

CSFP Survey on Expected Universal Preschool Enrollment for Fall 2023

1. Colorado Department of Early Childhood presented to CSFP in May when the discussion of the number of students who enroll in preschool from July through September of each year.
2. CSFP initiated a survey to Colorado school districts to collect this information so it can be presented to CDEC and the education community. The purpose of the survey was to gather data to assist in the discussion around the number of students who might enroll and the funding needed for these students, if historical trends continue. The survey was sent to Colorado school district Superintendents and CFOs and was open from May 15-22, 2023.
 - **97 districts** responded to the survey. Of these, 16 are non-rural, and 81 are rural.
3. CSFP asked districts to provide a range of the number of preschool students enrolling during this period.
 - Responses received from this subset of districts indicate that **9,144-10,016** preschoolers historically enroll after July 1
4. CSFP also analyzed the number of preschoolers submitted as enrolling after July 1 as a percentage of the historical total preschool enrollment reported to CDE for the district in October 2022.
 - Responses received indicate that approximately **39%** of preschoolers historically enroll after July 1
5. An analysis of the differences between the data submitted by rural and non-rural districts shows:
 - The range of preschoolers in **non-rural** districts who enroll in this period at this subset of districts is 7,772-8,213, or 37-41% of historical total preschool enrollment
 - The range of preschoolers in **rural** districts who enroll in this period at this subset of districts is 1,372-1,803, or 33-46% of historical total preschool enrollment.