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Reports on total state tax effort for higher education, including state tax appropriations for universities, colleges, and community colleges.

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Caution needs to be used in interpreting these comparative measures. The principal limitation is that only state tax appropriations are used to calculate the measures. Were local taxes, student tuition and federal revenue included, a different picture of higher education support likely would emerge. A more complete analysis would need to include these revenue sources in addition to state taxes. However, as the principal source of funds for the public sector and as an important revenue source for the private sector, these measures using only state taxes are of value if interpreted with these limitations in mind.

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Those on the mailing list will receive information about accessing computer networks as soon as it becomes available.

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APPROPRIATIONS OF STATE TAX FUNDS FOR OPERATING EXPENSES OF  
HIGHER EDUCATION, PER CAPITAL AND PER \$1,000 PERSONAL INCOME,  
Fiscal Year 1994-95

States	Appropriations	Per Capita		\$1,000	Income
	(In \$1,000s)	(\$)	Rank	(\$)	Rank
Alabama	1,016,104	242.68	6	14.19	3
Alaska	171,460	286.24	2	12.44	9
Arizona	665,462	169.07	25	9.33	21
Arkansas	418,680	172.72	20	10.80	14
California	4,748,746	152.15	36	6.95	38
Colorado	543,690	152.46	35	7.10	36
Connecticut	500,315	152.67	34	5.46	48
Delaware	137,432	196.33	15	9.03	23
Florida	1,695,700	123.96	48	5.99	45
Georgia	1,119,936	161.91	29	8.43	27
Hawaii	386,023	329.37	1	14.09	4
Idaho	226,908	206.47	13	11.77	11
Illinois	1,894,531	161.97	28	7.19	34
Indiana	923,508	161.65	30	8.44	26
Iowa	641,207	227.86	10	12.44	10
Kansas	502,354	198.48	14	9.99	18
Kentucky	657,609	173.56	19	10.24	17
Louisiana	589,578	137.27	43	8.27	28
Maine	173,020	139.64	42	7.44	32
Maryland	788,187	158.75	32	6.64	40
Massachusetts	902,934	150.19	38	6.14	44
Michigan	1,607,578	169.61	23	8.26	29
Minnesota	1,030,819	228.21	9	10.86	13
Mississippi	628,607	237.84	7	16.17	2
Missouri	672,839	128.55	46	6.57	41
Montana	113,156	134.87	44	7.74	31
Nebraska	369,565	229.97	8	11.64	12
Nevada	194,439	139.98	41	6.15	43
New Hampshire	85,324	75.84	50	3.42	50
New Jersey	1,259,340	159.84	31	5.98	46
New Mexico	437,502	270.73	4	16.57	1
New York	3,106,507	170.72	22	6.89	39
North Carolina	1,723,312	248.14	5	13.28	6
North Dakota	143,864	226.56	11	13.23	8
Ohio	1,559,722	140.63	40	7.16	35
Oklahoma	540,887	167.41	26	9.83	19
Oregon	434,654	143.36	39	7.37	33
Pennsylvania	1,580,984	131.22	45	6.18	42
Rhode Island	125,034	125.03	47	5.90	47
South Carolina	634,463	174.16	18	10.36	15
South Dakota	112,923	157.93	33	8.78	25
Tennessee	864,461	169.54	24	9.21	22
Texas	3,109,347	172.44	21	9.01	24
Utah	397,539	213.73	12	13.25	7
Vermont	53,222	92.40	49	4.75	49
Virginia	976,899	150.50	37	6.99	37
Washington	942,842	179.42	17	8.24	30
West Virginia	303,874	166.96	27	10.34	16
Wisconsin	979,269	194.38	16	9.81	20
Wyoming	128,681	273.79	3	13.87	5
<b>Totals</b>	<b>42,821,037</b>	<b>166.41</b>		<b>8.02</b>	

Sources: Appropriations, Grapevine. Population, U. S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.  
Personal Income, U. S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis.

## GRAPEVINE IS GOING ON LINE

This issue of Grapevine is the final one which will be circulated nationwide in the format which has been in continuous publication since 1958. For the past two years, the Grapevine editors have been looking into the possibility of putting the data "on line." Beginning with the new reporting cycle for fiscal year 1995-96, this possibility is becoming an exciting reality. About October, the state tabulations will become available through the Chronicle of Higher Education's network. The Chronicle is expanding its service to include more of its "Fact Files," including Grapevine. While all plans have not been finalized, preliminarily, the network fact file will include revised figures for one or two of the preceding fiscal years as well as the current year. There are also investigations under way to put the complete state tabulations on an Illinois State University server. The motto of Grapevine, "timely data circulated while current," is becoming more timely than could have been envisioned when this research report was begun by the late M. M. Chambers nearly 40 years ago.

All persons currently on the Grapevine mailing list will receive information about computer access as soon as it is available.

While access to one of the on-line systems is available to most readers of Grapevine, there may be those who either need or prefer "hard copy." Two opportunities will continue to be available. The first is an October issue of the Chronicle. Each of the state tabulations is presented there in a somewhat abbreviated form for the current fiscal year. There are additional summary tables and a map of percentages of two-year gain.

The second opportunity to obtain hard copy is the full, complete, and detailed set of Grapevine data which are published each year by the State Higher Education Executive Officers. In addition to the state tabulations, this annual end-of-the-year report will be expanded to include more tables which were formerly published only in Grapevine. Among these are the appropriations per capita and per \$1,000 of personal income, appropriations for community colleges, appropriations for multi-campus universities and consolidated systems and a table of local tax sources which support higher education, primarily community colleges. (To purchase the 1994-95 edition, see the front page.)

Reprints of the 50-state summary table may be found in other documents. Among them are the publications of the regional educational boards--New England Board of Higher Education, Southern Regional Education Board and Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education--and the State Higher Education Profiles, National Center for Education Statistics, U.S. Department of Education.

With the proliferation of computer access to Internet and other communication programs at colleges and universities, libraries and homes, it appears that moving in this direction will be a service to many more persons than are now on the Grapevine mailing list. However, if there is an immediate need for information about a state's appropriations, a limited number of printed copies of state tabulations and other tables will be available via mail or fax. (Tel: 309-438-5405)

Bittersweet emotions accompany any major changes. Grapevine has a prestigious past. Begun as a small newsletter sent to a few key persons in each of the states, it has expanded into a primary source of information related to state support of higher education. That purpose continues. The interest and loyalty of thousands of Grapevine readers are recognized and appreciated. It is the hope of the Editors that these technological enhancements will provide information to an expanded higher education community in the future.

### *Historical Files Updated*

During the next few months, the Grapevine staff will update the data base. The historical files are in tabular form for each state for each fiscal year since FY1976-77. The software program used is LOTUS 1-2-3, Release 2.01. The disks will be available for purchase in early fall. Price: \$50.00. For more information or to order, call Rusty Higham, 309-438-5405.

### *Staff Changes*

Managing Editor Gwen Pruyne will retire at the end of July. For over 23 years, Gwen has been the voice on the telephone for many of you. She says that chatting with you has "personalized" the Grapevine effort and made it more enjoyable. Rusty Higham now becomes the person who answers the phone. Rusty has handled the data entry for the past two years and will assume more responsibilities during the next academic year. Edward Hines continues as Grapevine Editor. He will be ably assisted by Melody Klink who joined the staff on June 5. All of the Grapevine staff have multiple assignments in the Center for Higher Education and Educational Finance, so they may need a little time to respond to your requests, but they look forward to remaining in touch with those interested in state higher education support.

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