

Who Are Colorado's 2014-15 PK-12 Students?

1. **Enrollment has increased over 137,000 students** since 2004, **now totaling 889,006.**
2. **Students identified at-risk** (free-lunch proxy for district funding) are **34% of the student population (305,342).** **Including reduced-lunch students, brings this group to 42% (369,760)** of the population. **Free and Reduced Lunch students are the fastest growing population** in Colorado.
3. Colorado **serves over 126,800 students whose primary language is not English.**
4. Colorado's **special education population is about 10%** or 87,000 students, one of the lowest percentages in the country.
5. Colorado's **gifted education population continues to increase,** now over 68,000 students, as **funding since 2005 has decreased from a per student average of \$157 to \$144 per student.**
6. Colorado's **homeless population is about 16,124 students, a slight decrease from the 2013 count** (following the 2013 floods), **but an increase from the 2012 count.**

More information: [Student Trends](#) tab on our website cosfp.org

Data Source: CDE: October 2014 Membership; Instructional Program Counts