

Education facts

Find data about school boards, schools, student enrolment, school educators and funding of elementary and secondary schools. **Data is for the 2023–2024 school year, as of September 20, 2024.**

Overview

2.08 million
students

\$30.5 billion
education funding

145,157
educators

4,848
schools

Read our parent guide to learn more about our public school system (<https://www.ontario.ca/page/your-childs-education-parent-guide-our-school-system>) .

School boards and school authorities

School boards manage publicly funded schools. In a few cases, school authorities manage schools.

School boards

A school board oversees all the schools within its jurisdiction.

Ontario has 72 district school boards, organized into 4 school systems:

- English Public
- English Catholic
- French Public
- French Catholic

Number of school boards in each system

31

English public school boards

29

English Catholic school boards

4

French public school boards

8

French Catholic school boards

Find your local school board (<https://www.ontario.ca/page/find-school-board-or-school-authority>) .

School authorities

School authorities are alternatives to district school boards.

There are 10 school authorities:

- 6 serve students in school authorities in children's treatment centres
- 4 serve students who live in remote areas of Ontario or in a minority separate school system

Find your local school authority (<https://www.ontario.ca/page/find-school-board-or-school-authority>).

Provincial and demonstration schools

There are provincial schools and demonstration schools (<https://www.ontario.ca/document/special-education-ontario-policy-and-resource-guide-kindergarten-grade-12/provincial>) for students who:

- are deaf or hard of hearing
 - are blind or have low vision
 - are deafblind
 - have severe learning disabilities
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Schools

There were **4,848** publicly funded schools for students from kindergarten to Grade 12 in the 2023–2024 school year.

Number of elementary and secondary schools

3,965

elementary schools serving
1,419,642 students

883

secondary schools serving
660,856 students

Note: Remote learning schools are not included in these school counts.

Elementary schools teach kindergarten to Grade 8. A school may have:

- kindergarten to Grade 5 or 6
- Grade 6 to 8 or Grade 7 and 8 (sometimes called “middle school”)

- kindergarten to Grade 8

Secondary schools teach Grades 9 to 12.

Education funding

\$28.2 billion

for operating costs

\$2.3 billion

for capital projects

We fund school boards that then fund their schools and school systems for:

- day-to-day operations including:
 - staffing
 - classroom supplies
 - programs and services
 - transportation
 - school operations (for example, utility costs)
- construction and improvement of school buildings

Learn more about education funding and how it supports student achievement and well-being (<https://www.ontario.ca/page/school-funding>).

Teachers, administrators and early childhood educators

Here are the full time equivalent (FTE) school staff totals for the 2023–2024 school year.

127,899

teacher FTEs

85,105 elementary
41,793 secondary

7,666

principal and vice

principal FTEs

5,467 elementary
2,019 secondary

9,592

early childhood educator
FTEs

There were:

- 7,666.46 FTE administrators (principals and vice-principals), consisting of 5,647.20 elementary and 2,019.26 secondary administrators
- 9,591.53 FTE early childhood educators (ECEs), including long-term occasional ECEs

Student enrolment

Student enrolment was **2,080,498** as of the 2023–2024 school year.

Elementary enrolment

The following table shows elementary student enrolment by grade and language.

Grade	English Language	French Language	Total

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Junior Kindergarten	115,738	7,722	123,460
Kindergarten	124,831	8,236	133,067
Grade 1	130,438	8,474	138,912
Grade 2	133,546	8,662	142,208
Grade 3	134,970	8,728	143,698
Grade 4	136,980	8,828	145,808
Grade 5	137,442	8,591	146,033
Grade 6	140,712	8,531	149,243
Grade 7	139,327	8,039	147,366
Grade 8	141,625	8,222	149,847
Total	1,335,609	84,033	1,419,642

Secondary enrolment

The following table shows secondary student enrolment by grade and language.

Grade	English Language	French Language	Total
Grade 9	149,024	7,207	156,231
Grade 10	150,791	7,103	157,894
Grade 11	150,902	6,811	157,713
Grade 12	181,646	7,372	189,018
Total	632,363	28,493	660,856

This data is based on student headcount and is reported to us by schools through the Ontario School Information System. It includes public schools, Catholic schools and adult schools within school boards and school authorities. It excludes:

- private schools
- publicly funded provincial schools
- school authorities in children's treatment centres
- Education and Community Partnership Program facilities
- summer, night and adult continuing education schools

Explore more data

Download data from 2017–2018 and onwards from the Open Data Catalogue (<https://data.ontario.ca/en/dataset/quick-facts-ontario-schools>) .