

S.C. SCHOOL AGE POPULATION AND ENROLLMENT ESTIMATES

Fiscal Year	Regular School Districts (ADM) (1)	Special School Districts (2)	Statewide Charter Districts (3)	Total Public Schools (4)	Total Private Schools (5)	Total Home School (6)	Dropouts (7)	Other (8)	Census Est. School Age Population (9)
2000-2001	648,023	2,407	n/a	650,430	56,673	9,471	6,089	23,478	746,141
2001-2002	652,468	2,231	n/a	654,699	58,931	11,158	6,224	16,622	747,634
2002-2003	656,898	2,582	n/a	659,480	54,306	12,605	6,000	15,959	748,350
2003-2004	661,376	2,578	n/a	663,954	52,603	13,518	6,231	12,195	748,501
2004-2005	665,124	2,536	n/a	667,660	54,057	14,448	6,485	8,756	751,406
2005-2006	672,560	2,518	n/a	675,078	54,622	14,729	8,108	4,034	756,571
2006-2007	679,328	2,517	n/a	681,845	54,121	14,747	7,891	7,102	765,706
2007-2008	683,364	2,307	n/a	685,671	54,401	15,377	8,013	8,236	771,698
2008-2009	686,612	2,420	2,407	691,439	53,668	16,637	7,077	5,629	774,450
2009-2010	688,012	2,131	5,878	696,021	52,945	15,064	6,265	6,669	776,964
2010-2011	687,447	1,984	8,831	698,262	52,219	14,577	5,900	6,937	777,895
2011-2012	691,122	1,978	9,948	703,048	51,906	14,089	5,232	2,922	777,197
2012-2013	697,174	1,781	11,499	710,454	47,760	14,990	5,537	2,875	781,616
2013-2014	702,558	1,779	14,000	718,337	46,466	15,826	5,640	663	786,932
2014-2015	710,996	1,618	17,066	729,680	46,027	17,248	5,644	(5,045)	793,554
2015-2016	716,361	1,754	18,352	736,467	46,948	17,730	5,162	(5,473)	800,834
2016-2017	719,879	1,280	21,280	742,439	46,395	19,983	5,351	(8,181)	805,987
2017-2018	720,499	1,197	25,563	747,259	45,068	21,743	4,979	(7,895)	811,154
2018-2019	721,122	1,132	28,051	750,305	44,853	20,808	4,850	(7,007)	813,809
2019-2020	723,263	1,122	30,331	754,716	44,853	20,764	3,969	(5,583)	818,719
2020-2021	703,401	804	38,522	742,727	47,107	30,115	5,754	9,280	834,983
2021-2022	710,976	725	40,510	752,211	51,252	30,638	5,712	1,620	841,433
2022-2023	716,765	738	41,312	758,815	54,340	32,004	5,701	p (1,813)	849,047
2023-2024	715,903	742	46,326	762,971	51,344	34,301	5,701	p 1,792	856,109
2024-2025	714,808	p 742	p 51,067	p 766,617	p 55,713	p 35,200	p 5,701	p 0	863,231
2025-2026	712,097	p 742	p 57,665	p 770,504	p 58,084	p 36,123	p 5,701	p (1)	870,411

Footnotes and Column Notes:

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(1) Source: S.C. Department of Education; 135 day ADM count. Does not include the statewide charter districts. Decline in FY 2020-21 was due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

(2) Source: S.C. Department of Education; Includes School for the Deaf and Blind, the Department of Juvenile Justice School District, and the Palmetto Unified School District.

(3) Source: S.C. Department of Education. Prior to FY 2018-19, includes only the S.C. Public Charter School District. Beginning in FY 2018-19, also includes the Charter Institute at Erskine. Beginning in FY 2022-23, also includes the Limestone Charter Association.

(4) Sum of columns 1, 2, and 3

(5) Source: Based upon the Private School Enrollment Survey. Estimates for FY 2024-25 and FY 2025-26 are based upon historical growth trends.

(6) Source: Based upon the Home School Enrollment Survey. Estimates for FY 2024-25 and FY 2025-26 are based upon historical growth trends.

(7) Source: S.C. Department of Education with RFA estimates for FY 2022-23 to FY 2025-26.

(8) This column should not be used as an independent category. While it includes such classifications as immigration and hospitalization, it simply represents the difference between the total school age population as estimated by the U.S. Census Bureau and the estimates provided in columns 1 through 7.

(9) Source: U.S. Census Bureau with RFA projections for FY 2024-25 and FY 2025-26.