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

STUDENTS
Enrollment since 2008-2009:

- 8% of all school-aged children lived in poverty in 2015-2016 compared to 13% statewide.
- 30% 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.
- 100% of slots with state funding for the Virginia Preschool Initiative were filled in 2017-2018.

Roanoke had 14,650 students in 2008-2009. Roanoke is projected to have 13,652 students in 2018-2019.

4-year olds have state funding for the Virginia Preschool Initiative in 2018-2019.

3.9% of high-schoolers dropped out in 2016-2017.

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

- Fewer teachers and instructors: 101
- Fewer principals and assistant principals: 4
- Fewer school counselors and librarians: 12
- More teacher aides: 10
- Fewer support staff: 150

257 Fewer staff
738 Fewer students

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

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

Did you know...

- That a one-cent increase in Roanoke's property tax rate can raise about $809,900?
- That Roanoke invested 92.5% above the required local effort for SOQ programs in 2016-2017?

Per student funding (FY18 dollars)

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.

2008-2009
$168.2 million (FY18 dollars)
38.4% Local Share
56.8% State Share
4.8% Federal Share

2016-2017
$150.0 million (FY18 dollars)
43.6% Local Share
51.4% State Share
5.0% Federal Share

Sources: Virginia Department of Education, U.S. Census Bureau, The Commonwealth Institute for Fiscal Analysis September 2018