



Fact Sheet • American Schools Today

Number of public schools (2010)	98,817
PK–12 enrollment (2010)	54,876,000
PK–12 enrollment in public schools (2010)	49,484,000

Students and Teachers

Teachers (2012)	3,333,000 FTEs
Children of color (2014)	50.3%
Students with disabilities (2010)	6,419,000
English language learners (2010)	4,400,000
On-time graduation rate (2012)	80%
Students on free and reduced lunches (2011)	48%
States with 55%-71% of students on free and reduced lunches (2011)	Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Carolina & Tennessee

Completion and Dropout Rates

Status completion rate, 1972 (16-24-year-olds)	82.8%
Status completion rate, 2009 (16-24-year-olds)	89.8%
Status dropout rate 1960 (16-24-year olds)	27.2%
Status dropout rate 2012 (16-24-year olds)	6.6%

Financial Issues

Total expenditures (2011)	\$632 billion
Expenditures per student (2011)	\$12,608
Deferred facilities maintenance needs (2011)	53% of public schools
Deferred maintenance estimated costs (2011)	\$197 billion

Sources: National Center for Education Statistics (2014) and Southern Education Foundation (2013)