



Fast Stats on U.S. Public Schools

49.1 MILLION

students attended K-12 public schools during the 2005-06 school year.¹

97,382

public schools provided instruction across the nation in 2005-06.²

14,166

school districts existed nationwide in 2005-06 and comprised over 80 percent of all local agencies.³

8.3 MILLION

people work in education, training, and library occupations.⁴

7.1 MILLION

people were practicing teachers of grades pre-kindergarten through college during 2007.⁵

27

school districts enroll 100,000 or more students.⁶

68

percent of students nationwide go to schools that are within the 100 largest districts.⁷

1.1 MILLION

students attend public schools in the New York City Department of Education, the largest school district in the nation.⁸

57

percent of all public schools are in large or midsize cities and urban fringe areas.⁹

99 of the 100 largest

school districts reported data for Title I eligible schools¹⁰

43

percent of students enrolled in public schools are members of minority groups.¹¹

10,109

dollars are spent per-pupil per-school year in New York, the highest expenditure nationwide.¹²

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