MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

This profile shows key information and trends about the demographics, staffing, and funding for Montgomery County Public Schools.

STUDENTS

Enrollment since 2008-2009:

Montgomery had 9,518 students in 2008-2009. Montgomery is projected to have 9,846 students in 2018-2019.

- 13% of all school-aged children lived in poverty in 2015-2016 compared to 13% statewide
- 37% of all students got free or reduced lunch in 2017-2018 compared to 44% statewide
- 3% of all students were English learners in 2017-2018 compared to 12% statewide
- 99% of slots with state funding for the Virginia Preschool Initiative were filled in 2017-2018

194 Four-year olds have state funding for the Virginia Preschool Initiative in 2018-2019

5.2% of the class of 2017 dropped out

STAFFING

Overall staffing levels for Montgomery have decreased compared to enrollment from 2008-2009 to 2016-2017. There are now:

- 80 Fewer teachers and instructors
- 1 Fewer principals and assistant principals
- 3 Fewer school counselors and librarians
- 112 Fewer teacher aides
- 82 Fewer support staff

278 Fewer staff

10 More students

FUNDING

State direct aid has fallen sharply for Montgomery County Public Schools, adjusting for inflation.

38.4% 55.1% 6.5%

45.5% 47.5% 7.0%

Per student funding (FY18 dollars)

The local, state, and federal shares of school operations funding has shifted since 2008-2009.

Montgomery has taken on a larger share of funding.

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.

Did you know ....

...that a one-cent increase in Montgomery’s property tax rate can raise about $755,800?

...that Montgomery invested 103.7% above the required local effort for SOQ programs in 2016-2017?

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