

Washington state at a glance

Public school enrollment, P-12:

1971	803,773
1975	785,126
1980	757,244
1985	749,978
1990	839,709
1995	956,572
2000	1,004,770
2001	1,010,424
2002	1,015,968
2003	1,021,497
2004	1,021,502
2005	1,032,856
2006	1,028,377
2007	1,031,846
2008	1,038,620

Gender distribution, 2008:

	Number	Pct.
Male	535,126	51.5%
Female	503,494	48.5

Racial/ethnic distribution, 2008:

Group	Number	Pct.
Am. Indian	27,372	2.6%
Asian	82,142	7.9
Black	56,752	5.5
Hispanic	158,614	15.3
White	672,682	64.8
Pacific Islr	7,055	0.7
Multiracial	27,090	2.6
NA/Other	6,913	2.6

Grade distribution, 2008:

Grade	Total	Percent
PK	10,995	1.1%
K	74,001	7.1
1	76,096	7.3
2	77,513	7.5
3	77,991	7.5
4	78,129	7.5
5	77,842	7.5
6	77,313	7.4
7	77,130	7.4
8	78,999	7.6
9	87,638	8.4
10	83,359	8.0
11	81,601	7.9
12	80,013	7.7

School districts, 2008:

The 1,038,620 students in public schools are distributed into 295 school districts and six additional jurisdictions (including Educational Service Districts and the Office of the Governor).

- The largest district is Seattle (45,968 students).
- The smallest district is Benge (6 students).
- 259,269 students (25.0%) are enrolled in the 19 King County districts.
- 539,429 students (51.9%) are enrolled in the 55 districts and jurisdictions of the Puget Sound metropolitan area (King, Kitsap, Pierce and Snohomish counties).
- 781,709 students (75.3%) are enrolled in the 19 Western Washington counties (156 districts and jurisdictions).

School staff, 2008-09

CERTIFICATED STAFF	FTEs
Administration	
Superintendents	253
Elementary principals	1,107
Secondary principals	604
Classroom teachers	
Elementary	26,495
Secondary	22,238
Others	5,183
Other Certificated staff (Extracurricular, substitute teachers, etc.)	
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Classroom teacher gender distribution, 2007-08:

	Number	Pct.
Male	15,740	29.2%
Female	38,241	70.8

Classroom teacher racial/ethnic distribution, 2007-08:

Group	Number	Pct.
Am. Indian	406	0.8%
Asian	1,389	2.6
Black	778	1.4
Hispanic	1,453	2.7
White	48,889	92.5

Note: Enrollment data for 2008 was used because 2009 data had not been finalized by the application deadline.