2025–26 Fact Sheet:
California State At-a-Glance

DataQuest
California Department of Education

Details at https://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/ad/accessdatasub.asp

Statewide Information

5,731,260
Students

287,358
Individual Teachers

9,947
Schools
8,684 Traditional Schools
1,263 Charter Schools

1,011
Districts

Graduation

87.9%
Graduation Rate

54.8%
Met UC/CSU Requirements

17.1%
Earned State Seal of Biliteracy

Engagement & Climate

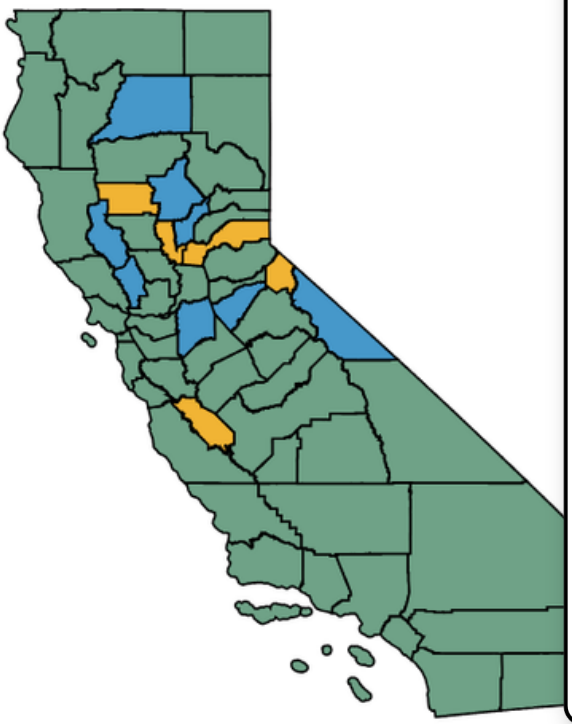
92.3%
Stability Rate
245 days of continuous enrollment at same school

18.3%
Chronic Absenteeism Rate

2.8%
Suspension Rate

Regional Differences in Enrollment Change from 2024–25 to 2025–26

- 5 counties with greater than 1.0 percent increase
- 8 counties with 0.0 to 1.0 percent increase
- 45 counties with any decreases



List of Enrollment Change by County:
https://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/cm/cntychng26.asp

Key Takeaways

- The statewide graduation rate reached 87.9 percent, the highest level in the past decade.
- Since 2024–25, the statewide chronic absenteeism rate declined by 1.1 percentage points to 18.3 percent.
- The statewide suspension rate declined to 2.8 percent, marking the third consecutive year of improvement.
- The statewide stability rate increased from 2024–25 by 0.8 percentage points to 92.3 percent.

Enrollment Changes

In 2025–26, statewide school enrollment declined to approximately 5.73 million students—nearly 500,000 fewer students, or an 8 percent decline, over the past decade. As the map shows, recent declines have been spread across the state.

Resources

Additional information as well as an overview of the most current data releases are 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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