

5,731,260
students enrolled in
California schools in
2025–26



within

1,011
districts



and

9,947
schools across
the state



Notable Enrollment Data Points



Mirroring national trends, the overall Transitional Kindergarten through Grade 12 (TK-12) enrollment **decreased** by **1.3 percent (74,961)** from 2024–25.



In 2025–26, school enrollment declined across all school types, including traditional public schools, charter schools, private schools, and home schools.



TK enrollment **increased** by **20.1 percent (35,743)** from 2024–25.



Students with Disabilities increased by **2.9 percent** to a total of **850,822** enrolled students.



Socioeconomically Disadvantaged (SED) students decreased along with the general population, however SED students continue to represent roughly **60 percent** of the student body.

Race / Ethnicity

Increase in enrollment from 2024–25

- Asian: +0.3 percent (+1,853)
- Not Reported: +9.7 percent (+6,565)
- Two or More Races: +1.3 percent (+3,574)

Decrease in enrollment from 2024–25

- African American: -2.0 percent (-5,532)
- American Indian or Alaska Native: -2.8 percent (-692)
- Filipino: -0.8 percent (-1,067)
- Hispanic or Latino: -1.5 percent (-48,064)
- Pacific Islander: -2.3 percent (-522)
- White: -2.7 percent (-31,076)

Program Participation

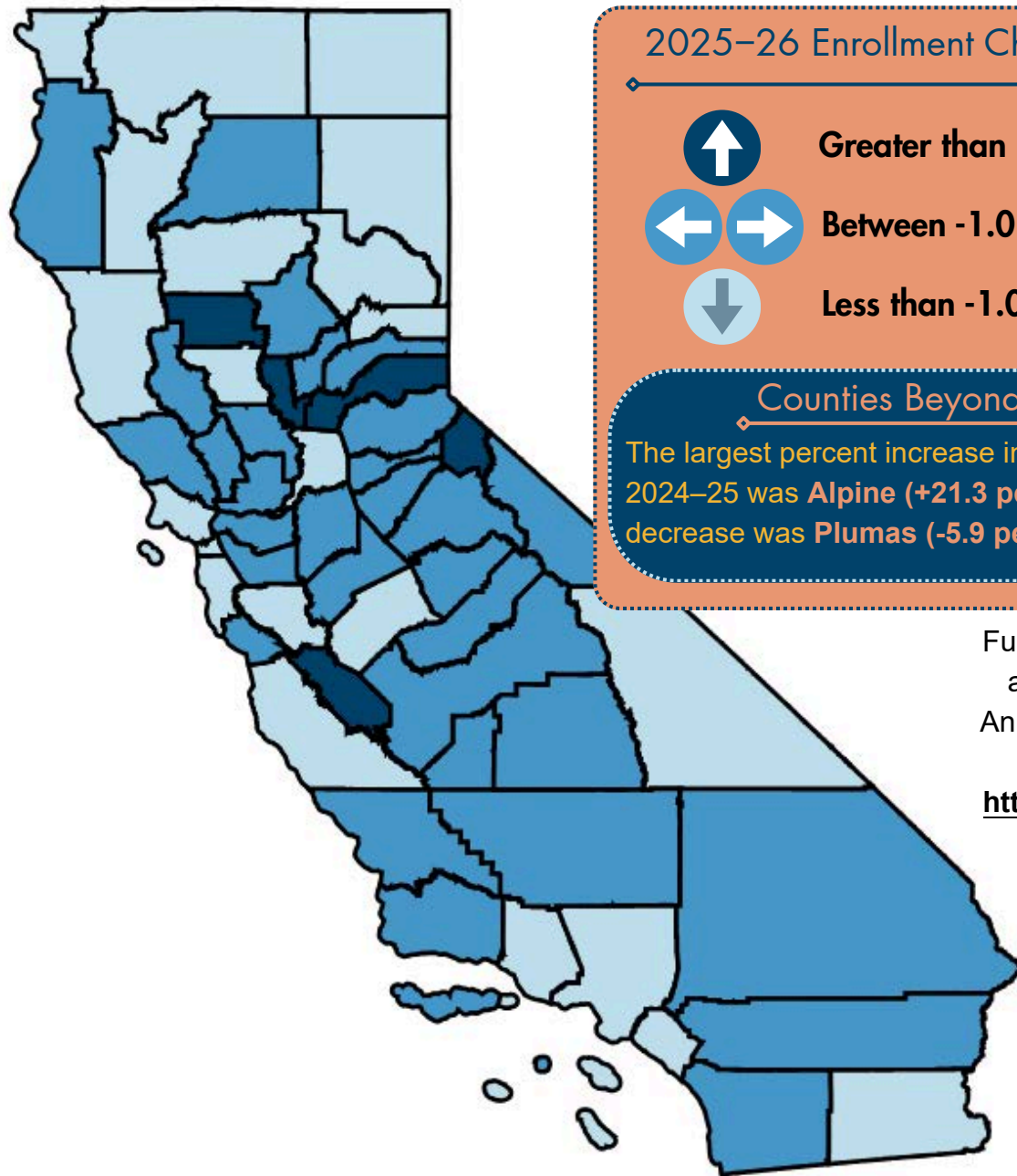
Increase in enrollment from 2024–25

- Migrant Youth: +1.7 percent (+806)
- Students with Disabilities: +2.9 percent (+23,717)

Decrease in enrollment from 2024–25

- English Learners: -8.2 percent (-83,159)
- Foster Youth: -3.9 percent (-1,069)
- Homeless Youth: -5.6 percent (-12,972)
- Socioeconomically Disadvantaged: -2.0 percent (-73,499)

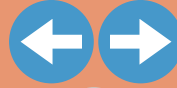




2025–26 Enrollment Changes by County



Greater than 1.0 percent



Between -1.0 and 1.0 percent



Less than -1.0 percent

Counties Beyond the Norm

The largest percent increase in enrollment from 2024–25 was **Alpine (+21.3 percent)** and the largest decrease was **Plumas (-5.9 percent)**.

Further details of this data is available in the 2025–26 Annual Enrollment Growth by County web page at: <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/cm/dqaemap.asp>

Resources

A more in-depth look at the key takeaways from the 2025–26 Annual Enrollment Report is available in the California Department of Education DataQuest Highlights web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/cm/dqhighlights.asp>

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