

Changes in Student Population in Indiana Public School Districts, 2006-2021 and 2019-2021

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This report examines the trend in student enrollment in Indiana Schools as reported by the Indiana Department of Education. The file of reported ADM may be found at: <https://www.in.gov/doi/data-center-and-reports/> .

The enrollment trends are analyzed over a 15 year period, 2006-2021 as well as during the 2019-2021 time period. The 2019-2021 examines which districts grew during the COVID-19 period as well as which districts suffered significant losses based on enrollment drops during COVID.

Historical Trends in Indiana

The following table shows the 20 school districts with the largest growth from 2006 to 2021 in Average Daily Membership (ADM)

Top 20 Increases in ADM, 2006-2021	Net Growth in Students
20. Mt Vernon Community School Corp	1,223
19. Seymour Community Schools	1,344
18. M S D Southwest Allen County Schls	1,440
17. Plainfield Community School Corp	1,615
16. Center Grove Community School Corp	1,924
15. Carmel Clay Schools	1,985
14. Crown Point Community School Corp	2,080
13. Clark-Pleasant Community Sch Corp	2,145
12. Northwest Allen County Schools	2,175
11. M S D Wayne Township	2,257
10. Tippecanoe School Corp	2,579
9. Perry Township Schools	2,831
8. Noblesville Schools	2,937

7. Zionsville Community Schools	3,024
6. Brownsburg Community School Corp	3,115
5. Avon Community School Corp	3,117
4. Franklin Township Com Sch Corp	3,376
3. Westfield-Washington Schools	3,635
2. Union School Corporation	5,862
1. Hamilton Southeastern Schools	7,555

Note: Yellow above represents school districts in the Indianapolis Metropolitan Area. Fourteen of the twenty districts with growth are Indianapolis Metropolitan Area Districts.

This table below now outlines the twenty districts that lost the greatest number of students:

20 Largest Decreases in ADM, 2006 to 2021	Net Decrease in Students
1. Indianapolis Public Schools	-15,177
2. Gary Community School Corp	-10,745
3. South Bend Community School Corp	-5,258
4. Anderson Community School Corp	-3,550
5. School City of East Chicago	-2,573
6. Muncie Community Schools	-2,426
7. School City of Hammond	-2,311
8. Vigo County School Corp	-2,261
9. Fort Wayne Community Schools	-1,929
10. Elkhart Community Schools	-1,831
11. Kokomo School Corporation	-1,628
12. North Lawrence Com Schools	-1,454
13. M S D Martinsville Schools	-1,445
14. Portage Township Schools	-1,427
15. Michigan City Area Schools	-1,397
16. Marion Community Schools	-1,373
17. Huntington Co Com Sch Corp	-1,346
18. Jennings County School Corporation	-1,254
19. New Castle Community School Corp	-1,062
20. South Dearborn Community Sch Corp	-1,039

While many districts did not see the large net number of student losses in ADM, several districts lost significant portions of their enrollment. Below is a table that shows 40 districts in the state that lost 25% or more of their ADM over the period 2006 to 2021.

Districts Losing 25% or more of ADM, 2006 to 2021	Percent of Student ADM Loss
Gary Community School Corp	-71.07%
Northeast School Corp	-46.42%
Medora Community School Corp	-46.15%
Hamilton Community Schools	-45.52%
School City of East Chicago	-43.23%
Eminence Community School Corp	-42.29%
Indianapolis Public Schools	-40.69%
North Judson-San Pierre Sch Corp	-37.48%
Whitko Community School Corp	-35.50%
Anderson Community School Corp	-35.43%
Attica Consolidated School Corp	-34.68%
South Dearborn Community Sch Corp	-34.61%
Oregon-Davis School Corp	-32.58%
Blackford County Schools	-32.43%
Muncie Community Schools	-32.06%
Loogootee Community Sch Corp	-31.94%
Franklin County Community Sch Corp	-31.53%
Western Wayne Schools	-31.42%
Lake Ridge New Tech Schools	-30.90%
West Central School Corp	-29.80%
North Miami Community Schools	-29.38%
Spencer-Owen Community Schools	-28.88%
North Putnam Community Schools	-28.56%
North Newton School Corp	-28.46%
Culver Community Schools Corp	-28.15%
Rush County Schools	-27.53%
East Gibson School Corporation	-27.49%
North Lawrence Com Schools	-27.23%
Tri-Central Community Schools	-26.97%
New Castle Community School Corp	-26.90%
North Adams Community Schools	-26.80%
Marion Community Schools	-26.79%
Crawford County Community Sch Corp	-26.18%
M S D Martinsville Schools	-26.13%
Mitchell Community Schools	-26.05%

Shelby Eastern Schools	-25.94%
Southeast Fountain School Corp	-25.60%
Brown County School Corporation	-25.48%
M S D Shakamak Schools	-25.39%
Griffith Public Schools	-25.10%

This next chart will look at districts that were on both charts—Top 20 in net number losses in ADM as well as 25% of their student population.

Districts Losing 25% or more of student population AND in the Top 20 for Net Student Losses	Percent Decrease in ADM	Number Decrease in ADM
Indianapolis Public Schools	-40.69%	-15,177
Gary Community School Corp	-71.07%	-10,745
Anderson Community School Corp	-35.43%	-3,550
School City of East Chicago	-43.23%	-2,573
Muncie Community Schools	-32.06%	-2,426
North Lawrence Com Schools	-27.23%	-1,454
M S D Martinsville Schools	-26.13%	-1,445
Marion Community Schools	-26.79%	-1,373
New Castle Community School Corp	-26.90%	-1,062

ADM Trends 2019-2021

The following table shows in descending order the school districts that increased enrollment during COVID, 2019-2021

Top 20 Enrollment Increases for 2019 to 2021	Net Increase in ADM
20. Penn-Harris-Madison School Corp	188
20. Madison-Grant United School Corp	188
19. Hanover Community School Corp	189
18. Greater Clark County Schools	191
17. Silver Creek School Corporation	194
16. Muncie Community Schools	197

15. Plainfield Community School Corp	204
14. LaPorte Community School Corp	220
13. East Allen County Schools	273
12. M S D Warren Township	293
11. Mt Vernon Community School Corp	302
10. Fort Wayne Community Schools	303
9. Cloverdale Community Schools	351
8,. Center Grove Community School Corp	412
7. Bartholomew Con School Corp	443
6. Westfield-Washington Schools	478
5. Brownsburg Community School Corp	482
4. M S D Lawrence Township	527
3. Avon Community School Corp	536
2. Zionsville Community Schools	639
1. Franklin Township Com Sch Corp	1038

Note: Indianapolis Metro Area School Districts are noted in yellow and represent the top six net increases in enrollment.

This chart below shows the districts with the largest decreases in enrollment from 2019-2021

20 Largest ADM Decreases, 2019 to 2021	Net Decrease in ADM
1. Indianapolis Public Schools	-2607
2. North Lawrence Com Schools	-716
3. M S D Wayne Township	-473
4. Elkhart Community Schools	-431
5. Portage Township Schools	-386
6. Lafayette School Corporation	-346
7. M S D Pike Township	-327
8. Carmel Clay Schools	-323
9. Hamilton Southeastern Schools	-291
10. Vigo County School Corp	-280
11. School City of Hammond	-273
12. Monroe County Community Sch Corp	-273
13. Evansville Vanderburgh School Corp	-244
14. Griffith Public Schools	-243
15. South Dearborn Community Sch Corp	-232
16. School City of East Chicago	-227

17. Warsaw Community Schools	-211
18. Wa-Nee Community Schools	-207
19. Middlebury Community Schools	-199
20. Goshen Community Schools	-184

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