

DISTRICT FOCUS: SOUTH DAKOTA  
SCHOOL YEAR 2009–2010

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This district 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	4,659	3.6%	---	---
2004-2005	4,194	3.4%	-10.0%	---
2009-2010	4,005	3.2%	-14.0%	-4.5%



**DID YOU KNOW?**

- South Dakota serves 123,703 students in 166 school districts, 81.9% of which are classified as “rural.”
- School districts in South Dakota offer EL students bilingual education programs in two languages, Lakota and Dakota, as well as English-based programs.
- South Dakota is home to nine Native American tribes all tracing their roots to the OCETI SAKOWIN, each speaking a different dialect – Dakota, Nakota or Lakota – of the same language.
- South Dakota serves the third highest proportion of Native American students in the country (12.0%).

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