



School Statistics 2018-19

These statistics are a snapshot of the WELS school system. They represent information gathered with an online form completed by school personnel. The statistics are only as accurate as the information that was reported. In some instances, data from previous year was used for schools that failed to complete the statistics form for 2018. (Please note that multi-site schools are counted as one unit.)

Number of Schools and Students

School Type	Number of Schools	Students Enrolled	Ave. Enrolled per School
Early Childhood Ministries (ECM)	387 252 part of LES 135 free standing	11,270	29.1 largest-195, smallest-2
Lutheran Elementary Schools (LES)	294	24,348	82.8 largest-831, smallest-1
Lutheran High Schools (LHS)	26	5,619	216.1 largest-776, smallest-2
Preparatory High Schools (PHS)	2	611	305.5 largest-419, smallest-192
WELS SCHOOL SYSTEM TOTALS	457	41,848	

Enrollments by District

WELS Districts	ECM	schools	LES	schools	LHS	schools	LPS	MLS
Arizona-California	704	22	1,456	19	355	4	0	0
Dakota-Montana	383	10	353	5	116	1	0	0
Michigan	1,007	37	1,714	38	193	2	0	192
Minnesota	1,274	56	2,510	33	777	3	0	0
Nebraska	835	28	710	16	132	2	0	0
North Atlantic	139	5	118	2	0	0	0	0
Northern Wisconsin	1,599	55	3,900	45	1,143	3	0	0
Pacific Northwest	413	15	549	9	76	1	0	0
South Atlantic	1,122	27	1,664	15	317	1	0	0
South Central	242	8	332	6	2	1	0	0
Southeastern Wisconsin	2,247	73	7,611	60	1,774	5	0	0
Western Wisconsin	1,305	51	3,431	46	734	3	419	0
Totals:	11,270	387	24,348	294	5,619	26	419	192
International Students (Number already included in the total above.)	0	0	77	10	391	21	12	14

Student Enrollment Growth/Decline – 10 Years

School Type	2009 2010	2010 2011	2011 2012	2012 2013	2013 2014	2014 2015	2015 2016	2016 2017	2017 2018	2018 2019
ECM	9,600	10,019	10,717	10,423	10,694	10,595	10,911	10,754	11,126	11,270
LES	24,597	24,300	24,644	24,254	24,245	24,453	24,410	24,335	24,485	24,348
LHS	5,510	5,577	5,303	5,123	5,141	5,093	5,174	5,320	5,493	5,619
PHS	558	558	583	668	682	675	643	645	616	611

Early Childhood Ministries Groupings by Enrollment

Enrollment Range	0-25	26-50 Students	51-100 Students	101-150 Students	151-200 Students
Schools That Size	212 Smallest-2	112	47	6	3 Largest - 195
Total Number of Students	2,953	4,071	3,052	682	512

Lutheran Elementary School Groupings By K-8 Enrollment

Enrollment Range	0-50 Students	51-100 Students	101-150 Students	151-200 Students	201-250 Students	251-300+ Students
Schools That Size	119 (39.14%) Smallest-1	112 (36.84%)	38 (12.50%)	19 (6.25%)	10 (3.29%)	6 (1.97%) Largest-831
Total Number of Students	3,328	8,130	4,530	3,342	2,210	2,608

Lutheran High School Groupings by Enrollment (PHS Excluded)

Enrollment Range	0-99 Students	100-199 Students	200-299 Students	300-399 Students	400-499 Students	500+ Students
Schools That Size	10 (38.46%) Smallest-2	5 (19.23%)	4 (15.38%)	2 (7.69%)	3 (11.54%)	2 (7.69%) Largest-776
Total Number of Students	579	668	940	658	1,343	1,431

Enrollment/ Church Membership Composition

School Type	WELS Member from Governing Congregation(s)	WELS Member from Other WELS/ELS Congregations	Members of Other Christian Congregations	Non-Christian	No Church Affiliation or Membership (Mission Prospects)
ECM	2,495 (22.14%)	739 (6.56%)	4,751 (42.16%)	358 (3.18%)	2,927 (25.97%)
LES	14,642 (60.14%)	1,791 (7.36%)	4,963 (20.38%)	170 (0.70%)	2,782 (11.43%)
LHS Domestic	3,785 (72.40%)	169 (3.23%)	1,092 (20.89%)	56 (1.07%)	126 (2.41%)
LHS International	20 (5.12%)	9 (2.30%)	55 (14.07%)	29 (7.42%)	278 (71.10%)
PHS Domestic	403 (68.89%)	181 (30.94%)	1 (0.17%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)
PHS International	2 (7.69%)	16 (61.54%)	0 (0.00%)	0 (0.00%)	8 (30.77%)

Number of Called Teachers Currently Serving

ECM	LES	LHS	Total
425	1,878	519	2,822

Cost per Student and Tuition Charged

School Type	Average Cost Per Student
LES	\$8,103
LHS	\$12,079 high \$22,042 - low \$6,461

LES Average Tuition for First Child by District

District	Congregation Member	Other WELS	Non-WELS
Arizona-California	\$4,468	\$4,066	\$4,856
Dakota-Montana	\$671	\$1,337	\$3,337
Michigan	\$958	\$2,022	\$2,713
Minnesota	\$1,910	\$2,996	\$3,522
Nebraska	\$2,101	\$2,292	\$2,830
North Atlantic	\$6,069	\$8,375	\$8,375
Northern Wisconsin	\$1,005	\$2,416	\$2,794
Pacific Northwest	\$3,059	\$3,049	\$4,355
South Atlantic	\$4,182	\$4,969	\$5,749
South Central	\$5,897	\$5,854	\$6,649
Southeastern Wisconsin	\$2,014	\$3,455	\$4,257
Western Wisconsin	\$982	\$1,972	\$2,921
	\$2,039	\$2,968	\$3,700

LHS Average Tuition for First Child

	Congregation Member	Other WELS	Non-WELS
	\$7,453	\$7,112	\$8,245

ECM Tuition covers expenses: 230 no - 158 yes

ECM Average Monthly Tuition Charged by Session Type

		Members of Governing WELS Congregation	Members of other WELS/ELS Congregations	Non-WELS members
2 days per week	Full Day Session	\$437.49	\$441.52	\$459.21
	Half Day Session	\$199.55	\$188.46	\$205.34
3 days per week	Full Day Session	\$597.53	\$541.63	\$607.62
	Half Day Session	\$283.87	\$267.66	\$312.90
4 days per week	Full Day Session	\$435.22	\$437.63	\$490.96
	Half Day Session	\$265.41	\$256.17	\$268.63
5 days per week	Full Day Session	\$896.24	\$847.35	\$977.19
	Half Day Session	\$489.51	\$463.47	\$530.52

Number of forms not returned this collection cycle: ECM – 47, LES – 10, LHS:1