

# Colorado Education Facts and Figures



**COLORADO**  
Department of Education

This document provides a synopsis of commonly requested Colorado education facts and figures.

## SUMMARY INFORMATION

| Year           | Student Enrollment | Graduation Rate* | Pupil/Teacher Ratio | Average Per Pupil Funding | # Teachers | #Principals/ Assistant Principals | # Supts/Asst Supts and BOCES Directors |
|----------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| <b>2018-19</b> | 911,536            | --               | --                  | \$8,123                   | --         | --                                | --                                     |
| <b>2017-18</b> | 910,280            | 80.7%            | 17.5                | \$7,662                   | 54,453     | 3,387                             | 533                                    |
| <b>2016-17</b> | 905,019            | 79.0%            | 17.6                | \$7,419                   | 53,567     | 3,282                             | 524                                    |
| <b>2015-16</b> | 899,112            | 78.9%            | 17.5                | \$7,313                   | 53,179     | 3,194                             | 509                                    |
| <b>2014-15</b> | 889,006            | 77.3%            | 17.5                | \$7,025                   | 56,947     | 3,055                             | 493                                    |
| <b>2013-14</b> | 876,999            | 77.3%            | 17.7                | \$6,652                   | 53,910     | 2,946                             | 496                                    |
| <b>2012-13</b> | 863,561            | 76.9%            | 17.6                | \$6,480                   | 48,958     | 2,806                             | 467                                    |
| <b>2011-12</b> | 854,265            | 75.4%            | 17.8                | \$6,475                   | 48,080     | 2,704                             | 464                                    |

\*Four-Year Graduation Rate

## DISTRICT INFORMATION

### District Stats for 2018-19

178 districts

- 107 of the 178 meet the definition of *small* rural
- 39 of the 178 meet the definition of rural
- These 146 (82 percent of total districts) rural districts comprise only 15 percent (133,584) of the total PK-12 population in the state
- 84 districts have less than 500 students

### 2017-18 District Accreditation Ratings

| Category   | Number of Districts | Percent of Districts |
|--|---------------------|----------------------|
| Performance Plan                                 | 1,239               | 67.7%                |
| Improvement Plan                                 | 387                 | 21.2%                |
| Priority Improvement Plan                        | 118                 | 7%                   |
| Turnaround Plan                                  | 45                  | 2.5%                 |
| Insufficient State Data due to Low Participation | 40                  | 2.2%                 |

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## SCHOOL INFORMATION

### Colorado Schools

1,900 schools:

- 1,106 elementary schools
- 285 middle schools
- 509 high schools

Enrollment has grown every year since 1988, when the total enrollment was 560,081.

### Charter, Innovation and Online Schools

- 255 charter schools serving approximately 124,562 students (PK-12)
- 45 districts authorize charter schools in Colorado (including Charter School Institute)
- 99 innovation schools serving approximately 46,532 students (PK-12)
- 16 innovation districts serving approximately 365,272 students
- 38 online schools serving 21,246 students (PK-12)

## STUDENT INFORMATION

### Student Information by School/Instructional Program

| Year    | Total Enrollment ** | Elementary School* | Middle School* | High School* | Gifted & Talented | Special Education | Online | English Language Learners | Immigrant | Migrant | Title 1 |
|---------|---------------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------|---------------------------|-----------|---------|---------|
| 2018-19 | 911,536             | 430,299            | 207,430        | 273,519      | 66,677            | 102,081           | 21,246 | 125,477                   | 11,947    | 2,731   | 226,059 |
| 2017-18 | 910,280             | 434,801            | 205,074        | 270,405      | 67,082            | 98,984            | 19,876 | 128,274                   | 11,657    | 2,616   | 227,089 |
| 2016-17 | 905,019             | 436,681            | 202,838        | 265,500      | 65,814            | 95,362            | 19,581 | 129,237                   | 8,881     | 3,168   | 219,255 |
| 2015-16 | 899,112             | 437,660            | 200,543        | 260,909      | 68,716            | 92,687            | 18,664 | 128,041                   | 9,474     | 2,816   | 214,482 |
| 2014-15 | 889,006             | 436,571            | 197,766        | 254,497      | 68,163            | 89,602            | 17,060 | 126,840                   | 8,410     | 2,391   | 209,413 |
| 2013-14 | 876,999             | 433,830            | 193,789        | 249,380      | 66,661            | 88,190            | 16,215 | 126,750                   | 9,397     | 2,193   | 203,270 |

\* Elementary (PK-5), Middle (6-8), High (9-12) \*\*Numbers include BOCES, detention centers and alternative schools.

### Student Enrollment and Four Year On-time Graduation Rate by Racial/Ethnicity

| Year    | Total      |           | American Indian |           | Asian      |           | Black      |           | Hispanic   |           | White      |           | Hawaiian/<br>Pacific Islander |           | Two or More Races |           |
|---------|------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|
|         | Enrollment | Grad Rate | Enrollment      | Grad Rate | Enrollment | Grad Rate | Enrollment | Grad Rate | Enrollment | Grad Rate | Enrollment | Grad Rate | Enrollment                    | Grad Rate | Enrollment        | Grad Rate |
| 2018-19 | 911,536    | --        | 6,503           | --        | 29,054     |           | 41,135     | --        | 305,948    | --        | 486,634    | --        | 2,436                         | --        | 39,826            | --        |
| 2017-18 | 910,280    | 80.7%     | 6,455           | 68.5%     | 28,948     | 90.3%     | 41,671     | 74.4%     | 306,434    | 73.4%     | 486,479    | 85.3%     | 2,290                         | 73.9%     | 38,003            | 82.8%     |
| 2016-17 | 905,019    | 79%       | 6,511           | 64.1%     | 28,309     | 89.8%     | 41,478     | 71.9%     | 303,573    | 71.1%     | 486,537    | 85.8%     | 2,223                         | 76.5%     | 36,388            | 80.2%     |
| 2015-16 | 899,112    | 78.9%     | 6,424           | 62%       | 27,733     | 86%       | 41,560     | 71.8%     | 300,107    | 69.9%     | 486,818    | 84.4%     | 2,077                         | 74.4%     | 34,393            | 79.1%     |
| 2014-15 | 889,006    | 77.3%     | 6,537           | 64%       | 27,297     | 88.1%     | 41,660     | 69.8%     | 294,435    | 67.6%     | 484,305    | 82.6%     | 2,065                         | 74.5%     | 32,707            | 79.7%     |



## Four Year On-time Graduation Rate by Instructional Program Type

| Year    | Students w/<br>Disabilities | Limited English<br>Proficiency | Economically<br>Disadvantaged | Migrant | Title 1 | Homeless | Gifted and<br>Talented |
|---------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------|---------|----------|------------------------|
| 2017-18 | 58.6%                       | 67%                            | 70.7%                         | 66.9%   | 59.9%   | 55.4%    | 93.7%                  |
| 2016-17 | 56.8%                       | 64.6%                          | 68.5%                         | 61.8%   | 56.5%   | 55.8%    | 93%                    |
| 2015-16 | 57.2%                       | 61.4%                          | 67.8%                         | 62.8%   | 56.7%   | 53.2%    | 94.5%                  |
| 2014-15 | 53.8%                       | 61.1%                          | 65.5%                         | 67.9%   | 51.2%   | 52.8%    | 92.2%                  |
| 2013-14 | 54.6%                       | 58.7%                          | 64.2%                         | 63%     | 52.4%   | 52.7%    | 92.2%                  |
| 2012-13 | 53.8%                       | 58.5%                          | 63.7%                         | 62.6%   | 52.8%   | 50.4%    | 91.7%                  |
| 2011-12 | 53.7%                       | 53.3%                          | 61.4%                         | 55.7%   | 52.1%   | 49.1%    | 91.6%                  |

## Annual Dropout Rate by Race and Ethnicity

| Year    | Total      | American<br>Indian | Asian      | Black      | Hispanic   | White      | Hawaiian/<br>Pacific Islander | Two or More Races |
|---------|------------|--------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|
|         | Drop Out % | Drop Out %         | Drop Out % | Drop Out % | Drop Out % | Drop Out % | Drop Out %                    | Drop Out %        |
| 2017-18 | 2.2%       | 4.3%               | 0.9%       | 3.1%       | 3.5%       | 1.4%       | 3.0%                          | 1.7%              |
| 2016-17 | 2.3%       | 4.3%               | 0.9%       | 3.4%       | 3.5%       | 1.5%       | 2.5%                          | 1.9%              |
| 2015-16 | 2.3%       | 4.4%               | 1.3%       | 3.4%       | 3.7%       | 1.5%       | 2.7%                          | 1.7%              |
| 2014-15 | 2.5 %      | 4.7%               | 1.4%       | 3.7%       | 3.9%       | 1.6%       | 3.3%                          | 1.9%              |
| 2013-14 | 2.4%       | 5%                 | 1.3%       | 3.7%       | 3.8%       | 1.6%       | 2.4%                          | 1.8%              |
| 2012-13 | 2.5%       | 4.4%               | 1.3%       | 3.5%       | 4.0%       | 1.6%       | 3.6%                          | 2.0%              |

\*Includes alternative schools

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

### CDE Budget

| Funding Source         | 2015                   | 2016                   | 2017                   | 2018                   | 2019                   |
|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| General Fund           | \$3,345,673,128        | \$3,464,980,103        | \$3,750,966,801        | \$4,057,154,641        | \$4,168,592,806        |
| Cash Funds             | \$1,228,677,672        | \$1,147,044,520        | \$1,044,843,528        | \$802,663,370          | \$1,153,177,948        |
| Reappropriated Funds   | \$14,469,879           | \$15,278,058           | \$12,537,344           | \$11,117,057           | \$10,044,840           |
| Federal Funds          | \$832,523,457          | \$869,918,019          | \$847,807,031          | \$821,217,851          | \$1,438,975            |
| Full Time Equiv. Staff | 582                    | 598.8                  | 599.5                  | 599.2                  | 602.5                  |
| <b>Total Funds</b>     | <b>\$5,421,344,136</b> | <b>\$5,497,220,700</b> | <b>\$5,656,154,704</b> | <b>\$5,692,152,920</b> | <b>\$5,333,254.569</b> |

## Where can I learn more?

- <http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdereval/general>
- <http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdereval/rvprioryearcoloradoedfacts>
- View all CDE fact sheets: [www.cde.state.co.us/communications/factsheetsandfaqs](http://www.cde.state.co.us/communications/factsheetsandfaqs)