



Buffalo•New York City•Rochester•Syracuse•Yonkers•Albany•Mount Vernon•Utica

2020 Overview and Data

- ❖ **Our urban school districts enroll 45% of New York State's public school students.**
- ❖ **68% of the State's English Language Learner pupils are educated in our member districts.**
- ❖ **53% of the State's special education students (ages 5-21) are educated in our city school districts.**
- ❖ **69% of New York State's prekindergarteners are educated in our school districts.**
- ❖ **The percentages of our pupils with extraordinary needs are: Buffalo 87%; NYC 75%; Rochester 92%; Syracuse 86%; Yonkers 70%; Albany 68%; Mount Vernon 71%; and Utica 87%.**
- ❖ **The Conference's school districts have high rates of student mobility, homelessness and students living in temporary shelters.**
- ❖ **School buildings in our city school districts are older than others in the State and average over 70 years old.**

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2019-2020 School District Profiles

Based on district provided estimates

BUFFALO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

- 40,082 K-12 students including 9,368 charter school pupils
- 2,204 prekindergarten children
- 6,694 English Language Learner (ELL) students (does not include Pre-K)
- Services to students speaking 86 languages
- 4,044 teachers and administrators
- 245 guidance counselors, psychologists, social workers and medical staff
- 1,636 support staff (teacher aides, clerical, transportation, lunch and maintenance)
- 21,877 breakfasts and 29,121 lunches served daily
- 36,806 total public school students (including charter school students) transported daily to 69 public schools plus 23 charter school locations.
- 2,476 total non-public students transported daily to 53 non-public schools

NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

- 1,038,056 K-12 students including 126,984 charter school pupils
- 71,000 prekindergarten children
- 154,276 English Language Learner (ELL) students (does not include Pre-K)
- Services to students speaking 150 languages
- 88,745 teachers and administrators
- 9,598 guidance counselors, psychologists, social workers and medical staff
- 47,853 support staff (teacher aides, clerical, transportation, lunch and maintenance)
- 265,000 breakfasts and 625,000 lunches served daily
- 597,769 total public school students (including charter school students) transported daily to 2,559 public schools plus 372 charter schools
- 116,209 total non-public students transported daily to 1,157 non-public schools

ROCHESTER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

- 31,334 K-12 students including 6,257 charter school pupils
- 3,290 prekindergarten children
- 3,795 English Language Learner (ELL) students (does not include Pre-K)
- Services to students speaking 65 languages
- 3,716 teachers and administrators
- 273 guidance counselors, psychologists and social workers
- 2,334 support staff (teacher aides, clerical, transportation, lunch and maintenance)
- 17,263 breakfasts and 20,771 lunches served daily
- 31,870 total public school students (including charter school students) transported daily to 64 public schools plus 16 charter schools
- 878 total non-public students transported daily to 74 non-public schools

SYRACUSE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

- 21,546 K-12 students including 2,295 charter school pupils
- 1,973 prekindergarten children
- 3,668 English Language Learner (ELL) students (does not include Pre-K)
- Services to students speaking 77 languages
- 2,023 teachers and administrators
- 251 guidance counselors, psychologists, social workers and medical staff
- 1,425 support staff (teacher aides, clerical, transportation, lunch and maintenance)
- 11,264 breakfasts and 14,342 lunches served daily
- 17,333 total public school students (including charter school students) transported daily to 36 public schools plus 6 charter schools
- 466 total non-public students transported daily to 27 non-public schools

2019-2020 School District Profiles

Based on district provided estimates

YONKERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

- 27,473 K-12 students including 828 charter school pupils
- 1,618 prekindergarten children
- 3,742 English Language Learner (ELL) students (does not include Pre-K)
- Services to students speaking 109 languages
- 1,919 teachers and administrators
- 124 guidance counselors, psychologists, social workers and medical staff
- 1,523 support staff (teacher aides, clerical, transportation, lunch and maintenance)
- 4,419 breakfasts and 12,970 lunches served daily
- 18,710 total public school students (including charter school students) transported daily to 39 public schools plus 1 charter school
- 455 total non-public students transported daily to 13 non-public schools

ALBANY CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

- 10,923 K-12 students including 2,071 charter school pupils
- 938 prekindergarten children
- 1,072 English Language Learner (ELL) students (does not include Pre-K)
- Services to students speaking 57 languages
- 882 teachers and administrators
- 151 guidance counselors, psychologists, social workers and medical staff
- 682 support staff (teacher aides, clerical, transportation, lunch and maintenance)
- 3,240 breakfasts and 6,171 lunches served daily
- 7,012 total public school students (including charter school students) transported daily to 18 public schools plus 8 charter schools and 55 out-of-district schools
- 223 total non-public students transported daily to 10 non-public schools

MOUNT VERNON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

- 7,358 K-12 students including 382 charter school pupils
 - 382 prekindergarten children
 - 713 English Language Learner (ELL) students (does not include Pre-K)
 - Services to students speaking 32 languages
 - 819 teachers and administrators
 - 88 guidance counselors, psychologists, social workers and medical staff
 - 629 support staff (teacher aides, clerical, transportation, lunch and maintenance)
 - 3,300 breakfasts and 3,800 lunches served daily
 - 883* total public school students transported daily to 44 locations
 - 2 total non-public students transported daily to 1 non-public school
- *Mount Vernon transports only special education pupils, pupils in federally designated schools requiring choice options and homeless pupils.

UTICA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

- 10,996 K-12 students including 649 charter school pupils
- 514 prekindergarten children
- 1,654 English Language Learner (ELL) students (does not include Pre-K)
- Services to students speaking 55 languages
- 825 teachers and administrators
- 79 guidance counselors, psychologists, social workers and medical staff
- 783 support staff (teacher aides, clerical, transportation, lunch and maintenance)
- 3,500 breakfasts and 8,200 lunches served daily
- 7,570 total public school students (including charter school students) transported daily to 13 public schools plus 2 charter schools
- 250 total non-public students transported daily to 4 non-public schools

Big 5 Member Pupil Demographics

District	K-12 Enrollment	Extraordinary Needs %	ELL %	Pre-K Pupils	Ages 5-21 Spec. Ed. Pupils
Buffalo	40,082	87%	17%	2,204	8,770
New York City	1,038,056	75%	15%	71,000	244,890
Rochester	31,334	92%	12%	3,290	6,410
Syracuse	21,546	86%	17%	1,973	4,286
Yonkers	27,473	70%	14%	1,618	5,321
Albany	10,923	68%	10%	938	1,562
Mount Vernon	7,358	71%	10%	382	1,363
Utica	10,996	87%	15%	514	1,732

Based on district provided estimates for the 2019-2020 school year.
 K-12 enrollment includes charter school pupils.
 Extraordinary Needs Pupils as identified for 2019-2020 in the 1/21/2020 database.
 ELL% does not include Pre-K.

Big 5 Member School Buildings

School District	Average Age of School Buildings	Total Number of School Buildings	Number of School Buildings Constructed In:				
			Pre-1900	1901-1920	1921-1939	1940-1969	1970-Present
Buffalo	85	62	2	10	30	16	4
New York City	69	1,159	55	156	299	365	284
Rochester	73	48	0	11	12	15	10
Syracuse	80	35	0	5	16	9	5
Yonkers	79	41	4	8	8	12	9
Albany	69	21	3	2	4	2	10
Mount Vernon	72	16	1	2	6	5	2
Utica	64	13	0	1	4	6	2

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