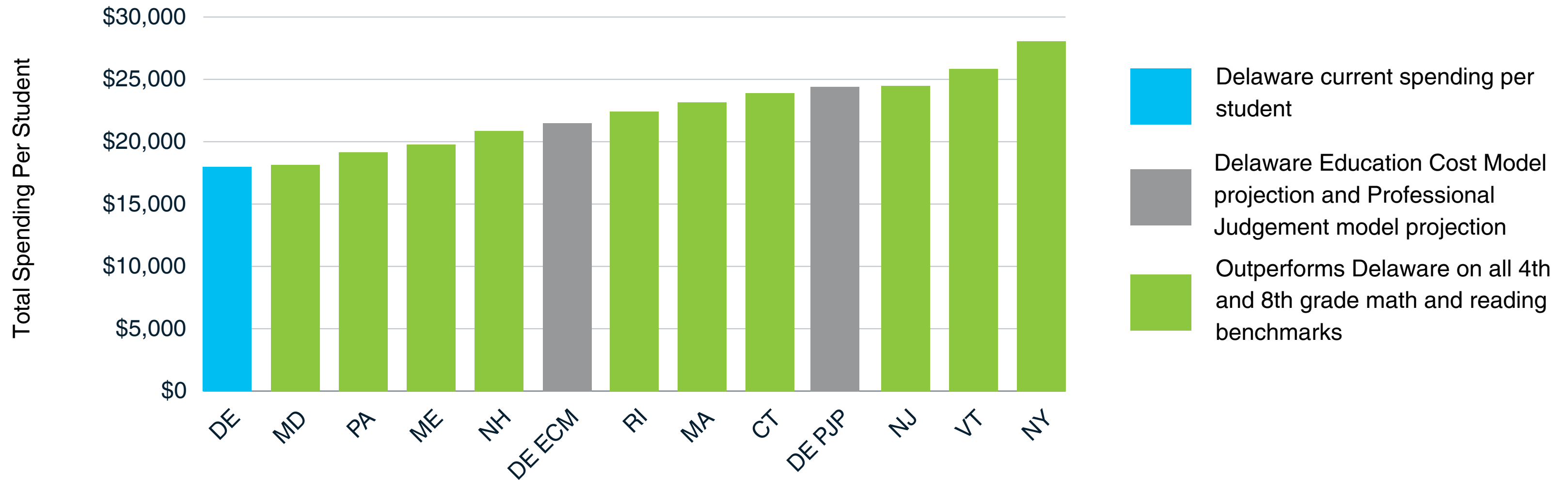


Regional States that Spend More, Perform Better

All regional states that spend more than Delaware perform better on the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) in math and reading.



By following either of the target per-pupil funding models recommended by AIR (ECM or PJP), Delaware would find itself spending a comparable amount to our regional peers, whose students perform better on national assessments.

Note: This graph only includes states within the region. Nationally, Alaska, Illinois, and Wyoming also spend more and perform better. ECM stands for the Education Cost Model approach. It is one of two approaches taken by AIR, and utilizes a formula to determine per-pupil costs. The other approach is the Professional Judgment model, wherein experts estimated values of various cost factors and added them up to get a per-pupil cost. AIR utilized both methods (ECM and PJP) to create their recommendations.