Projections of Education Statistics to 2026

Highlights from the U.S. Department of Education [Forty-fifth Edition](https://nces.ed.gov/pubsearch/pubsinfo.asp?pubid=2017019) – April 2018

* Total elementary and secondary enrollment is projected to increase 2% between 2014 and 2026
* Teachers in elementary and secondary schools is projected to increase 6% between 2014 and 2026
* Pupil/Teacher ratios are projected to decrease from 16.1 to 15.4 between 2014 and 2026
* New teacher hires are projected to increase 5% between 2014 and 2026
* Total high school graduates are projected to increase 3% between 2012-13 and 2026-27
* Expenditures for public elementary and secondary education projected to increase 19% from 2013-14 to 2026-27
* Expenditures per pupil in fall enrollment projected to increase 15% from 2013-14 to 2026-27
* High school graduates by race/ethnicity between 2012-13 and 2026-27
  + White: decrease 10%
  + Black: increase 19%
  + Hispanic: increase 30%
  + Asian/Pacific Islander: increase 18%
  + American Indian/Alaska Native: decrease 13%
  + Two or more races: increase 42%

Below are more details.

1. Total elementary and secondary enrollment:
   1. increased 3% between 2001 and 2014
   2. projected to increase 2% between 2014 and 2026
2. Enrollment by control of school
   1. Enrollment in public elementary and secondary schools
      1. Increased 6% between 2001 and 2014
      2. projected to increase 3% between 2014 and 2026
   2. Enrollment in private elementary and secondary schools
      1. Decreased by 16% between 2001 and 2014
      2. projected to decrease by 4% between 2014 and 2026
3. The expected 3% national increase in public school enrollment between 2014 and 2026 plays out differently among the states.
   1. Enrollments are projected to be higher in 2026 than in 2014 for 31 states
      1. Oklahoma, Florida and Texas are projected to be: 5% or more higher
   2. Enrollments are projected to be lower in 2026 than 2014 for 19 states
      1. Kansas and Missouri are projected to be: Less than 5% lower
4. Public School Enrollment by region
   1. Northeast, decrease 5% between 2014 and 2026
   2. Midwest, decrease 4% between 2014 and 2026
   3. South, increase 8% between 2014 and 2026
   4. West, increase 4% between 2014 and 2026
5. Public School Enrollment by Race
   1. White, decrease 6% between 2014 and 2026
   2. Black, increase 1% between 2014 and 2026
   3. Hispanic, increase 17% between 2014 and 2026
   4. Asian/Pacific Islander, increase 18% between 2014 and 2026
   5. American Indian/Alaska Native, decrease 12% between 2014 and 2026
   6. Two or more races, increase 19% between 2014 and 2026
6. Teachers in Elementary and Secondary Schools
   1. Total number of teachers
      1. Was 4% higher in 2014 than 2001
      2. projected to increase 6% between 2014 and 2026
   2. Teachers in public elementary and secondary schools
      1. Was 4% higher in 2014 than in 2001
      2. projected to increase 7% between 2014 and 2026
   3. Teachers in private elementary and secondary schools
      1. Was not measurably different in 2014 than in 2001
      2. projected to be about the same in 2026
   4. Pupil/Teacher ratios
      1. Pupil/teacher ratios in all elementary and secondary schools
         1. Was lower in 2014 than in 2011 (15.6 versus 15.7)
         2. projected to decrease to 15.0 in 2026
      2. Pupil/teacher ratio in public elementary schools
         1. Was higher in 2014 than in 2001 (16.1 versus 15.9)
         2. projected to decrease to 15.4 in 2026
      3. Pupil/teacher ratio in private elementary and secondary schools
         1. Decreased from 14.3 to 12.2 between 2001 and 2014
         2. projected to decrease to 11.8 in 2026
7. New teacher hires
   1. Total number of new teacher hires
      1. 10% higher in 2014 than 1999
      2. Projected to increase 5% between 2014 and 2026
   2. Number of new teacher hires in public schools
      1. 17% higher in 2014 than in 1999
      2. Projected to increase 4% between 2014 and 2026
   3. Number of new teacher hires in private schools
      1. 8% lower in 2014 than in 1999
      2. Projected to increase 9% between 2014 and 2026
8. High school graduates
   1. Total number of high school graduates
      1. Increased 20% between 2001-02 and 2012-13
      2. Projected to increase 3% between 2012-13 and 2026-27
   2. Number of public high school graduates
      1. Increased 21% between 2001-02 and 2012-13
      2. Projected to increase 5% between 2012-13 and 2026-27
   3. Number of private high school graduates
      1. Increased 8% between 2001-02 and 2012-13
      2. Projected to decrease 13% between 2012-13 and 2026-27
9. High school graduates by state
   1. High school graduates are projected to be higher in 2026-27 than in 2012-13 for 32 states
      1. Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Florida
   2. High school graduates are projected to be lower in 2026-27 than in 2012-13 for 18 states
10. High school graduates by region
    1. Northeast: decrease 6% between 2012-13 and 2026-27
    2. Midwest: decrease 3% between 2012-13 and 2026-27
    3. South: increase 15% between 2012-13 and 2026-27
    4. West: increase 5% between 2012-13 and 2026-27
11. High school graduates by race/ethnicity
    * 1. White: decrease 10% between 2012-13 and 2026-27
      2. Black: increase 19% between 2012-13 and 2026-27
      3. Hispanic: increase 30% between 2012-13 and 2026
      4. Asian/Pacific Islander: increase 18% between 2012-13 and 2026-27
      5. American Indian/Alaska Native: decrease 13% between 2012-13 and 2026-27
      6. Two or more races: increase 42% between 2012-13 and 2026-27
12. Expenditures for public elementary and secondary education
    1. Current expenditures in constant 2016-17 dollars
       1. Increased 14% from 2001-02 to 2013-14 (4493 billion versus $561 billion)
       2. Projected to increase 19% from 2013-14 to 2026-27 (to $670 billion)
    2. Current expenditures per pupil in fall enrollment in constant 2015-16 dollars
       1. Increased 9% from 2001-02 to 2013-14 ($10,300 versus $11,200)
       2. Projected to increase 15% from 2013-14 to 2026-27 (to $12,900)