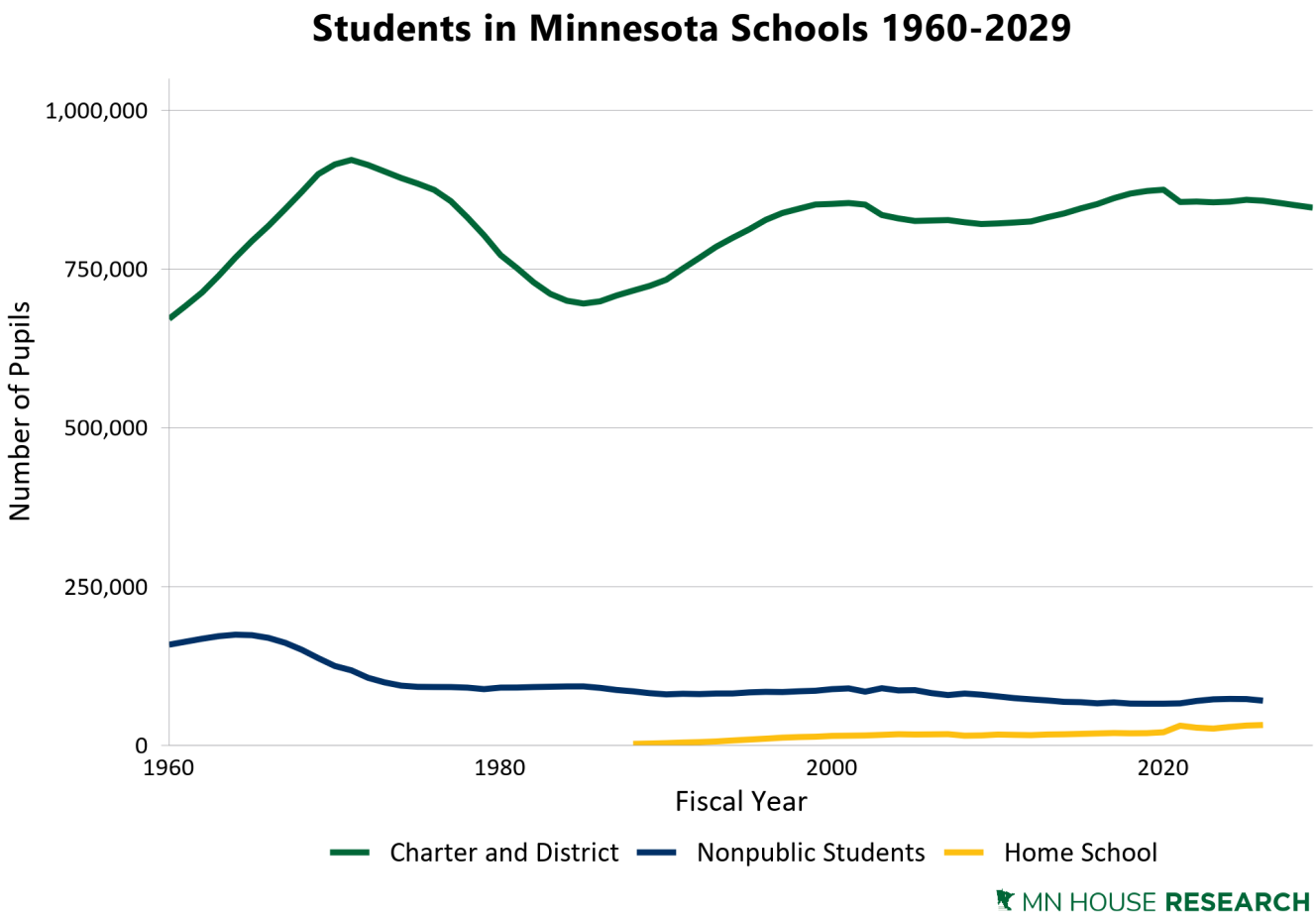
# Student Enrollment Data

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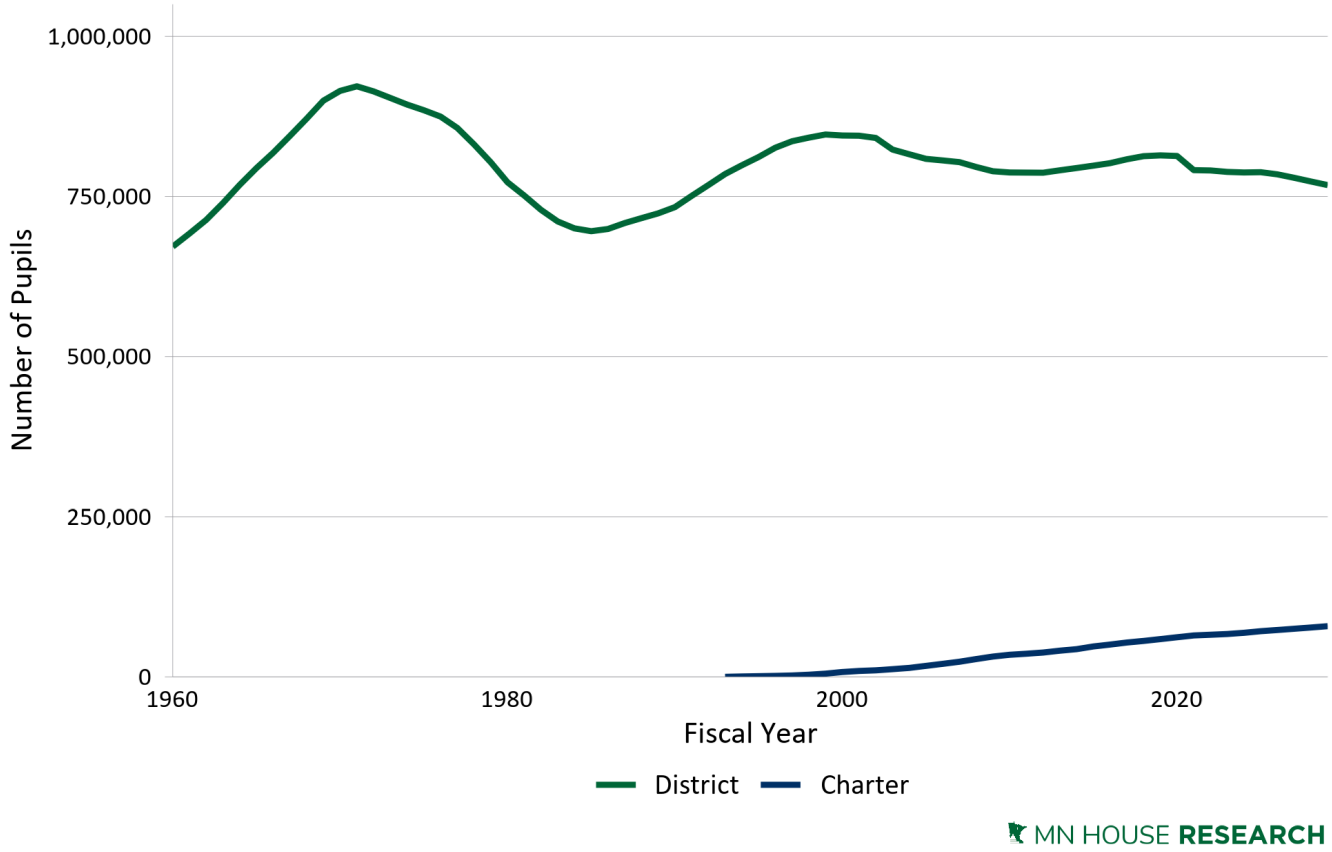
This document shows student enrollment in Minnesota K-12 schools from 1960 to 2029 in graphic and tabular forms.

Student counts are based on average daily membership (ADM) for school districts and charter schools and includes school district student counts, private contract students, and high school students attending college under the PSEO program. The student count for nonpublic schools and home schools is based on the fall enrollment count of students. Data is final through fiscal year 2025 and based on the February 2026 Forecast estimate for fiscal years 2026 through 2029.




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## Students in Minnesota Public Schools 1960-2029




## Student Enrollment by Fiscal Year

| Fiscal Year | Total Public School Students | Pct Change | Charter School Students | Pct Change | Nonpublic Students | Pct Change | Home School Students | Pct Change | Nonpublic and Home School Students; Pct of Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1960 | 671,682 | - | - | - | 158,560 | - | - | - | 19.1% |
| 1961 | 692,136 | 3.0% | - | - | 163,253 | 3.0% | - | - | 19.1% |
| 1962 | 713,461 | 3.1% | - | - | 167,909 | 2.9% | - | - | 19.1% |
| 1963 | 739,735 | 3.7% | - | - | 171,968 | 2.4% | - | - | 18.9% |
| 1964 | 768,089 | 3.8% | - | - | 174,265 | 1.3% | - | - | 18.5% |
| 1965 | 794,304 | 3.4% | - | - | 173,534 | -0.4% | - | - | 17.9% |
| 1966 | 818,255 | 3.0% | - | - | 169,207 | -2.5% | - | - | 17.1% |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1967 | 844,554 | 3.2% | - | - | 161,523 | -4.5% | - | - | 16.1% |
| 1968 | 871,510 | 3.2% | - | - | 150,596 | -6.8% | - | - | 14.7% |
| 1969 | 899,597 | 3.2% | - | - | 137,319 | -8.8% | - | - | 13.2% |
| 1970 | 914,847 | 1.7% | - | - | 124,934 | -9.0% | - | - | 12.0% |
| 1971 | 921,957 | 0.8% | - | - | 118,091 | -5.5% | - | - | 11.4% |
| 1972 | 914,018 | -0.9% | - | - | 106,392 | -9.9% | - | - | 10.4% |
| 1973 | 903,778 | -1.1% | - | - | 99,139 | -6.8% | - | - | 9.9% |
| 1974 | 893,465 | -1.1% | - | - | 94,023 | -5.2% | - | - | 9.5% |
| 1975 | 884,648 | -1.0% | - | - | 92,128 | -2.0% | - | - | 9.4% |
| 1976 | 874,691 | -1.1% | - | - | 91,893 | -0.3% | - | - | 9.5% |
| 1977 | 856,964 | -2.0% | - | - | 91,793 | -0.1% | - | - | 9.7% |
| 1978 | 831,250 | -3.0% | - | - | 90,919 | -1.0% | - | - | 9.9% |
| 1979 | 803,312 | -3.4% | - | - | 88,524 | -2.6% | - | - | 9.9% |
| 1980 | 772,101 | -3.9% | - | - | 90,954 | 2.7% | - | - | 10.5% |
| 1981 | 751,373 | -2.7% | - | - | 91,077 | 0.1% | - | - | 10.8% |
| 1982 | 729,105 | -3.0% | - | - | 91,803 | 0.8% | - | - | 11.2% |
| 1983 | 710,972 | -2.5% | - | - | 92,302 | 0.5% | - | - | 11.5% |
| 1984 | 700,167 | -1.5% | - | - | 92,760 | 0.5% | - | - | 11.7% |
| 1985 | 695,777 | -0.6% | - | - | 92,822 | 0.1% | - | - | 11.8% |
| 1986 | 699,191 | 0.5% | - | - | 90,530 | -2.5% | - | - | 11.5% |
| 1987 | 708,446 | 1.3% | - | - | 87,208 | -3.7% | - | - | 11.0% |
| 1988 | 716,125 | 1.1% | - | - | 85,043 | -2.5% | 2,322 | - | 10.9% |
| 1989 | 723,598 | 1.0% | - | - | 82,165 | -3.4% | 2,900 | 24.9% | 10.5% |
| 1990 | 733,338 | 1.3% | - | - | 80,293 | -2.3% | 3,538 | 22.0% | 10.3% |
| 1991 | 750,865 | 2.4% | - | - | 81,262 | 1.2% | 4,418 | 24.9% | 10.2% |
| 1992 | 767,786 | 2.3% | - | - | 80,743 | -0.6% | 5,086 | 15.1% | 10.1% |
| 1993 | 785,072 | 2.3% | 47 | - | 81,631 | 1.1% | 6,149 | 20.9% | 10.1% |
| 1994 | 799,285 | 1.8% | 615 | 1208.5% | 81,697 | 0.1% | 7,671 | 24.8% | 10.0% |
| 1995 | 812,582 | 1.7% | 1,046 | 70.1% | 83,435 | 2.1% | 9,135 | 19.1% | 10.2% |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1996 | 827,588 | 1.8% | 1,494 | 42.8% | 84,278 | 1.0% | 10,519 | 15.2% | 10.3% |
| 1997 | 838,336 | 1.3% | 2,138 | 43.1% | 83,955 | -0.4% | 12,145 | 15.5% | 10.3% |
| 1998 | 845,117 | 0.8% | 3,292 | 54.0% | 85,122 | 1.4% | 13,081 | 7.7% | 10.4% |
| 1999 | 851,729 | 0.8% | 4,991 | 51.6% | 85,988 | 1.0% | 13,638 | 4.3% | 10.4% |
| 2000 | 852,675 | 0.1% | 7,526 | 50.8% | 88,502 | 2.9% | 14,906 | 9.3% | 10.7% |
| 2001 | 854,042 | 0.2% | 9,199 | 22.2% | 89,680 | 1.3% | 15,249 | 2.3% | 10.8% |
| 2002 | 851,536 | -0.3% | 10,170 | 10.6% | 84,538 | -5.7% | 15,610 | 2.4% | 10.4% |
| 2003 | 835,217 | -1.9% | 11,998 | 18.0% | 89,944 | 6.4% | 16,519 | 5.8% | 11.2% |
| 2004 | 829,832 | -0.6% | 13,948 | 16.3% | 86,513 | -3.8% | 17,533 | 6.1% | 11.0% |
| 2005 | 825,843 | -0.5% | 17,121 | 22.7% | 86,956 | 0.5% | 17,135 | -2.3% | 11.0% |
| 2006 | 826,542 | 0.1% | 20,306 | 18.6% | 82,258 | -5.4% | 17,334 | 1.2% | 10.5% |
| 2007 | 827,197 | 0.1% | 23,588 | 16.2% | 79,200 | -3.7% | 17,621 | 1.7% | 10.2% |
| 2008 | 823,755 | -0.4% | 27,753 | 17.7% | 81,598 | 3.0% | 15,256 | -13.4% | 10.2% |
| 2009 | 821,021 | -0.3% | 31,687 | 14.2% | 79,793 | -2.2% | 15,653 | 2.6% | 10.1% |
| 2010 | 821,923 | 0.1% | 34,463 | 8.8% | 77,121 | -3.3% | 17,036 | 8.8% | 9.9% |
| 2011 | 823,347 | 0.2% | 36,087 | 4.7% | 74,384 | -3.5% | 16,523 | -3.0% | 9.6% |
| 2012 | 825,049 | 0.2% | 37,958 | 5.2% | 72,458 | -2.6% | 16,081 | -2.7% | 9.3% |
| 2013 | 831,692 | 0.8% | 40,856 | 7.6% | 70,715 | -2.4% | 17,129 | 6.5% | 9.1% |
| 2014 | 837,630 | 0.7% | 43,237 | 5.8% | 68,521 | -3.1% | 17,451 | 1.9% | 8.9% |
| 2015 | 845,512 | 0.9% | 47,439 | 9.7% | 67,992 | -0.8% | 18,085 | 3.6% | 8.8% |
| 2016 | 852,384 | 0.8% | 50,390 | 6.2% | 66,188 | -2.7% | 18,772 | 3.8% | 8.6% |
| 2017 | 861,624 | 1.1% | 53,582 | 6.3% | 67,614 | 2.2% | 19,432 | 3.5% | 8.7% |
| 2018 | 868,952 | 0.9% | 56,060 | 4.6% | 65,785 | -2.7% | 18,988 | -2.3% | 8.4% |
| 2019 | 873,019 | 0.5 | 58,904 | 5.1 | 65,638 | -0.2 | 19,228 | 1.3 | 8.3% |
| 2020 | 874,999 | 0.2 | 61,815 | 4.9 | 65,657 | 0.0 | 20,701 | 7.7 | 8.4% |
| 2021 | 855,705 | -2.2 | 64,618 | 4.5 | 66,138 | 0.7 | 30,955 | 49.5 | 9.5% |
| 2022 | 856,327 | 0.1 | 66,971 | 1.7 | 69,971 | 5.8 | 27,801 | -10.2 | 9.6% |
| 2023 | 855,212 | -0.1 | 66,879 | 1.7 | 72,478 | 3.6 | 26,423 | -5.0 | 9.7% |
| 2024 | 856,236 | 0.1 | 68,758 | 2.8 | 73,142 | 0.9 | 29,062 | 10.0 | 9.9% |

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| 2025 | 859,165 | 0.3 | 71,282 | 3.7 | 72,871 | -0.4 | 32,216 | 7.4 | 10.1% |
| 2026 | 857,650 | -0.2 | 73,142 | 2.6 | 70,385 | -3.4 | 32,024 | 2.6 | 9.9% |
| 2027 | 854,197 | -0.4 | 75,076 | 2.6 | — | — | — | — | — |
| 2028 | 850,416 | -0.4 | 77,053 | 2.6 | — | — | — | — | — |
| 2029 | 846,834 | -0.4 | 79,083 | 2.6 | — | — | — | — | — |

**Notes:**

Data based on MDE's February 2026 Pupil Projections.

Adjusted average daily membership from 1960 to 1971 are fall enrollment counts.

For all public schools, a large portion of the enrollment decline shown between 2003 and 2004 results from the limit on average daily membership to not more than 1.0.

Adjusted average daily membership for public schools and average daily membership for charter schools from 2025 to 2029 are estimated.

For nonpublic student enrollment for 2001-02 and 2006-07 school years, the Department of Education officials suspect significant under-reporting of nonpublic pupil count by nonpublic schools.

Homeschool enrollment for 2007 to 2026 is from Minnesota Department of Education Homeschool Enrollment by Compulsory Attendance Count. All ages compliant and noncompliant; 2012 to 2026.

Source: Pupil Unit Estimates, Minnesota Department of Education

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