

These statistics are a snapshot of the WELS school system. They represent information gathered with an online form completed by school personnel. The statistics are only as accurate as the information that was reported. In some instances, data from the previous year was used for schools that failed to complete the statistics form for 2019. (Please note that multi-site schools are counted as one unit.)

Number of forms not returned this collection cycle: ECM - 2, LES - 0, LHS - 0.

*LHS includes ALHS, LPS and MLS*

## Schools and Enrollment

	Schools	Enrollment	Average Enrollment
Standalone Early Childhood Ministries (ECM)	120	4,493	37
Standalone Lutheran Elementary Schools (LES)	37	2,363	64
Combined ECM & LES	252	28,985	115
Area Lutheran High Schools (ALHS)	25	5,793	232
Preparatory High Schools (LPS & MLS)	2	599	300
<b>Totals</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>42,233</b>	

Total Early Childhood Ministries	372	11,447
Total Lutheran Elementary Schools	289	24,394
ECM with Year Round Child Care	104	

## Enrollment by District

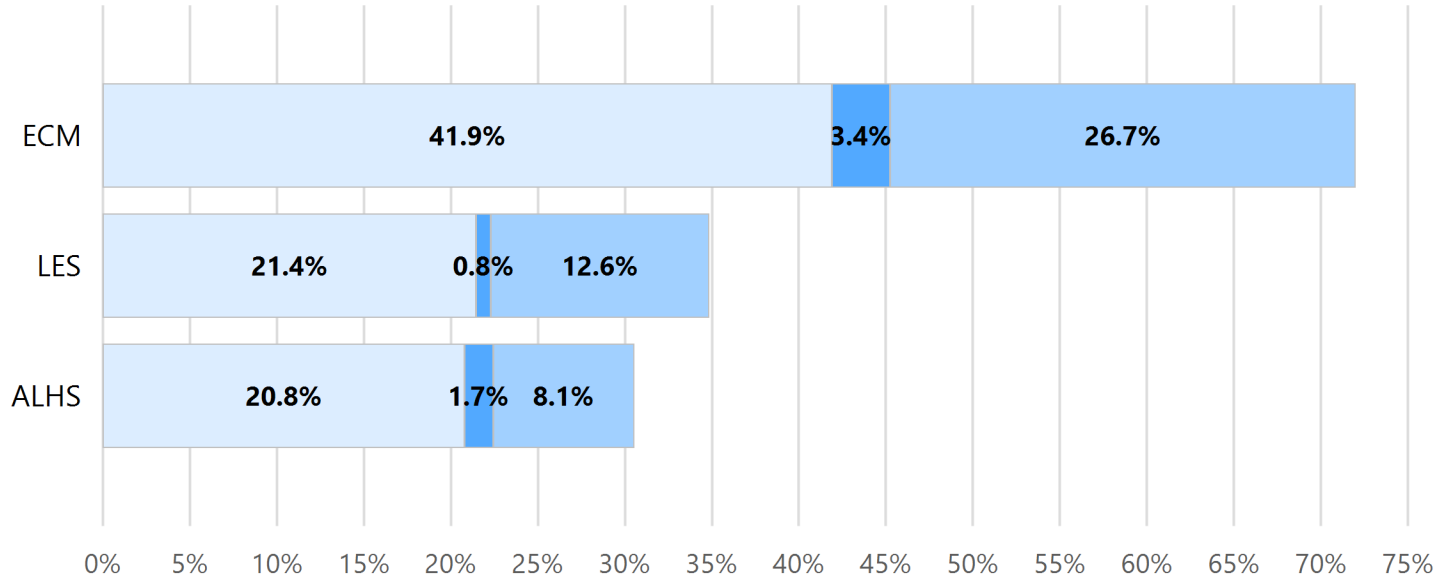
WELS Districts	ECM		LES		ALHS		LPS & MLS
	Schools	Enrollment	Schools	Enrollment	Schools	Enrollment	Enrollment
Arizona-California	20	712	19	1,387	4	353	
Dakota-Montana	10	375	5	359	1	131	
Michigan	36	915	37	1,702	2	201	196
Minnesota	51	1,340	31	2,406	3	757	
Nebraska	24	769	15	704	2	122	
North Atlantic	5	181	2	123	0	0	
Northern Wisconsin	55	1,627	45	3,994	3	1,171	
Pacific Northwest	15	401	9	558	1	82	
South Atlantic	29	1,142	16	1,894	1	350	
South Central	6	244	5	319	0	0	
Southeastern Wisconsin	69	2,199	59	7,532	5	1,910	
Western Wisconsin	52	1,542	46	3,416	3	716	403
<b>Totals</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>11,447</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>24,394</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>5,793</b>	<b>599</b>

International <i>(Subset of the total above)</i>	0	0	10	39	20	440	32
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## Enrollment by Church Affiliation

	Governing Congregation(s)		Other WELS/ELS Congregations		Other Christian Congregations		Non-Christian		No church affiliation	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
ECM	2,475	21.6%	732	6.4%	4,794	41.9%	384	3.4%	3,062	26.7%
LES	14,056	57.6%	1,838	7.5%	5,230	21.4%	206	0.8%	3,064	12.6%
ALHS	3,682	63.6%	343	5.9%	1,203	20.8%	96	1.7%	469	8.1%

## Outreach



## Groupings by Enrollment - ECM

Enrollment Range	0-25	26-50	51-100	101-150	151+
Total Schools	195	123	44	9	1
Percent Schools	52.4%	33.1%	11.8%	2.4%	0.3%
Smallest/Largest	2				250
Total Enrollment	2,660	4,563	2,909	1,065	250

## Groupings by Enrollment - LES

Enrollment Range	0-50	51-100	101-150	151-200	201-250	251+
Total Schools	105	115	32	21	9	7
Percent Schools	36.3%	39.8%	11.1%	7.3%	3.1%	2.4%
Smallest/Largest	2					856
Total Enrollment	3,358	8,406	3,866	3,699	2,069	2,996

## Groupings by Enrollment - ALHS

Enrollment Range	0-100	101-200	201-300	301-400	401-500	501+
Total Schools	8	6	4	2	2	3
Percent Schools	32.0%	24.0%	16.0%	8.0%	8.0%	12.0%
Smallest/Largest	22					832
Total Enrollment	509	795	952	701	813	2,023

## Enrollment Growth/Decline - 10 Years

	2010 2011	2011 2012	2012 2013	2013 2014	2014 2015	2015 2016	2016 2017	2017 2018	2018 2019	2019 2020
ECM	10,019	10,717	10,423	10,694	10,595	10,911	10,754	11,126	11,270	11,447
LES	24,300	24,644	24,254	24,245	24,453	24,410	24,335	24,485	24,348	24,394
ALHS	5,577	5,303	5,123	5,141	5,093	5,174	5,320	5,493	5,619	5,793
LPS/MLS	558	583	668	682	675	643	645	616	611	599

## Number of Called Workers Currently Serving

	ECM	LES	LHS	Total
	455	1,771	588	2,814

## Continued Education

Approximately 59.1% of our preschoolers and kindergartens go onto or come from a WELS/ELS school.

Last year's LES graduates attending

ALHS	1,143	47.8%
LPS & MLS	129	5.4%
Other	1,117	46.8%
Total LES graduates reported for 2018 - 2019	2,389	

Last year's high school graduates attending

	ALHS		LPS & MLS	
MLC pastor track	11	0.9%	21	13.8%
MLC teacher track	71	5.7%	56	36.8%
MLC staff minister track	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
WLC	82	6.6%	11	7.2%
Bethany	24	1.9%	3	2.0%
Other	1,061	84.9%	61	40.1%
Total high school graduates reported for 2018 - 2019	1,249		152	

*Martin Luther College (MLC)  
Wisconsin Lutheran College (WLC)  
Bethany Lutheran College (Bethany)*

## Yearly Operating Cost per Student

	Average
ECM	\$5,112.10
LES	\$6,701.81
LHS	\$12,643.70

## Average Annual Percent of Financial Support

	Church Budget		
ECM			18.9%
LES			51.5%
	Federation/Congregation	Tuition	Other
LHS	14.4%	63.6%	22.0%

## Average Kindergarten Tuition

	Congregation Member	Other WELS/ELS	Non-WELS/ELS
Arizona-California	\$4,507.84	\$4,963.10	\$5,494.10
Dakota-Montana	\$886.00	\$1,456.40	\$2,592.57
Michigan	\$1,613.95	\$2,715.68	\$3,165.88
Minnesota	\$1,670.70	\$2,722.00	\$3,092.97
Nebraska	\$2,044.73	\$2,290.00	\$2,608.12
North Atlantic	\$6,373.67	\$9,985.00	\$9,985.00
Northern Wisconsin	\$1,199.78	\$2,577.10	\$2,909.95
Pacific Northwest	\$2,716.33	\$3,313.00	\$4,068.56
South Atlantic	\$4,846.24	\$5,218.53	\$5,685.41
South Central	\$4,636.25	\$6,048.33	\$6,921.25
Southeastern Wisconsin	\$2,082.29	\$3,758.13	\$4,297.68
Western Wisconsin	\$1,998.69	\$2,623.41	\$3,488.97

## Average Elementary Tuition

	Congregation Member	Other WELS/ELS	Non-WELS/ELS
Arizona-California	\$4,813.16	\$5,257.40	\$5,864.05
Dakota-Montana	\$1,370.00	\$2,317.33	\$3,563.60
Michigan	\$1,641.43	\$2,723.72	\$3,211.96
Minnesota	\$2,070.04	\$3,224.11	\$3,760.54
Nebraska	\$2,346.13	\$2,586.53	\$3,376.53
North Atlantic	\$6,500.50	\$8,857.50	\$8,857.50
Northern Wisconsin	\$1,202.79	\$2,723.41	\$3,081.87
Pacific Northwest	\$3,367.25	\$4,038.50	\$5,057.25
South Atlantic	\$5,224.68	\$5,846.89	\$6,436.32
South Central	\$6,160.00	\$7,312.00	\$7,683.33
Southeastern Wisconsin	\$2,068.38	\$4,003.89	\$4,570.50
Western Wisconsin	\$2,012.14	\$2,706.77	\$3,539.60

## Average High School Tuition

	Federation	Other WELS/ELS	Non-WELS/ELS	International
	\$7,550.24	\$8,394.39	\$8,664.69	\$18,261.86