

District of Columbia State Data Center Monthly Brief

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Back to School Facts (National & DC): 2009-2010

It's that time of year again, summertime is winding down, summer vacations are coming to an end, and almost time to go back to school for over 76 million children and adults enrolled in schools and colleges throughout the country. It's a time that many children look forward to eagerly, to catch up with old friends, make new ones and settle into a new daily routine. Parents and children alike are scanning the newspapers and Web sites looking for upcoming sales to shop for a multitude of school supplies and the latest clothing fads and essentials. This monthly brief presents data from the US Census Bureau on many interesting statistics related to the return to classrooms by our nation's students and teachers.

Key Indicators

Schools and Students

98,793

Number of public schools nationwide 2006-07. In 2007-08, there were 28,218 private schools.



134

Number of public schools (DCPS) in D.C. in 2008-09, with enrollment of 46,200 students.

59

Number of public charter schools located on 95 campuses in D.C. in 2008-09, with an audited enrollment of 25,568 students.

84

There were 84 independent (private) schools in D.C. in 2007-2008 with enrollment of 17,919 students.

3,970

The number of public charter schools nationwide in 2006-07; up from 3,294 in 2004-05. These schools, exempt from selected state and local rules and regulations, enrolled 1.2 million students in 2006-07; up from 887,000 in 2004-05.

76 million

The number of children and adults enrolled in school throughout the country - from nursery school to college. They amount to 27 percent of the US population age 3 and older.

4,352

Number of institutions nationally that granted college degrees in 2007.

15

Number of degree-granting institutions in D.C. in 2005-06. Undergraduate enrollment was 66,212 and graduate enrollment was 32,646.

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Shopping

\$7.6 billion

The amount of money spent at family clothing stores nationwide in August 2008. Only in December - the holiday shopping season - were sales higher. Similarly, bookstore sales in August 2008 totaled \$2.4 billion, an amount approached in 2008 only by sales in January. To do your back-to-school shopping, choices of retail establishments abound: In 2006, there were 25,430 family clothing stores, 6,417 children and infants clothing stores, 26,699 shoe stores, 9,425 office supplies and stationery stores, 23,270 sporting goods stores, 10,989 bookstores and 9,969 department stores.

Pre-K through 12

Enrollment

55%

Percentage of 3- and 4-year-olds nationally enrolled in schools in October 2007.

71%

Percentage of children nationally enrolled in kindergarten who attend all day, as of October 2007.

56 million

The projected number of students to be enrolled in the nation's elementary and high schools (grades K-12) this fall.



11%

Projected percentage of elementary and high school students enrolled in private schools this fall.

42%

Percentage of elementary and high school students who are minorities (i.e., people who are other than non-Hispanic white), as of October 2007.

23%

Percentage of elementary and high school students with at least one foreign-born parent in October 2007. Five percent of students were foreign-born themselves.

6%

Percentage of children 6 to 11 years who had ever repeated a grade as of 2006. For children 12 to 17, the rate was 11 percent.

Languages

10.9 million

Number of school-age children (5 to 17) nationwide who speak a language other than English at home. These children make up nearly 1-in-5 in this age group. Most of them (7.9 million) speak Spanish at home.

9,895

Number of school-age children (5-17) in D.C. who speak a language other than English at home in 2007. Most of them (7,017) speak Spanish at home.

Lunchtime

31 million

Average number of children participating each month in the national school lunch program in 2008.

61,900

Average number of students in D.C. that participated in the school lunch program in 2008.

9.9 billion

The nation's total apple production, in pounds, in 2008. The chances are good that the apples your children present to their teachers or enjoy for lunch were grown in Washington state, which

accounted for more than half of the nation's total production.

College

19 million

The projected number of students enrolled in the nation's colleges and universities this fall. This is up from 13.5 million twenty years ago.



98,858

The number of students enrolled in D.C. 15 degree-granting institutions in 2005-06, of which 66,212 were undergraduate students and 32,646 were graduate students.

15%

Percentage of all college students age 35 and older in October 2007. The majority of these older students (36 percent) attended school part-time.

66%

Percentage of undergraduates enrolled in four-year colleges in October 2007. Of these undergraduate students 82 percent attended college full time.

55%

Percentage of undergraduates who were women in October 2007. Women comprised an even greater share of graduate students at 60 percent.

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Teachers and Other School Personnel

7.2 million

Number of teachers in the United States in 2008. The bulk of them (2.9 million) teach at the elementary and middle school levels. The remainder includes those teaching at the postsecondary, secondary, preschool and kindergarten levels.

8,260

Number of elementary, middle and secondary school teachers in D.C. in 2008.

\$63,640

Average annual salary of public school teachers in California as of the 2006-2007 school year. Teachers in South Dakota received among the lowest pay - \$35,378. The national average was \$50,758. High school principals earned \$97,486 annually in 2007-08.

\$68,383

Average annual salary of public school teachers in D.C. in 2008.

\$16.56

Average hourly wage for the nation's school bus drivers in 2007-08. Custodians earned \$14.19 while cafeteria workers made \$11.60.



Technology

14.2 million

Number of computers available for classroom use in the nation's 124,110 elementary and secondary schools as of the 2005-2006 school year; that works out to one computer for every four students.



The Rising Cost of College

\$14,915

Average tuition, room and board (for in-state students) at the nation's four-year public colleges and universities for an entire academic year (2007-08); that is more than double the corresponding figure in 1990 and up from \$13,425 in 2005-06..

\$40,640

Average tuition, room and board at the nation's four-year private colleges and universities for one complete academic year (2007-08); that is more than double the corresponding figure in 1990 and up from \$36,510 in 2005-06.

The Rewards of Staying in School

\$80,977

Average annual 2007 earnings of workers age 18 and older with an advanced

degree. This compares with \$21,484 a year for those without a high school diploma. In addition, those with a bachelor's degree earned an average of \$57,181 in 2007, while those with a high school diploma earned \$31,286.

\$75,621

Average starting salary offered to bachelor's degree candidates in petroleum engineering in 2008, among the highest of any field of study. At the other end of the spectrum were those majoring in social science, they were offered an average of \$39,476.

Graduation

3.3 million

Projected number of high school diplomas that will be awarded in 2009-10 school year.

74%

Average graduation rate in 2008 for D.C. public school students.

3.2 million

Number of college degrees expected to be conferred in 2009-10 school year.

Government Spending on Education

\$9,666

The per-pupil expenditure on elementary and secondary education nationally in 2007. New York (\$15,981) spent the most among states or state-equivalents, followed by New Jersey (\$15,691), and the District of Columbia (\$14,324). Utah (\$5,683), spent the least per student, followed by Idaho (6,625) and Tennessee (\$7,113).

Office of Planning 2009 Summer Interns Prepare to Return to School this Fall



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