

STATE FOCUS: OHIO
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	322	<0.1%	---	---
2004-2005	27,499	1.5%	+8,440.1%	---
2009-2010	37,478	2.1%	+11,539.1%	+36.3%



DID YOU KNOW?

- Ohio serves 1,764,297 students in 1,064 school districts; 33.7% of the districts are categorized as "rural."
- Ohio's EL students speak more than 110 different languages. The most frequently reported language groups include Spanish, Somali, Arabic, Japanese, and Pennsylvania Dutch (a dialect of German used by the Amish).
- Since 1999, more than 12,000 refugees have settled in Ohio; in the Columbus metropolitan area alone, it is estimated that there are between 25,000 and 30,000 recently arrived Somali refugees.

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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