



## STATE FOCUS: NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL YEAR 2009–2010

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English Language Acquisition and  
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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	37,265	3.0%	---	---
2004-2005	68,381	5.0%	+83.5%	---
2009-2010	106,335	7.0%	+185.4%	+55.5%



#### DID YOU KNOW?

- North Carolina serves approximately 1,483,397 students in 214 school districts, less than half of which are classified as “rural.”
- School districts in North Carolina offer bilingual education programs in five different languages as well as English-based educational programs to serve the educational needs of ELs.
- North Carolina’s EL population is among the ten fastest growing in the nation.
- The annual drop-out rate for North Carolina students reached a record low of less than 4% in 2009-10.

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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