

# Data Walk: Cowley County EDUCATION

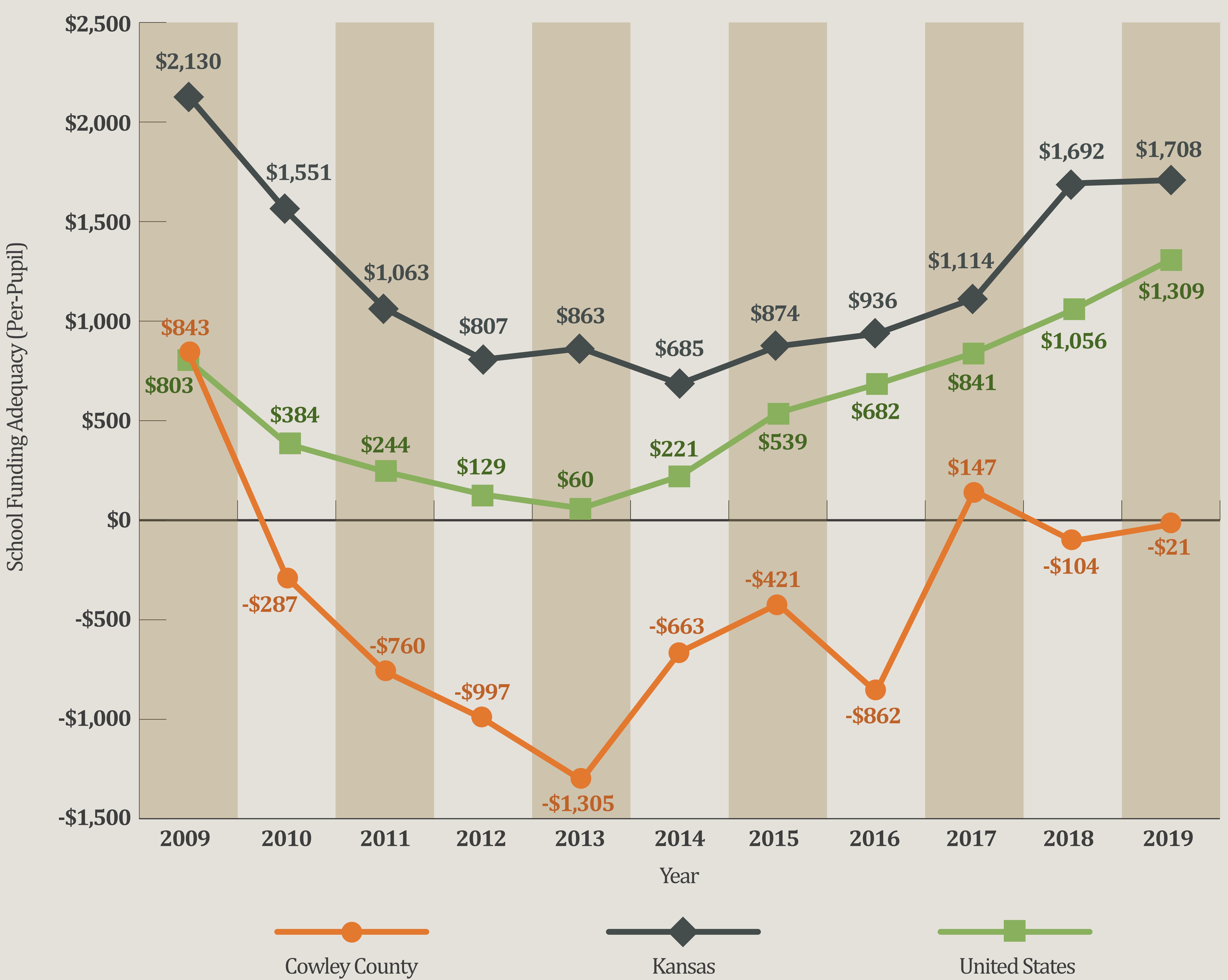
## What This Measures:

The surplus or deficit in actual school funding per student and the estimated amount per student needed to achieve average United States test scores in every district.

# FUNDING ADEQUACY

In 2019, Cowley County schools received \$21 less per student than the estimated school funding needed to achieve average United States test scores in every school district in the county.

School Funding Adequacy in Cowley County, Kansas and United States, 2009-2019



Note: Only refers to public schools. Adequate school funding is defined as the estimated per-pupil amount needed to achieve average U.S. test scores in every district within the geography. County spending is reported as average of spending surplus or deficit.  
Source: County Health Rankings, 2019.

Increased school spending allows reductions in class size and increases in the number of adults per school, the amount of instructional time and teachers' salaries, all of which can lead to **improved student outcomes**. Additionally, spending increases have been associated with **higher rates of high school graduation, college enrollment, college completion, improved standardized test performance and increased adult earning.**

(Source: County Health Rankings)



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