

The image shows the dome of the Kentucky State Capitol building, which is a large, ornate structure with a series of columns supporting the base. The dome is covered in a light-colored material, possibly stone or metal, and has a small lantern on top. The building is set against a clear blue sky.

Kentucky District Data Profiles School Year 2025

**Presentation to the
Education Assessment and Accountability Review Subcommittee
by the
Office of Education Accountability
August 4, 2026**

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Overview: General Contents

- Snapshot of key education data for 171 districts and a Kentucky state page
 - Overview and Trends
 - Staffing
 - Finance
 - Performance
- Previous years' data, as space permits: 2016, 2021, 2024
- Additional data in appendixes
 - Surrounding states and national comparative data, *when recent data available*
 - Nickel tax rates (nickel taxes are additional local taxes for facilities)
 - Levied tax rate types
 - Students transferring to homeschool or other nonpublic schools (new, 2025)



District Data Profiles Changes

- Changes DDP 2024 to DDP 2025
 - DDP district pages focus on key data points valid for comparison among districts; space limited
 - OEA can provide current data for indicators included in any previous DDPs
- EAARS-approved OEA 2027 study agenda can highlight additional data points for appendixes or online version
 - Student behavior and discipline data
 - Additional detail on revenue

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OEA Calculated Staffing Data

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Certified

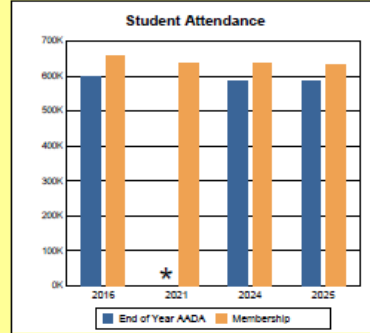
- Teachers
- District administrators
- School administrators

Per-pupil ratio

- Counselors
- Teachers
- Teachers
- Average salary
- Turnover
- Distribution by
 - Years of experience
 - Rank

Kentucky

Overview and Trends



	2016	2021	2024	2025
A1 Schools	1,171	1,156	1,151	1,150
EOY AADA	598,738	*	584,141	586,911
Membership	655,398	637,725	636,442	631,782
Attendance %	94.5	N/A	92.3	92.7
Chronic Absent %	15.11	N/A	28.0	25.0

State Staffing Data

	2016	2021	2025
Classified Personnel	45,759 (48%)	44,876 (47%)	46,178 (47%)
Certified Personnel	50,450 (52%)	51,415 (53%)	52,334 (53%)
# FTE Teachers	41,867	42,419	42,779
Pupil/Teacher Ratio	15.7	15.0	14.7
Students Per Counselor	447.7	405.9	350.0
Adm FTE District	928.0	977.9	1,016.0
Adm FTE School	3,398.8	3,598.9	4,014.3
Salary & Benefits As % Of GF Expenditures	82.4%	84.5%	78.5%
Teacher Pay			
Avg Salary	\$51,843	\$53,766	\$60,234
Avg Extended	\$297	\$310	\$358
Avg Extra Duty Pay	\$615	\$606	\$675
Years of Experience			
0 (New)	5.1%	5.2%	5.8%
1-5	23.0%	23.0%	24.8%
6-10	21.1%	19.4%	18.4%
11-20	33.9%	33.3%	30.7%
21-25	10.2%	12.8%	13.1%
26-30	5.2%	5.1%	6.0%
Over 30	1.5%	1.3%	1.3%
Teacher Turnover	9.1%	8.0%	12.0%
Avg Years	11.8	12.0	12.0
Rank			
Rank IV & V	0.2%	0.3%	0.9%
Rank III	18.8%	20.5%	24.3%
Rank II	52.6%	50.0%	43.9%
Rank I	28.5%	29.2%	30.8%

Demographic State Profile

	2016	2021	2024	2025
Free & Reduced	(60%)	(61%)	(61%)	(61%)
Homeless	29,593 (5%)	18,697 (3%)	22,362 (3%)	22,434 (3.3%)
LEP	22,324 (3%)	32,001 (5%)	44,860 (7%)	48,888 (8%)
Migrant	2,695 (0%)	3,492 (1%)	4,184 (1%)	4,048 (1%)
Foster Care	N/A	N/A	7,507 (1%)	7,798 (1%)
Exceptional Child				
Severe	16,642 (3%)	18,821 (3%)	21,041 (3%)	22,638 (4%)
Moderate	49,569 (8%)	55,004 (9%)	56,930 (9%)	57,942 (9%)
Speech	23,251 (4%)	23,633 (4%)	26,323 (4%)	26,071 (4%)
Membership				
Preschool	26,899 (4%)	23,979 (4%)	29,767 (4%)	28,972 (4%)
K-5	310,323 (45%)	283,594 (43%)	293,045 (44%)	291,012 (44%)
6-8	150,245 (22%)	154,729 (23%)	141,659 (21%)	141,926 (21%)
9-12	194,830 (29%)	200,006 (30%)	201,738 (30%)	198,843 (30%)
Race				
Cauc/White	512,934 (78%)	474,982 (74%)	454,604 (71%)	446,715 (71%)
Black	69,122 (11%)	68,680 (11%)	68,964 (11%)	68,620 (11%)
Hispanic	39,204 (6%)	50,542 (8%)	63,947 (10%)	66,184 (10%)
Other	34,138 (5%)	43,519 (7%)	48,927 (8%)	50,263 (8%)
Attainment				
Grad Rate	(89%)	(90%)	(92%)	(94%)
Students Leave District	N/A	26,247 (4%)	31,049 (5%)	33,127 (5%)
Students Come Into District	N/A	26,247 (4%)	31,049 (5%)	33,127 (5%)
Retention Rate	(1.9%)	(1.2%)	(2.1%)	(1.9%)
Dropout Rate	(1.5%)	(1.1%)	(1.3%)	(1.1%)

Average District Certified Salary Schedule

	2016	2021	2024	2025
Rank III				
0 Years	\$36,397	\$37,436	\$40,161	\$41,901
10 Years	45,336	46,297	49,618	51,497
20 Years	49,515	50,512	54,432	56,647
30 Years	51,493	52,781	57,595	60,124
Rank II				
0 Years	40,168	40,900	44,113	45,815
10 Years	49,565	50,525	54,222	56,247
20 Years	54,084	55,336	59,358	61,788
30 Years	56,274	57,809	62,730	65,487
Rank I				
0 Years	44,304	45,101	48,574	50,512
10 Years	53,830	54,864	58,904	61,121
20 Years	58,533	59,931	64,301	66,831
30 Years	60,886	62,593	67,880	70,904

Overview And Trends

Membership, AADA
Number of Schools
Student:

- Attendance
- Demographic
- Students by grade span
- Program eligibility
- Graduation rate
- Students leaving or entering from other districts
- Retention rate
- Dropout rate

District Salary Schedule

Finance

Expenditures by function

- Percentage of total
- Per-pupil

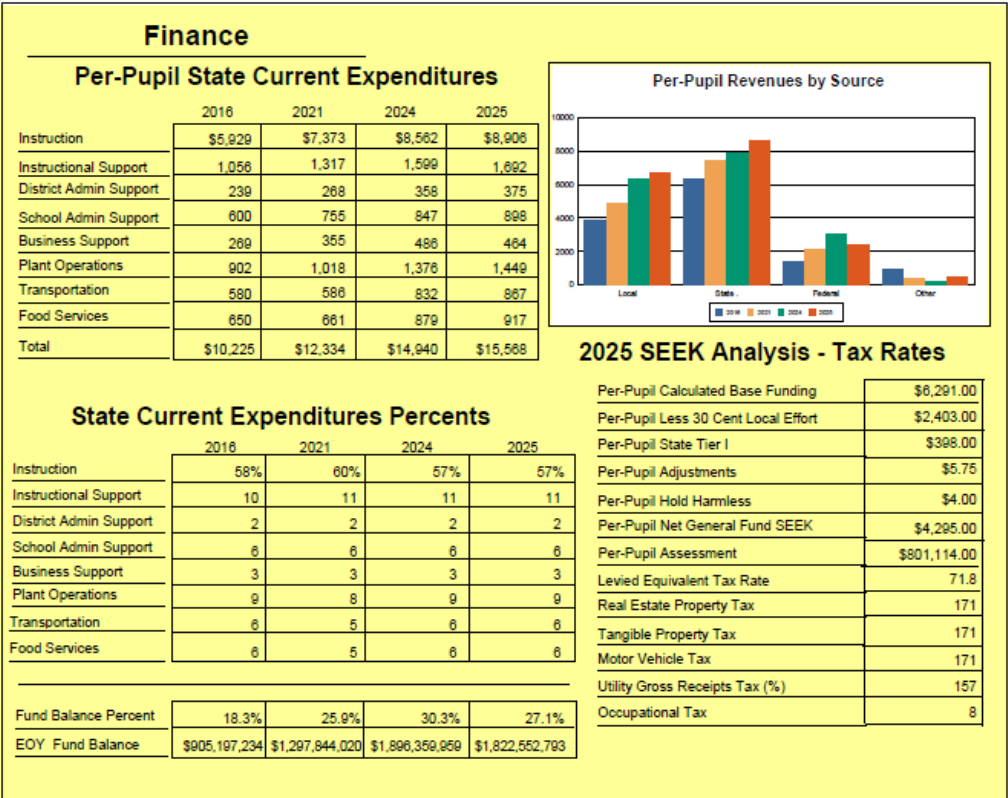
Revenues by source

Fund balance (2025)

Support Education
Excellence in Kentucky
(SEEK)calculations/
distributions

Tax information

- Rates by tax type
- Levied equivalent rate



Performance

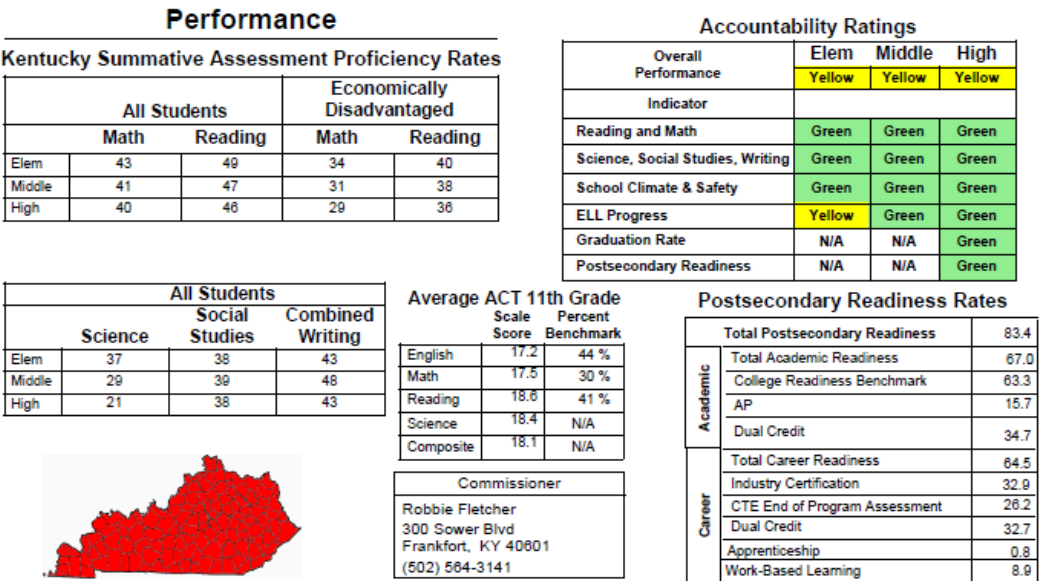
Kentucky Summative Assessment (KSA)

ACT

Accountability ratings

- Revised system
effective 2026-2027

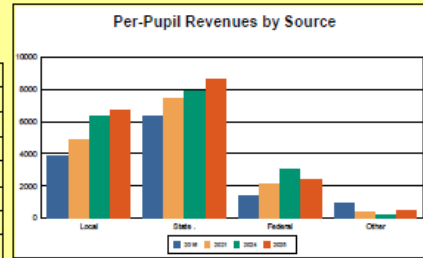
Postsecondary readiness



Finance

Per-Pupil State Current Expenditures

	2016	2021	2024	2025
Instruction	\$5,929	\$7,373	\$8,562	\$8,906
Instructional Support	1,056	1,317	1,599	1,692
District Admin Support	239	268	358	375
School Admin Support	600	755	847	898
Business Support	289	355	486	464
Plant Operations	902	1,018	1,376	1,449
Transportation	580	586	832	867
Food Services	650	661	879	917
Total	\$10,225	\$12,334	\$14,940	\$15,568



2025 SEEK Analysis - Tax Rates

Per-Pupil Calculated Base Funding	\$6,291.00
Per-Pupil Less 30 Cent Local Effort	\$2,403.00
Per-Pupil State Tier I	\$398.00
Per-Pupil Adjustments	\$5.75
Per-Pupil Hold Harmless	\$4.00
Per-Pupil Net General Fund SEEK	\$4,295.00
Per-Pupil Assessment	\$801,114.00
Levied Equivalent Tax Rate	71.8
Real Estate Property Tax	171
Tangible Property Tax	171
Motor Vehicle Tax	171
Utility Gross Receipts Tax (%)	157
Occupational Tax	8

State Current Expenditures Percents

	2016	2021	2024	2025
Instruction	58%	60%	57%	57%
Instructional Support	10	11	11	11
District Admin Support	2	2	2	2
School Admin Support	6	6	6	6
Business Support	3	3	3	3
Plant Operations	9	8	9	9
Transportation	6	5	6	6
Food Services	6	5	6	6
Fund Balance Percent	18.3%	25.9%	30.3%	27.1%
EOY Fund Balance	\$905,197,234	\$1,297,844,020	\$1,896,359,959	\$1,822,552,793

Per-Pupil SEEK

This year's DDP expresses SEEK revenue in per-pupil amounts, to facilitate comparisons among districts.

Performance

Kentucky Summative Assessment Proficiency Rates

All Students		Economically Disadvantaged	
Math	Reading	Math	Reading
Elem	43	49	34
Middle	41	47	31
High	40	46	29

Accountability Ratings

Overall Performance	Elem	Middle	High
	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
Indicator			
Reading and Math	Green	Green	Green
Science, Social Studies, Writing	Green	Green	Green
School Climate & Safety	Green	Green	Green
ELL Progress	Yellow	Green	Green
Graduation Rate	N/A	N/A	Green
Postsecondary Readiness	N/A	N/A	Green

All Students		
Science	Social Studies	Combined Writing
Elem	37	38
Middle	29	39
High	21	38

Average ACT 11th Grade

	Scale Score	Percent Benchmark
English	17.2	44 %
Math	17.5	30 %
Reading	18.6	41 %
Science	18.4	N/A
Composite	18.1	N/A

Postsecondary Readiness Rates

Total Postsecondary Readiness		83.4
Academic	Total Academic Readiness	67.0
	College Readiness Benchmark	63.3
	AP	15.7
	Dual Credit	34.7
Career	Total Career Readiness	64.5
	Industry Certification	32.9
	CTE End of Program Assessment	28.2
	Dual Credit	32.7
Apprenticeship		0.8
Work-Based Learning		8.9

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SEEK Per-Pupil Revenue, 2025

Jenkins Independent (Highest Net SEEK)

Per-Pupil Calculated SEEK Base Funding	\$7,011
Per-Pupil Less 30 Cent Local Effort	\$617
Per-Pupil State Tier I	\$1,062
Per-Pupil Adjustments	\$0
Per-Pupil Hold Harmless	\$0
Per-Pupil Net General Fund SEEK	\$7,456
Per-Pupil Assessment	\$205,793

Anchorage Independent (Lowest Net SEEK))

Per-Pupil Calculated SEEK Base Funding	\$4,840
Per-Pupil Less 30 Cent Local Effort	\$5,045
Per-Pupil State Tier I	\$0
Per-Pupil Adjustments	\$0
Per-Pupil Hold Harmless	\$2,063
Per-Pupil Net General Fund SEEK	\$1,857
Per-Pupil Assessment	\$1,681,764

*Does not sum due to rounding.

Per-pupil SEEK base funding reflects additional weights based on student need. It is greatest for districts with highest percentages of economically disadvantaged students and students who qualify for special education.

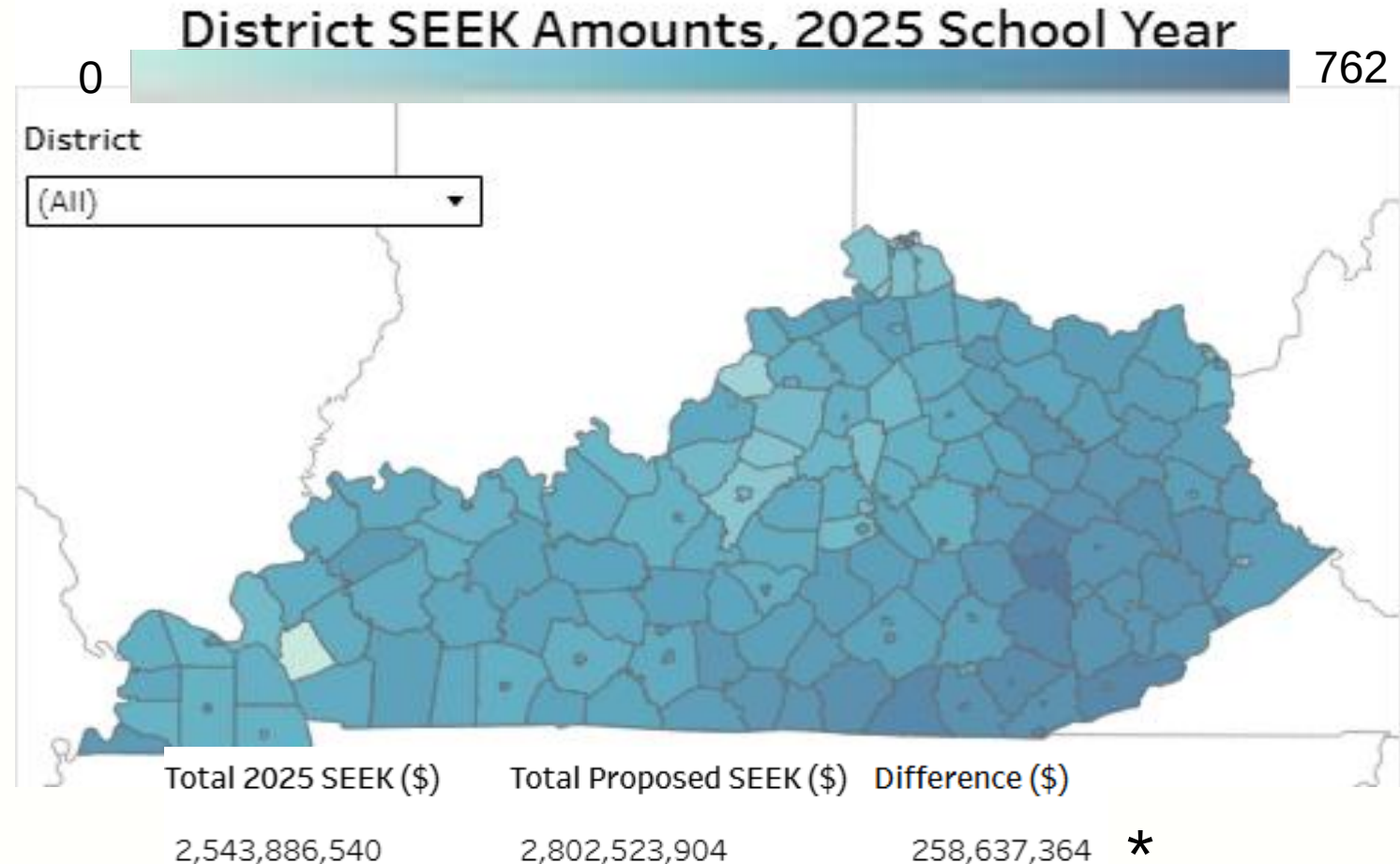
Per-pupil net SEEK funding is primarily a function of district property wealth.

OEA's 2025 SEEK Tool Shows The Effects Of Potential Changes To The SEEK Formula On Individual Districts*

This map shows additional revenue to districts in 2025 if the SEEK formula weight for economically disadvantaged students had been doubled from 0.15 to 0.3.

In 2025 this change would have added about \$259 million in SEEK distributions.

OEA will consult EAARS on whether this tool should be updated in 2026.



*These **are estimates** based on 2025 SEEK base and 2024 district student counts.

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Number And Percent Of Students Who Transferred To Homeschool Or Other Non-Public Schools, 2025

Homeschool		Other Non-public (Private) School*		Total	
Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
11,151	1.8%	1,525	0.2%	12,676	2.0%

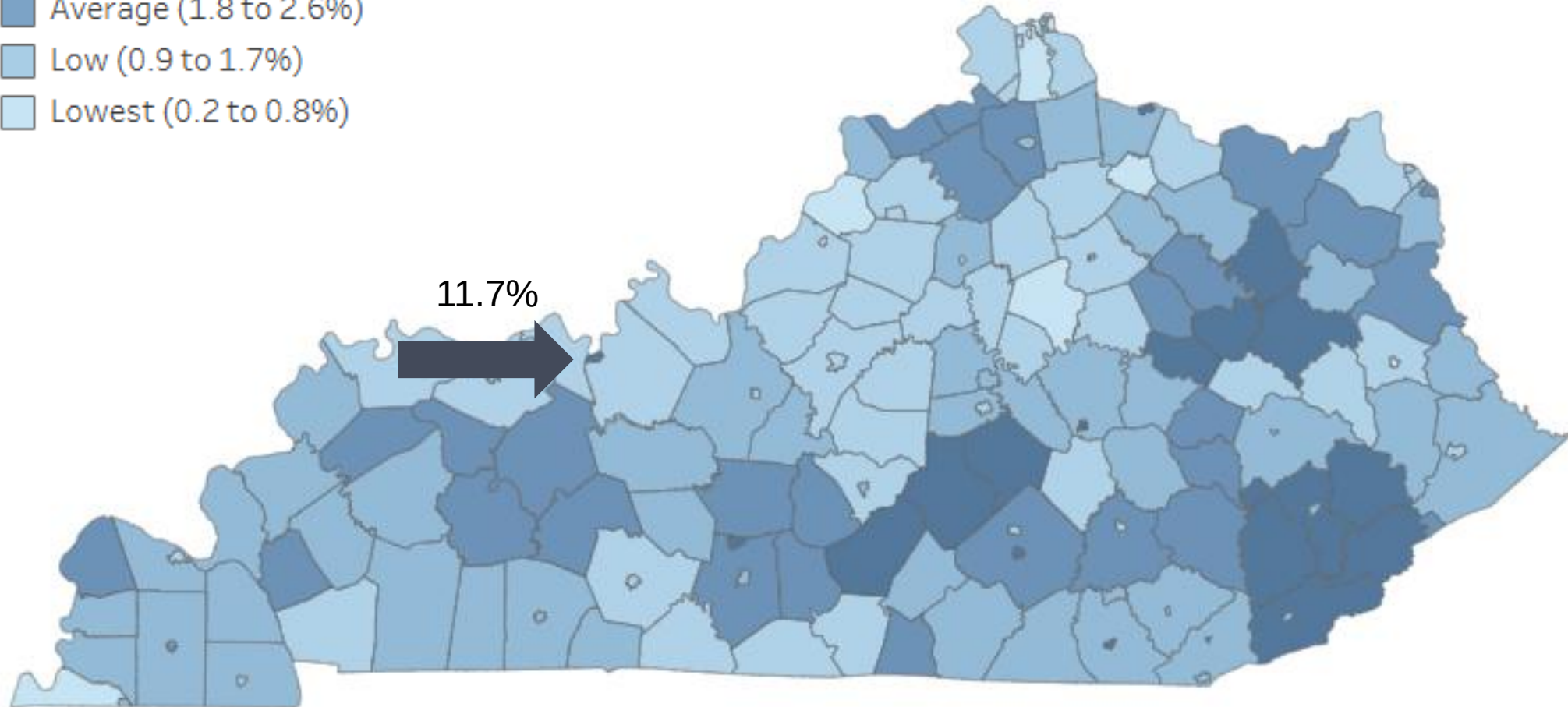
*Other non-public schools are private schools.

Note: percents are calculated out of total K-12 membership for all 171 school districts.

Appendix D shows data for all 171 districts.

Percent Of Students Who Transferred To Homeschool , By District, 2025

- Highest (3.5 to 11.7%)
- High (2.7 to 3.4%)
- Average (1.8 to 2.6%)
- Low (0.9 to 1.7%)
- Lowest (0.2 to 0.8%)



Student Economic Disadvantage And Chronic Absence By District Percentage Of Homeschool Transfers, 2025

Percent Of Students Who Transferred To Homeschool	District Count	Average Percent Of Economically Disadvantaged Students	Average Percent Of Chronically Absent Students*
Highest (3.5% to 11.7%)	19	72 %	35%
High (2.7 to 3.4)	29	68	28
Average (1.8 to 2.6)	57	65	25
Low (0.9 to 1.7)	52	60	22
Lowest (0.2 to 0.8)	14	50	18

*Note: Districts range broadly around the average. Some districts with higher percentages of chronically absent students have relatively lower percentages of students who transfer to homeschool.

Trends Identified In OEA Homeschool Report

- In the 2017 school year:
 - Students who transferred to homeschool were about 4 times more likely than all other students to be chronically absent
 - Students in high school were about 2.5 times more likely to transfer to homeschool than students in elementary or middle school
 - A total of 6,670 students transferred to homeschool (compared with 11,151 in 2025)

Homeschooling in Kentucky was published in 2018 and is available on the LRC website.

Membership And Staffing Trends

2016-2025

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Student Membership By Grade Span, 2016-2025

Grade	2016	2025	Change 2016-2025	
			Number	Percent
K-5	310,323	291,012	-19,311	-6.2%
6-8	150,245	141,926	-8,319	-5.5
9-12*	194,830	198,843	4,013	2.1
Total K-12	655,398	631,781	-23,617	-3.6

*Count also includes exceptional children who receive services after grade 12.

Note: from 2016-2025 the number of students eligible for special education services in Kentucky increased by 19% and the number of English Language Learners increased by 119%

Staff By Category

2016-2025

Category	2016	2025	Change 2016-2025	
	Number	Number	Number	Percent
Total Staff	96,209	98,512	2,303	2.4%
Classified Staff	45,759	46,178	419	0.9
Certified Staff	50,450	52,334	1,884	3.7
Teachers	41,867	42,779	912	2.2
District Administrators*	928	1,016	88	9.5
School Administrators*	3,399	4,014	615	18.1

Notes: Total staff includes pre-K-12. Teachers are included in the certified staff numbers.

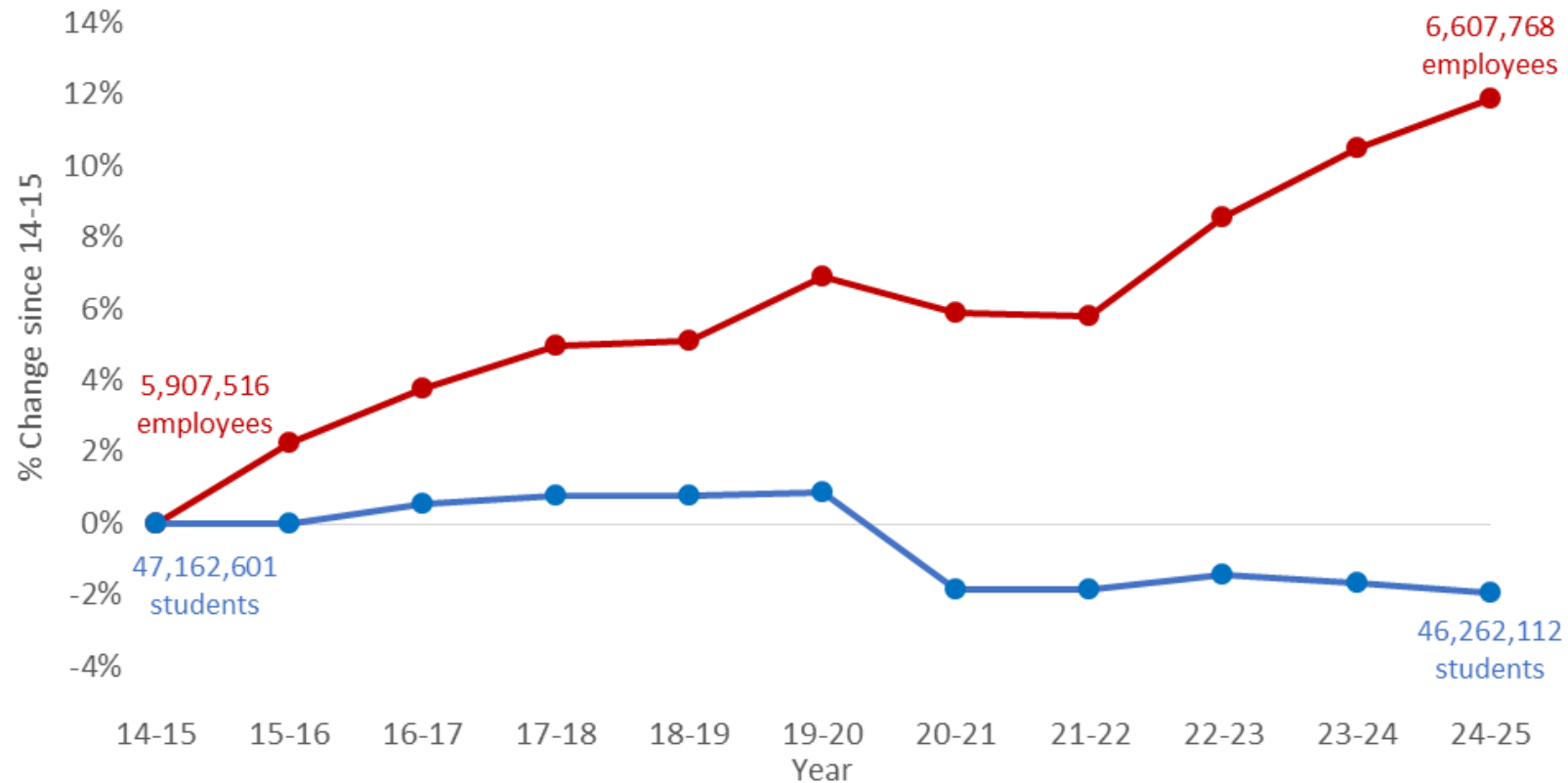
*School and district administrators are included in classified or certified staff.

Staffing Versus Enrollment, United States, 2015-2025

Staffing v. Enrollment: United States

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United States : Staffing vs Enrollment Trends (Cumulative % change since 14-15)



Analysis by Edunomics Lab using data from: [NCES Common Core of Data](https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/data/common_core_of_data/)

*Excludes Illinois, Nevada, & Utah.

**Tennessee did not report staffing and North Carolina staffing data was suppressed in 24-25 so 23-24 numbers were used.

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Data Notes

- Audits for Estill County and Jenkins Independent were due to KDE in March; however, they remain outstanding.
 - OEA will update financial data for these districts in the final report and notify the committee of any substantive changes
- Comparability of staff among districts and between years in individual districts may be affected by numbers of contract staff which can include bus drivers, custodial staff, or nurses, among others
 - KDE does not require districts to report numbers of contract staff
 - Unreported contract staff also affect national comparative data
- In Cloverport Independent, data on the percentage of general fund expenditures on salaries and benefits is misleading, due to a coding error
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