

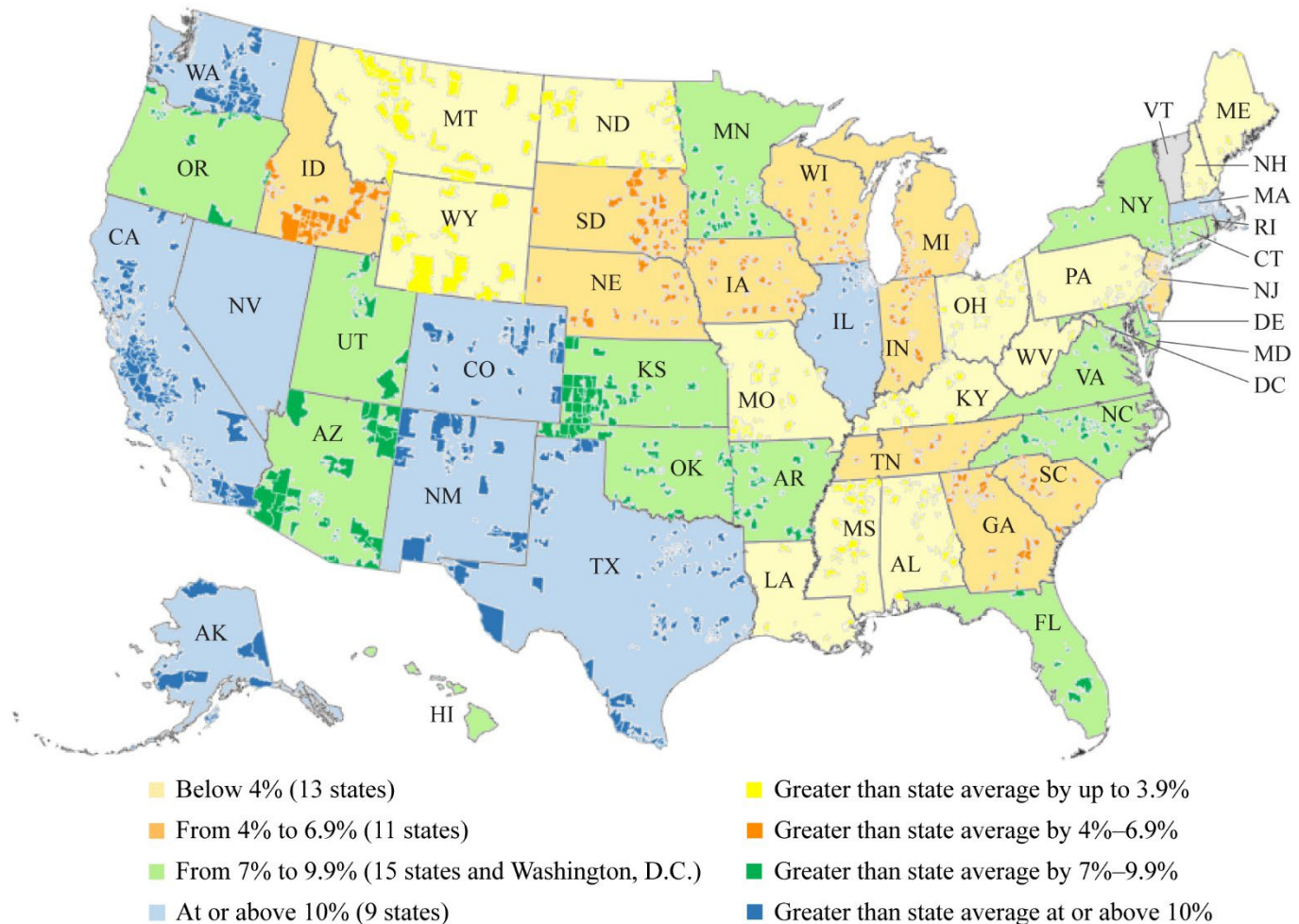


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English Learner Population by Local Educational Agency

Through the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) Common Core of Data (CCD), the U.S. Department of Education disseminates data on local educational agencies (LEAs), commonly known as school districts. During the school year (SY) 2018–19, the CCD recorded 13,711 LEAs with English learners (ELs) enrolled. This fact sheet looks more closely at how ELs represent a percentage of total student enrollment.

English Learners as a Percentage of Total Student Enrollment by Local Educational Agency: School Year 2018–19¹



During SY 2018–19, ELs represented 10% of total student enrollment in U.S. K–12 schools.² Among the 50 states and Washington, D.C., ELs as a percentage of a state’s student enrollment ranged from 0.8% in West Virginia to 19.4% in California. In nine states (California, Texas, New Mexico, Nevada, Illinois, Washington, Alaska, Colorado, and Massachusetts), EL enrollment exceeded the national average.

Source: Source for document: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Common Core of Data (CCD), “Local Education Agency (School District) Universe Survey”, 2018–19 v.1a. Data were accessed on Sept. 15, 2020, at <https://nces.ed.gov/ccd/pubagency.asp>

¹ Vermont did not report data on ELs.

² Author calculations: Percentage of ELs is equal to total number of ELs divided by total number of students in the US.

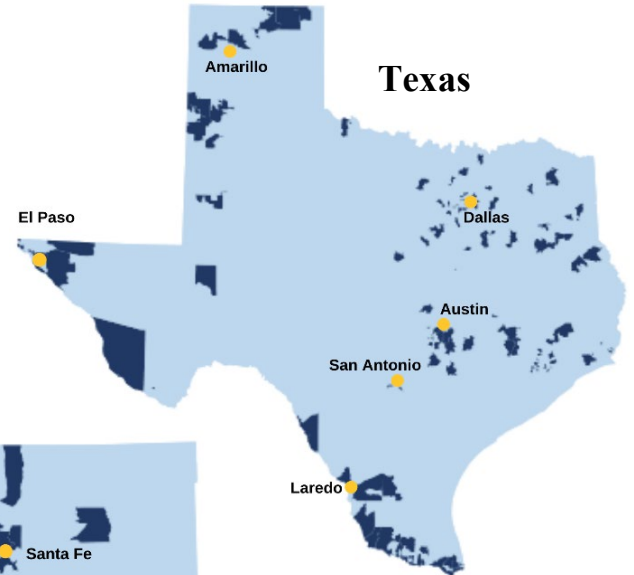
Five States With the Highest Percentage of English Learners as a Percentage of Total Enrollment: School Year 2018–19



California

- LEAs with the percentage of EL enrollment above the state average
- LEAs with the percentage of EL enrollment at or below the state average

During SY 2018–19, ELs represented 19.4% of total student enrollment in **California**, the greatest percentage in the nation. That year, 713 LEAs in California reported a higher percentage of ELs than the state average, ranging up to 85.4%.



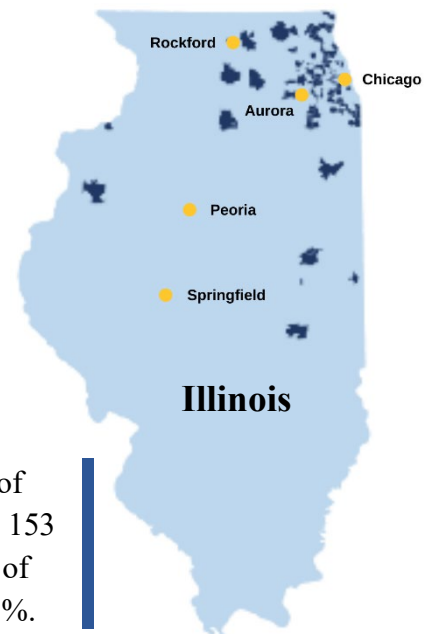
Texas

During SY 2018–19, ELs represented 17.8% of total student enrollment in **Texas**. That year, 204 LEAs in Texas reported a higher percentage of ELs than the state average, ranging up to 74.5%.



New Mexico

During SY 2018–19, ELs represented 15.3% of total student enrollment in **New Mexico**. That year, 41 LEAs in New Mexico reported a higher percentage of ELs than the state average, ranging up to 76.7%.



Illinois

During SY 2018–19, ELs represented 14.8% of total student enrollment in **Nevada**. That year, three LEAs in Nevada reported a higher percentage of ELs than the state average, ranging up to 17.4%.



Nevada

During SY 2018–19, ELs represented 11.6% of total student enrollment in **Illinois**. That year, 153 LEAs in Illinois reported a higher percentage of ELs than the state average, ranging up to 60.1%.