



Summary of Texas Public Schools Student Enrollment Trends: January 2021

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In January 2021, TEA conducted an intermediary data collection to better understand enrollment trends and compared it to a September 2020 intermediary data collection, to the October 2019 official PEIMS Fall (Snapshot) data collection, and to an October 2020 intermediary collection. The summary of these previous collections is posted [here](#).

TEA will continue to publish updates on enrollment trends throughout the year, including an update later in March based on data submitted as of January 29 that includes an analysis by demographic group and an enrollment update in late April based on data submitted as of March 31.

Summary of Texas Public School Enrollment Changes from October 2019 to January 2021

Overall enrollment increased very slightly between October 2020 and January 2021, by a total of 2,934 students. That overall gain is the result of increases in pre-k through 7th grade enrollment during the current school year, with some reductions in enrollment offsetting those increases, primarily in early childhood and grades 8-12.

While overall 3% fewer students are enrolled in public education in Texas in January 2021 than in 2019, more than half of that reduction (53%) is represented by early education, pre-kindergarten, and kindergarten, which are optional enrollment grades. Enrollment in grades for which school attendance is mandatory (grades 1-12) reduced by 1%.

Early education and pre-kindergarten (3- and 4-year-old students) enrollment reduced by 31% and 20% between 2019 and January 2021, respectively.

	Total Oct 2019	Total Oct 2020	# Change Oct 2020 from 2019	% Change Oct 2020 from 2019	Total Jan 2021	# Change Jan 2021 from 2019	% Change Jan 2021 from 2019	# Change Jan 2021 from October 2020
Early Education	25,883	20,100	(5,783)	-22%	17,807	(8,076)	-31%	-2,293
Pre-k	249,226	194,137	(55,089)	-22%	198,697	(50,529)	-20%	4,560
Kindergarten	384,110	359,999	(24,111)	-6%	360,724	(23,386)	-6%	725
1st grade	391,443	379,875	(11,568)	-3%	381,515	(9,928)	-3%	1,640
2nd grade	388,670	378,797	(9,873)	-3%	380,549	(8,121)	-2%	1,752

3rd grade	391,789	378,999	(12,790)	-3%	380,993	(10,796)	-3%	1,994
4th grade	400,106	383,199	(16,907)	-4%	384,932	(15,174)	-4%	1,733
5th grade	417,433	393,457	(23,976)	-6%	395,025	(22,408)	-5%	1,568
6th grade	422,722	412,117	(10,605)	-3%	412,676	(10,046)	-2%	559
7th grade	423,528	418,725	(4,803)	-1%	419,505	(4,023)	-1%	780
8th grade	411,253	420,381	9,128	2%	420,284	9,031	2%	-97
9th grade	449,099	433,099	(16,000)	-4%	431,853	(17,246)	-4%	-1,246
10th grade	407,018	417,106	10,088	2%	414,571	7,553	2%	-2,535
11th grade	377,192	385,173	7,981	2%	380,273	3,081	1%	-4,900
12th grade	354,298	362,010	7,712	2%	360,569	6,271	2%	-1,441
Grade not reported	--	--	--	--	135	n/a	n/a	135
Total	5,493,770	5,337,174	-156,596	-3%	5,340,108	-153,662	-3%	2,934

Summary of Texas Public School On-Campus vs. Remote Enrollment, January 2021

The majority of Texas public school students (56%) are learning on-campus as of January 2021, an increase of two percentage points from October 2020.

	Oct 2020 On Campus #	Oct 2020 On Campus %	Oct 2020 Remote #	Oct 2020 Remote %	Jan 2021 On Campus #	Jan 2021 On Campus %	Jan 2021 Remote #	Jan 2021 Remote %	Change in On Campus % from Oct to Jan
Early Education	14,339	71%	5,761	29%	13,224	74%	4,583	26%	3%
Pre-k	115,643	60%	78,494	40%	124,431	63%	74,266	37%	3%
Kindergarten	223,692	62%	136,307	38%	234,602	65%	126,122	35%	3%
1st grade	232,099	61%	147,776	39%	245,197	64%	136,318	36%	3%
2nd grade	228,170	60%	150,627	40%	240,512	63%	140,037	37%	3%

3rd grade	225,238	59%	153,761	41%	238,194	63%	142,799	37%	4%
4th grade	221,360	58%	161,839	42%	234,913	61%	150,019	39%	3%
5th grade	221,739	56%	171,718	44%	236,345	60%	158,680	40%	4%
6th grade	226,081	55%	186,036	45%	236,406	57%	176,270	43%	2%
7th grade	220,883	53%	197,842	47%	232,020	55%	187,485	45%	2%
8th grade	217,029	52%	203,352	48%	228,160	54%	192,124	46%	2%
9th grade	216,871	50%	216,228	50%	224,018	52%	207,835	48%	2%
10th grade	190,050	46%	227,056	54%	197,303	48%	217,268	52%	2%
11th grade	167,457	43%	217,716	57%	169,687	45%	210,586	55%	2%
12th grade	153,042	42%	208,968	58%	152,195	42%	208,374	58%	0%
Grade not reported	--	--	--	--	7	5%	128	95%	n/a
Grand Total	2,873,693	54%	2,463,481	46%	3,007,214	56%	2,332,894	44%	2%