With 6 elementary schools, 2 middle schools, 2 high schools, and a technical center, enrollment in Lee County schools has dropped. This profile shows key information and trends about the division’s demographics and funding.

**Enrollment has dropped.**

- 29% of all school-age children lived in poverty in 2014.
- 67% of students got free or reduced lunch in 2014.
- 9% of high schoolers who should have graduated in 2015 dropped out instead.
- 82% of high schoolers graduated on time in 2015, below the statewide 91% rate.

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

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

**FUNDING**

As the state has cut education funding statewide, per student direct aid has fallen sharply for Lee County Public Schools, after adjusting for inflation.

*Did you know ....*

... that a one-cent increase in Lee County’s property tax rate can raise about $89,000?