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#### Abstract

This report provides information on enrollment in the Texas public school system from the 2001-02 through 2011-12 school years, based on data collected through the Texas Public Education Information Management System. Enrollment data are provided by grade, race/ethnicity, gender, and economically disadvantaged status, and for special populations and instructional programs. Data also are reported by education service center region.


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## Overview

This report provides enrollment data for students attending Texas public schools in the 2011-12 school year and updates 10-year trends in state enrollment. Enrollment data are provided by the following student characteristics: race/ethnicity, economic status, gender, and grade level. Data are also provided by student participation in the following special instructional programs: bilingual or English as a second language (ESL) programs, career and technical education programs, gifted and talented programs, special education programs, and Title I programs. Additional data are provided for the following special populations: immigrant students, migrant students, and students identified as limited English proficient (LEP).

Enrollment data for the 20 regional education service centers (ESCs) throughout the State of Texas are presented. In addition, national enrollment trends are examined, and enrollment data for the four most populous states in the United States (California, Florida, New York, and Texas) are compared.

## Highlights

- Texas public school enrollment during the 2001-02 school year was $4,160,968$ students. By 2011-12, enrollment had risen to $4,998,579$ students. Over the 10 -year period, total enrollment increased by 837,611 students, or by 20.1 percent.
- In 2011-12, statewide enrollment increased from the previous year by 1.3 percent.
- Between the 2010-11 and 2011-12 school years, African American, Asian, and Hispanic enrollment increased. Enrollment of White students decreased.
- Hispanics had the largest numerical increase in enrollment between 2010-11 and 2011-12, rising by 61,223 students. In 2011-12, Hispanic students accounted for the largest percentage of total enrollment ( $50.8 \%$ ), followed by White ( $30.6 \%$ ), African American ( $12.8 \%$ ), and Asian students ( $3.5 \%$ ).
- During the 2001-02 school year, there were 2,096,365 economically disadvantaged students, accounting for 50.4 percent of all students. By 2011-12, the number of economically disadvantaged students had risen to $3,013,442$, or 60.3 percent of all students. The 43.7 percent increase in economically disadvantaged students was more than double the 20.1 percent increase in the public school population as a whole.
- The percentages of African American, Asian, Hispanic, and White students identified as economically disadvantaged increased between the 2010-11 and 2011-12 school years.
- During both the 2010-11 and 2011-12 school years, Grade 9 had the highest enrollment, in part because of high grade-level retention in Grade 9 compared to other grades. In 2011-12, a total of 393,553 students were enrolled in Grade 9.
- The number of students participating in career and technical education programs rose by 35.3 percent between 2001-02 and 2011-12. The number of students receiving bilingual or English as a second language instructional services increased by 49.2 percent over the same period, and the number of students identified as limited English proficient (LEP) grew by 39.4 percent.
- In 2001-02, Education Service Center Region 4 (Houston) served the largest student population, accounting for 21.7 percent of total state public school enrollment. In 2011-12, Region 4 continued to have the largest proportion of total enrollment ( $22.1 \%$ ).
- According to national figures, public school enrollment in Texas increased by 21.5 percent betwēen 1999 and 2009. This was nearly four times the increase in the United States (5.4\%) over the same time period.
- From 1999 to 2009, the proportion of public school enrollment accounted for by Hispanic students increased from 39.6 percent to 48.6 percent ( 9.0 percentage points) in Texas and from 15.6 percent to 22.1 percent ( 6.5 percentage points) nationwide. During the same period, the proportion of enrollment accounted for by White students decreased from 43.1 percent to 33.3 percent ( 9.8 percentage points) in Texas and from 62.1 percent to 54.1 percent ( 8.0 percentage points) nationwide.
- In 2009-10, a higher percentage of public school students participated in special education programs across the United States (13.1\%) than in Texas (9.2\%).


## Enrollment in Texas

## Reporting of Enrollment Data

Enrollment is typically defined as the number of students registered in a school at a designated time in the school year. In this report, enrollment refers to the number of students enrolled in early education through Grade 12 in the Texas public school system as of the last Friday in October. This designated day is called the Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS) "snapshot date." Enrollment counts are available for all campuses, school districts, charter schools, counties, education service center regions, and the state.

Enrollment data in Texas include student demographic information, such as race/ethnicity, gender, and economically disadvantaged status, and information on student participation in special programs. Data on student characteristics and program participation are essential for monitoring educational progress and planning educational programs at all levels of the education system.

Financial planners and civic leaders use enrollment data to monitor the educational needs of a community. For example, a growing community will consider current enrollment data when making decisions to add teachers or adjust school programs in the short term. For long-term planning purposes, districts use enrollment trend data to predict and respond to changing needs in areas such as school facilities.

Texas public school enrollment data are used at the regional and state levels for education policy planning, administration, and research. Because enrollment trends reflect changes in society as a whole, the Texas Education Agency (TEA), state legislature, and research organizations use enrollment data to prepare for the future educational needs of Texas. Enrollment data allow the computation of many vital statistics about the Texas public education system, such as student/teacher ratios.

Since 1994, accountability ratings for Texas public schools and districts have been based on legislatively mandated indicators that draw from enrollment data collected by TEA. Texas law provides that "Performance on the student achievement indicators adopted ... must be based on information that is disaggregated by race, ethnicity, and socioeconomic status ...." (Texas Education Code [TEC] §39.053, 2011). As a result, performance is reported by total student population and by student group categories, such as race/ethnicity and economically disadvantaged status.

Enrollment data also are required by federal education legislation. For example, the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) (2002) obliges states to submit data for all students by the following categories: "economically disadvantaged students; students from major racial and ethnic groups; students with disabilities; and students with limited English proficiency" (pp. 1446-1447). Likewise, ESEA requires state report cards to be submitted annually with "information, in the aggregate, on student achievement ... disaggregated by race, ethnicity, gender, disability status, migrant status, English proficiency, and status as economically disadvantaged" (p. 1457).

In 2011-12, a broad range of information was collected through PEIMS on more than 1,200 school districts and open-enrollment charters; more than 8,500 schools; more than 324,000 teachers; and more than 4.9 million students. Texas public school students are served in markedly diverse school settings. Districts ranged in size from less than one square mile to nearly five thousand square miles. The two smallest districts in the state each had a total enrollment of 16 students: San Vicente Independent School District and Mountain Home Independent School District. In contrast, more than 200,000 students received instruction at 279 school sites in the Houston Independent School District.

Data for state-administered school districts are not included in this report. State-administered districts are created by legislative act and funded and administered by state government agencies, such as the Texas Juvenile Justice Department and the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services.

This report is the latest in a series of reports on enrollment trends in Texas public schools (TEA, $1998,2001,2003,2005,2007,2009 \mathrm{a}, 2009 \mathrm{~b}, 2010,2011 \mathrm{a}$ ) and continues to provide an overview of Texas enrollment trends, including diversity of the student population by grade and education service center region (Table 1 on page 4). Historical data on Texas public school enrollment are included with discussion of changes over time.

## Reporting of Race/Ethnicity

Data submissions prior to 2009-10. School districts submit student demographic information to TEA through PEIMS. Prior to the 2009-10 school year, TEA required that districts submit one of five racial/ethnic categories for each student: American Indian or Alaska Native; Asian or Pacific Islander; Black or African American (not of Hispanic origin); Hispanic/Latino; or White (not of Hispanic origin).

Data submissions beginning in 2009-10. In 2009-10, TEA began collecting data on race and ethnicity in compliance with a new federal standard (TEA, 2009c). For that year only, as a transitional measure, the data also were collected using the old standard. The new standard requires that race and ethnicity be collected separately using a specific two-part question, presented in a specific order, and that both parts of the question be answered (TEA, 2012).

Part 1. Ethnicity: Is the person Hispanic/Latino? Choose only one.

- Hispanic/Latino
- Not Hispanic/Latino

Part 2. Race: What is the person's race? Choose one or more, regardless of ethnicity.

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander
- White

The racial/ethnic categories are defined as follows. Hispanic/Latino includes students of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race. American Indian or Alaska Native includes students having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America), and who maintain a tribal affiliation or community attachment. Asian includes students having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent. Black or African American includes students having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa. Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander includes students having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands. White includes students having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.

The new standard results in several important changes: (a) the combined racial category Asian/ Pacific Islander is now separated into two categories; (b) students once identified exclusively as "Hispanic/Latino" must now report their race; (c) students may report more than one race; and (d) the definition for one of the racial categories-American Indian or Alaska Native-differs from that used in years past. Prior to 2009-10, American Indian or Alaska Native included students having origins in any of the original peoples of North America only.

Throughout the rest of this report, students classified in PEIMS as Hispanic/Latino are referred to as Hispanic; students classified as American Indian or Alaska Native are referred to as American Indian; students classified as Black or African American are referred to as African American; students classified
as Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander are referred to as Pacific Islander; and students classified as having two or more races are referred to as multiracial.

For purposes of reporting Texas public school enrollment data, TEA combines the answers to the two-part question to create seven mutually exclusive racial/ethnic categories. A student identified as Hispanic is included only in the count for Hispanics. A student not identified as Hispanic is included in the count for only one of the following six racial categories: African American, American Indian, Asian, Pacific Islander, White, or multiracial. A student identified as having two or more races is included only in the count for multiracial students, not in the count for any single racial category.

In this report, Texas public school enrollment data for 2009-10 and later years are based on the new racial/ethnic categories. Texas public school enrollment data for 2008-09 and earlier years are based on the old racial/ethnic categories. National public school enrollment data are also based on the old racial/ethnic categories. When reporting data by race/ethnicity for school years prior to 2009-10, TEA used the term Native American in place of the term American Indian. In this report, the term American Indian is used to present both current and historical data.

Because rates for small groups tend to be less stable over time, comparisons of rates either across racial/ethnic groups or within racial/ethnic groups over time can be misleading when one group is small compared to other groups. Among non-Hispanic students in Texas, the American Indian, multiracial, and Pacific Islander populations are small in number, compared to other racial/ethnic groups. Therefore, these populations are not included in comparisons of results in this report for non-Hispanic students. Among Hispanic students in Texas, the Asian and Pacific Islander populations are small in number, compared to other racial/ethnic groups. Therefore, these populations are not included in comparisons of results in this report for Hispanic students.

Table 1
Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity, Economic Status, English Proficiency, Gender, Grade, Instructional Program, and Education Service Center, Texas Public Schools, 2010-11 and 2011-12

| Group | Enrollment |  | Group | Enrollment |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2010-11 | 2011-12 |  | 2010-11 | 2011-12 |
| All students | 4,933,617 | 4,998,579 | Instructional program or special population ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |  |  |
|  |  |  | Bilingual or English as a second language | 797,683 | 809,854 |
| Race/Ethnicity |  |  | Career and technical | 469,086 | 483,122 |
| African American | 637,722 | 640,171 | Gifted and talented | 379,831 | 381,744 |
| American Indian | 23,602 | 22,383 | Immigrant | 79,536 | 71,754 |
| Asian | 169,338 | 177,185 | Migrant | 37,746 | 35,866 |
| Hispanic | 2,480,000 | 2,541,223 | Special education | 442,971 | 440,744 |
| Pacific Islander | 6,127 | 6,257 | Title I | 3,268,054 | 3,298,934 |
| White | 1,538,409 | 1,527,203 | - |  |  |
| Multiracial | 78,419 | 84,157 | Education service center |  |  |
|  |  |  | Region 1 - Edinburg | 409,469 | 412,862 |
| Economic status |  |  | Region 2 - Corpus Christi | 104,863 | 105,357 |
| Economically disadvantaged | 2,914,916 | 3,013,442 | Region 3 - Victoria | 52,765 | 53,305 |
|  |  |  | Region 4 - Houston | 1,092,548 | 1,105,601 |
| English proficiency |  |  | Region 5 - Beaumont | 80,438 | 80,331 |
| Limited English proficient | 831,812 | 838,418 | Region 6 - Huntsville | 171,733 | 174,707 |
|  |  |  | Region 7 - Kilgore | 169,455 | 170,146 |
| Gender |  |  | Region 8 -Mt. Pleasant | 56,866 | 56,803 |
| Female | 2,400,043 | 2,432,216 | Region 9 - Wichita Falls | 38,485 | 38,272 |
| Male | 2,533,574 | 2,566,363 | Region 10 - Richardson | 749,836 | 763,593 |
|  |  |  | Region 11 - Fort Worth | 541,969 | 553,205 |
| Grade |  |  | Region 12 - Waco | 156,571 | 158,500 |
| Early education | 24,751 | 24,454 | Region 13-Austin | 377,724 | 372,861 |
| Prekindergarten | 224,335 | 225,037 | Region 14 - Abilene | 52,376 | 52,288 |
| Kindergarten | 374,178 | 379,431 | Region 15 - San Angelo | 48,163 | 47,810 |
| Grade 1 | 387,884 | 392,276 | Region 16 - Amarillo | 84,670 | 85,832 |
| Grade 2 | 379,887 | 383,400 | Region 17 - Lubbock | 81,354 | 81,848 |
| Grade 3 | 375,432 | 379,400 | Region 18 - Midland | 78,038 | 80,177 |
| Grade 4 | 374,078 | 375,729 | Region 19-El Paso | 182,133 | 183,430 |
| Grade 5 | 372,498 | 377,701 | Region 20 - San Antonio | 404,161 | 421,651 |
| Grade 6 | 361,662 | 372,802 |  |  |  |
| Grade 7 | 357,344 | 366,104 |  |  |  |
| Grade 8 | 354,244 | 360,198 |  |  |  |
| Grade 9 | 390,665 | 393,553 |  |  |  |
| Grade 10 | 343,821 | 346,898 |  |  |  |
| Grade 11 | 314,710 | 323,217 |  |  |  |
| Grade 12 | 298,128 | 298,379 |  |  |  |

Note. Racial groups (African American, American Indian, Asian, Pacific Islander, White, and multiracial) do not include students of Hispanic ethnicity. ${ }^{\text {a SiSudents may }}$ be counted in more than one category.

## Statewide Enrollment

Public school enrollment has increased in recent years, particularly in the southern and western United States, and more growth is expected in the future. For the 12-year period from 2008 to 2020, the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) projects a 7-percent increase nationwide in public primary and secondary school enrollment (NCES, 2011). The method used to project school enrollments "... assumes that future trends in factors affecting enrollments will be consistent with past patterns. It implicitly includes the net effect of factors such as dropouts, deaths, nonpromotion, transfers to and from public schools, and, at the state level, migration (p. 3)." Among the states, Texas is expected to experience the fourth largest increase (after Nevada, Arizona, and Alaska) in public school enrollment from 2008 to 2020, at 22.7 percent.

Between 1987-88 and 2011-12, year-to-ycar change in statewide enrollment ranged from a low of 1.0 percent in 1996-97 to a high of 3.7 percent in 1993-94 (Table 2 on page 6 ). The most common year-to-year change was 1.7 percent. In 2011-12, statcwide enrollment increased from the previous year by 1.3 percent.

Between 1987-88 and 2011-12, Texas public schools served an increasingly diverse population of students. The growth of the Hispanic population, in particular, brought greater linguistic and cultural diversity to the state. The first school year in which the number of Hispanic students surpassed the number of White students was 2001-02. Since then, the number of Hispanic students has continued to rise, and the number of White students has declined (Figure 1 on page 7 and Table 4 on page 8).

Each year between 2001-02 and 2011-12, the majority of students met the state criteria for economic disadvantage (Figure 2 and Table 7 on page 10). In the 2011-12 school year, 60.3 percent of students were identified as economically disadvantaged. Under Texas Education Agency (TEA) guidelines, students were identified as economically disadvantaged if they were eligible for free or reduced-price meals under the National School Lunch and Child Nutrition Program (TEA, 2012).

- Texas public school enrollment during the 2001-02 school year was $4,160,968^{\prime}$ students (Table 2). By 2011-12, enrollment had risen to 4,998,579 students. Over the 10 -year period, total enrollment increased by 837,611 students, or by 20.1 percent.
- Statewide enrollment during the 1987-88 school year was 3,224,916 students. By 2011-12, enrollment had risen to $4,998,579$ students. During the 24 -year period, total enrollment increased by $1,773,663$ students, or 55.0 percent (Table 3 ).

Table 2
Statewide Enrollment, Texas Public Schools, 1987-88 Through 2011-12

| Year | Number | Annual change (\%) |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| $1987-88$ | $3,224,916$ | - |
| $1988-89$ | $3,271,509$ | 1.4 |
| $1989-90$ | $3,316,785$ | 1.4 |
| $1990-91$ | $3,378,318$ | 1.9 |
| $1991-92$ | $3,460,378$ | 2.4 |
| $1992-93$ | $3,541,771$ | 2.4 |
| $1993-94$ | $3,672,198$ | 3.7 |
| $1994-95$ | $3,730,544$ | 1.6 |
| $1995-96$ | $3,799,032$ | 1.8 |
| $1996-97$ | $3,837,096$ | 1.0 |
| $1997-98$ | $3,900,488$ | 1.7 |
| $1998-99$ | $3,954,434$ | 1.4 |
| $1999-00$ | $4,002,227$ | 1.2 |
| $2000-01$ | $4,071,433$ | 1.7 |
| $2001-02$ | $4,160,968$ | 2.2 |
| $2002-03$ | $4,255,821$ | 2.3 |
| $2003-04$ | $4,328,028$ | 1.7 |
| $2004-05$ | $4,400,644$ | 1.7 |
| $2005-06$ | $4,521,043$ | 2.7 |
| $2006-07$ | $4,594,942$ | 1.6 |
| $2007-08$ | $4,671,493$ | 1.7 |
| $2008-09$ | $4,749,571$ | 1.7 |
| $2009-10$ | $4,847,844$ | 2.1 |
| $2010-11$ | $4,933,617$ | 1.8 |
| $2011-12$ | $4,998,579$ | 1.3 |
|  |  |  |

Table 3
Change in Statewide Enroliment, Texas Public Schools

| Period | Number | Percent |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| 10-year change, |  |  |
| $2001-02$ to 2011-12 | 837,611 | 20.1 |
|  |  |  |
| $24-$ year change, | $1,773,663$ | 55.0 |

## Enrollment

## by Race/Ethnicity

- African American, Asian, and Hispanic enrollment increased between the 2010-11 and 2011-12 school years, whereas White enrollment decreased (Figure 1 on this page and Table 4 on page 8).
- Hispanics had the largest numerical increase in enrollment between 2010-11 and 2011-12, rising by 61,223 students. In 2011-12, Hispanic students accounted for the largest percentage of total enrollment (50.8\%), followed by White (30.6\%), African American (12.8\%), and Asian students (3.5\%).
- By race, the largest percentage of Hispanic students were identified as White (68.0\%). These students accounted for 34.6 percent of the total student population (Table 5 on page 9).
- Among the three largest groups of non-Hispanic multiracial students in 2011-12, students identified as White and African American accounted for 0.7 percent of total enrollment, students identified as White and Asian accounted for 0.4 percent, and students identified as White and American Indian accounted for another 0.3 percent (Table 6 on page 9 ).

Figure 1
Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity, Texas Public Schools, 2001-02 Through 2011-12


Note. Racial groups (African American and White) do not include students of Hispanic ethnicity.

Table 4
Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity, Texas Public Schools, 2001-02 Through 2011-12

| Year | African American |  | American Indian |  | Asian |  | Hispanic |  | Pacific Islander |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| 2001-02 | 596,962 | 14.3 | 12,774 | 0.3 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}^{\text {a }}$ | n/a | 1,734,388 | 41.7 | n/a | n/a |
| 2002-03 | 608,045 | 14.3 | 13,162 | 0.3 | n/a | n/a | 1,818,531 | 42.7 | n/a | n/a |
| 2003-04 | 616,050 | 14.2 | 13,791 | 0.3 | n/a | n/a | 1,894,108 | 43.8 | n/a | n/a |
| 2004-05 | 623,534 | 14.2 | 14,350 | 0.3 | n/a | n/a | 1,969,097 | 44.7 | n/a | n/a |
| 2005-06 | 665,799 | 14.7 | 15,037 | 0.3 | n/a | n/a | 2,047,308 | 45.3 | n/a | n/a |
| 2006-07 | 662,700 | 14.4 | 15,831 | 0.3 | n/a | n/a | 2,127,647 | 46.3 | n/a | n/a |
| 2007-08 | 666,009 | 14.3 | 16,285 | 0.3 | n/a | n/a | 2,203,340 | 47.2 | n/a | n/a |
| 2008-09 | 671,871 | 14.1 | 16,713 | 0.4 | n/a | n/a | 2,275,098 | 47.9 | n/a | n/a |
| 2009-10 | 632,401 | 13.0 | 26,467 | 0.5 | 162,032 | 3.3 | 2,398,684 | 49.5 | 6,201 | 0.1 |
| 2010-11 | 637,722 | 12.9 | 23,602 | 0.5 | 169,338 | 3.4 | 2,480,000 | 50.3 | 6,127 | 0.1 |
| 2011-12 | 640,171 | 12.8 | 22,383 | 0.4 | 177,185 | 3.5 | 2,541,223 | 50.8 | 6,257 | 0.1 |
| 10-year |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| change | 43,209 | 7.2 | 9,609 | 75.2 | n/a | n/a | 806,835 | 46.5 | n/a | n/a |


|  | White |  |  | Multiracial |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Year | Number | Percent |  | Number | Percent |
| $2001-02$ | $1,700,622$ | 40.9 |  | n/a | n/a |
| $2002-03$ | $1,693,598$ | 39.8 |  | n/a | n/a |
| $2003-04$ | $1,676,987$ | 38.7 |  | n/a | n/a |
| $2004-05$ | $1,660,392$ | 37.7 |  | n/a | n/a |
| $2005-06$ | $1,651,040$ | 36.5 |  | n/a | n/a |
| $2006-07$ | $1,638,571$ | 35.7 |  | n/a | n/a |
| $2007-08$ | $1,626,638$ | 34.8 |  | n/a | n/a |
| $2008-09$ | $1,616,115$ | 34.0 |  | n/a | n/a |
| $2009-10$ | $1,547,693$ | 31.9 |  | 74,366 | 1.5 |
| $2010-11$ | $1,538,409$ | 31.2 |  | 78,419 | 1.6 |
| $2011-12$ | $1,527,203$ | 30.6 |  | 84,157 | 1.7 |

10-year
change $\begin{array}{lllll}-173,419 & -10.2 & \text { n/a } / a / a\end{array}$
Note. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding. Racial
groups (African American, American Indian, Asian, Pacific Islander, White, and multiracial) do not include students of Hispanic ethnicity.
aNot available.

Table 5
Hispanic Students by Race, Texas Public Schools, 2010-11 and 2011-12

|  | 2010-11 |  |  | 2011-12 |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Group | Number | Percent |  | Number | Percent |
| All Hispanic | $2,480,000$ | 50.3 | $2,541,223$ | 50.8 |  |
| African American | 33,271 | 0.7 | 36,979 | 0.7 |  |
| American Indian | 704,570 | 14.3 | 685,108 | 13.7 |  |
| Asian | 8,457 | 0.2 | 8,991 | 0.2 |  |
| Pacific Islander | 6,790 | 0.1 | 6,590 | 0.1 |  |
| White | $1,647,818$ | 33.4 | $1,727,662$ | 34.6 |  |
| Multiracial | 79,094 | 1.6 | 75,893 | 1.5 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| State | $4,933,617$ | 100 | $4,998,579$ | 100 |  |

## Table 6

Non-Hispanic Multiracial Students by Most Common Racial Combination, Texas Public Schools, 2010-11 and 2011-12

| Group | 2010-11 |  |  | 2011-12 |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | Number | Percent |  | Number | Percent |
| Multiracial | 78,419 | 1.6 |  | 84,157 | 1.7 |
| White and African American | 33,423 | 0.7 |  | 37,330 | 0.7 |
| White and Asian | 16,238 | 0.3 | 18,029 | 0.4 |  |
| White and Native American | 13,881 | 0.3 | 13,470 | 0.3 |  |
| S |  |  |  |  |  |
| State | $4,933,617$ | 100 | $4,998,579$ | 100 |  |

## Enrollment

## by Economically Disadvantaged Status

- During the 2001-02 school year, there were 2,096,365 economically disadvantaged students, accounting for 50.4 percent of all students (Figure 2 and Table 7). By 2011-12, the number of economically disadvantaged students had risen to $3,013,442$, or 60.3 percent of all students.
- Between 2001-02 and 2011-12, the number of economically disadvantaged students rose by 917,077 . The total public school population rose by 837,611 (Table 3 on page 6 ). The 43.7 percent increase in economically disadvantaged student enrollment was more than double the 20.1 percent increase in the public school population as a whole (Table 3 on page 6 and Table 7 on this page).

Figure 2
Enrollment of Economically Disadvantaged Students, Texas Public Schools, 2001-02 Through 2011-12


Table 7
Enrollment of Economically Disadvantaged Students, Texas Public Schools, 2001-02 Through 2011-12

| Year | Number | Percent | Year | Number | Percent |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $2001-02$ | $2,096,365$ | 50.4 | $2008-09$ | $2,686,259$ | 56.6 |
| $2002-03$ | $2,203,961$ | 51.8 | $2009-10$ | $2,853,177$ | 58.9 |
| $2003-04$ | $2,281,195$ | 52.7 | $2010-11$ | $2,914,916$ | 59.1 |
| $2004-05$ | $2,397,700$ | 54.5 | $2011-12$ | $3,013,442$ | 60.3 |
| $2005-06$ | $2,506,972$ | 55.5 |  |  |  |
| $2006-07$ | $2,545,083$ | 55.4 | 10 -year change | 917,077 | 43.7 |
| $2007-08$ | $2,576,621$ | 55.2 |  |  |  |

## Enrollment

by Economically Disadvantaged Status and Race/Ethnicity

- The percentages of African American, Asian, Hispanic, and White students identified as economically disadvantaged increased between the 2010-11 and 2011-12 school years. (Figure 3 on this page and Table 8 on page 12).
- Between the 2010-11 and 2011-12 school years, enrollment of economically disadvantaged students increased by the largest number $(76,338)$ among Hispanics.
- Across racial/ethnic groups in 2011-12, the percentages of individual group enrollment accounted for by economically disadvantaged students were much larger for Hispanics (78.6\%) and African Americans (72.8\%) than Asians (32.1\%) and Whites (28.9\%).

Figure 3
Enrollment of Economically Disadvantaged Students Within Racial/Ethnic Groups, Texas Public Schools, 2001-02 Through 2011-12


Note. Racial groups (African American and White) do not include students of Hispanic ethnicity.

Table 8
Enrollment of Economically Disadvantaged Students Within Racial/Ethnic Groups, Texas Public Schools, 2001-02 Through 2011-12

| Year | African American |  | American Indian |  | Asian |  | Hispanic |  | Pacific Islander |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| 2001-02 | 383,853 | 64.3 | 5,268 | 41.2 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}^{\text {a }}$ | n/a | 1,322,600 | 76.3 | n/a | n/a |
| 2002-03 | 394,604 | 64.9 | 5,472 | 41.6 | n/a | n/a | 1,398,404 | 76.9 | n/a | n/a |
| 2003-04 | 404,179 | 65.6 | 5,813 | 42.2 | n/a | n/a | 1,457,969 | 77.0 | n/a | n/a |
| 2004-05 | 420,007 | 67.4 | 6,161 | 42.9 | n/a | n/a | 1,537,691 | 78.1 | n/a | n/a |
| 2005-06 | 454,756 | 68.3 | 6,566 | 43.7 | n/a | n/a | 1,598,645 | 78.1 | n/a | n/a |
| 2006-07 | 448,359 | 67.7 | 6,828 | 43.1 | n/a | n/a | 1,648,298 | 77.5 | n/a | n/a |
| 2007-08 | .447,199 | 67.1 | 7,028 | 43.2 | n/a | n/a | 1,689,779 | 76.7 | n/a | n/a |
| 2008-09 | 460,703 | 68.6 | 7,297 | 43.7 | n/a | n/a | 1,765,647 | 77.6 | n/a | n/a |
| 2009-10 | 447,368 | 70.7 | 14,866 | 56.2 | 51,123 | 31.6 | 1,876,684 | 78.2 | 3,315 | 53.5 |
| 2010-11 | 456,452 | 71.6 | 12,999 | 55.1 | 53,233 | 31.4 | 1,920,422 | 77.4 | 3,304 | 53.9 |
| 2011-12 | 465,820 | 72.8 | 12,658 | 56.6 | 56,945 | 32.1 | 1,996,760 | 78.6 | 3,488 | 55.7 |
| 10-year |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| change | 81,967 | 21.4 | 7,390 | 140.3 | n/a | n/a | 674,160 | 51.0 | n/a | n/a |


|  | White |  |  | Multiracial |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Year | Number | Percent |  | Number | Percent |
| $2001-02$ | 349,809 | 20.6 |  | n/a | n/a |
| $2002-03$ | 368,283 | 21.7 |  | n/a | n/a |
| $2003-04$ | 374,752 | 22.3 |  | n/a | n/a |
| $2004-05$ | 392,780 | 23.7 |  | n/a | n/a |
| $2005-06$ | 402,727 | 24.4 |  | n/a | n/a |
| $2006-07$ | 396,265 | 24.2 |  | n/a | n/a |
| $2007-08$ | 386,396 | 23.8 |  | n/a | n/a |
| $2008-09$ | 402,057 | 24.9 |  | n/a | n/a |
| $2009-10$ | 429,010 | 27.7 |  | 30,811 | 41.4 |
| $2010-11$ | 435,238 | 28.3 |  | 33,268 | 42.4 |
| $2011-12$ | 441,002 | 28.9 |  | 36,769 | 43.7 |

10-year
$\begin{array}{llll}\text { change } & 91,193 & 26.1 & \text { n/a }\end{array}$
Note. Racial groups (African American, American Indian, Asian, Pacific Islander, White, and multiracial) do not include students of Hispanic ethnicity.
aNot available.

## Enrollment

by Gender

- In the 2011-12 school year, 48.7 percent of all students were female, and 51.3 percent of students were male (Table 9). The proportions of females and males in Texas public schools remained stable over the 10-year period between 2001-02 and 2011-12.

Table 9
Enrollment by Gender, Texas Public Schools, 2001-02 Through 2011-12

| Year | Female |  |  | Male |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Percent |  | Number |  |
| $2001-02$ | $2,024,317$ | 48.7 | Percent |  |  |
| $2002-03$ | $2,068,911$ | 48.6 | $2,136,651$ | 51.3 |  |
| $2003-04$ | $2,104,064$ | 48.6 | $2,186,910$ | 51.4 |  |
| $2004-05$ | $2,139,975$ | 48.6 | $2,223,964$ | 51.4 |  |
| $2005-06$ | $2,200,006$ | 48.7 | $2,260,669$ | 51.4 |  |
| $2006-07$ | $2,237,184$ | 48.7 | $2,321,037$ | 51.3 |  |
| $2007-08$ | $2,274,819$ | 48.7 | $2,357,758$ | 51.3 |  |
| $2008-09$ | $2,311,378$ | 48.7 | $2,396,674$ | 51.3 |  |
| $2009-10$ | $2,358,516$ | 48.7 | $2,438,193$ | 51.3 |  |
| $2010-11$ | $2,400,043$ | 48.6 | $2,489,328$ | 51.3 |  |
| $2011-12$ | $2,432,216$ | 48.7 | $2,533,574$ | 51.4 |  |
|  |  |  | $2,566,363$ | 51.3 |  |
| 10-year change | 407,899 | 20.1 |  |  |  |

## Enrollment by Grade

In Texas, children are required to attend school beginning at age six (Texas Education Code [TEC] $\S 25.085,2011$ ). A child younger than six years of age must attend school if he or she has previously been enrolled in first grade. All children who are five years old on or before September 1 are eligible, but not required, to attend kindergarten (TEC $\S 25.085$ and $\S 29.151,2011$ ). With few exceptions, children must attend school until they reach the age of 18 . Students up to age 25 may be admitted by school districts to complete the requirements for a high school diploma (TEC §25.001, 2011).

Student learning during the early education and prekindergarten years is linked to future academic accomplishments, particularly for children identified as limited English proficient, disabled, or economically disadvantaged. In early education and prekindergarten programs, children develop skills necessary for success in the regular public school curriculum in the areas of language, mathematics, and social skills. Early education in Texas is a diverse set of programs designed for children who meet certain eligibility criteria. For example, Early Childhood Intervention is a coordinated system of services for children, from birth to age three, with disabilities or developmental delays (Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services, 2012). Another program, Even Start, is a family literacy program for children from birth through age seven of a parent or guardian who will benefit from literacy education (United States Department of Education, 2012). A child is eligible for free prekindergarten if the child is at least three years of age and is unable to speak and comprehend English, is educationally disadvantaged, is homeless, or has ever been in the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services (TEC $\S 29.153,2011$ ). A child of an active duty member of the U.S. armed forces or a child of a member of the U.S. armed forces who was injured or killed while serving on active duty is also eligible for free prekindergarten.

A variety of factors affect enrollment trends at all grade levels, including grade-level retention, migration into the state, and decisions about private and home schooling. Funding for early childhood and kindergarten programs affects enrollment trends in the elementary grades, whereas student decisions to graduate early, transfer into General Educational Development (GED) programs, or drop out of school affect enrollment trends in the secondary grades.

- During both the 2010-11 and 2011-12 school years, Grade 9 had the highest number of enrolled students (Figure 4 and Table 10), in part because of the high rate of grade-level retention in Grade 9 compared to other grades (TEA, 2011b). In 2011-12, a total of 393,553 students were enrolled in Grade 9.
- Across Grades K-12 in 2011-12, the percentages of total enrollment accounted for by grade ranged from a low of 6.0 percent in Grade 12 to a high of 7.9 percent in Grade 9 .
- Between 2010-11 and 2011-12, enrollment increased in each of Grades K-12.

Figure 4
Enrollment by Grade, Texas Public Schools, 2010-11 and 2011-12


Note. $\mathrm{EE}=$ Early education. PK=Prekindergarten.

Table 10
Enrollment by Grade, Texas Public Schools, 2010-11 and 2011-12

| Grade | 2010-11 |  | 2011-12 |  | Grade | 2010-11 |  | 2011-12 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |  | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Early education | 24,751 | 0.5 | 24,454 | 0.5 | 6 | 361,662 | 7.3 | 372,802 | 7.5 |
| Prekindergarten | 224,335 | 4.5 | 225,037 | 4.5 | 7 | 357,344 | 7.2 | 366,104 | 7.3 |
| Kindergarten | 374,178 | 7.6 | 379,431 | 7.6 | 8 | 354,244 | 7.2 | 360,198 | 7.2 |
| 1 | 387,884 | 7.9 | 392,276 | 7.8 | 9 | 390,665 | 7.9 | 393,553 | 7.9 |
| 2 | 379,887 | 7.7 | 383,400 | 7.7 | 10 | 343,821 | 7.0 | 346,898 | 6.9 |
| 3 | 375,432 | 7.6 | 379,400 | 7.6 | 11 | 314,710 | 6.4 | 323,217 | 6.5 |
| 4 | 374,078 | 7.6 | 375,729 | 7.5 | 12 | 298,128 | 6.0 | 298,379 | 6.0 |
| 5 | 372,498 | 7.6 | 377,701 | 7.6 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | All grades | 4,933,617 | 100 | 4,998,579 | 100 |

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## Enrollment

## by Grade and Age

- In 2011-12, the majority of students in Grades 9-12 were within the expected age ranges for their grades (Figure 5 and Table 11).
- A total of 917 students in Grades $9-12$ were between 22 and 25 years old. Of these, 74.4 percent were in Grade 12.

Figure 5
Enrollment of Students in Grades 9-12 by Age, Texas Public Schools, 2011-12


Table 11
Enrollment of Students in Grades 9-12 by Age, Texas Public Schools, 2011-12

| Age in Years | Grade 9 | Grade 10 | Grade 11 | Grade 12 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 12 to 13 | 6,184 | 46 | $-{ }^{\text {a }}$ | - |
| 14 | 271,409 b | 6,178 | 79 | 8 |
| 15 | 87,793 | 247,384 | 6,762 | 138 |
| 16 | 21,565 | 73,555 | 236,741 | 8,282 |
| 17 | 5,145 | 16,102 | 65,181 | 224,477 |
| 18 | 971 | 2,814 | 11,570 | 49,891 |
| 19 to 21 | 431 | 767 | 2,734 | 14,873 |
| 22 to 25 | 48 | 48 | 139 | 682 |

Note. Some students enrolled in Grades $9-12$ were outside the age ranges shown. As a result, grade-level enrollment totals are slightly lower than those in Table 10 on page 15.
${ }^{\text {a }}$ A dash ( - ) indicates data are not reported to protect student anonymity. ${ }^{\text {b }}$ Enrollment counts for students within the expected age range for each grade are shown in bold.

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## by Grade and Race/Ethnicity

- By grade level, the proportion of enrollment accounted for by White students in 2011-12 generally increased from kindergarten to Grade 12, whereas the proportion accounted for by Hispanic students generally decreased (Figure 6 on this page and Table 12 on page 18). This pattern held true in both the 2010-11 and 2011-12 school years. The proportion of grade-level enrollment accounted for by African American and Asian students remained relatively stable from kindergarten to Grade 12.
- As outlined on page 14, prekindergarten classes are designed to serve children three years of age and older who have specified educational disadvantages, including limited English proficiency. Hispanics, who made up 50.8 percent of total enrollment in the 2011-12 school year, made up 65.1 percent of prekindergarten students. In contrast, Whites, who made up 30.6 percent of total enrollment, made up 15.2 percent of prekindergarten students (Table 4 on page 8 and Table 12 on page 18).

Figure 6
Enrollment by Grade and Race/Ethnicity, Texas Public Schools, 2011-12


Note. Racial groups (African American, Asian, and White) do not include students of Hispanic ethnicity. EE=Early education. PK=Prekindergarten.

Table 12
Enrollment by Grade and Race/Ethnicity, Texas Public Schools, 2010-11 and 2011-12

| Grade | African American |  | American Indian |  | Asian |  | Hispanic |  | Pacific Islander |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| 2010-11 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Early education | 2,774 | 11.2 | 173 | 0.7 | 773 | 3.1 | 12,015 | 48.5 | 30 | 0.1 |
| Prekindergarten | 33,233 | 14.8 | 1,385 | 0.6 | 6,146 | 2.7 | 145,426 | 64.8 | 278 | 0.1 |
| Kindergarten | 44,778 | 12.0 | 1,661 | 0.4 | 12,746 | 3.4 | 195,319 | 52.2 | 504 | 0.1 |
| 1 | 47,254 | 12.2 | 1,608 | 0.4 | 13,426 | 3.5 | 203,590 | 52.5 | 480 | 0.1 |
| 2 | 46,899 | 12.3 | 1,586 | 0.4 | 13,518 | 3.6 | 197,061 | 51.9 | 485 | 0.1 |
| 3 | 47,178 | 12.6 | 1,697 | 0.5 | 13,038 | 3.5 | 192,714 | 51.3 | 439 | 0.1 |
| 4 | 46,896 | 12.5 | 1,719 | 0.5 | 13,174 | 3.5 | 190,813 | 51.0 | 457 | 0.1 |
| 5 | 47,399 | 12.7 | 1,578 | 0.4 | 12,944 | 3.5 | 187,156 | 50.2 | 435 | 0.1 |
| 6 | 46,470 | 12.8 | 1,790 | 0.5 | 12,155 | 3.4 | 179,028 | 49.5 | 431 | 0.1 |
| 7 | 46,735 | 13.1 | 1,741 | 0.5 | 11,966 | 3.3 | 175,954 | 49.2 | 401 | 0.1 |
| 8 | 46,288 | 13.1 | 1,806 | 0.5 | 12,269 | 3.5 | 172,273 | 48.6 | 444 | 0.1 |
| 9 | 52,479 | 13.4 | 1,959 | 0.5 | 13,127 | 3.4 | 193,305 | 49.5 | 458 | 0.1 |
| 10 | 46,634 | 13.6 | 1,850 | 0.5 | 12,059 | 3.5 | 160,564 | 46.7 | 427 | 0.1 |
| 11 | 42,469 | 13.5 | 1,582 | 0.5 | 11,208 | 3.6 | 142,196 | 45.2 | 447 | 0.1 |
| 12 | 40,236 | 13.5 | 1,467 | 0.5 | 10,789 | 3.6 | 132,586 | 44.5 | 411 | 0.1 |
| All grades | 637,722 | 12.9 | 23,602 | 0.5 | 169,338 | 3.4 | 2,480,000 | 50.3 | 6,127 | 0.1 |
| 2011-12 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Early education | 2,789 | 11.4 | 179 | 0.7 | 810 | 3.3 | 11,697 | 47.8 | 31 | 0.1 |
| Prekindergarten | 33,363 | 14.8 | 1,026 | 0.5 | 6,453 | 2.9 | 146,480 | 65.1 | 278 | 0.1 |
| Kindergarten | 45,791 | 12.1 | 1,782 | 0.5 | 12,870 | 3.4 | 199,055 | 52.5 | 529 | 0.1 |
| 1 | 47,863 | 12.2 | 1,588 | 0.4 | 13,775 | 3.5 | 206,709 | 52.7 | 521 | 0.1 |
| 2 | 46,879 | 12.2 | 1,528 | 0.4 | 14,007 | 3.7 | 200,528 | 52.3 | 457 | 0.1 |
| 3 | 46,979 | 12.4 | 1,472 | 0.4 | 14,019 | 3.7 | 196,434 | 51.8 | 476 | 0.1 |
| 4 | 47,038 | 12.5 | 1,585 | 0.4 | 13,489 | 3.6 | 192,815 | 51.3 | 424 | 0.1 |
| 5 | 47,440 | 12.6 | 1,609 | 0.4 | 13,608 | 3.6 | 193,257 | 51.2 | 447 | 0.1 |
| 6 | 47,415 | 12.7 | 1,507 | 0.4 | 13,337 | 3.6 | 187,611 | 50.3 | 417 | 0.1 |
| 7 | 47,198 | 12.9 | 1,703 | 0.5 | 12,556 | 3.4 | 181,952 | 49.7 | 454 | 0.1 |
| 8 | 47,060 | 13.1 | 1,684 | 0.5 | 12,441 | 3.5 | 177,619 | 49.3 | 422 | 0.1 |
| 9 | 52,807 | 13.4 | 1,915 | 0.5 | 13,688 | 3.5 | 196,580 | 50.0 | 521 | 0.1 |
| 10 | 45,440 | 13.1 | 1,672 | 0.5 | 12,823 | 3.7 | 165,255 | 47.6 | 434 | 0.1 |
| 11 | 42,738 | 13.2 | 1,669 | 0.5 | 12,150 | 3.8 | 149,874 | 46.4 | 433 | 0.1 |
| 12 | 39,371 | 13.2 | 1,464 | 0.5 | 11,159 | 3.7 | 135,357 | 45.4 | 413 | 0.1 |
| All grades | 640,171 | 12.8 | 22,383 | 0.4 | 177,185 | 3.5 | 2,541,223 | 50.8 | 6,257 | 0.1 |

Note. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding. Racial groups (African American, American Indian, Asian, Pacific Islander, White, and multiracial) do not include students of Hispanic ethnicity.

Table 12 (continued)
Enrollment by Grade and Race/Ethnicity, Texas Public Schools, 2010-11 and 2011-12

| Grade | White |  | Multiracial |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| 2010-11 |  |  |  |  |
| Early education | 8,555 | 34.6 | 431 | 1.7 |
| Prekindergarten | 35,013 | 15.6 | 2,854 | 1.3 |
| Kindergarten | 112,648 | 30.1 | 6,522 | 1.7 |
| 1 | 114,572 | 29.5 | 6,954 | 1.8 |
| 2 | 113,921 | 30.0 | 6,417 | 1.7 |
| 3 | 114,295 | 30.4 | 6,071 | 1.6 |
| 4 | 114,954 | 30.7 | 6,065 | 1.6 |
| 5 | 117,018 | 31.4 | 5,968 | 1.6 |
| 6 | 115,939 | 32.1 | 5,849 | 1.6 |
| 7 | 114,986 | 32.2 | 5,561 | 1.6 |
| 8 | 115,775 | 32.7 | 5,389 | 1.5 |
| 9 | 123,392 | 31.6 | 5,945 | 1.5 |
| 10 | 116,999 | 34.0 | 5,288 | 1.5 |
| 11 | 111,865 | 35.5 | 4,943 | 1.6 |
| 12 | 108,477 | 36.4 | 4,162 | 1.4 |
| All grades | 1,538,409 | 31.2 | 78,419 | 1.6 |
| 2011-12 |  |  |  |  |
| Early education | 8,465 | 34.6 | 483 | 2.0 |
| Prekindergarten | 34,273 | 15.2 | 3;164 | 1.4 |
| Kindergarten | 112,152 | 29.6 | 7,252 | 1.9 |
| 1 | 114,827 | 29.3 | 6,993 | 1.8 |
| 2 | 112,771 | 29.4 | 7,230 | 1.9 |
| 3 | 113,359 | 29.9 | 6,661 | 1.8 |
| 4 | 113,964 | 30.3 | 6,414 | 1.7 |
| 5 | 115,050 | 30.5 | 6,290 | 1.7 |
| 6 | 116,365 | 31.2 | 6,150 | 1.6 |
| 7 | 116,218 | 31.7 | 6;023 | 1.6 |
| 8 | 115,129 | 32.0 | 5,843 | 1.6 |
| 9 | 121,994 | 31.0 | 6,048 | 1.5 |
| 10 | 115,622 | 33.3 | 5,652 | 1.6 |
| 11 | 111,185 | 34.4 | 5,168 | 1.6 |
| 12 | 105,829 | 35.5 | 4,786 | 1.6 |
| All grades | 1,527,203 | 30.6 | 84,157 | 1.7 |

[^2]
## Enrollment <br> by Grade and Economically Disadvantaged Status

- The overall percentage of students identified as economically disadvantaged increased slightly between the 2010-11 and 2011-12 school years, from 59.1 percent to 60.3 percent (Table 13).
- The percentage of students reported as economically disadvantaged decreased from one grade level to the next between Grade 1 and Grade 12 (Figure 7 and Table 13), a pattern that held true each year between 2001-02 and 2011-12 (TEA, 2003, 2005, 2007, 2009a, 2009b, 2010, 2011a). In the 2011-12 school year, 64.7 percent of students in Grade 1 were economically disadvantaged, compared to 46.6 percent of students in Grade 12.

Figure 7
Enrollment of Economically Disadvantaged Students Within Grades, Texas Public Schools, 2011-12


[^3]
## Table 13

Enrollment of Economically Disadvantaged Students Within Grades,
Texas Public Schools, 2010-11 and 2011-12

|  | 2010-11 |  |  | 2011-12 |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: |
| Grade | Number | Percent |  | Number |  |
| Early education | 9,154 | 37.0 | 8,873 | 36.3 |  |
| Prekindergarten | 197,482 | 88.0 | 198,147 | 88.1 |  |
| Kindergarten | 235,733 | 63.0 | 243,055 | 64.1 |  |
| 1 | 246,419 | 63.5 | 253,913 | 64.7 |  |
| 2 | 238,270 | 62.7 | 244,798 | 63.8 |  |
| 3 | 234,629 | 62.5 | 239,307 | 63.1 |  |
| 4 | 230,110 | 61.5 | 235,588 | 62.7 |  |
| 5 | 225,600 | 60.6 | 234,594 | 62.1 |  |
| 6 | 213,596 | 59.1 | 225,389 | 60.5 |  |
| 7 | 206,764 | 57.9 | 216,192 | 59.1 |  |
| 8 | 199,349 | 56.3 | 207,831 | 57.7 |  |
| 9 | 217,028 | 55.6 | 222,848 | 56.6 |  |
| 10 | 175,912 | 51.2 | 182,668 | 52.7 |  |
| 11 | 150,541 | 47.8 | 161,067 | 49.8 |  |
| 12 | 134,329 | 45.1 | 139,172 | 46.6 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All grades | $2,914,916$ | 59.1 | $3,013,442$ | 60.3 |  |

## Enrollment for Instructional Programs and Special Populations

Texas public schools offer instructional programs designed to meet students' needs. Not all students are enrolled in one of these programs, and some students are enrolled in more than one. For example, students identified as limited English proficient (LEP), who do not speak English as their primary language and have a limited ability to read, speak, write, or understand English, may participate in bilingual or English as a second language (ESL) programs. Students in Grades 6-12 can participate in career and technical education courses. These courses offer training and instruction designed to help students gain employment in high-skill, high-wage jobs and advance to postsecondary education. Gifted and talented programs offer eligible students a continuum of learning experiences that leads to advanced accomplishments. Special education offers instructional and related services for eligible students with cognitive, physical, and/or emotional disabilities.

Title I is the largest federal aid program for elementary and secondary schools. The goal of Title I is to improve teaching and learning for at-risk students attending schools with high percentages of economically disadvantaged students. Students counted as Title I students may be participating in Title I-funded programs, or they may be enrolled in campuses that receive school-wide Title I assistance (TEA, 2012).

Immigrant students are between 3 and 21 years old, have not been attending school in the United States for more than three full academic years, and were not born in any state in the United States, Puerto Rico, or the District of Columbia (TEA, 2012). U.S. citizenship is not a factor when identifying students as immigrants for the purpose of public school enrollment data collection. A migrant student is one who is a migratory agricultural worker (or whose parent, spouse, or guardian is a migratory agricultural worker) and who, in the preceding 36 months, to obtain temporary employment in agriculture or fishing, or to accompany a parent, spouse, or guardian to obtain such employment: (1) has moved from one school district to another; or (2) resides in a school district of more than 15,000 square miles and migrates a distance of 20 miles or more to a temporary residence to engage in a fishing activity.

- The number of students participating in career and technical education programs rose by 35.3 percent between 2001-02 and 2011-12 (Table 14 on page 24).
- Between school years 2001-02 and 2011-12, the number of students participating in Title I programs increased by more than 1.1 million. The percentage of students enrolled in Title I programs in 2011-12 $(66.0 \%)$ was more than three times higher than the percentage enrolled in any other program.
- Across instructional programs and special populations, enrollment between 2001-02 and 2011-12 increased by the greatest percentage for students participating in Title I ( $54.2 \%$ ).
- The number of students identified as LEP increased by 236,970 , or 39.4 percent, between 2001-02 and 2011-12. Over the same period, the number of students receiving bilingual or ESL instructional services increased by 267,050 , or 49.2 percent.
- The percentage of students served in special education programs decreased from 11.9 percent in 2001-02 to 8.8 percent in 2011-12 (Figure 8 on this page and Table 14 on page 24).
- The percentage of students participating in gifted and talented programs decreased from 8.2 percent of enrollment in 2001-02 to 7.6 percent of enrollment in 2011-12.
- The percentage of immigrant students increased from 2.7 percent in 2001-02 to a high of 2.8 percent in 2002-03, then steadily decreased to 1.4 percent in 2011-12.

Figure 8
Enrollment in Instructional Programs, Texas Public Schools, 2001-02 Through 2011-12


School Year

$$
\rightarrow \text { Bilingual/ESL } \rightarrow \text { - Career and technical } \rightarrow \text { Gifted and talented } \rightarrow \text { Special education }
$$

Note. Students may be counted in more than one category. Beginning with the 2005-06 school year, career and technical data reflect students in Grades $9-12$ only who are participating in career and technical education programs. Students taking career and technical education courses as electives are excluded. ESL=English as a second language.

Table 14
Enrollment for Instructional Programs and Special Populations, Texas Public Schools, 2001-02
Through 2011-12

| Year | Bilingual/ESLa |  | Career and technical ${ }^{\text {b }}$ |  | Gifted and talented |  | Immigrant |  | LEP ${ }^{\text {c }}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| 2001-02 | 542,804 | 13.0 | 356,960 | 17.1 | 339,342 | 8.2 | 110,276 | 2.7 | 601,448 | 14.5 |
| 2002-03 | 572,186 | 13.4 | 407,905 | 19.1 | 332,623 | 7.8 | 121,064 | 2.8 | 630,345 | 14.8 |
| 2003-04 | 606,539 | 14.0 | 435,403 | 20.0 | 335,844 | 7.8 | 116,818 | 2.7 | 660,707 | 15.3 |
| 2004-05 | 631,668 | 14.4 | 461,344 | 20.9 | 337,672 | 7.7 | 116,135 | 2.6 | 684,170 | 15.5 |
| 2005-06 | 657,842 | 14.6 | 461,479 | 20.5 | 342,369 | 7.6 | 109,401 | 2.4 | 711,396 | 15.7 |
| 2006-07 | 679,832 | 14.8 | 434,145 | 19.0 | 343,158 | 7.5 | 100,723 | 2.2 | 731,872 | 15.9 |
| 2007-08 | 721,750 | 15.5 | 417,225 | 18.1 | 348,854 | 7.5 | 94,263 | 2.0 | 775,432 | 16.6 |
| 2008-09 | 757,824 | 16.0 | 429,712 | 18.4 | 355,847 | 7.5 | 86,864 | 1.8 | 800,554 | 16.9 |
| 2009-10 | 779,771 | 16.1 | 444,402 | 18.7 | 367,924 | 7.6 | 80,432 | 1.7 | 817,074 | 16.9 |
| 2010-11 | 797,683 | 16.2 | 469,086 | 19.4 | 379,831 | 7.7 | 79,536 | 1.6 | 831,812 | 16.9 |
| 2011-12 | 809,854 | 16.2 | 483,122 | 19.6 | 381,744 | 7.6 | 71,754 | 1.4 | 838,418 | 16.8 |
| 10-year |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Change | 267,050 | 49.2 | 126,162 | 35.3 | 42,402 | 12.5 | -38,522 | -34.9 | 236,970 | 39.4 |


| Year | Migrant |  | Special education |  | Title I |  | State |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| 2001-02 | 83,759 | 2.0 | 493,771 | 11.9 | 2,139,229 | 51.4 | 4,160,968 | 100 |
| 2002-03 | 88,697 | 2.1 | . 500,979 | 11.8 | 2,298,536 | 54.0 | 4,255,821 | 100 |
| 2003-04 | 90,312 | 2.1 | 509,401 | 11.8 | 2,482,395 | 57.4 | 4,328,028 | 100 |
| 2004-05 | 76,609 | 1.7 | 516,480 | 11.7 | 2,651,037 | 60.2 | 4,400,644 | 100 |
| 2005-06 | 57,206 | 1.3 | 509,816 | 11.3 | 2,771,695 | 61.3 | 4,521,043 | 100 |
| 2006-07 | 41,768 | 0.9 | 496,461 | 10.8 | 2,808,773 | 61.1 | 4,594,942 | 100 |
| 2007-08 | 37,548 | 0.8 | 474,681 | 10.2 | 2,858,482 | 61.2 | 4,671,493 | 100 |
| 2008-09 | 37,251 | 0.8 | 454,517 | 9.6 | 2,908,465 | 61.2 | 4,749,571 | 100 |
| 2009-10 | 37,871 | 0.8 | 445,327 | 9.2 | 3,126,319 | 64.5 | 4,847,844 | 100 |
| 2010-11 | 37,746 | 0.8 | 442,971 | 9.0 | 3,268,054 | 66.2 | 4,933,617 | 100 |
| 2011-12 | 35,866 | 0.7 | 440,744 | 8.8 | 3,298,934 | 66.0 | 4,998,579 | 100 |
| 10-year |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| change | -47,893 | -57.2 | -53,027 | -10.7 | 1,159,705 | 54.2 | 837,611 | 20.1 |

Note. Students may be counted in more than one category:
 pating in career and technical education programs. Students taking career and technical education courses as electives are excluded. LLimited English proficient.

## Enrollment

for Instructional Programs and Special Populations by Race/Ethnicity

- Analysis of program participation shows certain cases of under- and overrepresentation of racial/ethnic groups, compared to their percentages of the total student population (Table 15 on page 26).
- In 2011-12, African Americans accounted for 12.8 percent of the total student population. In contrast, African Americans made up 16.5 percent of students served in special education and 6.8 percent of students enrolled in gifted and talented programs (Figure 9 on this page and Table 15 on page 26).
- In 2011-12, Hispanic representation was smaller in gifted and talented programs (40.0\%) than in the overall student population ( $50.8 \%$ ) and larger in Title I programs ( $61.6 \%$ ). Conversely, Asian and White representation was larger in gifted and talented programs ( $8.1 \%$ and $42.5 \%$, respectively) than in the overall student population ( $3.5 \%$ and $30.6 \%$, respectively) and smaller in Title I programs ( $2.0 \%$ and $20.9 \%$, respectively).
- Between 2010-11 and 2011-12, racial/ethnic group representation in career and technical education programs changed by less than 1.0 percentage point each for African Americans, Asians, Hispanics, and Whites.

Figure 9
Enrollment for Instructional Programs and Special Populations by Race/Ethnicity, Texas Public Schools, 2011-12


Note. Students may be counted in more than one category. Racial groups (African American, Asian, and White) do not include students of Hispanic ethnicity. ESL=English as a second language. LEP=limited English proficient.

Table 15
Enrollment for Instructional Programs and Special Populations by Race/Ethnicity, Texas Public Schools, 2010-11 and 2011-12

| Race/Ethnicity | Bilingual/ESL ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |  | Career and technical |  | Gifted and talented |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| 2010-11 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| African American | 9,653 | 1.2 | 52,590 | 11.2 | 27,777 | 7.3 |
| American Indian | 3,075 | 0.4 | 2,460 | 0.5 | 1,451 | 0.4 |
| Asian | 41,176 | 5.2 | 13,720 | 2.9 | 29,577 | 7.8 |
| Hispanic | 723,473 | 90.7 | 229,308 | 48.9 | 148,183 | 39.0 |
| Pacific Islander | 761 | 0.1 | 510 | 0.1 | 450 | 0.1 |
| White | 18,043 | 2.3 | 164,090 | 35.0 | 164,711 | 43.4 |
| Multiracial | 1,502 | 0.2 | 6,408 | 1.4 | 7,682 | 2.0 |
| 2011-12 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| African American | 10,292 | 1.3 | 54,686 | 11.3 | 26,069 | 6.8 |
| American Indian | 2,945 | 0.4 | 2,499 | 0.5 | 1,381 | 0.4 |
| Asian | 42,891 | 5.3 | 14,196 | 2.9 | 30,855 | 8.1 |
| Hispanic | 733,039 | 90.5 | 239,039 | 49.5 | 152,594 | 40.0 |
| Pacific Islander | 748 | 0.1 | 512 | 0.1 | 449 | 0.1 |
| White | 18,380 | 2.3 | 165,287 | 34.2 | 162,246 | 42.5 |
| Multiracial | 1,559 | 0.2 | 6,903 | 1.4 | 8,150 | 2.1 |


| Race/Ethnicity | Immigrant |  | LEPb |  | Migrant |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| 2010-11 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| African American | 4,131 | 5.2 | 9,182 | 1.1 | 48 | 0.1 |
| American Indian | 322 | 0.4 | 3,253 | 0.4 | 74 | 0.2 |
| Asian | 14,883 | 18.7 | 43,420 | 5.2 | 145 | 0.4 |
| Hispanic | 53,337 | 67.1 | 757,392 | 91.1 | 36,926 | 97.8 |
| Pacific Islander | 231 | 0.3 | 808 | 0.1 | 10 | $<0.1$ |
| White | 6,123 | 7.7 | 16,302 | 2.0 | 524 | 1.4 |
| Multiracial | 509 | 0.6 | 1,455 | 0.2 | 19 | 0.1 |
| 2011-12 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| African American | 3,946 | 5.5 | 9,574 | 1.1 | 37 | 0.1 |
| American Indian | 307 | 0.4 | 3,106 | 0.4 | 64 | 0.2 |
| Asian | 15,377 | 21.4 | 44,968 | 5.4 | 40 | 0.1 |
| Hispanic | 45,349 | 63.2 | 762,795 | 91.0 | 35,312 | 98.5 |
| Pacific Islander | 214 | 0.3 | 790 | 0.1 | 8 | <0.1 |
| White | 6,065 | 8.5 | 15,741 | 1.9 | 387 | 1.1 |
| Multiracial | 496 | 0.7 | 1,444 | 0.2 | 18 | 0.1 |

Note. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding. Students may be counted in more than one category. Racial groups (African American, American Indian, Asian, Pacific Islander, White, and multiracial) do not include students of Hispanic ethnicity.
${ }^{a}$ English as a second language. bLimited English proficient.

Table 15 (continued)
Enrollment for Instructional Programs and Special Populations by Race/Ethnicity, Texas Public Schools, 2010-11 and 2011-12

| Race/Ethnicity | Special education |  | Title I |  | State |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| 2010-11 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| African American | 74,051 | 16.7 | 450,225 | 13.8 | 637,722 | 12.9 |
| American Indian | 2,401 | 0.5 | 13,880 | 0.4 | 23,602 | 0.5 |
| Asian | 6,844 | 1.5 | 63,471 | 1.9 | 169,338 | 3.4 |
| Hispanic | 208,417 | 47.0 | 2,000,740 | 61.2 | 2,480,000 | 50.3 |
| Pacific Islander | 462 | 0.1 | 3,380 | 0.1 | 6,127 | 0.1 |
| White | 144,050 | 32.5 | 697,479 | 21.3 | 1,538,409 | 31.2 |
| Multiracial | 6,746 | 1.5 | 38,879 | 1.2 | 78,419 | 1.6 |
| 2011-12 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| African American | 72,811 | 16.5 | 451,829 | 13.7 | 640,171 | 12.8 |
| American Indian | 2,315 | 0.5 | 13,153 | 0.4 | 22,383 | 0.4 |
| Asian | 7,261 | 1.6 | 67,122 | 2.0 | 177,185 | 3.5 |
| Hispanic | 211,269 | 47.9 | 2,033,106 | 61.6 | 2,541,223 | 50.8 |
| Pacific Islander | 446 | 0.1 | 3,541 | 0.1 | 6,257 | 0.1 |
| White | 139,451 | 31.6 | 688,706 | 20.9 | 1,527,203 | 30.6 |
| Multiracial | 7,191 | 1.6 | 41,477 | 1.3 | 84,157 | 1.7 |

Note. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding. Students may be counted in more than one category. Racial groups (African American, American Indian, Asian, Pacific Islander, White, and multiracial) do not include students of Hispanic ethnicity.
aEnglish as a second language. bLimited English proficient.

## Enrollment

## for Instructional Programs and Special Populations by Economically Disadvantaged Status

- In 2011-12, representation of economically disadvantaged students was lowest in gifted and talented programs ( $37.8 \%$ ) and highest among migrant students ( $96.8 \%$ ) (Table 16).
- Between the 2001-02 and 2011-12 school years, the percentage of students identified as economically disadvantaged increased for each instructional program and special population except immigrants.
- Economically disadvantaged students made up 60.3 percent of all students in 2011-12 but over 70 percent of immigrant and Title I students; over 88 percent of bilingual/ESL and LEP students; and over 96 percent of migrant students (Figure 10 and Table 16).

Figure 10
Enrollment of Economically Disadvantaged Students Within Instructional Programs and Special Populations, Texas Public Schools, 2011-12


[^4]Table 16
Enrollment of Economically Disadvantaged Students Within Instructional Programs and Special Populations, Texas Public Schools, 2001-02 and 2011-12

| Year | Bilingual/ESLa |  | Career and technical ${ }^{b}$ |  | Gifted and talented |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| 2001-02 | 475,853 | 87.7 | 139,429 | 39.1 | 96,102 | 28.3 |
| 2011-12 | 714,562 | 88.2 | 258,163 | 53.4 | 144,337 | 37.8 |
| 10-year |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| change | 238,709 | 50.2 | 118,734 | 85.2 | 48,235 | 50.2 |


| Year | Immigrant |  | LEP ${ }^{\text {c }}$ |  | Migrant |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| 2001-02 | 87,649 | 79.5 | 523,448 | 87.0 | 77,585 | 92.6 |
| 2011-12 | 50,560 | 70.5 | 743,340 | 88.7 | 34,735 | 96.8 |
| 10-year |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| change | -37,089 | -42.3 | 219,892 | 42.0 | -42,850 | -55.2 |


| Year | Special education |  | Title I |  | State |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| 2001-02 | 280,423 | 56.8 | 1,535,773 | 71.8 | 2,096,365 | 50.4 |
| 2011-12 | 292,203 | 66.3 | 2,456,038 | 74.4 | 3,013,442 | 60.3 |
| 10-year |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| change | 11,780 | 4.2 | 920,265 | 59.9 | 917,077 | 43.7 |

Note. Students may be counted in more than one category.
 who are participating in career and technical education programs. Students taking career and technical education courses as electives are excluded. Limited English proficient.

## Enrollment

## for Instructional Programs and Special Populations by Gender

- Female and male representation in instructional programs and special populations showed little change between 2001-02 and 2011-12 (Table 17).
- Females and males, who made up 48.7 percent and 51.3 percent, respectively, of total public school enrollment in 2011-12, accounted for similar proportions of each special population and of each instructional program except special education, in which males outnumbered females by more than two to one (Figure 11 and Table 17).
- Unlike the pattern of gender representation in other instructional programs, a higher percentage of females ( $50.6 \%$ ) than males ( $49.4 \%$ ) were served in gifted and talented programs. Nevertheless, the difference between female and male enrollment in gifted and talented programs narrowed between 2001-02 and 2011-12, as male enrollment in the program increased at nearly double the rate of female enrollment ( $16.6 \%$ and $8.7 \%$, respectively).

Figure 11
Enrollment in Instructional Programs by Gender, Texas Public Schools, 2011-12


[^5]Table 17
Enrollment for Instructional Programs and Special Populations by Gender, Texas Public Schools, 2001-02 and 2011-12

| Gender | Bilingual/ESL ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |  | Career and technical ${ }^{\text {b }}$ |  | Gifted and talented |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| 2001-02 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Female | 258,891 | 47.7 | 171,062 | 47.9 | 177,783 | 52.4 |
| Male | 283,913 | 52.3 | 185,898 | 52.1 | 161,559 | 47.6 |
| 2011-12 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Female | 387,827 | 47.9 | 235,521 | 48.7 | 193,323 | 50.6 |
| Male | 422,027 | 52.1 | 247,601 | 51.3 | 188,421 | 49.4 |
| 10-year change |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Female | 128,936 | 49.8 | 64,459 | 37.7 | 15,540 | 8.7 |
| Male | 138,114 | 48.6 | 61,703 | 33.2 | 26,862 | 16.6 |


|  | Immigrant |  |  | LEP |  |  | Migrant |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: |
| Gender | Number | Percent |  | Number | Percent |  | Number |  |
| Percent |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2001-02 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Female | 53,230 | 48.3 |  | 284,686 | 47.3 |  | 40,228 |  |
| Male | 57,046 | 51.7 |  | 316,762 | 52.7 |  | 43,531 |  |
| $2011-12$ |  |  |  |  | 52.0 |  |  |  |
| Female | 34,632 | 48.3 | 398,719 | 47.6 |  | 17,314 | 48.3 |  |
| Male | 37,122 | 51.7 | 439,699 | 52.4 | 18,552 | 51.7 |  |  |
| 10-year change |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Female | $-18,598$ | -34.9 | 114,033 | 40.1 |  | $-22,914$ | -60.0 |  |
| Male | $-19,924$ | -34.9 | 122,937 | 38.8 |  | $-24,979$ | -57.4 |  |


| Gender | Special education |  | Title I |  | State |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| 2001-02 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Female | 163,759 | 33.2 | 1,038,149 | 48.5 | 2,024,317 | 48.7 |
| Male | 330,012 | 66.8 | 1,101,080 | 51.5 | 2,136,651 | 51.3 |
| 2011-12 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Female | 144,860 | 32.9 | 1,604,879 | 48.6 | 2,432,216 | 48.7 |
| Male | 295,884 | 67.1 | 1,694,055 | 51.4 | 2,566,363 | 51.3 |
| 10-year change |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Female | -18,899 | -11.5 | 566,730 | 54.6 | 407,899 | 20.1 |
| Male | -34,128 | -10.3 | 592,975 | 53.9 | 429,712 | 20.1 |

Note. Students may be counted in more than one category.
${ }^{\text {a }}$ English as a second language. ${ }^{\text {b Beginning with the 2005-06 school year, data reflect students in Grades 9-12 only }}$ who are participating in career and technical education programs. Students taking career and technical education courses as electives are excluded. LLimited English proficient.

## Enrollment by Education Service Center

Regional education service centers (ESCs) are nonregulatory, public institutions created and authorized by the Texas Legislature. Their associations with school districts are collaborative and supportive. Texas is divided into 20 service center regions, and each region has its own ESC. An ESC serves districts within the geographic boundaries of its service center region. A district may choose to work with an ESC outside of its service center region. This report presents regional results based on the districts served by each ESC, including any districts the ESC serves that are located outside its geographic boundaries.

Some of the primary goals of ESCs are to work with the Texas Education Agency and districts to improve student achievement, help districts become more cost-effective and efficient, and assist in the implementation of laws passed by the Texas Legislature and regulations adopted by the commissioner of education and State Board of Education.

Fifteen of the twenty ESC regions in Texas experienced gains in enrollment between the 2001-02 and 2011-12 school years, and the other five saw losses (Figure 12 on facing page and Table 18 on page 34). Of the seven regions experiencing increases of 20 percent or more, five-Austin (ESC 13), Fort Worth (ESC 11), Houston (ESC 4), Richardson (ESC 10), and San Antonio (ESC 20)-include a major urban district. Another high-growth region is ESC Region 1 (Edinburg), which is located along the border with Mexico. Region 6 (Huntsville), which includes some of the rapidly expanding districts north of Houston, is the final high-growth region.

Of the five ESC regions that experienced decreases in enrollment, three were along the Gulf Coast (Beaumont, Corpus Christi, and Victoria). San Angelo, in West Texas, and Wichita Falls, in North Texas, experienced decreases in enrollment as well.

- During the 2001-02 school year, ESC Region 4 (Houston) served the largest student population, with 21.7 percent of the total state public school enrollment (Table 18 on page 34). In 2011-12, Region 4 continued to serve the largest proportion of total state enrollment ( $22.1 \%$ ).
- In 2001-02, Region 9 (Wichita Falls) served the smallest population, with 1.0 percent of the total state public school enrollment. Region 9 remained the smallest in 2011-12, with 0.8 percent of total state enrollment.
- Region 13 (Austin) experienced the greatest percentage gain in enrollment between 2001-02 and 2011-12, increasing by 32.7 percent (Figure 12 on this page and Table 18 on page 34). Region 5 (Beaumont) and Region 9 (Wichita Falls) had the greatest percentage losses, decreasing by 6.3 percent each during the same period.

Figure 12
Change in Enrollment Within Education Service Centers, Texas Public Schools, 2001-02 to 2011-12


Table 18
Enrollment by Education Service Center, Texas Public Schools, 2001-02 Through 2011-12

| Year | 1 - Edinburg |  | 2 - Corpus Christi |  | 3 - Victoria |  | 4 - Houston |  | 5-Beaumont |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| 2001-02 | 315,910 | 7.6 | 107,864 | 2.6 | 55,310 | 1.3 | 903,257 | 21.7 | 85,769 | 2.1 |
| 2002-03 | 329,751 | 7.7 | 107,324 | 2.5 | 55,207 | 1.3 | 928,460 | 21.8 | 85,157 | 2.0 |
| 2003-04 | 341,813 | 7.9 | 107,202 | 2.5 | 54,989 | 1.3 | 947,443 | 21.9 | 84,724 | 2.0 |
| 2004-05 | 352,747 | 8.0 | 107,092 | 2.4 | 54,419 | 1.2 | 965,841 | 21.9 | 83,985 | 1.9 |
| 2005-06 | 363,270 | 8.0 | 106,784 | 2.4 | 53,885 | 1.2 | 1,004,202 | 22.2 | 80,854 | 1.8 |
| 2006-07 | 373,251 | 8.1 | 105,996 | 2.3 | 53,266 | 1.2 | 1,014,989 | 22.1 | 81,030 | 1.8 |
| 2007-08 | 383,460 | 8.2 | 105,512 | 2.3 | 52,496 | 1.1 | 1,031,462 | 22.1 | 80,712 | 1.7 |
| 2008-09 | 390,701 | 8.2 | 104,457 | 2.2 | 52,743 | 1.1 | 1,050,722 | 22.1 | 80,269 | 1.7 |
| 2009-10 | 399,837 | 8.2 | 104,284 | 2.2 | 52,598 | 1.1 | 1,076,115 | 22.2 | 80,625 | 1.7 |
| 2010-11 | 409,469 | 8.3 | 104,863 | 2.1 | 52,765 | 1.1 | 1,092,548 | 22.1 | 80,438 | 1.6 |
| 2011-12 | 412,862 | 8.3 | 105,357 | 2.1 | 53,305 | 1.1 | 1,105,601 | 22.1 | 80,331 | 1.6 |

10-year

| change | 96,952 | 30.7 | $-2,507$ | -2.3 | $-2,005$ | -3.6 | 202,344 | 22.4 | $-5,438$ | -6.3 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |


| Year | 6 - Huntsville |  | 7 - Kilgore |  | 8 - Mt. Pleasant |  | 9-Wichita Falls |  | 10-Richardson |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| 2001-02 | 139,093 | 3.3 | 158,670 | 3.8 | 55,274 | 1.3 | 40,836 | 1.0 | 619,787 | 14.9 |
| 2002-03 | 142,717 | 3.4 | 160,218 | 3.8 | 56,054 | 1.3 | 40,448 | 1.0 | 637,734 | 15.0 |
| 2003-04 | 145,813 | 3.4 | 161,025 | 3.7 | 56,278 | 1.3 | 40,125 | 0.9 | 650,097 | 15.0 |
| 2004-05 | 149,171 | 3.4 | 162,127 | 3.7 | 56,743 | 1.3 | 39,915 | 0.9 | 662,037 | 15.0 |
| 2005-06 | 154,408 | 3.4 | 163,964 | 3.6 | 56,998 | 1.3 | 39,864 | 0.9 | 683,721 | 15.1 |
| 2006-07 | 156,988 | 3.4 | 163,722 | 3.6 | 56,832 | 1.2 | 39,327 | 0.9 | -696,670 | 15.2 |
| 2007-08 | 161,061 | 3.4 | 164,246 | 3.5 | 56,778 | 1.2 | 38,889 | 0.8 | 710,590 | 15.2 |
| 2008-09 | 164,218 | 3.5 | 165,199 | 3.5 | 56,604 | 1.2 | 38,728 | 0.8 | 723,432 | 15.2 |
| 2009-10 | 168,725 | 3.5 | 166,948 | 3.4 | 56,966 | 1.2 | 38,813 | 0.8 | 737,043 | 15.2 |
| 2010-11 | 171,733 | 3.5 | 169,455 | 3.4 | 56,866 | 1.2 | 38,485 | 0.8 | 749,836 | 15.2 |
| 2011-12 | 174,707 | 3.5 | 170,146 | 3.4 | 56,803 | 1.1 | 38,272 | 0.8 | 763,593 | 15.3 |
| 10-year |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| change | 35,614 | 25.6 | 11,476 | 7.2 | 1,529 | 2.8 | -2,564 | -6.3 | 143,806 | 23.2 |

Note. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding.

Table 18 (continued)
Enrollment by Education Service Center, Texas Public Schools, 2001-02 Through 2011-12

| Year | 11 - Fort Worth |  | 12 - Waco |  | 13-Austin |  | 14-Abilene |  | 15 - San Angelo |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| 2001-02 | 431,800 | 10.4 | 136,498 | 3.3 | 281,011 | 6.8 | 46,464 | 1.1 | 49,935 | 1.2 |
| 2002-03 | 447,306 | 10.5 | 138,563 | 3.3 | 289,678 | 6.8 | 45,934 | 1.1 | 49,420 | 1.2 |
| 2003-04 | 457,200 | 10.6 | 140,480 | 3.2 | 297,490 | 6.9 | 45,157 | 1.0 | 49,354 | 1.1 |
| 2004-05 | 467,721 | 10.6 | 141,534 | 3.2 | 307,059 | 7.0 | 44,816 | 1.0 | 49,150 | 1.1 |
| 2005-06 | 486,892 | 10.8 | 143,713 | 3.2 | 319,517 | 7.1 | 44,682 | 1.0 | 48,873 | 1.1 |
| 2006-07 | 499,537 | 10.9 | 146,889 | 3.2 | 332,205 | 7.2 | 47,154 | 1.0 | 48,198 | 1.0 |
| 2007-08 | 510,207 | 10.9 | 148,516 | 3.2 | 345,154 | 7.4 | 47,206 | 1.0 | 47,692 | 1.0 |
| 2008-09 | 521,135 | 11.0 | 149,721 | 3.2 | 355,700 | 7.5 | 48,223 | 1.0 | 47,592 | 1.0 |
| 2009-10 | 531,304 | 11.0 | 152,497 | 3.1 | 367,273 | 7.6 | 50,103 | 1.0 | 47,846 | 1.0 |
| 2010-11 | 541,969 | 11.0 | 156,571 | 3.2 | 377,724 | 7.7 | 52,376 | 1.1 | 48,163 | 1.0 |
| 2011-12 | 553,205 | 11.1 | 158,500 | 3.2 | 372,861 | 7.5 | 52,288 | 1.0 | 47,810 | 1.0 |
| 10-year |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| change | 121,405 | 28.1 | 22,002 | 16.1 | 91,850 | 32.7 | 5,824 | 12.5 | -2,125 | -4.3 |


| Year | 16 - Amarillo |  | 17-Lubbock |  | 18 - Midland |  | 19-El Paso |  | $20-$ San Antonio |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| 2001-02 | 78,191 | 1.9 | 79,006 | 1.9 | 77,226 | 1.9 | 160,797 | 3.9 | 338,270 | 8.1 |
| 2002-03 | 77,783 | 1.8 | 79,066 | 1.9 | 76,368 | 1.8 | 163,601 | 3.8 | 345,032 | 8.1 |
| 2003-04 | 77,821 | 1.8 | 78,457 | 1.8 | 75,467 | 1.7 | 166,302 | 3.8 | 350,791 | 8.1 |
| 2004-05 | 78,370 | 1.8 | 78,252 | 1.8 | 74,962 | 1.7 | 168,738 | 3.8 | 355,965 | 8.1 |
| 2005-06 | 78,990 | 1.7 | 78,487 | 1.7 | 74,664 | 1.7 | 172,052 | 3.8 | 365,223 | 8.1 |
| 2006-07 | 79,567 | 1.7 | 78,291 | 1.7 | 74,801 | 1.6 | 173,212 | 3.8 | 373,017 | 8.1 |
| 2007-08 | 80,040 | 1.7 | 78,636 | 1.7 | 75,222 | 1.6 | 173,735 | 3.7 | 379,879 | 8.1 |
| 2008-09 | 81,365 | 1.7 | 79,530 | 1.7 | 76,998 | 1.6 | 175,116 | 3.7 | 387,118 | 8.2 |
| 2009-10 | 83,157 | 1.7 | 80,257 | 1.7 | 76,925 | 1.6 | 179,384 | 3.7 | 397,144 | 8.2 |
| 2010-11 | 84,670 | 1.7 | 81,354 | 1.6 | 78,038 | 1.6 | 182,133 | 3.7 | 404,161 | 8.2 |
| 2011-12 | 85,832 | 1.7 | 81,848 | 1.6 | 80,177 | 1.6 | 183,430 | 3.7 | 421,651 | 8.4 |
| 10-year |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| change | 7,641 | 9.8 | 2,842 | 3.6 | 2,951 | 3.8 | 22,633 | 14.1 | 83,381 | 24.6 |

Note. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding.

## Enrollment

## by Education Service Center and Race/Ethnicity

- In the 2011-12 school year, Hispanic students accounted for more than 60 percent of enrollment in five ESC regions: Region 1 (Edinburg), Region 2 (Corpus Christi), Region 18 (Midland), Region 19 (El Paso), and Region 20 (San Antonio) (Figure 13 and Table 19).
- From 2010-11 to 2011-12, White enrollment, as a percentage of regional enrollment, decreased in 17 of the 20 ESC regions.
- African American representation varied greatly by region. In the 2011-12 school year, African American students made up 28 percent of enrollment in Region 5 (Beaumont) but less than 1 percent in Region 1 (Edinburg).
- As a percentage of regional enrollment, Asian enrollment either increased or remained the same in each of the 20 ESC regions.

Figure 13
Enrollment by Education Service Center and Race/Ethnicity, Texas Public Schools, 2011-12


Note. Racial groups (African American and White) do not include students of Hispanic ethnicity.

Table 19
Enrollment by Education Service Center and Race/Ethnicity, Texas Public Schools, 2010-11 and 2011-12

| Year | 1 - Edinburg |  | 2 - Corpus Christi |  | 3 - Victoria |  | 4 - Houston |  | 5-Beaumont |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| African American |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2010-11 | 705 | 0.2 | 2,858 | 2.7 | 4,892 | 9.3 | 216,322 | 19.8 | 22,715 | 28.2 |
| 2011-12 | 679 | 0.2 | 2,818 | 2.7 | 4,904 | 9.2 | 215,929 | 19.5 | 22,493 | 28.0 |
| American Indian |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2010-11 | 271 | 0.1 | 310 | 0.3 | 115 | 0.2 | 5,104 | 0.5 | 618 | 0.8 |
| 2011-12 | 258 | 0.1 | 267 | 0.3 | 109 | 0.2 | 4,512 | 0.4 | 605 | 0.8 |
| Asian |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2010-11 | 2,033 | 0.5 | 1,129 | 1.1 | 598 | 1.1 | 65,742 | 6.0 | 1,752 | 2.2 |
| 2011-12 | 2,024 | 0.5 | 1,169 | 1.1 | 603 | 1.1 | 67,885 | 6.1 | 1,844 | 2.3 |
| Hispanic |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2010-11 | 398,806 | 97.4 | 77,365 | 73.8 | 27,989 | 53.0 | 518,301 | 47.4 | 12,013 | 14.9 |
| 2011-12 | 402,420 | 97.5 | 77,655 | 73.7 | 28,695 | 53.8 | 535,985 | 48.5 | 12,876 | 16.0 |
| Pacific Islander |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2010-11 | 42 | $<0.1$ | 75 | 0.1 | 25 | $<0.1$ | 1,316 | 0.1 | 68 | 0.1 |
| 2011-12 | 42 | $<0.1$ | 84 | 0.1 | 24 | $<0.1$ | 1,160 | 0.1 | 75 | 0.1 |
| White |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2010-11 | 7,271 | 1.8 | 22,081 | 21.1 | 18,525 | 35.1 | 269,958 | 24.7 | 41,973 | 52.2 |
| 2011-12 | 7,119 | 1.7 | 22,362 | 21.2 | 18,336 | 34.4 | 263,003 | 23.8 | 41,036 | 51.1 |
| Multiracial |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2010-11 | 341 | 0.1 | 1,045 | 1.0 | 621 | 1.2 | 15,805 | 1.4 | 1,299 | 1.6 |
| 2011-12 | 320 | 0.1 | 1,002 | 1.0 | 634 | 1.2 | 17,127 | 1.5 | 1,402 | 1.7 |
| State |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2010-11 | 409,469 | 100 | 104,863 | 100 | 52,765 | 100 | 1,092,548 | 100 | 80,438 | 100 |
| 2011-12 | 412,862 | 100 | 105,357 | 100 | 53,305 | 100 | 1,105,601 | 100 | 80,331 | 100 |

Note. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding. Racial groups (African American, American Indian, Asian, Pacific Islander, White, and multiracial) do not include students of Hispanic ethnicity.

Table 19 (continued)
Enrollment by Education Service Center and Race/Ethnicity, Texas Public Schools, 2010-11 and 2011-12

| Year | 6 - Huntsville |  | 7 - Kilgore |  | 8-Mt. Pleasant |  | 9 - Wichita Falls |  | 10 - Richardson |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| African American |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2010-11 | 19,558 | 11.4 | 31,046 | 18.3 | 11,854 | 20.8 | 3,000 | 7.8 | 141,075 | 18.8 |
| 2011-12 | 19,615 | 11.2 | 30,440 | 17.9 | 11,740 | 20.7 | 2,966 | 7.7 | 143,100 | 18.7 |
| American Indian |  |  |  |  | - |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2010-11 | 831 | 0.5 | 859 | 0.5 | 394 | 0.7 | 395 | 1.0 | 4,792 | 0.6 |
| 2011-12 | 808 | 0.5 | 760 | 0.4 | 400 | 0.7 | 397 | 1.0 | 4,743 | 0.6 |
| Asian |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2010-11 | 3,245 | 1.9 | 1,426 | 0.8 | 380 | 0.7 | 496 | 1.3 | 40,753 | 5.4 |
| 2011-12 | 3,315 | 1.9 | 1,562 | 0.9 | 381 | 0.7 | 484 | 1.3 | 43,293 | 5.7 |
| Hispanic |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2010-11 | 52,083 | 30.3 | 40,872 | 24.1 | 10,094 | 17.8 | 9,483 | 24.6 | 309,245 | 41.2 |
| 2011-12 | 54,991 | 31.5 | 42,670 | 25.1 | 10,466 | 18.4 | 9,738 | 25.4 | 318,599 | 41.7 |
| Pacific Islander |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2010-11 | 142 | 0.1 | 133 | 0.1 | 39 | 0.1 | 38 | 0.1 | 969 | 0.1 |
| 2011-12 | 133 | 0.1 | 129 | 0.1 | 40 | 0.1 | 42 | 0.1 | 964 | 0.1 |
| White |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2010-11 | 92,616 | 53.9 | 92,014 | 54.3 | 32,602 | 57.3 | 23,990 | 62.3 | 239,673 | 32.0 |
| 2011-12 | 92,434 | 52.9 | 91,088 | 53.5 | 32,146 | 56.6 | 23,521 | 61.5 | 238,872 | 31.3 |
| Multiracial |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2010-11 | 3,258 | 1.9 | 3,105 | 1.8 | 1,503 | 2.6 | 1,083 | 2.8 | 13,329 | 1.8 |
| 2011-12 | 3,411 | 2.0 | 3,497 | 2.1 | 1,630 | 2.9 | 1,124 | 2.9 | 14,022 | 1.8 |
| State |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2010-11 | 171,733 | 100 | 169,455 | 100 | 56,866 | 100 | 38,485 | 100 | 749,836 | 100 |
| 2011-12 | 174,707 | 100 | 170,146 | 100 | 56,803 | 100 | 38,272 | 100 | 763,593 | 100 |

Note. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding. Racial groups (African American, American Indian, Asian, Pacific Islander, White, and multiracial) do not include students of Hispanic ethnicity.

Table 19 (continued)
Enrollment by Education Service Center and Race/Ethnicity, Texas Public Schools, 2010-11 and 2011-12

| Year | 11 - Fort Worth |  | 12-Waco |  | 13 - Austin |  | 14 - Abilene |  | 15 - San Angelo |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| African American |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2010-11 | 74,926 | 13.8 | 31,656 | 20.2 | 29,728 | 7.9 | 3,720 | 7.1 | 1,202 | 2.5 |
| 2011-12 | 76,593 | 13.8 | 31,622 | 20.0 | 28,181 | 7.6 | 3,854 | 7.4 | 1,223 | 2.6 |
| American Indian |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2010-11 | 4,409 | 0.8 | 993 | 0.6 | 1,467 | 0.4 | 240 | 0.5 | 162 | 0.3 |
| 2011-12 | 4,190 | 0.8 | 1,032 | 0.7 | /1,293 | 0.3 | 246 | 0.5 | 157 | 0.3 |
| Asian |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2010-11 | 23,946 | 4.4 | 2,518 | 1.6 | 13,915 | 3.7 | 553 | 1.1 | 251 | 0.5 |
| 2011-12 | 24,655 | 4.5 | 2,623 | 1.7 | 14,555 | 3.9 | 815 | 1.6 | 254 | 0.5 |
| Hispanic |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2010-11 | 177,612 | 32.8 | 47,287 | 30.2 | 169,563 | 44.9 | 18,882 | 36.1 | 27,095 | 56.3 |
| 2011-12 | 186,251 | 33.7 | 48,860 | 30.8 | 169,867 | 45.6 | 17,453 | 33.4 | 27,148 | 56.8 |
| Pacific Islander |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2010-11 | 1,081 | 0.2 | 737 | 0.5 | 415 | 0.1 | 47 | 0.1 | 27 | 0.1 |
| 2011-12 | 1,199 | 0.2 | 825 | 0.5 | 381 | 0.1 | 55 | 0.1 | 25 | 0.1 |
| White |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2010-11 | 249,410 | 46.0 | 68,594 | 43.8 | 153,399 | 40.6 | 27,696 | 52.9 | 18,898 | 39.2 |
| 2011-12 | 248,719 | 45.0 | 68,325 | 43.1 | 149,192 | 40.0 | 28,455 | 54.4 | 18,464 | 38.6 |
| Multiracial |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2010-11 | 10,585 | 2.0 | 4,786 | 3.1 | 9,237 | 2.4 | 1,238 | 2.4 | 528 | 1.1 |
| 2011-12 | 11,598 | 2.1 | 5,213 | 3.3 | 9,392 | 2.5 | 1,410 | 2.7 | 539 | 1.1 |
| State |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2010-11 | 541,969 | 100 | 156,571 | 100 | 377,724 | 100 | 52,376 | 100 | 48,163 | 100 |
| 2011-12 | 553,205 | 100 | 158,500 | 100 | 372,861 | 100 | 52,288 | 100 | 47,810 | 100 |

Note. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding. Racial groups (African American, American Indian, Asian, Pacific Islander, White, and multiracial) do not include students of Hispanic ethnicity.
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Table 19 (continued)
Enrollment by Education Service Center and Race/Ethnicity, Texas Public Schools, 2010-11 and 2011-12

| Year | 16-Amarillo |  | 17 - Lubbock |  | 18 - Midland |  | 19 - El Paso |  | 20-San Antonio |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| African American |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2010-11 | 4,339 | 5.1 | 5,621 | 6.9 | 3,789 | 4.9 | 3,838 | 2.1 | 24,878 | 6.2 |
| 2011-12 | 4,365 | 5.1 | 5,606 | 6.8 | 3,740 | 4.7 | 4,192 | 2.3 | 26,111 | 6.2 |
| American Indian |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2010-11 | 540 | 0.6 | 320 | 0.4 | 323 | 0.4 | 391 | 0.2 | 1,068 | 0.3 |
| 2011-12 | 526 | 0.6 | 305 | 0.4 | 290 | 0.4 | 396 | 0.2 | 1,089 | 0.3 |
| Asian |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2010-11 | 2,039 | 2.4 | 792 | 1.0 | 573 | 0.7 | 1,009 | 0.6 | 6,188 | 1.5 |
| 2011-12 | 2,259 | 2.6 | 843 | 1.0 | 646 | 0.8 | 1,209 | 0.7 | 6,766 | 1.6 |
| Hispanic |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2010-11 | 37,364 | 44.1 | 45,320 | 55.7 | 49,980 | 64.0 | 163,917 | 90.0 | 286,729 | 70.9 |
| 2011-12 | 38,294 | 44.6 | 46,001 | 56.2 | 51,996 | 64.9 | 164,751 | 89.8 | 296,507 | 70.3 |
| Pacific Islander |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2010-11 | 115 | 0.1 | 55 | 0.1 | 58 | 0.1 | 170 | 0.1 | 575 | 0.1 |
| 2011-12 | 115 | 0.1 | 61 | 0.1 | 70 | 0.1 | 210 | 0.1 | 623 | 0.1 |
| White |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2010-11 | 38,795 | 45.8 | 28,146 | 34.6 | 22,581 | 28.9 | 11,982 | 6.6 | 78,205 | 19.3 |
| 2011-12 | 38,754 | 45.2 | 27,892 | 34.1 | 22,619 | 28.2 | 11,739 | 6.4 | 83,127 | 19.7 |
| Multiracial |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2010-11 | 1,478 | 1.7 | 1,100 | 1.4 | 734 | 0.9 | 826 | 0.5 | 6,518 | 1.6 |
| 2011-12 | 1,519 | 1.8 | 1,140 | 1.4 | 816 | 1.0 | 933 | 0.5 | 7,428 | 1.8 |
| State |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2010-11 | 84,670 | 100 | 81,354 | 100 | 78,038 | 100 | 182,133 | 100 | 404,161 | 100 |
| 2011-12 | 85,832 | 100 | 81,848 | 100 | 80,177 | 100 | 183,430 | 100 | 421,651 | 100 |

Note. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding. Racial groups (African American, American Indian, Asian, Pacific Islander, White, and multiracial) do not include students of Hispanic ethnicity.

## Enrollment

## by Education Service Center and Economically Disadvantaged Status

- From 2001-02 to 2011-12, the percentages of students identified as economically disadvantaged increased in all 20 ESC regions (Figure 14 on this page and Table 20 on page 42). In 2001-02, eight regions served populations in which at least 50 percent of students were economically disadvantaged. By 2011-12, that number had more than doubled to 18 regions; only Regions 11 (Fort Worth) and 13 (Austin) had smaller percentages of students identified as economically disadvantaged.
- Across ESC regions in 2011-12, the percentage of students identified as economically disadvantaged was highest in Region 1 (Edinburg), at 85.5 percent, and lowest in Region 11 (Fort Worth), at 49.0 percent. These two regions also had the highest and lowest percentages of economically disadvantaged students, respectively, in 2001-02.
- Despite the fact that five regions had decreases in total enrollment during the period, each saw an increase in the number of economically disadvantaged students (Figure 12 on page 33 and Figure 14 on this page).

Figure 14
Change in Enrollment of Economically Disadvantaged Students Within Education Service Centers, Texas Public Schools, 2001-02 to 2011-12


Table 20
Enrollment of Economically Disadvantaged Students Within Education Service Centers, Texas Public Schools, 2001-02 and 2011-12

| Year | 1 - Edinburg |  | 2 - Corpus Christi |  | 3 - Victoria |  | 4 - Houston |  | 5-Beaumont |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| 2001-02 | 265,945 | 84.2 | 62,349 | 57.8 | 28,424 | 51.4 | 439,761 | 48.7 | 40,551 | 47.3 |
| 2011-12 | 352,886 | 85.5 | 68,728 | 65.2 | 33,242 | 62.4 | 666,521 | 60.3 | 46,565 | 58.0 |
| 10-year change | 86,941 | 32.7 | 6,379 | 10.2 | 4,818 | 17.0 | 226,760 | 51.6 | 6.014 | 14.8 |


| Year | 6 - Huntsville |  | 7 - Kilgore |  | 8 - Mt. Pleasant |  | 9 - Wichita Falls |  | 10-Richardson |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| 2001-02 | 56,621 | 40.7 | 75,725 | 47.7 | 27,341 | 49.5 | 17,593 | 43.1 | 272,595 | 44.0 |
| 2011-12 | 90,013 | 51.5 | 104,756 | 61.6 | 36,170 | 63.7 | 21,476 | 56.1 | 432,880 | 56.7 |
| 10-year |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| change | 33,392 | 59.0 | 29,031 | 38.3 | 8,829 | 32.3 | 3,883 | 22.1 | 160,285 | 58.8 |


| Year | 11 - Fort Worth |  | 12 -Waco |  | 13 - Austin |  | 14 - Abilene |  | 15 - San Angelo |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| 2001-02 | 144,349 | 33.4 | 65,974 | 48.3 | 103,596 | 36.9 | 22,461 | 48.3 | 27,717 | 55.5 |
| 2011-12 | 271,286 | 49.0 | 93,337 | 58.9 | 183,987 | 49.3 | 29,010 | 55.5 | 29,060 | 60.8 |
| 10-year <br> change | 126,937 | 87.9 | 27,363 | 41.5 | 80,391 | 77.6 | 6,549 | 29.2 | 1,343 | 4.8 |


| Year | 16 - Amarillo |  | 17 -Lubbock |  | 18 - Midland |  | 19-El Paso |  | 20-San Antonio |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| 2001-02 | 37,970 | 48.6 | 42,597 | 53.9 | 40,691 | 52.7 | 118,376 | 73.6 | 205,729 | 60.8 |
| 2011-12 | 51,062 | 59.5 | 50,149 | 61.3 | 43,743 | 54.6 | 139,145 | 75.9 | 269,426 | 63.9 |
| 10-year change | 13,092 | 34.5 | 7,552 | 17.7 | 3,052 | 7.5 | 20,769 | 17.5 | 63,697 | 31.0 |

## National Enrollment Trends

## Population Trends

According to national figures, Texas ranked second behind California in overall population, as well as school-age population (children ages 5-17), in 2010 (National Center for Education Statistics [NCES], 2012a). Between 2000 and 2010, the rate of growth in the overall population in Texas was two times higher than the rate in the United States as a whole. Over the same period, the rate of growth in the school-age population in Texas was 10 times higher than the rate in the United States. Estimated overall population increased 20.6 percent, to 25.3 million, in Texas and 9.6 percent, to 309.4 million, in the United States. Estimated school-age population increased 15.8 percent, to 5.0 million, in Texas and 1.5 percent, to 54.0 million, in the United States.

## Enrollment Trends

National figures indicate that Texas, with 4.9 million students, ranked second, behind California, in public school enrollment in 2009 (Table 21). Of the four most populous states in the country, Texas had the largest percentage increase in public school enrollment between 1999 and $2009(21.5 \%)$, followed by Florida ( $10.6 \%$ ) and California ( $3.7 \%$ ). Public school enrollment in New York decreased by 4.2 percent. Across the United States, public school enrollment increased at a rate of 5.4 percent, about one-fourth the rate in Texas.

Table 21
Public School Enrollment, Four Most Populous States and the United States, Fall 1999 and Fall 2009

| Year | California | Florida | New York | Texas | United <br> States |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Fall 1999 | $6,038,590$ | $2,381,396$ | $2,887,776$ | $3,991,783$ | $46,857,149$ |
| Fall 2009 | $6,263,449$ | $2,634,522$ | $2,766,052$ | $4,850,210$ | $49,373,307$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10-year change: |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\quad$ Number | 224,859 | 253,126 | $-121,724$ | 858,427 | $2,516,158$ |
| Percent | 3.7 | 10.6 | -4.2 | 21.5 | 5.4 |

Source. National Center for Education Statistics (2012b).

## Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity

In fall of 2009, according to national figures, Texas public school enrollment was 14.0 percent African American, 3.7 percent Asian/Pacific Islander, 48.6 percent Hispanic, and 33.3 percent White (Table 22 on page 44). By comparison, overall U.S. public school enrollment was 16.8 percent African American, 5.1 percent Asian/Pacific Islander, 22.1 percent Hispanic, and 54.1 percent White. Between 1999 and 2009, the percentages of Hispanic students increased in the four most populous states in the country, as well as the United States as a whole. In each case, the percentage-point increase was the largest for any racial/ethnic group. The proportion of public school enrollment accounted for by Hispanics

Table 22
Public School Enrollment (\%) by Race/Ethnicity, Four Most Populous
States and the United States, Fall 1999 and Fall 2009

| Year | African American | American Indian | Asian/Pacific Islander | Hispanic | White |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| California |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fall 1999 | 8.6 | 0.9 | 11.1 | 42.4 | 37.0 |
| Fall 2009 | 6.9 | 0.7 | 11.6 | 50.4 | 27.0 |
| 10-year change <br> (percentage-point) | -1.7 | -0.2 | 0.5 | 8.0 | -10.0 |
| Florida |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fall 1999 | 25.4 | 0.3 | 1.9 | 18.2 | 54.3 |
| Fall 2009 | 23.9 | 0.4 | 2.7 | 27.2 | 45.9 |
| 10-year change (percentage-point) | -1.5 | 0.1 | 0.8 | 9.0 | -8.4 |
| New York |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fall 1999 | 20.3 | 0.4 | 5.8 | 18.3 | 55.2 |
| Fall 2009 | 19.1 | 0.5 | 8.0 | 21.7 | 50.8 |
| 10-year change (percentage-point) | -1.2 | 0.1 | 2.2 | 3.4 | -4.4 |
| Texas |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fall 1999 | 14.4 | 0.3 | 2.6 | 39.6 | 43.1 |
| Fall 2009 | 14.0 | 0.4 | 3.7 | 48.6 | 33.3 |
| 10-year change (percentage-point) | -0.4 | 0.1 | 1.1 | 9.0 | -9.8 |
| United States |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fall 1999 | 17.2 | 1.2 | 4.0 | 15.6 | 62.1 |
| Fall 2009 | 16.8 | 1.2 | 5.1 | 22.1 | 54.1 |
| 10-year change (percentage-point) | -0.4 | 0.0 | 1.1 | 6.5 | -8.0 |

Source. National Center for Education Statistics (2012c)
Note. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding and because presentation categories exclude multiracial students for some states:
rose from 39.6 percent to 48.6 percent ( 9.0 percentage points) in Texas and from 15.6 percent to 22.1 percent ( 6.5 percentage points) nationwide. During the same period, the proportion of public school enrollment accounted for by White students decreased from 43.1 percent to 33.3 percent ( 9.8 percentage points) in Texas and from 62.1 percent to 54.1 percent ( 8.0 percentage points) nationwide. This downward trend also held true in California, Florida, and New York. Throughout the period, Texas and California had much higher percentages of Hispanic students and lower percentages of White students than the United States as a whole.

## Enrollment of Economically Disadvantaged Students

Eligibility for the National School Lunch and Child Nutrition Program, which provides free and reduced-price meals to students from low-income families, is used as an indicator of student economic status. Across the 46 states for which 1999-00 eligibility data were available, the percentages of eligible students ranged from a low of 15.9 percent in New Hampshire to a high of 63.3 percent in Mississippi (National Center for Education Statistics [NCES], 2001b). National figures indicate that 44.7 percent of students in Texas were eligible in 1999-00 (Table 23).

Table 23
Public School Enroliment (\%) of Students Eligible for the National School Lunch and Child Nutrition Program, Four Most Populous States and the United States, 1999-00 and 2009-10

| Year | California | Florida | New York | Texas | United <br> States |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $1999-00$ | 47.1 | 44.3 | 42.6 | 44.7 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}^{\mathrm{a}}$ |
| $2009-10$ | 55.6 | 53.5 | $45.1^{\mathrm{b}}$ | 50.5 | 47.5 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10-year change <br> (percentage-point) | 8.5 | 9.2 | 2.5 | 5.8 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ |

Source. National Center for Education Statistics (NCES, 2001b, 2012d).
aNational results could not be calculated because data were missing. ${ }^{\text {D Data were imputed by NCES based on re- }}$ ported percentage for 2008-09 applied to 2009-10 enrollment.

In 2009-10, the percentages of eligible students ranged from a low of 23.5 percent in New Hampshire to a high of 70.7 percent in Mississippi (NCES, 2012d). Three of the four most populous statesCalifornia, Florida, and Texas-had greater proportions of students eligible for free or reduced-price meals than the country as a whole (Table 23). National figures indicate that 50.5 percent of students in Texas were eligible for the program, 3 percentage points higher than the national average of 47.5 percent. From 1999-00 to 2009-10, the percentages of eligible students increased in California, Florida, New York, and Texas.

## EnrolIment of Students Participating in Special Education Programs

According to national figures, a higher percentage of public school students participated in special education programs across the United States as a whole (13.2\%) than in Texas (12.4\%) during the 1999-00 school year (Table 24 on page 46). By 2009-10, participation in special education had decreased to 13.1 percent in the United States overall and 9.2 percent in Texas. Of the four most populous states in the country, New York had the highest percentage of public school students participating in special education in the 2009-10 school year ( $16.7 \%$ ), as well as the largest percentage-point increase ( 1.7 percentage points) between 1999-00 and 2009-10.

Table 24
Public School Enrollment (\%) of Students Participating in Special Education Programs, Four Most Populous States and the United States, 1999-00 and 2009-10

| Year | California | Florida | New York | Texas | United <br> States |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $1999-00$ | 10.6 | 15.0 | 15.0 | 12.4 | 13.2 |
| $2009-10$ | 10.8 | 14.3 | 16.7 | 9.2 | 13.1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10-year change <br> (percentage-point) | 0.2 | -0.7 | 1.7 | -3.2 | -0.1 |

Source. National Center for Education Statistics (2001a, 2012e).

## Enrollment of Students With Limited English Proficiency

Students identified as limited English proficient (LEP) are eligible to participate in bilingual or English as a second language programs. National figures indicate that the percentage of public school students identified as LEP in 1997-98 was higher in Texas (12.7\%) than in the United States overall (7.5\%) (Table 25). Although the percentage of students identified as LEP increased between 1997-98 and 200708 in both Texas (to $15.0 \%$ ) and the United States overall (to $10.6 \%$ ), the percentage of LEP students in Texas remained higher. Across the four most populous states in the country, California had the highest percentage of public school students identified as LEP in both 1997-98 (24.6\%) and 2007-08 (24.3\%). New York had the smallest percentage of students identified as LEP in 2007-08, at 7.7 percent.

Table 25
Public School Enrollment (\%) of Students Identified as Limited English Proficient, Four Most Populous States and the United States, 1997-98 and 2007-08

| Year | California | Fiorida | New York | Texas | United <br> States |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $1997-98$ | 24.6 | 11.1 | 7.7 | 12.7 | 7.5 |
| $2007-08$ | 24.3 | 8.8 | 7.7 | 15.0 | 10.6 |
| 10-year change |  |  |  |  |  |
| (percentage-point) | -0.3 | -2.3 | 0.0 | 2.3 | 3.1 |

Source. National Clearinghouse for English Language Acquisition and Language Instruction Educational Programs (2010a, 2010b, 2010c, 2010d, 2011, n.d.).

## Enrollment of Students in Gifted and Talented Programs

In the 41 states for which figures were available for the 1993-94 school year, the percentages of students identified as gifted and talented ranged from a low of 1.0 percent to a high of 15.0 percent (NCES, 2003). In Texas, the percentage was 7.0 percent. By 2006, all 50 states had gifted and talented programs in place, and the percentages of students identified ranged from a low of 0.7 percent to a high of 16.1 percent (NCES, 2012f). National figures indicate that 7.6 percent of Texas students and 6.7 percent of students nationwide were identified as gifted and talented in 2006.

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[^1]:    Note. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding.

[^2]:    Note. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding. Racial groups (African American, American Indian, Asian, Pacific Islander, White, and multiracial) do not include students of Hispanic ethnicity.

[^3]:    Note. EE=Early education. PK=Prekindergarten.

[^4]:    Note. Students may be counted in more than one category. ESL=English as a second language. LEP=limited English proficient.

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