State & local data

Importance/value of state/local data

- May be more up-to-date then federal data
- May have more breakdowns than federal data (which could just be by state)
- More details
- May be little-known

Think of data you could get easiest

- Check out education committees/hearings, especially during budget season
- **Use requests as a last resort**
- Know what data is stored on your district/state website
- What data are lawmakers requesting? Have lawmakers required data collection/a study as part of a law?

Data reporters should regularly request/keep tabs on from states and districts

- Enrollment
- Testing
- Grad rates
- Drop-out rates
- Teacher/student demographics
- Staff turnover
- Funding
- Spending
- Discipline
- Restraint/seclusion
- Child care inspection reports

If you must request…

Request data by school, not just district.

Request raw files (CSV/XLSX), not just summaries or dashboards.

Get data across multiple years to spot trends

Ask for data dictionaries or codebooks

Be an expert on your state/district data

For example: NJ

nj.gov/education/doedata/

When does new data come out?

When does it get reported to feds?

If it's not posted yet, ask for it. Maybe they never got around to it (like the NJ health profiles)

School and Student Information
- School Directory
- Statewide Fact Sheet
- Special Education Data
- Fall Enrollment Reports
- National Blue-Ribbon Schools

Accountability and Performance Data
- School Performance Reports
- ESSA Accountability Data
- Statewide Assessment Reports
- Graduation Rate Reports

Finance and Budget Data
- State Aid Summaries
- Taxpayers' Guide to Education Spending
- User-Friendly Budget Summaries
- Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR)
- Auditor's Management Report (AMR)

Staff Data
- Certified Staff Reports
- Non-Certified Staff Reports
- Staff Evaluation
- Educator Preparation Performance Reports
- Lactation Room Policy Report
- School District Budget Summaries/Salaries & Benefits

School Climate Data
- Student Safety and Discipline in New Jersey Schools
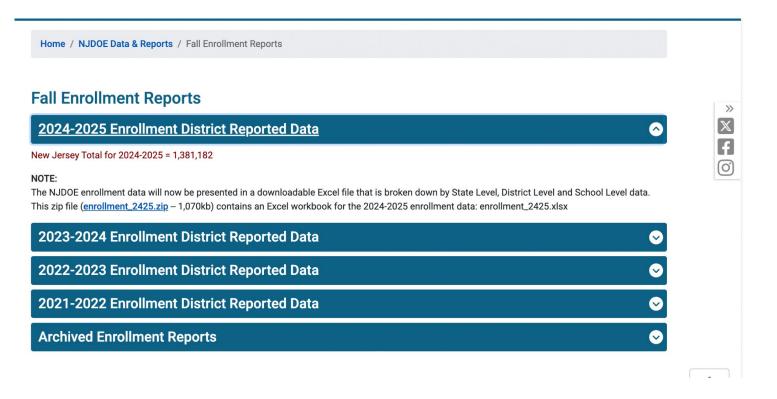- New Jersey Student Health Surveys
- New Jersey School Health Profiles

Data Submissions and Requests
- OPRA Requests
- Data Submission Calendar
- NJ SMART
- NJDOE Homeroom

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https://www.nj.gov/education/doedata/enr/

Fall Enrollment Reports

2024-2025 Enrollment District Reported Data ⌃

New Jersey Total for 2024-2025 = 1,381,182

NOTE:
The NJDOE enrollment data will now be presented in a downloadable Excel file that is broken down by State Level, District Level and School Level data. This zip file (enrollment_2425.zip -- 1,070kb) contains an Excel workbook for the 2024-2025 enrollment data: enrollment_2425.xlsx

2023-2024 Enrollment District Reported Data ⌄

2022-2023 Enrollment District Reported Data ⌄

2021-2022 Enrollment District Reported Data ⌄

Archived Enrollment Reports ⌄

https://rc.doe.state.nj.us/download

NJ SCHOOL PERFORMANCE REPORT

Download the Data:

2023-2024 Data Files

2023-2024 Performance Reports Database - Excel	School	District/State
2023-2024 Performance Reports Database - Excel - zipped	School	District/State
2023-2024 Performance Reports Database - Access	School	District/State

Find reference guides that tell you where data comes from

Report Sections

The New Jersey School Performance Reports contain eleven possible sections, which you will see in the navigational menu across the top of the reports.

Overview & Resources ▾	Demographics ▾	Student Growth ▾	Academic Achievement ▾	College and Career Readiness ▾	Graduation/ Postsecondary ▾	Climate and Environment ▾	Staff ▾	Per-Pupil Expenditures ▾	Accountability ▾	Narrative ▾

https://rc.doe.state.nj.us/Documents/ReferenceGuide.pdf

Budgetary data…

Check your district/state's Comprehensive Annual Fiscal Report

For example:

WALDWICK BOARD OF EDUCATION

ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

https://www.nj.gov/education/finance/fp/acfr/search/24/5410.pdf

2) ECONOMIC CONDITION AND OUTLOOK: The Waldwick area is experiencing limited development and expansion which is expected to continue. The number of businesses relocating to the area is limited due to the amount of available space in Waldwick. This results in a flat tax base.

3) MAJOR INITIATIVES: All four schools continued the technology initiative with various devices purchased and installed. The school district continued its maintenance and construction program especially related to security items. The Traphagen School had the HVAC unit replaced in one building pod and new outside security doors installed in the art and music building. The Crescent School had an interior automatic door locking system installed. The district completed multiple projects at the high school/middle school including the interior hallway pull down gates replaced, the woodshop floor refinished, a new fire security panel installed and relamping of the lights at the stadium field. The district had a construction referendum receive voter approval on April 20, 2021 for upgrades to all four schools, with the majority being for work at the high school and middle school. The referendum work at the Traphagen and Crescent elementary schools was completed in the prior fiscal year and the work at the high school and middle school continued on schedule and is expected to be completed by the end of 2024.

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Budget	Period Date	Posted Date	Posting Details
2025-2026 Budget (Waldwick Borough School District) for the year ended 06/30/2026 (308 KB)	06/30/2026	05/12/2025	View
2024-2025 Budget (Waldwick Borough School District) for the year ended 06/30/2025 (301 KB)	06/30/2025	06/27/2024	View
2023-2024 Budget (Waldwick Borough School District) for the year ended 06/30/2024 (299 KB)	06/30/2024	06/08/2023	View
2022-2023 Budget (Waldwick Borough School District) for the year ended 06/30/2023 (267 KB)	06/30/2023	06/07/2022	View

Annual Financial Information and Operating Data	Period Date	Posted Date	Posting Details
2024 Operating Data (Waldwick Borough School District) for the year ended 06/30/2024 (1.8 MB)	06/30/2024	11/18/2024	View
2023 Operating Data (Waldwick BOE) for the year ended 06/30/2023 (1.8 MB)	06/30/2023	01/02/2024	View
2022 Operating Data (Waldwick Borough School District) for the year ended 06/30/2022 (130 KB)	06/30/2022	01/20/2023	View

Audited Financial Statements or ACFR	Period Date	Posted Date	Posting Details
2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (Waldwick Borough School District) for the year ended 06/30/2024 (10.8 MB)	06/30/2024	11/18/2024	View
2023 ACFR (Waldwick BOE) for the year ended 06/30/2023 (10.8 MB)	06/30/2023	01/02/2024	View

What do the feds collect?

https://civilrightsdata.ed.gov/data

https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/use-the-data

https://ies.ed.gov/use-work/data-tools

https://www.ed.gov/idea-section-618-data-products

https://reportermarina.github.io/project3-schools/

DATA ANALYSIS

Massachusetts still isn't reporting exactly how often students are arrested

A 2018 state law required Massachusetts to start collecting and publishing data on school-based arrests of students. I found that five years later, only one in 10 districts and charter schools are doing so. Advocates say the data is sorely needed to assess the impact of policing in schools.

By MARINA VILLENEUVE | Published August 10, 2023, 9 a.m. EST

RACE AND EQUITY

They crossed the border for better schools. Now, some families are leaving the US

Departures in significant numbers could spell trouble for schools, which receive funding based on how many students they enroll

by **BIANCA VÁZQUEZ TONESS, NEAL MORTON, ARIEL GILREATH, SARAH WHITES-KODITSCHEK** and **REBECCA GRIESBACH**

May 21, 2025

Reporters with the Hechinger Report, The Associated Press and AL.com surveyed school districts around the county for recent data on attendance, absences and withdrawal rates during the spring 2025 semester.

https://hechingerreport.org/they-crossed-the-border-for-better-schools-now-some-families-are-leaving-the-us/

Stories the data can lead to

Investigating how kids are harmed by lower child care standards

Lower standards are being masqueraded as a child care solution

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Education

N.J. is becoming more diverse. So, why aren't there more teachers of color?

https://www.nj.com/education/2023/02/nj-is-becoming-more-diverse-so-why-arent-there-more-teachers-of-color.html