



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

2021 Overview and Data

- ❖ **Our urban school districts enroll 46% of New York State's public school students.**
- ❖ **66% 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.**
- ❖ **71% of New York State's prekindergarteners are educated in our school districts.**
- ❖ **The percentages of our pupils with extraordinary needs are: Buffalo 87%; NYC 76%; Rochester 92%; Syracuse 87%; Yonkers 69%; Albany 70%; Mount Vernon 69%; and Utica 88%.**
- ❖ **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 72 years old.**

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2020-2021 School District Profiles

BUFFALO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

- 40,025 K-12 students including 9,767 charter school pupils
- 1,283 prekindergarten children
- 5,784 English Language Learner (ELL) students (does not include Pre-K)
- Services to students speaking 77 languages
- 4,008 teachers and administrators
- 226 guidance counselors, psychologists, social workers and medical staff
- 1,619 support staff (teacher aides, clerical, transportation, lunch and maintenance)
- 22,390 breakfasts and 29,565 lunches served daily*
- 34,634 total public school students (including charter school students) transported daily to 69 public schools plus 23 charter school locations*
- 2,069 total non-public students transported daily to 53 non-public schools*

NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

- 1,027,677 K-12 students including 135,251 charter school pupils
- 63,083 prekindergarten children
- 142,096 English Language Learner (ELL) students (does not include Pre-K)
- Services to students speaking 147 languages
- 88,857 teachers and administrators
- 10,097 guidance counselors, psychologists, social workers and medical staff
- 48,332 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

- 31,169 K-12 students including 6,733 charter school pupils
- 2,372 prekindergarten children
- 3,790 English Language Learner (ELL) students (does not include Pre-K)
- Services to students speaking 63 languages
- 3,184 teachers and administrators
- 233 guidance counselors, psychologists and social workers
- 1,551 support staff (teacher aides, clerical, transportation, lunch and maintenance)
- 17,700 breakfasts and 20,950 lunches served daily*
- 30,404 total public school students (including charter school students) transported daily to 46 public schools plus 14 charter schools*
- 2,326 total non-public students transported daily to 105 non-public schools*

SYRACUSE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

- 20,584 K-12 students including 2,186 charter school pupils
- 1,469 prekindergarten children
- 3,168 English Language Learner (ELL) students (does not include Pre-K)
- Services to students speaking 65 languages
- 2,027 teachers and administrators
- 257 guidance counselors, psychologists, social workers and medical staff
- 1,445 support staff (teacher aides, clerical, transportation, lunch and maintenance)
- 11,264 breakfasts and 14,342 lunches served daily*
- 17,167 total public school students (including charter school students) transported daily to 33 public schools plus 6 charter schools*
- 633 total non-public students transported daily to 31 non-public schools*

*Estimated number of meals that would be served and transportation that would be provided if all schools were in session full time.

2020-2021 School District Profiles

YONKERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

- 25,195 K-12 students including 860 charter school pupils
- 1,305 prekindergarten children
- 3,105 English Language Learner (ELL) students (does not include Pre-K)
- Services to students speaking 81 languages
- 1,858 teachers and administrators
- 150 guidance counselors, psychologists, social workers and medical staff
- 1,403 support staff (teacher aides, clerical, transportation, lunch and maintenance)
- 4,930 breakfasts and 12,606 lunches served daily*
- 17,836 total public school students (including charter school students) transported daily to 39 public schools plus 1 charter school*
- 159 total non-public students transported daily to 11 non-public schools*

ALBANY CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

- 10,561 K-12 students including 2,224 charter school pupils
- 722 prekindergarten children
- 1,025 English Language Learner (ELL) students (does not include Pre-K)
- Services to students speaking 45 languages
- 802 teachers and administrators
- 91 guidance counselors, psychologists, social workers and medical staff
- 554 support staff (teacher aides, clerical, transportation, lunch and maintenance)
- 3,172 breakfasts and 6,147 lunches served daily*
- 6,692 total public school students (including charter school students) transported daily to 16 public schools plus 9 charter schools*
- 409 total non-public students transported daily to 44 non-public schools*

MOUNT VERNON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

- 7,226 K-12 students including 300 charter school pupils
 - 296 prekindergarten children
 - 788 English Language Learner (ELL) students (does not include Pre-K)
 - Services to students speaking 23 languages
 - 782 teachers and administrators
 - 86 guidance counselors, psychologists, social workers and medical staff
 - 621 support staff (teacher aides, clerical, transportation, lunch and maintenance)
 - 3,468 breakfasts and 4,384 lunches served daily*
 - 376 total public school students transported daily to 30 public schools*
 - 68 total non-public students transported daily to 23 non-public schools*
- (Mount Vernon transports only special education pupils, pupils in federally designated schools requiring choice options and homeless pupils).

UTICA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

- 10,761 K-12 students including 703 charter school pupils
- 508 prekindergarten children
- 1,682 English Language Learner (ELL) students (does not include Pre-K)
- Services to students speaking 51 languages
- 802 teachers and administrators
- 100 guidance counselors, psychologists, social workers and medical staff
- 730 support staff (teacher aides, clerical, transportation, lunch and maintenance)
- 3,500 breakfasts and 8,200 lunches served daily*
- 7,720 total public school students (including charter school students) transported daily to 13 public schools plus 2 charter schools*
- 220 total non-public students transported daily to 4 non-public schools*

*Estimated number of meals that would be served and transportation that would be provided if all schools were in session full time.

Big 5 Member Pupil Demographics

District	K-12 Enrollment	Extraordinary Needs %	ELL %	Pre-K Pupils	Ages 5-21 Spec. Ed. Pupils
Buffalo	40,025	87%	19%	1,283	8,514
New York City	1,027,677	76%	16%	63,083	248,714
Rochester	31,169	92%	16%	2,372	5,011
Syracuse	20,584	87%	17%	1,469	4,198
Yonkers	25,195	69%	13%	1,305	5,273
Albany	10,561	70%	12%	722	1,540
Mount Vernon	7,226	69%	11%	296	1,198
Utica	10,761	89%	17%	508	1,924

All profile and demographic data is based on district provided estimates for the 2020-2021 school year.

K-12 enrollment includes charter school pupils.

Extraordinary Needs Pupils as identified for 2020-2021 in the 2/15/2021 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	86	62	2	10	30	16	4
New York City	71	1,182	55	159	304	371	293
Rochester	73	47	0	10	12	15	10
Syracuse	81	35	0	5	16	9	5
Yonkers	80	41	4	8	8	12	9
Albany	69	21	3	2	4	2	10
Mount Vernon	73	16	1	2	6	5	2
Utica	65	13	0	1	4	6	2

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