

Updated Tables: *Digest of Education Statistics 2021*

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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