Funding Levels and Educational Outcomes in New York State

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Funding to New York State public school districts comes from a variety of sources and for a variety of reasons. Sources include federal, as well as state and local funds. The districts take all these funding sources and allocate them to their schools for staff and supplies to produce beneficial educational outcomes for their students.

So, we ask:

1. What districts have the most funding per student?
2. How is funding distributed? Isi it by population… ethnicity?
3. What are the percentages of districts that get federal funding vs ones that do not? Why?
4. How do the districts that received federal funding compare to the ones that did not, and what are their graduation rates and drop-out rates?
5. Is there a correlation between educational funding and median income per household, graduation rate, or dropout rate?
6. Are there any discrepancies between ethnic groups in comparison to funding?
7. Are districts that have a higher percentage of African American, Hispanic, or Asian student enrollments receiving less funding?