NCES recently released over 110 data tables for the Digest of Education Statistics 2021, a comprehensive statistical reference for all levels of education in the United States. These tables provide updated data on topics including living arrangements and poverty rates among school-age children; homeschooling rates; children served under the Individual with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA); the largest school districts; enrollment and expenditures in public elementary and secondary schools by school locale; coursetaking patterns in mathematics and science courses; postsecondary enrollment; and international comparisons of numbers of students, teachers, and degrees conferred.

Specifically, below are some examples of the types of questions the recently released Digest tables can answer:

- In 2019–20, over 26.0 million elementary and secondary students in public schools were eligible for free or reduced-price lunch. What percentage of students does this number represent? How does this number vary by state? (table 204.10)
- In 2020, approximately 18.1 million U.S. residents were enrolled in degree-granting postsecondary institutions. How many were enrolled in 2000, 1990, or 1980? How does enrollment vary by race/ethnicity? (table 306.30)
- How have high school completion and bachelor’s degree attainment rates among persons 25 and over changed between 1910 and 2021? (table 104.10)

Digest tables are updated and released in batches throughout the year. To view the tables recently released for the Digest of Education Statistics 2021 as well as other tables in this edition, please visit the Digest 2021 menu page at https://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/2021menu_tables.asp. To view the latest versions of all Digest tables, including tables completed in prior editions, please visit the "Most Current Digest Tables" page at https://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/current_tables.asp.

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