

STATE FOCUS: MINNESOTA  
SCHOOL YEAR 2009–2010

**MINNESOTA**  
**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

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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	35,810	4.2%	---	---
2004-2005	56,976	6.8%	+59.1%	---
2009-2010	61,396	7.3%	+71.4%	+7.8%



**DID YOU KNOW?**

- Minnesota serves 837,053 students in 558 school districts; 50.4% of the districts are categorized as "rural."
- Minnesota notifies parents of EL program enrollment within 10 days of their student's initial enrollment; the notification letter is available in Amharic, Arabic, Bosnian, Chinese, Hmong, Khmer, Lao, Oromo, Russian, Somali, Spanish, and Vietnamese.
- Minnesota has a relatively large proportion of students from Asia and the Pacific Islands (6.3%).
- The state has designated both ESL and Bilingual programs as the methods to teach EL students in Minnesota.

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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