

November 2, 2022

For Immediate Release

Contact: Mark Peterson, public relations director 801-538-7635 · <u>mark.peterson@schools.utah.gov</u>

Utah Public School Enrollment Growth Slows in 2022

SALT LAKE CITY – Utah added 299 students to its public school system this year, bringing the total enrollment to 674,650, according to data released by the Utah State Board of Education. This represents a 0.04 percent increase in students, a smaller increase than last year's 1.3 percent increase following the pandemic. Charter schools added 946 students, a 1.2 percent increase from 2021. Charter schools now account for 78,732 students in the public school population, or just shy of 12 percent of statewide enrollment.

The number of students who are considered economically disadvantaged grew by 1,992 or 2.5 percent between 2021 and 2022. The number of students who are homeless grew by 936 students between 2021 and 2022, or a 10.4 percent increase. Students requiring English Language Learning services increased by 3,630 from last October, or a 6.5 percent increase. There continues to be more diversity of students in Utah K-12 school enrollments.

Utah public school demographics in 2022:

	Number	Percentage
All students	674,650	100
American Indian	6,344	1.0
Asian	11,328	1.7
Black	8,938	1.3
Hispanic	113,945	19.6
Pacific Islander	11,116	1.6
White	481,848	71.4
Multiracial	23,122	3.4
Economically Disadvantaged	199,375	29.6
English Language Learner	59,176	8.8
Student with Disability	83,288	12.3

Alpine School District continues to be the state's largest with 84,666 students. It is followed by

Davis (71,564), Granite (59,121), Jordan (57,829), and Washington (36,623).

www.schools.utah.gov