

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 the previous year was used for schools that failed to complete the statistics form for 2021. (Please note that multi-site schools are counted as one unit.)

Number of forms not returned this collection cycle: ECM - 0, LES - 0, LHS - 0.

LHS includes ALHS, LPS and MLS

Schools and Enrollment

	Schools	Enrollment	Average Enrollment
Standalone Early Childhood Ministries (ECM)	113	4,467	40
Standalone Lutheran Elementary Schools (LES)	32	2,146	67
Combined ECM & LES	250	31,645	127
Area Lutheran High Schools (ALHS)	26	6,041	232
Preparatory High Schools (LPS & MLS)	2	605	303
Totals	423	44,904	

Total Early Childhood Ministries	363	11,672	
Total Lutheran Elementary Schools	282	26,586	
ECM with Year Round Child Care	105		

Enrollment by District

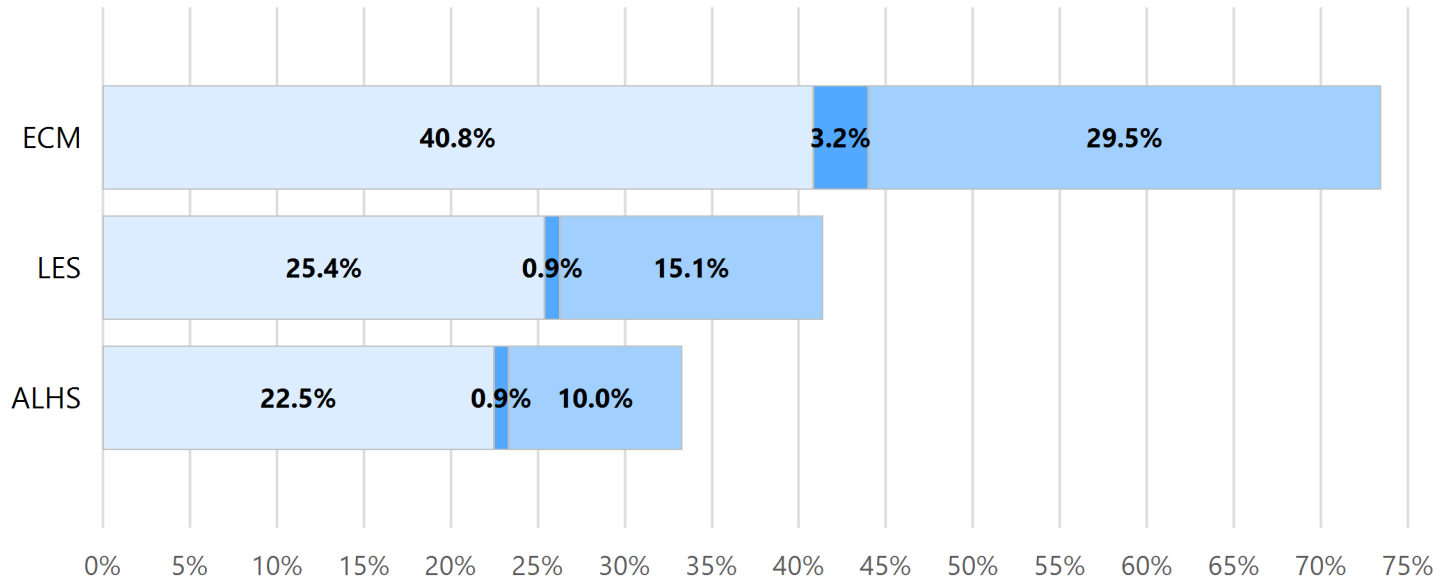
WELS Districts	ECM		LES		ALHS		LPS & MLS
	Schools	Enrollment	Schools	Enrollment	Schools	Enrollment	Enrollment
Arizona-California	21	793	19	1,572	3	348	
Dakota-Montana	8	371	5	375	1	134	
Michigan	34	908	34	1,789	2	165	182
Minnesota	45	1,261	31	2,631	3	761	
Nebraska	24	704	15	806	2	111	
North Atlantic	5	175	2	113	0	0	
Northern Wisconsin	54	1,710	44	4,406	3	1,194	
Pacific Northwest	16	441	7	623	1	91	
South Atlantic	31	1,216	17	2,120	2	410	
South Central	8	308	6	526	1	13	
Southeastern Wisconsin	65	2,123	56	7,825	5	2,061	
Western Wisconsin	52	1,662	46	3,800	3	753	423
Totals	363	11,672	282	26,586	26	6,041	605

International <i>(Subset of the total above)</i>	0	0	4	12	19	283	10
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Enrollment by Church Affiliation

	Governing Congregation(s)		Other WELS/ELS Congregations		Other Christian Congregations		Non-Christian		No church affiliation	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
ECM	2,380	20.4%	719	6.2%	4,765	40.8%	369	3.2%	3,439	29.5%
LES	13,755	51.7%	1,833	6.9%	6,751	25.4%	231	0.9%	4,016	15.1%
ALHS	3,847	63.7%	183	3.0%	1,357	22.5%	52	0.9%	602	10.0%

Outreach



Groupings by Enrollment - ECM

Enrollment Range	0-25	26-50	51-100	101-150	151+
Total Schools	177	122	55	8	1
Percent Schools	48.8%	33.6%	15.2%	2.2%	0.3%
Smallest/Largest	1				244
Total Enrollment	2,512	4,335	3,663	918	244

Groupings by Enrollment - LES

Enrollment Range	0-50	51-100	101-150	151-200	201-250	251+
Total Schools	78	119	41	24	9	11
Percent Schools	27.7%	42.2%	14.5%	8.5%	3.2%	3.9%
Smallest/Largest	5					993
Total Enrollment	2,528	8,631	4,918	4,143	1,986	4,380

Groupings by Enrollment - ALHS

Enrollment Range	0-100	101-200	201-300	301-400	401-500	501+
Total Schools	9	5	4	3	2	3
Percent Schools	34.6%	19.2%	15.4%	11.5%	7.7%	11.5%
Smallest/Largest	7					857
Total Enrollment	494	699	870	1,052	862	2,064

Enrollment Growth/Decline - 10 Years

	2012 2013	2013 2014	2014 2015	2015 2016	2016 2017	2017 2018	2018 2019	2019 2020	2020 2021	2021 2022
ECM	10,423	10,694	10,595	10,911	10,754	11,126	11,270	11,447	9,803	11,672
LES	24,254	24,245	24,453	24,410	24,335	24,485	24,348	24,394	24,618	26,586
ALHS	5,123	5,141	5,093	5,174	5,320	5,493	5,619	5,793	5,874	6,041
LPS/MLS	668	682	675	643	645	616	611	599	581	605

Number of Called Workers Currently Serving

	ECM	LES	LHS	Total
	463	1,864	595	2,922

Continued Education

Approximately 77.6% of our preschoolers and kindergartens go onto or come from a WELS/ELS school.

Last year's LES graduates attending

ALHS	1,169	48.0%
LPS & MLS	139	5.7%
Other	1,128	46.3%
Total LES graduates reported for 2020 - 2021	2,436	

Last year's high school graduates attending

	ALHS		LPS & MLS	
MLC pastor track	11	0.8%	24	19.0%
MLC teacher track	78	5.7%	30	23.8%
MLC staff minister track	1	0.1%	0	0.0%
WLC	76	5.6%	17	13.5%
Bethany	40	2.9%	6	4.8%
Other	1,157	84.9%	49	38.9%
Total high school graduates reported for 2020 - 2021	1,363		126	

*Martin Luther College (MLC)
Wisconsin Lutheran College (WLC)
Bethany Lutheran College (Bethany)*

Yearly Operating Cost per Student

	Average
ECM	\$5,104.73
LES	\$7,091.25
LHS	\$13,745.57

Average Annual Percent of Financial Support

	Church Budget		
ECM	15.0%		
LES	48.2%		
	Federation/Congregation	Tuition	Other
LHS	12.8%	62.8%	21.0%

Average Kindergarten Tuition

	Congregation Member	Other WELS/ELS	Non-WELS/ELS
Arizona-California	\$5,235.06	\$5,570.31	\$6,210.38
Dakota-Montana	\$1,215.00	\$2,477.00	\$3,161.33
Michigan	\$1,750.00	\$2,721.42	\$3,017.56
Minnesota	\$2,083.33	\$3,267.00	\$3,806.11
Nebraska	\$2,212.53	\$2,618.24	\$2,783.53
North Atlantic	\$7,090.00	\$9,362.50	\$9,362.50
Northern Wisconsin	\$1,314.38	\$2,784.30	\$3,054.38
Pacific Northwest	\$3,430.25	\$3,555.25	\$5,016.75
South Atlantic	\$5,762.00	\$6,281.67	\$6,940.00
South Central	\$6,503.33	\$7,804.00	\$8,154.17
Southeastern Wisconsin	\$2,207.77	\$4,038.46	\$4,677.77
Western Wisconsin	\$1,437.89	\$2,592.13	\$3,104.05

Average Elementary Tuition

	Congregation Member	Other WELS/ELS	Non-WELS/ELS
Arizona-California	\$5,240.69	\$5,553.38	\$6,345.63
Dakota-Montana	\$1,553.33	\$3,046.25	\$3,753.60
Michigan	\$1,823.75	\$2,933.17	\$3,202.67
Minnesota	\$2,306.07	\$3,463.89	\$4,028.11
Nebraska	\$2,542.53	\$3,072.65	\$3,260.88
North Atlantic	\$7,090.00	\$9,362.50	\$9,362.50
Northern Wisconsin	\$1,306.42	\$2,814.23	\$3,091.23
Pacific Northwest	\$3,545.83	\$3,712.50	\$5,754.50
South Atlantic	\$5,924.57	\$6,627.14	\$7,191.43
South Central	\$7,623.89	\$9,201.88	\$9,280.00
Southeastern Wisconsin	\$2,200.13	\$4,239.39	\$4,934.70
Western Wisconsin	\$1,474.05	\$2,668.63	\$3,327.66

Average High School Tuition

	Federation	Other WELS/ELS	Non-WELS/ELS	International
	\$8,094.61	\$9,355.54	\$9,878.33	\$18,367.00