

US K-12 Facts

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Schools:

TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS: 13,809
([Digest of Education Statistics: 2010, Table 91](#))



TOTAL NUMBER OF K-12 SCHOOLS: 132,656
([Digest 2010, Chapter 1, Table 5](#))

Elementary: 88,982

Secondary: 27,575

Combined: 14,837

Other: 1,262

([Digest 2010, Chapter 1, Table 5](#))



TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS: 98,706

Elementary: 67,148

Secondary: 24,348

Combined: 5,632

Other: 1,587

([Digest 2010, Table 97](#))



TOTAL NUMBER OF CHARTER SCHOOLS: 5,453
([The Center for Education Reform](#), November 2010)



TOTAL NUMBER OF PRIVATE SCHOOLS: 28,220

Elementary: 16,370

Secondary: 3,040

Combined: 8,810

([Digest 2010, Table 63](#))



TOTAL NUMBER OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS: 7,400

Elementary: 5,960

Secondary: 1,080

Combined: 370

([Digest 2010, Table 63](#))

Enrollment:

TOTAL K-12 ENROLLMENT: 55,235,000

([Digest 2010, Table 2](#))

Elementary: 38,860,000

Secondary: 16,375,000

([Digest 2010, Table 2](#))



TOTAL PUBLIC SCHOOL ENROLLMENT: 49,266,000

Elementary: 34,286,000

Secondary: 14,980,000

([Digest 2010, Table 39](#))



TOTAL CHARTER SCHOOL ENROLLMENT: 1,729,963

([The Center for Education Reform](#), October 2010)

TOTAL PRIVATE SCHOOL ENROLLMENT: 5,165,280

Elementary: 2,462,980

Secondary: 850,750

Combined: 1,851,550

([Digest 2010, Table 63](#))



TOTAL HOME SCHOOL ENROLLMENT: 1,508,000 (estimate)
or 2.9% (estimate) of America's school population

([Digest 2010, Table 40](#))



TOTAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL ENROLLMENT: 2,224,470

Elementary: 1,457,960

Secondary: 620,840

Combined: 145,680

([Digest 2010, Table 63](#))

**Teachers:**

TOTAL PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS: 3,219,458

Elementary: 1,758,169

Secondary: 1,234,197

Unclassified: 227,092

([Digest 2010, Table 69](#))



TOTAL CHARTER SCHOOL TEACHERS: 72,400

([Schools and Staffing Survey, 2003-04, NCES](#))

TOTAL PRIVATE SCHOOL TEACHERS: 456,270

Elementary: 207,230

Secondary: 69,240

Combined: 179,800

([Digest 2010, Table 62](#))



TOTAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS: 146,630

Elementary: 94,800

Secondary: 42,400

Combined: 9,430

[\(Digest 2010, Table 62\)](#)**Student-Teacher Ratio:****PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENT-TEACHER RATIO: 15.7:1**

Elementary: 15.5:1

Secondary: 16.2:1

Combined: 13.9:1

[\(Digest 2010, Table 67\)](#)**PRIVATE SCHOOL STUDENT-TEACHER RATIO: 11.1:1**

Elementary: 12.1:1

Secondary: 11.9:1

Combined: 9.6:1

[\(Private School Universe Survey 2008, Table 12\)](#)**CATHOLIC SCHOOL STUDENT-TEACHER RATIO: 14.7:1**

Elementary: 15.3:1

Secondary: 14.0:1

Combined: 11.3:1

[\(Private School Universe Survey 2008, Table 12\)](#)**Expenditures:****TOTAL PUBLIC SCHOOL EXPENDITURES: \$596.6 billion**

Current Expenditures: \$506.8 billion

Instruction: \$308.2 billion

Support Services: \$178.2 billion

Food Services: \$19.2 billion

Enterprise Operations: \$1.1 billion

Capital Outlay: \$65.7 billion

Interest on School Debt: \$15.7 billion

Other Current Expenditures: \$8.3 billion

[\(Digest 2010, Table 186\)](#)**AVERAGE DISTRICT PUBLIC SCHOOL PER PUPIL
EXPENDITURE: \$12,744**[\(Digest 2010, Table 190\)](#)

AVERAGE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL PER PUPIL

EXPENDITURE: \$8,001

[\(The Center for Education Reform, Annual Survey of America's Charter Schools, 2010, page 15\)](#)**AVERAGE PRIVATE SCHOOL TUITION: \$8,549**

Elementary: \$6,733

Secondary: \$10,549

Combined: \$10,045

[\(Digest 2010, Table 63\)](#)**AVERAGE CATHOLIC SCHOOL TUITION: \$6,018**

Elementary: \$4,944

Secondary: \$7,826

Combined: \$9,066

[\(Digest 2010, Table 63\)](#)**Salaries And Wages:****PUBLIC SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS:**

Superintendents: \$159,634

[\(District Administration's 10th Annual Salary Survey, September 2010\)](#)**PUBLIC SCHOOL PRINCIPALS:**

High School: \$97,486

Middle School/Junior: \$91,334

Elementary School: \$85,907

[\(Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2010-11 Edition, Bureau of Labor Statistics: Education Administrators: Education Administrators\)](#)**PUBLIC SCHOOL ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS:**

High School: \$79,391

Middle School/Junior: \$76,053

Elementary School: \$71,192

[\(Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2008-09 Edition, Bureau of Labor Statistics: Education Administrators\)](#)**PUBLIC SCHOOL PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL:**

Counselor: \$57,800

Librarian: \$54,650

School Nurse: \$64,260 (average)

[\(Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2010-11 Edition, Bureau of Labor Statistics Counselors, Librarians, Registered Nurses\)](#)

AVERAGE TEACHER BASE SALARY:

Public School: \$49,630
Private School: \$36,250
[\(Digest 2010, Table 79\)](#)



PUBLIC SCHOOL SUPPORT STAFF SALARIES:

Secretaries: \$29,850
Accounting Payroll: \$34,810
Teacher Aides: \$22,000
[\(Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2010-11 Edition, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Secretaries, Accounting Payroll, Teacher Assistants\)](#)



HOURLY WAGE RATES:

Custodians: \$13.74
Cafeteria Workers: \$10.93
School Bus Drivers: \$13.74
Library Clerks: \$12.51
[\(Occupational Employment Statistics, May 2010, Education, Training and Library Occupations\)](#)



Funding:

TOTAL FUNDING OF PUBLIC EDUCATION: \$593,061,181,000
Federal: \$56.7 billion (9.6% of total)
State: \$277 billion (46.7% of total)
Local: \$259.25 billion (43.7% of total)
[\(Revenues and Expenditures: School Year 2008-09, Table 1\)](#)

