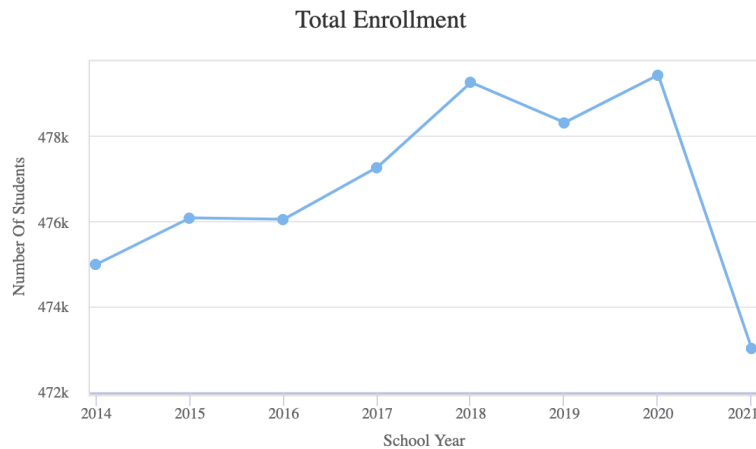


SY 2020-21 K-12 Enrollment Stats

Link to Insights- State and District level information
<https://insight.ade.arkansas.gov/?lea=AR#enrollment>

How do this year's October 1 counts compare to those of last year?

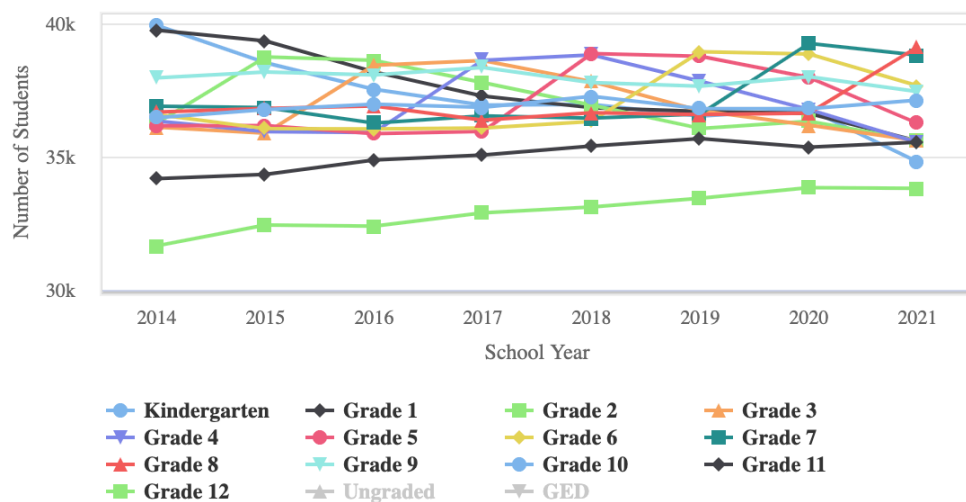


Overall K-12 student enrollment decreased by only 1.3% (6,428) students from October 1, 2019 to October 1, 2020. The state enrollment on October 1, 2019, was 479,432 and it was 473,004 on October 1, 2020.

What did the changes look like per grade level?

Grade	School Year	Number Of Students
Kindergarten	2014	39900
Kindergarten	2015	38503
Kindergarten	2016	37509
Kindergarten	2017	36917
Kindergarten	2018	36942
Kindergarten	2019	36508
Kindergarten	2020	36761
Kindergarten	2021	34791
Grade 12	2014	31646
Grade 12	2015	32428
Grade 12	2016	32385
Grade 12	2017	32881
Grade 12	2018	33097
Grade 12	2019	33427
Grade 12	2020	33822
Grade 12	2021	33799

Enrollment by Grade



- Grades K - 7, 9, and 12 experienced decreases in enrollment ranging from 23 fewer students (grade 12) to 1,970 fewer students (Kindergarten).
- Grades 8, 10, and 11 increased enrollments ranging from 186 more students (Grade 11) to 2,483 more students (Grade 8).

Traditional Public K-12 and Open Enrollment Charters

Traditional Public K-12:

- Enrollment **decreased** for 180 districts from Oct 1, 2019 (Average decrease of 61 students across the 180 districts).
- Enrollment **increased** for 55 districts from Oct 1, 2019 (Average increase of 25 students across the 55 districts)

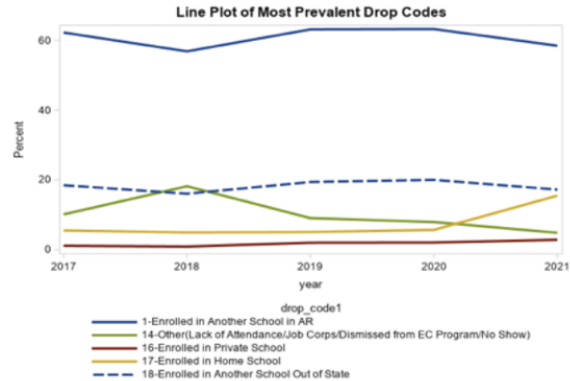
Open Enrollment charter school districts:

- Enrollment **decreased** for 8 districts from Oct 1, 2019. (Average decrease of 88 students across the 8 districts)
- Enrollment **increased** for 16 districts from Oct 1, 2019. (Average increase of 258 students across the 16 districts)

Enrollment Trend Reasons for Student Enrollment Changes

Were there trends in the declines? DESE reviewed the various “Drop Codes” that districts used when removing students from their attendance roles in seeking explanations as to the enrollment declines. The following “Drop Codes” accounted for the largest percentages of drops within the state.

Drop Code	Drop Code Description	2020-21	2019-20	2018-19
18	Enrolled in another school out-of-state	16%	20%	20%
17	Enrolled in Home School	15%	4%	5%
14	No Shows	5%	7%	8%
16	Enrolled in Private Schools	3%	2%	2%



- Drop Code #1 “Transferred to Another School In-State” accounted for 58% of the drops.
- Drop Code #18 “Transferred to Another School Out-of-State” accounted for 16% of the drops. This compared to 20% of the drops in both 2019 and 2018.
- Drop Code #14 “No Shows” accounted for 5% of the drops. This was down from 7% in 2019 and 8% in 2018. This was initially the biggest concern but district efforts to “find” students when provided with more time was successful.
- Drop Code #16 “Enrolled in Private Schools” accounted for 3% of the drops. This was up from 2% in both 2019 and 2018.
- Drop Code #17 “Home School” accounted for 15% of the drops. This compared to 4% in 2019 and 5% in 2018.

2020-21 K-12: Arkansas					2020-21 Home School: Database					
Grade-Level	2020-21	2019-20	Difference	% Difference		Grade-Level	2020-21	2019-20	Difference	% Difference
Kindergarten	34,791	36,761	1,970	-5.4%	Largest Drop	K	2842	1653	1189	71.9%
Grade 01	35,574	36,606	1,032	-2.8%		1	2525	1625	900	55.4%
Grade 02	35,591	36,312	721	-2.0%		2	2381	1687	694	41.1%
Grade 03	35,588	36,165	577	-1.6%		3	2430	1608	822	51.1%
Grade 04	35,518	36,754	1,236	-3.4%		4	2253	1677	576	34.3%
Grade 05	36,235	37,954	1,719	-4.5%		5	2174	1675	499	29.8%
Grade 06	37,641	38,834	1,193	-3.1%		6	1959	1727	232	13.4%
Grade 07	38,785	39,223	438	-1.1%		7	1937	1784	153	8.6%
Grade 08	39,096	36,613	2,483	6.8%	Largest Increase: Not considering Ungraded	8	1776	1707	69	4.0%
Grade 09	37,426	37,980	554	-1.5%		9	1607	1754	-147	-8.4%
Grade 10	37,100	36,785	315	0.9%		10	1507	1957	-450	-23.0%
Grade 11	35,524	35,338	186	0.5%		11	1452	1896	-444	-23.4%
Grade 12	33,799	33,822	23	-0.1%		12	1196	1401	-205	-14.6%
Ungraded	336	285	51	17.9%						
Students Total	473,004	479,432	6,428	-1.3%		Total	26039	22151	3888	17.6%

The data show that the most significant changes were in student movement due to both virtual charter schools and homeschooling.

What type of options are parents/student choosing for their educational option?

<https://insight.ade.arkansas.gov/on-demand?lea=AR>

Instructional Options

