

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 2020. (Please note that multi-site schools are counted as one unit.)

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

LHS includes ALHS, LPS and MLS

Schools and Enrollment

	Schools	Enrollment	Average Enrollment
Standalone Early Childhood Ministries (ECM)	123	3,974	32
Standalone Lutheran Elementary Schools (LES)	34	2,160	64
Combined ECM & LES	248	28,294	114
Area Lutheran High Schools (ALHS)	24	5,874	245
Preparatory High Schools (LPS & MLS)	2	581	291
Totals	431	40,883	

Total Early Childhood Ministries	371	9,810	
Total Lutheran Elementary Schools	282	24,618	
ECM with Year Round Child Care	102		

Enrollment by District

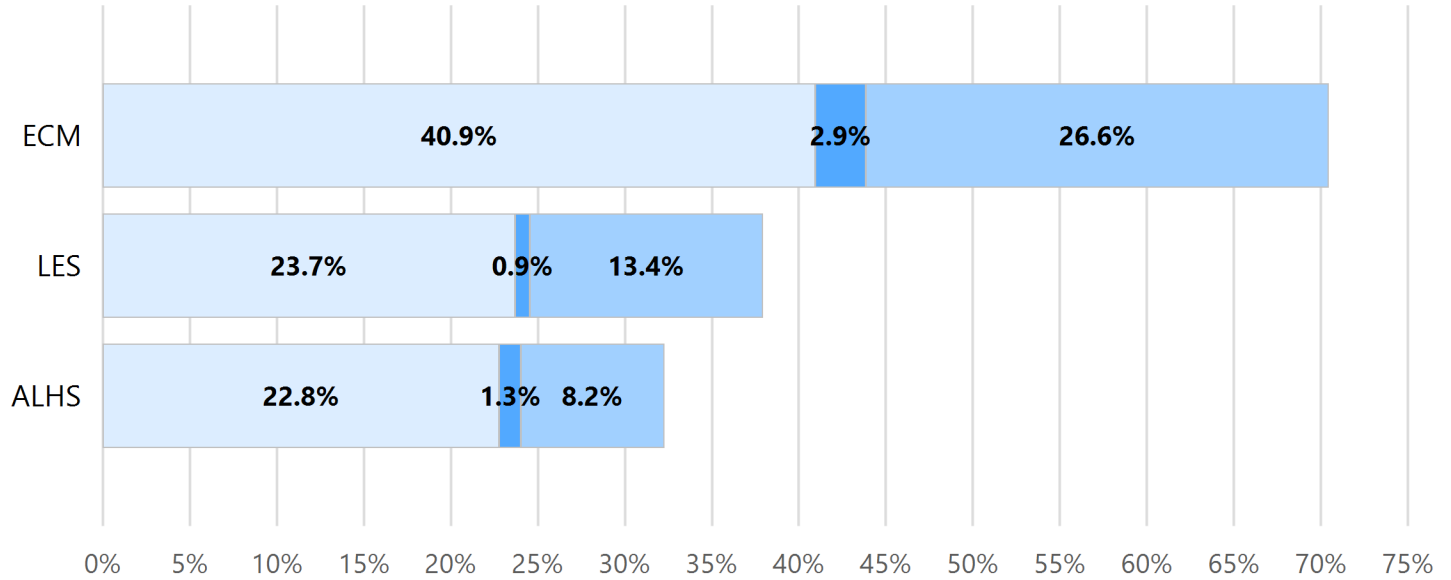
WELS Districts	ECM		LES		ALHS		LPS & MLS
	Schools	Enrollment	Schools	Enrollment	Schools	Enrollment	Enrollment
Arizona-California	21	587	18	1,367	3	331	
Dakota-Montana	9	349	5	358	1	116	
Michigan	35	775	34	1,677	2	172	184
Minnesota	47	1,083	31	2,395	3	765	
Nebraska	24	639	15	724	2	104	
North Atlantic	5	161	2	111	0	0	
Northern Wisconsin	54	1,390	44	4,056	3	1,176	
Pacific Northwest	16	333	7	534	1	71	
South Atlantic	31	922	17	1,945	1	356	
South Central	8	250	6	440	0	0	
Southeastern Wisconsin	68	1,813	57	7,553	5	2,056	
Western Wisconsin	53	1,508	46	3,458	3	727	397
Totals	371	9,810	282	24,618	24	5,874	581

International <i>(Subset of the total above)</i>	0	0	10	100	20	320	22
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Enrollment by Church Affiliation

	Governing Congregation(s)		Other WELS/ELS Congregations		Other Christian Congregations		Non-Christian		No church affiliation	
ECM	2,224	22.7%	676	6.9%	4,015	40.9%	286	2.9%	2,609	26.6%
LES	13,539	55.0%	1,744	7.1%	5,830	23.7%	210	0.9%	3,295	13.4%
ALHS	3,795	64.6%	185	3.1%	1,338	22.8%	74	1.3%	482	8.2%

Outreach



Groupings by Enrollment - ECM

Enrollment Range	0-25	26-50	51-100	101-150	151+
Total Schools	230	100	34	6	1
Percent Schools	62.0%	27.0%	9.2%	1.6%	0.3%
Smallest/Largest	1				219
Total Enrollment	3,044	3,511	2,371	665	219

Groupings by Enrollment - LES

Enrollment Range	0-50	51-100	101-150	151-200	201-250	251+
Total Schools	91	113	42	18	8	10
Percent Schools	32.3%	40.1%	14.9%	6.4%	2.8%	3.5%
Smallest/Largest	9					852
Total Enrollment	2,977	8,009	4,975	3,126	1,769	3,762

Groupings by Enrollment - ALHS

Enrollment Range	0-100	101-200	201-300	301-400	401-500	501+
Total Schools	8	5	3	4	1	3
Percent Schools	33.3%	20.8%	12.5%	16.7%	4.2%	12.5%
Smallest/Largest	51					891
Total Enrollment	539	745	680	1,411	428	2,071

Enrollment Growth/Decline - 10 Years

	2011 2012	2012 2013	2013 2014	2014 2015	2015 2016	2016 2017	2017 2018	2018 2019	2019 2020	2020 2021
ECM	10,717	10,423	10,694	10,595	10,911	10,754	11,126	11,270	11,447	9,803
LES	24,644	24,254	24,245	24,453	24,410	24,335	24,485	24,348	24,394	24,618
ALHS	5,303	5,123	5,141	5,093	5,174	5,320	5,493	5,619	5,793	5,874
LPS/MLS	583	668	682	675	643	645	616	611	599	581

Number of Called Workers Currently Serving

	ECM	LES	LHS	Total
	473	1,780	585	2,838

Continued Education

Approximately 51.8% of our preschoolers and kindergartens go onto or come from a WELS/ELS school.

Last year's LES graduates attending

ALHS	1,099	46.6%
LPS & MLS	140	5.9%
Other	1,120	47.5%
Total LES graduates reported for 2019 - 2020	2,359	

Last year's high school graduates attending

	ALHS		LPS & MLS	
MLC pastor track	9	0.7%	36	24.0%
MLC teacher track	76	6.2%	40	26.7%
MLC staff minister track	1	0.1%	0	0.0%
WLC	89	7.3%	12	8.0%
Bethany	17	1.4%	6	4.0%
Other	1,032	84.3%	56	37.3%
Total high school graduates reported for 2019 - 2020	1,224		150	

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

Yearly Operating Cost per Student

	Average
ECM	\$5,100.50
LES	\$6,992.45
LHS	\$13,794.56

Average Annual Percent of Financial Support

	Church Budget		
ECM			17.0%
LES			49.6%
	Federation/Congregation	Tuition	Other
LHS	14.3%	63.7%	22.0%

Average Kindergarten Tuition

	Congregation Member	Other WELS/ELS	Non-WELS/ELS
Arizona-California	\$4,817.12	\$5,262.24	\$5,615.35
Dakota-Montana	\$1,127.50	\$1,850.50	\$3,049.67
Michigan	\$1,577.14	\$2,630.93	\$2,975.43
Minnesota	\$1,902.10	\$3,062.93	\$3,492.35
Nebraska	\$2,126.40	\$2,459.47	\$2,680.06
North Atlantic	\$6,621.33	\$10,405.00	\$10,405.00
Northern Wisconsin	\$1,305.42	\$2,890.92	\$3,129.00
Pacific Northwest	\$3,370.14	\$3,513.00	\$5,195.86
South Atlantic	\$9,115.73	\$9,537.67	\$9,900.13
South Central	\$6,238.33	\$7,386.00	\$7,809.17
Southeastern Wisconsin	\$2,227.65	\$4,063.71	\$4,741.06
Western Wisconsin	\$1,379.83	\$2,516.26	\$3,124.33

Average Elementary Tuition

	Congregation Member	Other WELS/ELS	Non-WELS/ELS
Arizona-California	\$4,812.00	\$5,235.35	\$5,621.41
Dakota-Montana	\$1,436.67	\$2,400.67	\$3,619.60
Michigan	\$1,673.27	\$2,778.29	\$3,133.42
Minnesota	\$2,240.79	\$3,464.93	\$3,925.27
Nebraska	\$2,426.27	\$2,894.24	\$3,136.59
North Atlantic	\$6,682.00	\$9,107.50	\$9,107.50
Northern Wisconsin	\$1,297.00	\$2,976.03	\$3,220.37
Pacific Northwest	\$3,608.71	\$3,751.57	\$5,508.14
South Atlantic	\$9,157.44	\$9,896.31	\$10,440.00
South Central	\$7,454.38	\$8,447.86	\$8,632.50
Southeastern Wisconsin	\$2,193.31	\$4,259.39	\$5,008.35
Western Wisconsin	\$1,450.11	\$2,655.50	\$3,352.33

Average High School Tuition

	Federation	Other WELS/ELS	Non-WELS/ELS	International
	\$7,726.19	\$8,766.04	\$9,237.12	\$18,625.83