

STATE FOCUS: ARKANSAS
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	9,102	2.0%	---	---
2004-2005	18,647	4.0%	+104.9%	---
2009-2010	29,752	6.2%	+226.9%	+59.6%



DID YOU KNOW?

- Arkansas serves 480,559 students in 295 school districts; 64.7% of the districts are categorized as "rural."
- The official language of instruction in the state of Arkansas is English.
- In 2010, more than 60 percent of students at each tested grade level scored proficient or above on all Arkansas Benchmark Exams.
- The 2011 edition of Education Week's *Quality Counts* ranked Arkansas's public education system 6th in the country, and in 2010, the report ranked Arkansas 2nd in terms of policies for teacher quality.

All data are for preK-12 students; for more information go to http://www.ncele.gwu.edu/files/uploads/T3SIS_LEA/lea_overview.pdf
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