\$2,067
Pennsylvania	293,616	\$1,972
Connecticut	58,597	\$1,933
Massachusetts	126,588	\$1,933

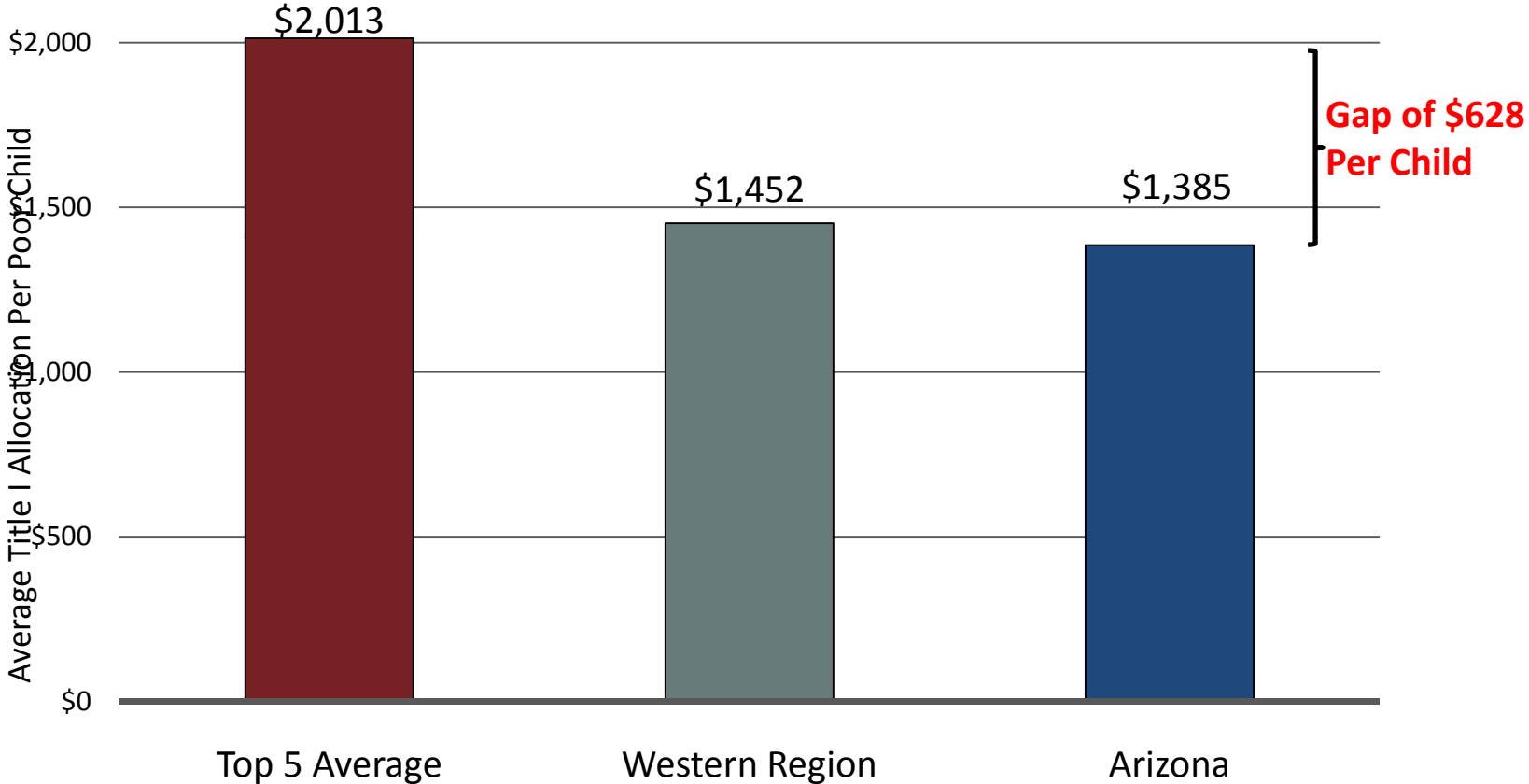
Average per poor child Title I allocation = \$2,013

Compare that with other regions...



Source: Education Trust Analysis

And with Arizona



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seeks to address this basic unfairness by:

- Creating a new funding floor of \$2,013 per child in poverty for all Title I eligible children
- Recognizing and accounting for state-to-state differences in the cost of education
- Recognizing and accounting for concentrations of poverty in-state and between-states