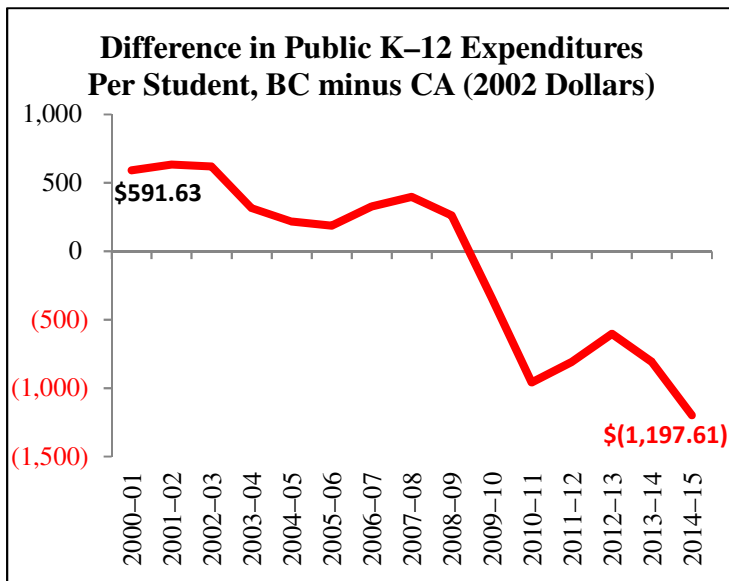


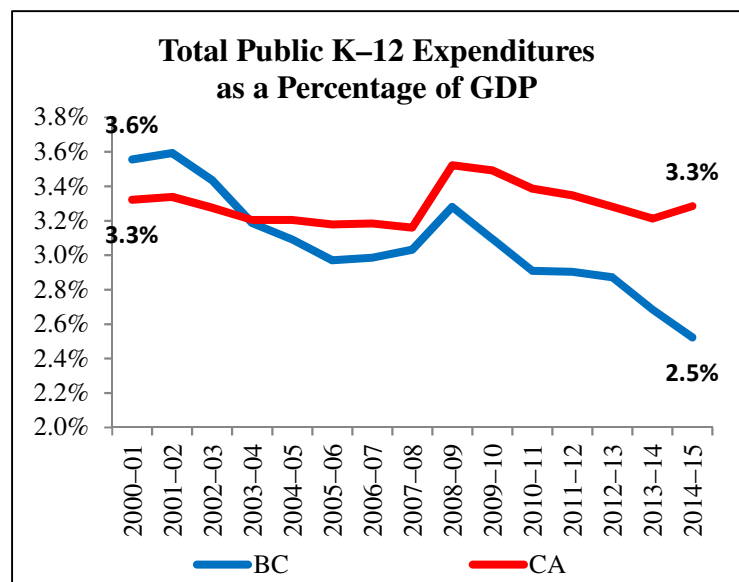
## How does education in BC compare to the rest of Canada?

**British Columbia spent \$1,200 less per student than the Canadian national average**

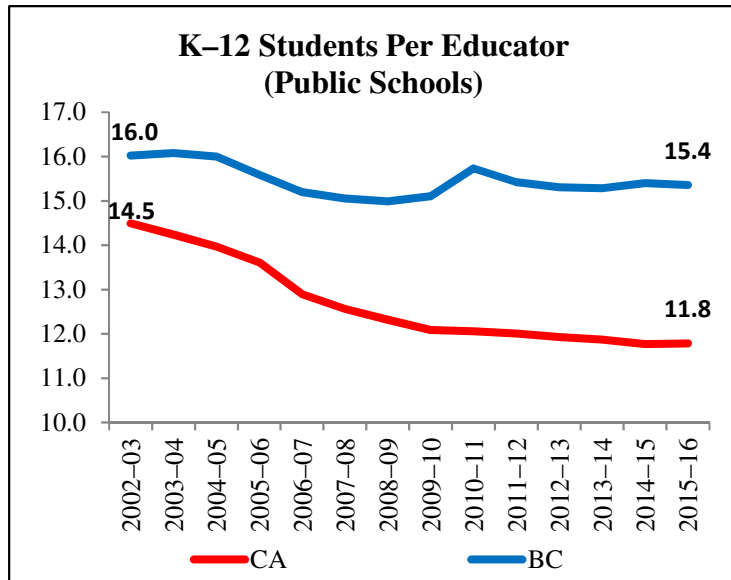


In 2000-01, BC spent significantly more than the national average on K-12 education funding per student. From 2001-02, cuts to public education funding reversed that trend. In 2014-15, BC's K-12 per-student spending was almost **\$1,200 less** than the national average.<sup>1</sup>

This trend is also reflected in the percent of GDP spent on education. While education funding has remained at roughly 3.3% on average in Canada, BC's education spending has fallen from 3.6% of GDP to merely 2.5%.



## One of the outcomes of this disparity is a heavier workload for BC's public school teachers with larger ratios of students: educators<sup>2</sup>



Educators in BC are responsible for more children on average, than educators in the rest of Canada, and the gap is widening.

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