

Colorado’s Enrollment Trends 2004-2008

Did You Know?

- Colorado has 815,611* students. State growth rate is about 2% per year.
- There are 178 school districts in Colorado.
 - ✘ Over 100 school districts have declining enrollment
 - ✘ 33 school districts are in two or more counties
- Counties with the largest percentage of increased enrollment

County	% Increase in Students	Increase in Student Count
Sedgwick	112% growth	485 students
Douglas	31% growth	13,962 students
Hinsdale	24% growth	20 students
Garfield	17% growth	1,706 students

- Counties with the largest increase in student enrollment

County	Increase in Student Count	% Increase in Students
Douglas	13,962 students	31% growth
Adams	8,559 students	12 % growth

- Counties with the largest percentage of enrollment decline

County	% Decline in Students	Decline in Student Count
Creede	-27% decrease	Loss of 43 students
Adams	-18% decrease	Loss of 68 students

- Counties with the largest decrease in student enrollment

County	Decline in Student Count	% Decline in Students
Jefferson	Loss of 990 students	-1% decrease
Freemont	Loss of 553 students	-9% decrease

* 2008 Colorado Department of Education (CDE) count, does not include Charter School Institute (CSI) students.

Sample County Stories from Across Colorado

Adams county 6 of 7 school districts have stable or increasing student enrollment, 1 school district has declined by 947 students (9% decline).

Arapahoe county has a net increase of 5,379 students (5% increase). Five of its seven districts have declining enrollment.

Arapahoe County	% Change in Students	Change in Student Count
Aurora	10% increase	2,373 more students
Byers	-2% decline	12 fewer students
Cherry Creek	7% increase	3,247 more students
Deer Trail	-25% decline	58 fewer students
Englewood	-15% decline	585 fewer students
Littleton	-2% decline	376 fewer students
Sheridan	-6% decline	109 fewer students

Baca county (SE, rural)

- 6% decline
- 4 of 5 school districts declining
- 1,072 students total
- 2,555 square miles
- Smallest school district 54 students (Campo), largest 487 (Vilas)

Eagle county (I70 corridor)

- 16% growth
- 1 school district
- 850 students

El Paso county (Colorado Springs)

- 4% growth
- 15 school districts
- 6 districts declining (Calhan – D11 – Ellicott – Hanover – Miami/Yoder – Widefield)
- 9 districts increasing (Academy, Cheyenne Mountain, Edison, Falcon, Fountain, Harrison, Lewis-Palmer, Manitou Springs, Peyton)

Garfield county (I70 corridor)

- 17% growth
- 11,578 students in 3 school districts
- Garfield 16 had 42% growth
- Garfield RE-2 had 25% growth
- Roaring Fork had 6% growth

Pueblo county (South, I25)

- 6% growth
- 2 school districts (Pueblo City 60, Pueblo Rural 70)

San Juan county (SW Colorado)

- 8% growth
- 1 school district (Silverton)
- 5 additional students, 64 total students

Washington County (NE, rural)

- 4% declining
- 3 school districts declining (Akron, Lone Star, Woodlin)
- 2 districts increasing (Arickaree, Otis)

Weld County (N Colorado)

- 7% growth
- 12 school districts
- 5 districts declining (Ault-Highland – Briggsdale – Pawnee – Platte Valley RE-7 – Weld RE-1)
- 7 school districts increasing (Briggsdale – Eaton – Greeley – Johnstown-Milliken – Keenesburg – Prairie – Windsor)