With 4 elementary schools, a middle school, and a high school, enrollment in Bristol public schools has decreased. This profile shows key information and trends about the division’s demographics and funding.

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Students from families that struggle financially face challenges that can make success in the classroom more difficult.

- 30% of all school-age children lived in poverty in 2014.
- 65% of students got free or reduced lunch in 2014.
- 4% of high schoolers who should have graduated in 2015 dropped out instead.
- 89% of high schoolers graduated on time in 2015, below the statewide 91% rate.

Did you know ....

- ... that a one-cent increase in Bristol’s property tax rate can raise about $103,000?
- ... that Bristol invested 37.5% above the required local effort for SOQ programs in 2015?

FUNDING
As the state has cut education funding statewide, per student direct aid has fallen for Bristol schools, after adjusting for inflation.

The local’s and state government’s shares of operations funding for Bristol schools have fallen, while the federal government’s share has risen.

Total funding for operations*
*Operations include regular day school, school food services, summer adult, adult education, and other education, but not non-LEA, non-regular day school, debt service, or capital outlay. Pre-K is included in 2015, but not in 2009.

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Sources: Virginia Department of Education, U.S. Census Bureau,