

Appendix E: Characteristics of the 100 Largest Public Elementary and Secondary School Districts in the United States: 2005–06

Table A-1. Selected statistics for the 100 largest public elementary and secondary school districts in the United States and jurisdictions, by school district: School year 2005–06

Name of reporting district	City	State	County	Number of students ¹	Number of full-time-equivalent (FTE) teachers ²	Number of 2004–05 completers ³	Number of schools ⁴
Reporting districts⁵	†	†	†	11,302,149	690,773	564,823	16,584
New York City Public Schools	New York	NY	New York	1,014,058	70,889	41,322	1,408
Los Angeles Unified	Los Angeles	CA	Los Angeles	727,319	34,961	29,741	768
Puerto Rico Department of Education	San Juan	PR	San Juan	563,490	42,036	30,371	1,523
City of Chicago School District 299	Chicago	IL	Cook	420,982	27,039	16,866	633
Dade County School District	Miami	FL	Miami-Dade	362,070	20,606	18,702	392
Clark County School District	Las Vegas	NV	Clark	294,131	14,862	10,314	314
Broward County School District	Fort Lauderdale	FL	Broward	271,630	15,717	14,436	278
Houston Independent School District	Houston	TX	Harris	210,292	12,082	8,476	307
Hillsborough County School District	Tampa	FL	Hillsborough	193,757	10,924	9,614	259
Philadelphia City School District	Philadelphia	PA	Philadelphia	184,560	10,060	10,819	270
Hawaii Department of Education	Honolulu	HI	Honolulu	182,818	11,226	11,014	285
Orange County School District	Orlando	FL	Orange	175,609	10,737	9,434	208
Palm Beach County School District	West Palm Beach	FL	Palm Beach	174,935	10,084	9,523	231
Fairfax County Public Schools	Falls Church	VA	Fairfax	163,753	13,090	11,570	206
Dallas Independent School District	Dallas	TX	Dallas	161,244	10,324	6,832	250
Gwinnett County	Lawrenceville	GA	Gwinnett	144,598	9,801	7,045	107
Montgomery County Public Schools	Rockville	MD	Montgomery	139,398	9,371	9,351	199
Prince George's County Public Schools	Upper Marlboro	MD	Prince George's	133,325	8,395	7,947	205
Detroit City School District	Detroit	MI	Wayne	133,255	7,187	5,673	235
San Diego Unified	San Diego	CA	San Diego	132,482	7,332	6,653	211
Duval County School District	Jacksonville	FL	Duval	126,662	7,526	6,276	176
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools	Charlotte	NC	Mecklenburg	124,005	8,616	5,836	142
Wake County Schools	Raleigh	NC	Wake	120,996	8,179	6,659	138
Memphis City School District	Memphis	TN	Shelby	120,275	7,085	5,946	192
Pinellas County School District	Largo	FL	Pinellas	112,174	6,799	5,949	170
Baltimore County Public Schools	Baltimore	MD	Baltimore	107,043	7,388	7,238	168
Cobb County	Marietta	GA	Cobb	106,724	7,065	6,354	110
Dekalb County	Decatur	GA	De Kalb	102,310	6,858	5,199	144
Jefferson County	Louisville	KY	Jefferson	98,537	5,780	5,194	170
*Albuquerque Public Schools	Albuquerque	NM	Bernalillo	94,022	6,139	4,650	163
Long Beach Unified	Long Beach	CA	Los Angeles	93,589	4,298	4,956	90
Milwaukee	Milwaukee	WI	Milwaukee	92,395	5,420	3,915	235
Polk County School District	Bartow	FL	Polk	89,443	6,046	4,380	148
Baltimore City Public Schools	Baltimore	MD	Baltimore City	87,643	5,666	4,145	197
Jefferson County R-1	Golden	CO	Jefferson	86,332	4,785	5,651	162
Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District	Houston	TX	Harris	86,256	5,521	4,622	66
Austin Independent School District	Austin	TX	Travis	81,155	5,630	3,746	122
Fulton County	Atlanta	GA	Fulton	81,100	5,634	4,291	91
Fort Worth Independent School District	Fort Worth	TX	Tarrant	80,336	4,794	3,608	147
Fresno Unified	Fresno	CA	Fresno	79,046	3,737	4,022	105
Northside Independent School District	San Antonio	TX	Bexar	78,711	4,867	4,238	93
Jordan District	Sandy	UT	Salt Lake	77,110	3,120	4,922	90
Lee County School District	Fort Myers	FL	Lee	75,634	4,322	3,728	100
Brevard County School District	Viera	FL	Brevard	75,233	4,489	4,493	117
Mesa Unified District	Mesa	AZ	Maricopa	74,626	3,805	4,391	89
Virginia Beach City Public Schools	Virginia Beach	VA	Virginia Beach City	74,303	5,647	4,778	88
Anne Arundel County Public Schools	Annapolis	MD	Anne Arundel	73,565	4,754	4,861	121
Nashville-Davidson County School District	Nashville	TN	Davidson	72,713	4,951	3,390	132
Denver County 1	Denver	CO	Denver	72,312	3,974	2,849	148
Guilford County Schools	Greensboro	NC	Guilford	68,951	4,621	4,087	111
Prince William County Public Schools	Manassas	VA	Prince William	68,458	4,749	3,850	80
Greenville County School District	Greenville	SC	Greenville	67,551	4,212	3,321	92
Seminole County School District	Sanford	FL	Seminole	67,530	4,039	3,879	77
Granite District	Salt Lake City	UT	Salt Lake	67,345	3,201	3,916	119
Fort Bend Independent School District	Sugar Land	TX	Fort Bend	66,104	3,841	4,423	65
Mobile County	Mobile	AL	Mobile	65,643	5,798	—	117
Volusia County School District	Deland	FL	Volusia	65,627	4,202	3,625	93
Washoe County School District	Reno	NV	Washoe	64,246	3,566	2,651	98
El Paso Independent School District	El Paso	TX	El Paso	63,811	4,432	3,202	103
Arlington Independent School District	Arlington	TX	Tarrant	63,397	3,980	3,279	76

See notes at end of table.

Table A-13. Number of public high school completers, the grades 9–12 dropout rate, and the public school averaged freshman graduation rate in the 100 largest school districts in the United States and jurisdictions, by school district: School year 2004–05

Name of reporting district	State	Completers ¹			Grades 9–12 dropout rate ²	Averaged freshman graduation rate ³
		Total	Diploma	Other completers		
Reporting districts⁴	†	564,823	550,597	14,226	4.4	69.5
New York City Public Schools	NY	41,322	41,322	—	10.3	45.9
Los Angeles Unified	CA	29,741	29,741	†	5.6	53.2
Puerto Rico Department of Education	PR	30,371	29,071	1,300	0.8	62.9
City of Chicago School District 299	IL	16,866	16,866	†	12.7	54.0
Dade County School District	FL	18,702	17,197	1,505	5.2	55.3
Clark County School District	NV	10,314	10,314	—	7.3	54.2
Broward County School District	FL	14,436	13,248	1,188	2.1	64.2
Houston Independent School District	TX	8,476	8,476	†	5.7	55.9
Hillsborough County School District	FL	9,614	9,252	362	2.5	69.9
Philadelphia City School District	PA	10,819	10,819	†	10.0	61.4
Hawaii Department of Education	HI	11,014	10,813	201	4.7	75.3
Orange County School District	FL	9,434	8,789	645	2.0	67.7
Palm Beach County School District	FL	9,523	8,572	951	3.2	59.8
Fairfax County Public Schools	VA	11,570	11,384	186	3.0	90.6
Dallas Independent School District	TX	6,832	6,832	†	5.0	55.8
Gwinnett County	GA	7,045	6,582	463	4.8	72.3
Montgomery County Public Schools	MD	9,351	9,227	124	1.9	86.0
Prince George's County Public Schools	MD	7,947	7,908	39	4.0	74.7
Detroit City School District	MI	5,673	5,673	0	9.6	45.5
San Diego Unified	CA	6,653	6,653	†	2.9	64.1
Duval County School District	FL	6,276	5,873	403	7.0	59.1
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools	NC	5,836	5,661	175	3.7	67.0
Wake County Schools	NC	6,659	6,570	89	3.9	84.7
Memphis City School District	TN	5,946	5,339	607	3.9	64.1
Pinellas County School District	FL	5,949	5,767	182	3.5	57.4
Baltimore County Public Schools	MD	7,238	7,190	48	4.9	84.4
Cobb County	GA	6,354	5,998	356	4.3	76.5
Dekalb County	GA	5,199	4,332	867	4.8	58.0
Jefferson County	KY	5,194	5,165	29	6.8	†
* Albuquerque Public Schools	NM	4,650	4,532	118	4.8	61.8
Long Beach Unified	CA	4,956	4,956	†	3.2	69.5
Milwaukee	WI	3,915	3,915	—	9.2	51.3
Polk County School District	FL	4,380	4,034	346	6.0	60.3
Baltimore City Public Schools	MD	4,145	4,047	98	13.1	52.9
Jefferson County R-1	CO	5,651	5,616	35	7.6	78.8
Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District	TX	4,622	4,622	†	0.9	91.9
Austin Independent School District	TX	3,746	3,746	†	4.4	65.8
Fulton County	GA	4,291	3,962	329	3.8	73.2
Fort Worth Independent School District	TX	3,608	3,608	†	4.2	59.4
Fresno Unified	CA	4,022	4,022	†	4.0	61.7
Northside Independent School District	TX	4,238	4,238	†	2.6	80.5
Jordan District	UT	4,922	4,922	0	3.9	87.1
Lee County School District	FL	3,728	3,461	267	3.6	70.7
Brevard County School District	FL	4,493	4,364	129	1.4	71.3
Mesa Unified District	AZ	4,391	4,391	—	2.2	79.6
Virginia Beach City Public Schools	VA	4,778	4,640	138	1.9	75.4
Anne Arundel County Public Schools	MD	4,861	4,840	21	2.5	78.4
Nashville-Davidson County School District	TN	3,390	3,044	346	5.6	60.8
Denver County 1	CO	2,849	2,777	72	16.2	54.9
Guilford County Schools	NC	4,087	3,968	119	3.2	78.9
Prince William County Public Schools	VA	3,850	3,792	58	2.4	79.5
Greenville County School District	SC	3,321	3,076	245	4.7	62.9
Seminole County School District	FL	3,879	3,697	182	1.5	71.5
Granite District	UT	3,916	3,916	0	6.0	74.0
Fort Bend Independent School District	TX	4,423	4,423	†	2.0	90.5
Mobile County	AL	—	—	—	1.7	—
Volusia County School District	FL	3,625	3,447	178	1.4	67.4
Washoe County School District	NV	2,651	2,651	—	2.0	55.2
El Paso Independent School District	TX	3,202	3,202	†	4.3	64.4
Arlington Independent School District	TX	3,279	3,279	†	4.2	68.4

Table A-16. Number of students in public elementary and secondary schools in the 100 largest school districts in the United States and jurisdictions, by grade range and school district: School year 2005–06

Name of reporting district	State	Total number of students ¹	Grade range			
			PK to 6	7 to 9	10 to 12	Ungraded
Total	†	11,290,573	6,174,674	2,738,985	2,216,646	160,268
New York City Public Schools	NY	1,013,472	494,298	245,290	186,671	87,213
Los Angeles Unified	CA	727,319	394,391	176,487	125,633	30,808
Puerto Rico Department of Education	PR	563,490	296,966	130,978	115,724	19,822
City of Chicago School District 299	IL	420,982	248,917	99,668	72,397	†
Dade County School District	FL	362,070	194,808	89,055	78,207	†
Clark County School District	NV	293,936	165,653	75,133	52,804	346
Broward County School District	FL	271,630	148,170	66,589	56,871	†
Houston Independent School District	TX	210,292	131,805	45,998	32,489	†
Hillsborough County School District	FL	193,757	109,533	46,832	37,392	†
Philadelphia City School District	PA	183,188	97,622	47,335	37,507	724
Hawaii Department of Education	HI	182,818	99,962	44,584	38,091	181
Orange County School District	FL	175,609	96,842	42,170	36,597	†
Palm Beach County School District	FL	174,935	94,579	43,024	37,332	†
Fairfax County Public Schools	VA	163,753	85,966	38,942	38,845	†
Dallas Independent School District	TX	160,969	99,026	36,844	25,099	†
Gwinnett County	GA	144,598	81,014	35,415	28,169	†
Montgomery County Public Schools	MD	139,398	72,615	33,494	33,289	†
Prince George's County Public Schools	MD	133,325	70,177	35,328	27,820	†
Detroit City School District	MI	131,508	67,704	37,105	22,537	4,162
San Diego Unified	CA	132,482	72,879	31,304	26,935	1,364
Duval County School District	FL	126,662	72,529	31,703	22,430	†
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools	NC	124,005	69,777	30,727	23,501	†
Wake County Schools	NC	120,996	67,964	29,208	23,824	†
Memphis City School District	TN	120,006	64,807	29,304	22,428	3,467
Pinellas County School District	FL	112,174	58,231	29,197	24,746	†
Baltimore County Public Schools	MD	107,043	56,106	26,223	24,714	†
Cobb County	GA	106,724	57,489	26,133	23,102	†
Dekalb County	GA	102,310	56,553	25,390	20,367	†
Jefferson County	KY	92,090	48,544	22,241	18,355	2,950
* Albuquerque Public Schools	NM	94,022	52,416	22,968	18,638	†
Long Beach Unified	CA	93,589	49,981	22,868	20,740	†
Milwaukee	WI	92,395	52,975	22,536	16,884	†
Polk County School District	FL	89,443	50,476	21,701	17,266	†
Baltimore City Public Schools	MD	87,583	49,200	23,244	15,139	†
Jefferson County R-1	CO	86,332	44,925	20,636	20,771	†
Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District	TX	86,256	49,082	20,095	17,079	†
Austin Independent School District	TX	81,057	49,854	17,299	13,904	†
Fulton County	GA	81,100	45,202	19,491	16,407	†
Fort Worth Independent School District	TX	80,336	48,841	17,954	13,541	†
Fresno Unified	CA	79,046	43,549	19,659	15,836	2
Northside Independent School District	TX	78,711	45,283	18,937	14,491	†
Jordan District	UT	77,110	42,134	17,343	17,633	†
Lee County School District	FL	75,634	42,378	18,398	14,858	†
Brevard County School District	FL	75,233	39,937	18,677	16,619	†
Mesa Unified District	AZ	74,626	41,926	17,228	15,472	†
Virginia Beach City Public Schools	VA	74,303	38,592	18,892	16,819	†
Anne Arundel County Public Schools	MD	73,532	38,518	18,116	16,898	†
Nashville-Davidson County School District	TN	72,713	41,433	16,715	12,975	1,590
Denver County 1	CO	72,312	43,938	15,788	12,586	†
Guilford County Schools	NC	68,951	36,904	17,021	15,026	†
Prince William County Public Schools	VA	68,456	37,058	17,299	14,099	†
Greenville County School District	SC	67,551	36,946	16,499	14,106	†
Seminole County School District	FL	67,530	35,641	17,057	14,832	†
Granite District	UT	67,345	36,373	15,910	15,062	†
Fort Bend Independent School District	TX	66,104	34,159	16,572	15,373	†
Mobile County	AL	65,615	37,059	16,334	12,196	26
Volusia County School District	FL	65,627	34,834	16,949	13,844	†
Washoe County School District	NV	64,179	35,059	16,840	12,234	46
El Paso Independent School District	TX	63,811	35,577	15,746	12,488	†
Arlington Independent School District	TX	63,397	36,565	15,256	11,576	†

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