

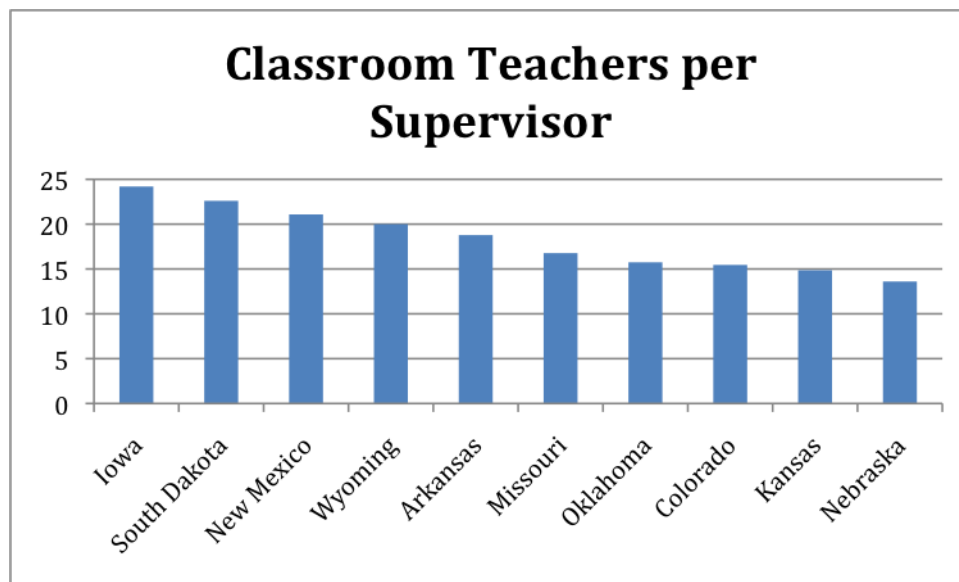
Kansas Schools are Top Heavy *by Trent Sebitts*

How many school supervisors (principals, superintendents, and other advisory staff) does it take to manage a teacher? Depends greatly on what state you are from, even within the fairly homogeneous mid-west.

Kansas teachers are some of the most supervised in the area with an average of 15 teachers per non-classroom supervisors. Iowa gets more money “into the classroom” than anyone in the area with 24 teachers per non-classroom supervisor.

At what cost? If Kansas had the same ratio of non-classroom supervisors to teacher ratio as Iowa, we would have 882 fewer supervisors in the state. At a fully loaded salary cost of \$50,000, the state could save \$53 million a year.

It's also interesting to note that in Colorado where, according to the teachers unions, TABOR has had a devastating impact on education; the ratio of supervisor to teacher is high for the region, tied with Kansas.



Teacher to Supervisor Ratio

	Classroom Teachers	Non-Classroom Supervisors/Principals	Number of Classroom Teachers per Supervisor
Iowa	35,691	1,475	24
South Dakota	8,679	384	23
New Mexico	22,033	1,045	21
Wyoming	6,900	345	20
Arkansas	34,593	1,842	19
Missouri	67,378	4,018	17
Oklahoma	42,196	2,680	16
Colorado	47,721	3,088	15
Kansas	34,400	2,315	15
Nebraska	21,699	1,595	14