

Colorado County & District Data Snapshot

General Facts:

- ✓ 815,611 students (2008 Colorado Department of Education (CDE) count, less Charter School Institute students).
- ✓ 63 Counties with density ranges from 1 to 607 people per square mile. Counties range in size from 149 to 4,772 square miles.
- ✓ 271 cities and towns (May 2009).
- ✓ Colorado totals 103,718 square miles: Urban, rural, suburban, mid-sized and small towns. Encompasses plains and mountains. Urban, agricultural, mining, tourist.
- ✓ Examples of educational services for school districts:
 - 178 school districts - varying models of K-12 to all grade configurations and combinations.
 - 12 Regional Service Areas (CDE) – help provide support for school districts.
 - 12 Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB) Regions – help provide support and training for school boards.
 - 21 BOCES – help provide instructional support and program delivery as superintendents and school boards create contractual agreements.
 - 58 Special Education Units
 - Superintendent and teacher meetings providing ongoing support through statewide organizations such as Colorado Association of School Executives (CASE) and Colorado Education Association (CEA).
- ✓ **Other items for consideration:**
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- ✓ 1 School District, 1 County, for example:
 - Jefferson 85,887 students, 772 square miles, is the largest school district in state by enrollment.
 - Douglas 58,723 students, 840 square miles
 - San Juan County – Silverton school district, 64 students, 387 square miles, is the smallest school district in state by enrollment.
- ✓ 1 School District, 1 County, 1 City for example:
 - Denver 74,176 students, 153 square miles
- ✓ Arapahoe County: 7 ½ school districts (Strasburg split between two counties), 108,140 students, 803 square miles.
- ✓ Weld County: 12 school districts, 36,334 students, 3,992 square miles.
- ✓ Adams County: 6 ½ school districts, 79,253 students, 1,191 square miles.
- ✓ El Paso County: 15 school districts (2 districts in 2 counties, 1 district in 3 counties), 105,845 students, 2,126 square miles.