

Impact Aid Quiz

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About how much in total Impact Aid dollars do MT school districts receive annually?

- A. \$2 million
- B. \$10 million
- C. \$75 million
- D. \$150 million

C—Districts receive about \$75 million per year. For perspective, district general fund budgets are about \$1.3 billion per year.

About how many of MT's 400 school districts receive Impact Aid?

- A. 25
- B. 65
- C. 150
- D. 300

B—About 65 MT districts receive Impact Aid.

Which one of the following districts
does not receive Impact Aid?

- A. Polson EL
- B. Colstrip HS
- C. Plentywood K-12
- D. Gardiner EL

C—Plentywood K-12 does not receive Impact Aid. Are you curious about why the others do?

Which one of the following districts
receives Impact Aid?

A. Scobey K-12

B. Helena EL

C. Glasgow K-12

D. Great Falls HS

D—of these, only Great Falls HS receives Impact Aid. Curiosity piqued?

Which of the following does not relate to Impact Aid?

- A. Tribal land
- B. Federal low-income housing
- C. Active-duty military parent
- D. Military base residency

Trick question. All of these relate to Impact Aid.
Sorry!

True or False? Impact Aid is based in part on a student's race/ethnicity and family income level.

False. Impact Aid is based almost entirely on a student's relationship to federal property that is not taxable.

True or False? Districts with more territory in federal lands generally receive more Impact Aid.

False. Again, Impact Aid is about providing a school district with assistance when nontaxable federal property is connected to children the district is educating.

What is the percentage of Impact Aid funding retained by OPI through the indirect cost rate?

- A. 0%
- B. 3%
- C. 10%
- D. 16.5%

A – OPI retains no Impact Aid money through indirect cost rate. Impact Aid is paid directly to school districts by the federal government.

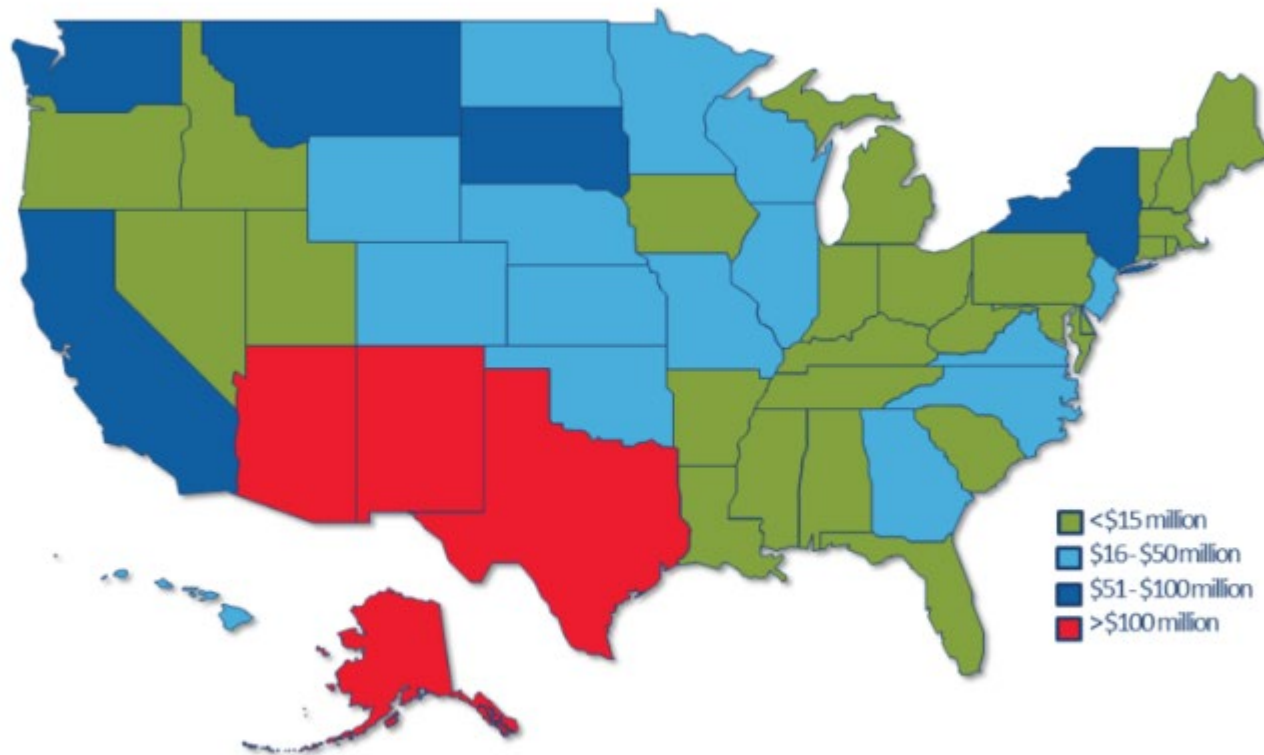
True or False? Impact Aid payments from the federal government are always paid in full and on time.

Seriously? False.

Congratulations—you're done!

But one more thing to share from the National Association of Federally Impacted Schools
Does this help reinforce that Impact Aid is fundamentally about the # of federally connected children?

FY 2021 Impact Aid Funding by State



<https://www.nafisd.org/impact-aid-resources/impact-aid-payments/>