STATEWIDE PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN VIRGINIA

This profile shows key information and trends about the demographics, staffing, and funding for public schools in Virginia.

STUDENTS

Enrollment has increased from 1,195,326 students in 2009 to 1,252,627 projected students in 2018.

- 14% of all school-age children lived in poverty in 2015-2016
- 42% of all students got free or reduced lunch in 2016-2017
- 12% of all students were English-language learners in 2016-2017
- Public schools in Virginia filled 71% of slots with state funding for the Virginia Preschool Initiative

FUNDING

State direct aid, per student, has fallen for public schools in Virginia after adjusting for inflation.

The shares of local, state, and federal funding for school operations has shifted since 2008-2009. Local governments have taken on a larger share of funding.

STAFFING

Relative to student enrollment in 2008-2009, there are fewer staff in public schools in Virginia. This includes:

- 4,069 Fewer teachers and instructors
- 110 Fewer principals and assistant principals
- 317 Fewer guidance counselors and librarians
- 146 Fewer teacher aides
- 5,781 Fewer support staff

10,423 Fewer staff in schools relative to student enrollment in 2008-2009.

Sources: Virginia Department of Education, U.S. Census Bureau
The Commonwealth Institute for Fiscal Analysis
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