



Summary of Texas Public Schools Student Enrollment Trends: January 2021

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In January 2021, TEA conducted a intermediary data collection to better understand enrollment trends and compared it to a September 2020 intermediary data collection, the October 2019 official PEIMS Fall (Snapshot) data collection, and an October 2020 intermediary collection. The summary of these previous collections is posted [here](#).

TEA will continue to publish updates on enrollment trends throughout the year, including an update later in the year based on data submitted as of January 29 that includes an analysis by demographic group and an enrollment update in late April based on data submitted as of March 31.

Summary of Texas Public School Enrollment Changes from October 2019 to January 2021

Overall enrollment increased very slightly between October 2020 and January 2021, by a total of 2,934 students. That overall increase is the result of increases in pre-K through 7th grade enrollment during the current school year with some reductions in enrollment offsetting those increases, primarily in early childhood and grades 8.

While overall 3% fewer students are enrolled in public education in Texas in January 2021 than in 2019, more than half of that reduction (53%) is represented by early education, pre-kindergarten, and kindergarten, which are optional enrollment grades. Enrollment in grades for which school attendance is mandatory (grades 1-12) reduced by 1%.

Early education and prekindergarten (3- and 4-year-old students) enrollment reduced by 3% and 20% between 2019 and January 2021, respectively.

	Total Oct 2019	Total Oct 2020	# Change Oct 2020 from 2019	% Change Oct 2020 from 2019	Total Jan 2021	# Change Jan 2021 from 2019	% Change Jan 2021 from 2019	# Change Jan 2021 from October 2020
Early Education	25,883	20,100	(5,783)	-22				

3rd grade

3rd grade	225,238	59%	153,761
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