

STATE FOCUS: ARIZONA  
SCHOOL YEAR 2009–2010

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This state is:

- High Incidence
- High Growth
- Rural

**STATE STATISTICS**

Year	Number of ELs	Proportion of ELs	Change since 99-00	Change since 04-05
1999-2000	125,301	14.7%	---	---
2004-2005	194,171	18.6%	+55.0%	---
2009-2010	83,625	7.8%	-33.3%	-56.9%



**DID YOU KNOW?**

- Arizona serves 1,077,700 students in 676 school districts; 31.5% of the districts are categorized as "rural."
- Arizona's student population includes Hispanics (41.4%) and Native Americans (5.5%).
- Arizona uses the Structured English Immersion (SEI) Model, which requires a minimum of four (4) hours per day of ELD for every pupil who is classified as an EL.
- Proposition 203 made SEI the instructional approach for English-language development; however, parents may go to their child's school to sign waivers requesting bilingual instruction.
- Under Proposition 203, ELs should be in an SEI classroom for 1 year only.

All data are for preK-12 students; for more information go to [http://www.ncele.gwu.edu/files/uploads/T3SIS\\_LEA/lea\\_overview.pdf](http://www.ncele.gwu.edu/files/uploads/T3SIS_LEA/lea_overview.pdf)  
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