

Quick Facts About Georgia Public Education 2016*

• Student Demographics

• Total Number of Public School Students	1,764,215
• Number of Elementary Students	803,410
• Number of Middle School Students	394,716
• Number of High School Students	518,659

**Includes pre-kindergarten students housed in Georgia public schools*

Race/Ethnicity	Number	Percentage
• White	710,792	40.3
• Black	627,016	35.5
• Hispanic	237,361	13.5
• Asian	62,539	3.5
• Other	60,496	3.4

Gender	Number	Percentage
• Male	867,408	51.2
• Female	861,569	48.8

Other Student Facts	Number	Percentage
• Eligible for free/reduced lunch	1,059,369	60
• Special Education	209,106	11.9
• Limited English Proficiency	104,216	5.9
• Students Transported	1,012,690	57.4
• Enrolled in Georgia Virtual School	21,600+*	2.4**

**Because enrollment is based on the number of students enrolled in one or more Georgia Virtual School courses, the exact figure fluctuates.*

***Percentage of students enrolled in Georgia Virtual School is based on the total number of middle and high school students.*

• Schools

• Total Number of Schools	2,292
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Charter Schools

• Number of Schools	558*
• Number of Students	572,064*

**Includes startup and conversion charter schools, as well as schools in charter systems.*

School Systems

• Total Number of School Systems	207
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Types of School Systems

• City	21
• County	159
• Charter Schools (State & Commission)	24
• State Schools	3

- **Educational Support**
 - Regional Education Service Agencies (RESAs) 16
- **Teachers**
 - Total Number of Teachers 114,244

Academic Preparation	Number	Percentage
• Bachelor	40,505	35.5
• Master	50,070	43.8
• Specialist	21,832	19.1
• Doctorate	2,900	2.5
• Other	485	0.4

Experience	Number	Percentage
• >1 Year	6,991	6.1
• 1-10 Years	42,920	37.6
• 11-20 Years	40,718	35.6
• 21-30 Years	21,058	18.4
• 30+ Years	4,105	3.6

Salary		
• Average Beginning Teacher Salary		\$40,392
• Average Overall Teacher Salary		\$55,529

- **Student Performance**

Graduation Rate		
• 2015 4-year cohort graduation rate		78.8

College & Career Ready Performance Index Score		
• Elementary Schools		76
• Middle Schools		71.2
• High Schools		75.8

SAT/ACT	State Average	National Average
• SAT average score	1459*	1484
• ACT average score	21.0	21.1

**This figure is limited to scores on the traditional SAT. Some students in Georgia's class of 2016 took the redesigned SAT, which scores students in evidence-based reading and writing (ERW) and math.*

- **State-Operated Schools**

Total Number of K-12 Students Enrolled		
• Atlanta Area School for the Deaf (Clarkston)		181
• Georgia Academy for the Blind (Macon)		112
• Georgia School for the Deaf (Cave Spring)		105