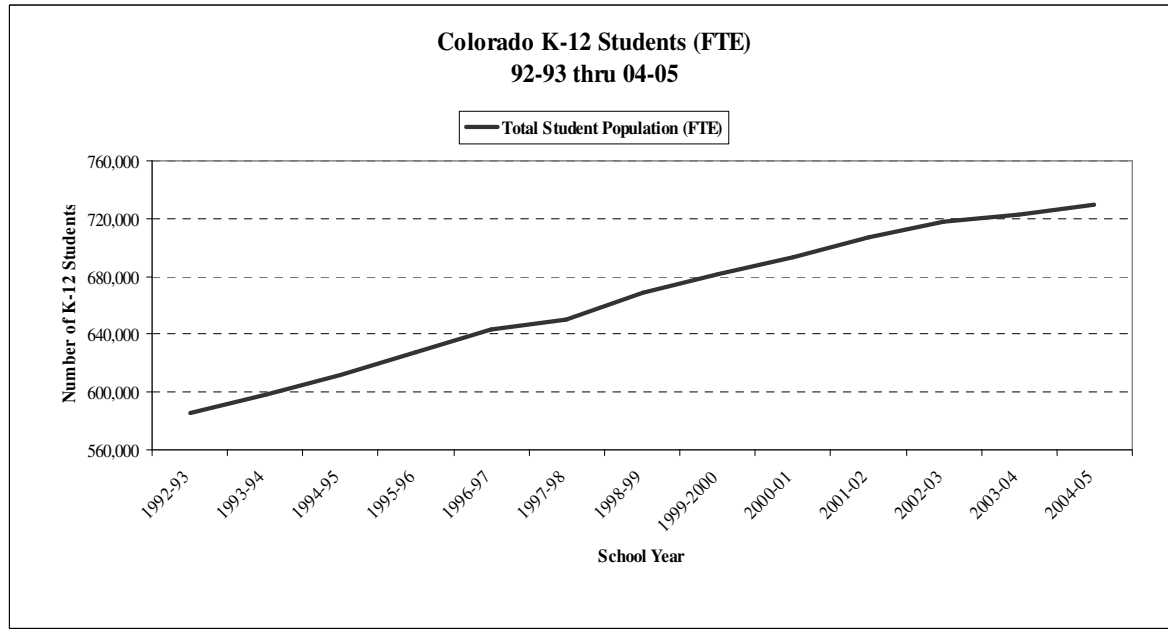


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Characteristics of Colorado's K-12 Population



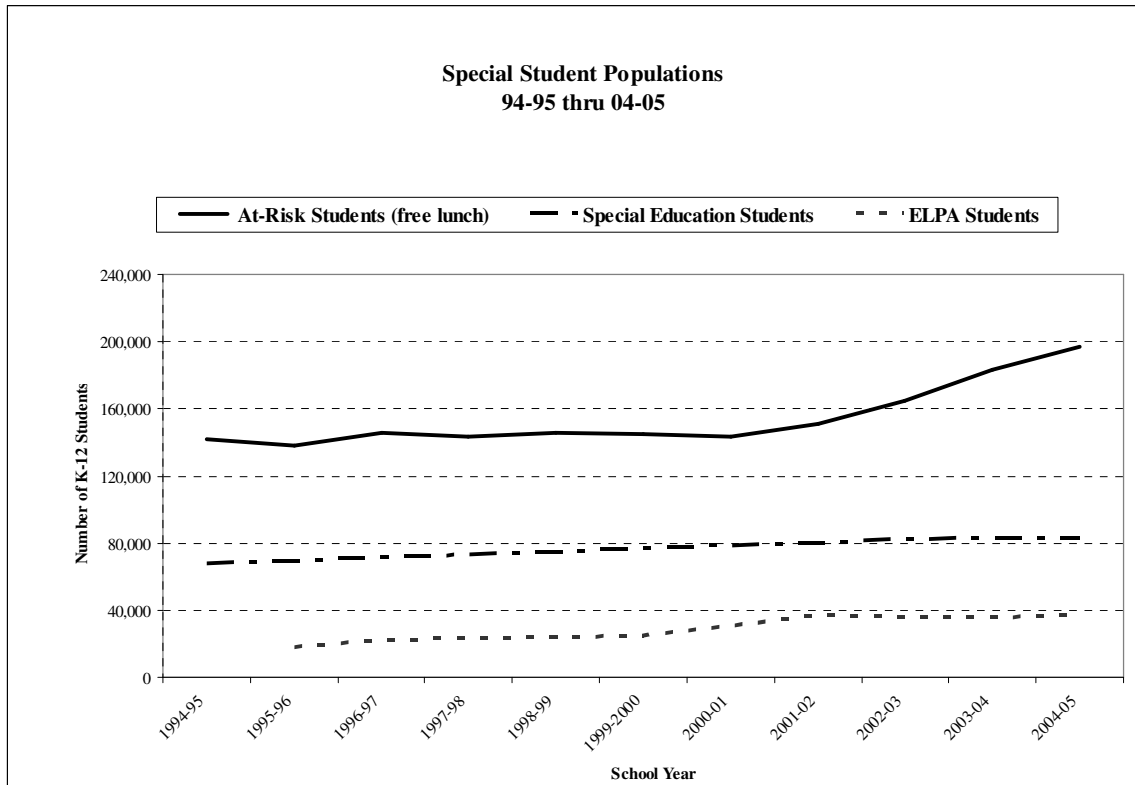
Between the 1992-1993 and 2004-2005 school years, the number of students enrolled in Colorado's public schools increased by over 144,000 or by greater than 24%.

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- **At-Risk students (free lunch):** 27% of the total population or 197,000 students.
- **Special Education students:** 11.4% of the total population or 83,000 students.
- **ELPA students (counted for 2 years):** has grown from 2% to 5% of the total population, now totaling 36,700 students.

As the overall population of student population grows, so does the number of students requiring special services.

Currently, 316,700 students or 43% of the total population have been identified in one of these 3 categories.

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