

Profile Data: 2011 Highlights

2009-10 Data

What is new? What has changed?

1. Student enrollment in Colorado continues to increase. An 8.2% increase (+60,120 students) over the last 5 years. District enrollment: 99 districts decreased, 78 increased, 1 had no change.
2. Students in special education: 83,575
 - a. has increased in number, remained stable as percent of student enrollment
 - b. percent is lower than national average
3. Students identified as at-risk (free lunch count)
 - a. total 33.2% of Colorado's K-12 population or 262,084 students
 - b. a 33.2% increase (+65,310 students) in past 5 years
4. English Language Learners (ELL) – Funded for 2 years (ELPA), no PK funding.
 - a. are 4.8% of population or 38,247 students
 - b. a 4% increase (+1,547 students) in 5 years
 - c. 163 languages served in 136 districts
 - d. CDE has modified the count of ELL students, which decreases the student funded count but is not a decrease in actual ELL students. An additional 82,015 students (65% of total ELL population) were served by districts but were not eligible for state ELPA funding.
5. Colorado Teachers:
 - a. Teachers per 1,000 students is higher than the national average and is increasing.
 - b. Colorado average salary is \$49,183, which is \$-6,019 below the national average of \$55,202 (after adjusting for inflation).
6. Colorado's per student spending is \$-2,408 below the National average in 2009-10, and was \$-2,321 below in 2008-09.
7. Colorado's
 - a. Personal income continues to increase (towards top in nation)
 - b. Percent of personal income dedicated toward K-12 is 3.35%. The National average is 4.3% and continues to increase.