

Profile Data: 2010 Highlights

2008-09 Data

What is new? What has changed?

1. Student enrollment in Colorado continues to increase. A 7.6% increase (55,128 students) over the last 5 years. District enrollment: 90 districts increased, 86 declined and 2 had no change.
2. Students in special education – 83,302
 - a. has increased in number and decreased in percentage
 - b. percent is lower than national average
3. Students identified as at-risk (for free lunch)
 - a. total 30% of population or 234,481 students
 - b. a 28% increase (51,168 students) in past 5 years
4. English Language Learners (ELL) – 2 years funded
 - a. are 6% of population or 48,774 students
 - b. a 40% increase (13,400 students) in 5 years
 - c. 183 languages served in 134 districts
 - d. CDE has modified the way they count ELL students, which decreases the student funded count but is not a decrease in actual ELL students. An additional 52,605 students were served by districts but were not eligible for state ELPA funding.
5. Colorado has made efforts to lower class size by adding teachers.
 - a. Lags in comparison to national average
 - b. Colorado average salary is \$47,493, which is below the national average of \$54,319 (after adjusting for inflation).
6. Colorado's per student spending is \$2,198 below the National average in 2008-09, \$2,082 below in 2007-08.
7. Colorado's personal income continues to increase (towards top in nation)
 - a. Over the last five years:
 - i. Colorado's personal income has increased 32%.
 - ii. Percent of personal income spent on K-12 education remains unchanged.
 - b. Colorado's percent of personal income dedicated toward K-12 is 3.2%. The National average is 4.3%.