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This interactive map offers a quick way to examine state-by-state grades and summary data.

State Highlights Reports

Looking for detailed state data? The *State Highlights Reports* assemble findings on each of the 50 states plus the District of Columbia and compare individual state data to national data.

Grading Calculator: Calculate Your Own Grade

Your turn. Manipulate grades for states based on weighting schemes of your choice.

Trending Charts

This interactive chart tracks stimulus funding and key economic indicators—the Dow Jones industrial average, housing sales, and the unemployment rate.

Economic Snapshots

These slideshows and accompanying statistics offer a visual glimpse of the nation's economic pulse.

FROM PRINT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Holding Steady in a Stiff Wind

This year's *Quality Counts* report arrives at a time of continued fiscal anxiety and education policy ferment in the wake of what has been widely described as the "Great Recession" of 2007-09.

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Educators Regroup in Recession's Aftermath

Cuts to programs and personnel add stress for states and districts struggling to improve their education systems.

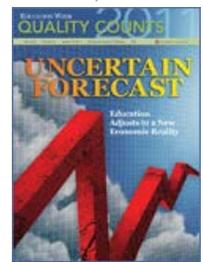
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New Technology May Offer Fresh Vistas for Savings and for Educational Benefits

The sour economy enhanced the allure of innovations such as distance learning, online offerings, and social media.

Pre-K Advocates Feel Fiscal Jitters, but Stay Hopeful

The recession slowed, but failed to stop, many states' efforts to bolster early-education.

Personnel Costs Are Huge Hurdle in Checking Spending Growth

Pay and pensions make up a massive portion of schools' costs, but controlling them takes creativity and realism.

Finding Efficiencies in Special Education Programs

Officials walk a delicate legal line as they seek to identify savings in a high-cost, mandated area.

Districts Turn Introspective in Quest for Operational Savings

Everything from transportation to teacher assignments comes under scrutiny in the quest to cut costs.

Thin Coffers, Ambitious Education Agendas Put Newly Elected Leaders on Spot

New governors and lawmakers must balance thin coffers and ambitious agendas.

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State Performance and Policymaking: Weighing In, Measuring Up

The annual *Quality Counts* survey finds modest changes amid turbulent fiscal waters.

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