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Public School Enrollment Across West Virginia

Enrollment in West Virginia public schools is **234,957** students for the current year. This reflects a 2.52% decrease from **241,024** students in 2024–2025, and a 6.35% decline from **250,899** students in 2021–2022.

Of all public school students, **98.2%** are enrolled in a county school system, while **1.8%** (4,243 students) attend a charter school. Overall, 52 of the state's 61 districts—including both brick-and-mortar and virtual schools—experienced a decline in enrollment.

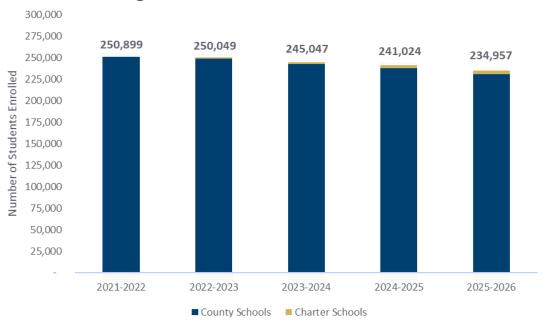


Education Snapshot

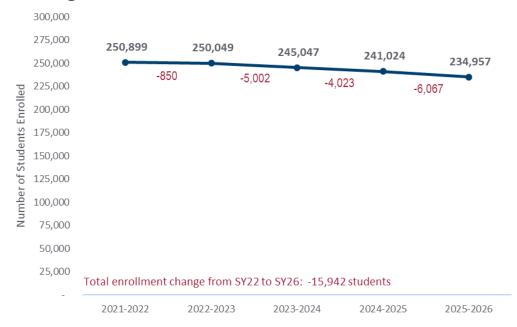
Metric/Data Point	2025-2026	2024-2025	2023-2024
Total Headcount	234,957	241,024	245,047
County Schools	230,714	237,658	242,777
Charter Schools	4,243	3,366	2,270
Brick and Mortar	802	564	667
Virtual	3,441	2,802	1,603
WVSDB (Residential)	42	51	50
WVSDT	559	549	503
Total Students Served	236,298	242,751	246,787
Number of Hope Scholarship Served	477	210	69
Number of Students Served, Not Funded	1,336	1,467	1,609
Non-Public Students			
Number of Homeschooling Students	_	19,621	24,502
Number of Private/Parochial School Students	_	14,126	12,769
Number of Schools			
Total PK-12 Schools (County & Charter)	618	629	637
County PK-12 Schools	611	623	632
Other Locations (Alt, CTE, MCVC)	46	45	43
Charter PK-12 Schools	7	6	5
Brick and Mortar	5	4	3
Virtual	2	2	2
Special District Schools	25	24	23
Number of Schools by Program*			
Elementary (Primary + Elementary)	358	361	369
Middle	145	151	153
Secondary	115	117	115
Alternative	18	17	14
CTE Centers	21	21	22
Multi-County Vocational Centers (MCVC)	7	7	7

^{*}Does not include WVSDB or WVSDT.

West Virginia Public School Enrollment Over Time



West Virginia Public School Enrollment Over Time: 5-Year Trend



Districts with Decreased Enrollment in SY26 (compared to SY25)

Ordered by largest to smallest losses

District	SY26 Enrollment	SY25 Enrollment	Difference
Kanawha County	22,132	23,101	-969
Harrison County	8,926	9,355	-429
Mercer County	7,906	8,231	-325
Logan County	4,347	4,665	-318
Wood County	10,819	11,078	-259
Wayne County	5,679	5,915	-236
Cabell County	10,955	11,178	-223
Preston County	3,549	3,763	-214
Marion County	6,903	7,100	-197
Raleigh County	10,090	10,287	-197
Fayette County	5,031	5,222	-191
Virtual Prep Academy	961	1,148	-187
Nicholas County	3,006	3,189	-183
Upshur County	3,197	3,380	-183
Boone County	2,870	3,050	-180
Greenbrier County	4,223	4,397	-174
Berkeley County	19,797	19,965	-168
Wetzel County	1,979	2,140	-161
Jefferson County	8,213	8,371	-158
Putnam County	8,357	8,506	-149
McDowell County	2,089	2,236	-147
Ohio County	4,580	4,719	-139
Randolph County	3,351	3,488	-137
Wyoming County	3,133	3,266	-133
Marshall County	3,992	4,098	-106
Taylor County	2,013	2,117	-104

Districts with Decreased Enrollment in SY26 (compared to SY25)

Ordered by largest to smallest losses

District	SY26 Enrollment	SY25 Enrollment	Difference
Mingo County	3,255	3,356	-101
Monongalia County	11,070	11,159	-89
Roane County	1,545	1,630	-85
Mason County	3,462	3,542	-80
Summers County	1,053	1,133	-80
Lincoln County	2,638	2,713	-75
Clay County	1,338	1,412	-74
Jackson County	3,896	3,968	-72
Lewis County	2,148	2,217	-69
Pocahontas County	833	893	-60
Barbour County	1,907	1,966	-59
Webster County	990	1,048	-58
Braxton County	1,514	1,567	-53
Morgan County	2,062	2,111	-49
Brooke County	2,160	2,206	-46
Monroe County	1,548	1,594	-46
Grant County	1,570	1,611	-41
Hancock County	3,275	3,311	-36
Pleasants County	1,011	1,043	-32
Wirt County	831	862	-31
Hardy County	2,154	2,182	-28
Calhoun County	762	789	-27
Ritchie County	1,111	1,130	-19
Tucker County	906	918	-12
Gilmer County	712	720	-8
Pendleton County	843	851	-8



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