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English Learners by State

The 5.3 million students learning English — what share of each state's students are English learners, and how fast it's changing. One page per state. NCES, fall 2021.



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1 IN 10 STUDENTS

More than **1 in 10** U.S. public-school students is an English learner — and the share is rising. But it ranges from under 1% to over 20%, reshaping classrooms very differently from state to state.

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WHAT THIS IS

Who's learning English.

Every state's page shows what **share of its public-school students** are English learners (ELs), **how many** that is, and how the share has **changed over the past decade** — plus the languages ELs speak at home.

CONCENTRATED, AND GROWING

In fall 2021, **5,263,596** public-school students — **10.6%** — were English learners, up from 9.4% a decade earlier. Shares run highest in Texas (20.2%), California (18.9%) and New Mexico (18.8%), and lowest in West Virginia (0.8%). **Spanish** is the home language of about **76%** of all EL students.

ON EACH PAGE

- **EL share** — % of public-school students, vs the U.S.
- **EL head count** — how many English learners, fall 2021
- **Decade of change** — the shift in EL share since 2011

Source. U.S. Dept of Education, NCES, Common Core of Data & EDFacts, **fall 2021** (Digest 2023, Table 204.20). All ELs at start of year, regardless of program participation. Home-language data: NCES, fall 2019.

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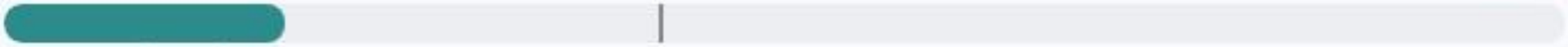
Alabama

NCES — FALL 2021 — AT A GLANCE

EL share of students	**4.7%**
English learners	**34,965**
National rank	**#39 of 51**
Change since 2011	**+2.1 pts**

EL SHARE VS. THE NATION

English learners, share of students **4.7%**



U.S. 10.6% (marker) — scale 0–25%

THE LANGUAGES ELS SPEAK

Nationally, **~76%** of English learners speak **Spanish** at home; other common home languages include Arabic, Chinese, Vietnamese, and Portuguese.

Alabama identifies **4.7%** of its students as English learners — **well below** the U.S. 10.6% — totaling **34,965** students, **#39 of 51**. Its EL share has **risen** since 2011 (+2.1 points).

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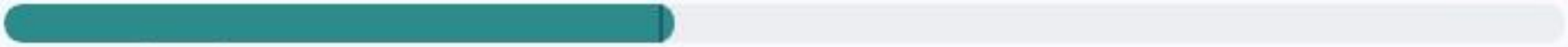
Alaska

NCES — FALL 2021 — AT A GLANCE

EL share of students	**10.8%**
English learners	**14,017**
National rank	**#11 of 51**
Change since 2011	**-1.8 pts**

EL SHARE VS. THE NATION

English learners, share of students **10.8%**



U.S. 10.6% (marker) — scale 0–25%

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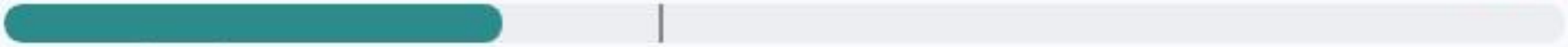
Arizona

NCES — FALL 2021 — AT A GLANCE

EL share of students	**8.2%**
English learners	**93,379**
National rank	**#23 of 51**
Change since 2011	**-0.7 pts**

EL SHARE VS. THE NATION

English learners, share of students **8.2%**



U.S. 10.6% (marker) — scale 0–25%

THE LANGUAGES ELS SPEAK

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Arizona identifies **8.2%** of its students as English learners — **below** the U.S. 10.6% — totaling **93,379** students, **#23 of 51**. Its EL share has **held roughly steady** since 2011 (-0.7 points).

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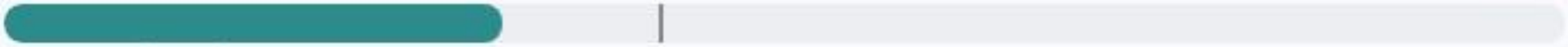
Arkansas

NCES — FALL 2021 — AT A GLANCE

EL share of students	**8.1%**
English learners	**39,763**
National rank	**#25 of 51**
Change since 2011	**+1.3 pts**

EL SHARE VS. THE NATION

English learners, share of students **8.1%**



U.S. 10.6% (marker) — scale 0–25%

THE LANGUAGES ELS SPEAK

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ENGLISH LEARNERS — #2 OF 51 BY SHARE

California

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EL share of students	**18.9%**
English learners	**1,127,627**
National rank	**#2 of 51**
Change since 2011	**-3.2 pts**

EL SHARE VS. THE NATION

English learners, share of students **18.9%**



U.S. 10.6% (marker) — scale 0–25%

THE LANGUAGES ELS SPEAK

Nationally, **~76%** of English learners speak **Spanish** at home; other common home languages include Arabic, Chinese, Vietnamese, and Portuguese.

California identifies **18.9%** of its students as English learners — **far above** the U.S. 10.6% — totaling **1,127,627** students, **#2 of 51**. Its EL share has **fallen** since 2011 (-3.2 points).

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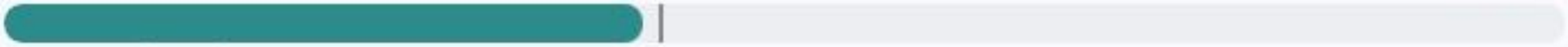
Colorado

NCES — FALL 2021 — AT A GLANCE

EL share of students	**10.4%**
English learners	**91,907**
National rank	**#13 of 51**
Change since 2011	**-2.8 pts**

EL SHARE VS. THE NATION

English learners, share of students **10.4%**



U.S. 10.6% (marker) — scale 0–25%

THE LANGUAGES ELS SPEAK

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Colorado identifies **10.4%** of its students as English learners — **about** the U.S. 10.6% — totaling **91,907** students, **#13 of 51**. Its EL share has **fallen** since 2011 (-2.8 points).

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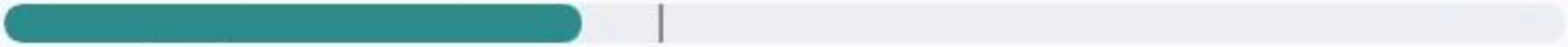
Connecticut

NCES — FALL 2021 — AT A GLANCE

EL share of students	**9.4%**
English learners	**47,740**
National rank	**#18 of 51**
Change since 2011	**+3.8 pts**

EL SHARE VS. THE NATION

English learners, share of students **9.4%**



U.S. 10.6% (marker) — scale 0–25%

THE LANGUAGES ELS SPEAK

Nationally, **~76%** of English learners speak **Spanish** at home; other common home languages include Arabic, Chinese, Vietnamese, and Portuguese.

Connecticut identifies **9.4%** of its students as English learners — **below** the U.S. 10.6% — totaling **47,740** students, **#18 of 51**. Its EL share has **risen** since 2011 (+3.8 points).

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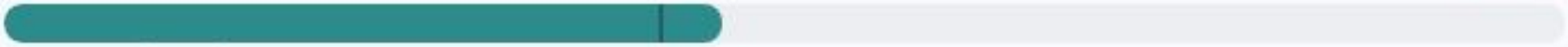
Delaware

NCES — FALL 2021 — AT A GLANCE

EL share of students	**11.5%**
English learners	**16,147**
National rank	**#7 of 51**
Change since 2011	**+6.1 pts**

EL SHARE VS. THE NATION

English learners, share of students **11.5%**



U.S. 10.6% (marker) — scale 0–25%

THE LANGUAGES ELS SPEAK

Nationally, **~76%** of English learners speak **Spanish** at home; other common home languages include Arabic, Chinese, Vietnamese, and Portuguese.

Delaware identifies **11.5%** of its students as English learners — **above** the U.S. 10.6% — totaling **16,147** students, **#7 of 51**. Its EL share has **risen** since 2011 (+6.1 points).

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ENGLISH LEARNERS — #16 OF 51 BY SHARE

Florida

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EL share of students	**9.5%**
English learners	**269,534**
National rank	**#16 of 51**
Change since 2011	**-0.6 pts**

EL SHARE VS. THE NATION

English learners, share of students **9.5%**

U.S. 10.6% (marker) — scale 0–25%

THE LANGUAGES ELS SPEAK

Nationally, **~76%** of English learners speak **Spanish** at home; other common home languages include Arabic, Chinese, Vietnamese, and Portuguese.

Florida identifies **9.5%** of its students as English learners — **below** the U.S. 10.6% — totaling **269,534** students, **#16 of 51**. Its EL share has **held roughly steady** since 2011 (-0.6 points).

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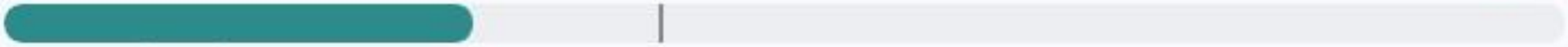
Georgia

NCES — FALL 2021 — AT A GLANCE

EL share of students	**7.7%**
English learners	**133,754**
National rank	**#28 of 51**
Change since 2011	**+2.3 pts**

EL SHARE VS. THE NATION

English learners, share of students **7.7%**



U.S. 10.6% (marker) — scale 0–25%

THE LANGUAGES ELS SPEAK

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ENGLISH LEARNERS — #14 OF 51 BY SHARE

Hawaii

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EL share of students	10%
English learners	17,353
National rank	#14 of 51
Change since 2011	-0.9 pts

EL SHARE VS. THE NATION

English learners, share of students **10%**

U.S. 10.6% (marker) — scale 0–25%

THE LANGUAGES ELS SPEAK

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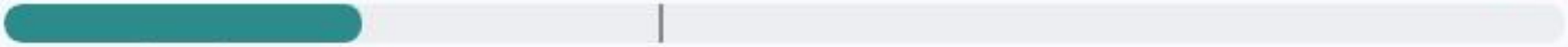
Idaho

NCES — FALL 2021 — AT A GLANCE

EL share of students	**5.8%**
English learners	**18,167**
National rank	**#34 of 51**
Change since 2011	**+0 pts**

EL SHARE VS. THE NATION

English learners, share of students **5.8%**



U.S. 10.6% (marker) — scale 0–25%

THE LANGUAGES ELS SPEAK

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ENGLISH LEARNERS — #5 OF 51 BY SHARE

Illinois

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EL share of students	**12.8%**
English learners	**239,519**
National rank	**#5 of 51**
Change since 2011	**+3.8 pts**

EL SHARE VS. THE NATION

English learners, share of students **12.8%**

U.S. 10.6% (marker) — scale 0–25%

THE LANGUAGES ELS SPEAK

Nationally, **~76%** of English learners speak **Spanish** at home; other common home languages include Arabic, Chinese, Vietnamese, and Portuguese.

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ENGLISH LEARNERS — #30 OF 51 BY SHARE

Indiana

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EL share of students	**7%**
English learners	**72,250**
National rank	**#30 of 51**
Change since 2011	**+2.1 pts**

EL SHARE VS. THE NATION

English learners, share of students **7%**

U.S. 10.6% (marker) — scale 0–25%

THE LANGUAGES ELS SPEAK

Nationally, **~76%** of English learners speak **Spanish** at home; other common home languages include Arabic, Chinese, Vietnamese, and Portuguese.

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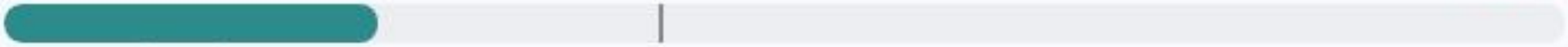
Iowa

NCES — FALL 2021 — AT A GLANCE

EL share of students	**6.2%**
English learners	**31,681**
National rank	**#32 of 51**
Change since 2011	**+1.7 pts**

EL SHARE VS. THE NATION

English learners, share of students **6.2%**



U.S. 10.6% (marker) — scale 0–25%

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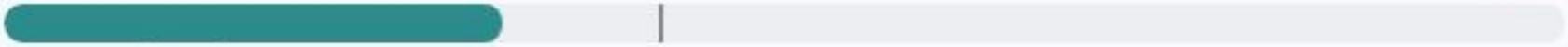
Kansas

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EL share of students	**8%**
English learners	**38,757**
National rank	**#26 of 51**
Change since 2011	**-1.7 pts**

EL SHARE VS. THE NATION

English learners, share of students **8%**



U.S. 10.6% (marker) — scale 0–25%

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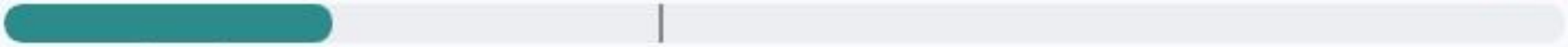
Kentucky

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EL share of students	**5.4%**
English learners	**35,434**
National rank	**#37 of 51**
Change since 2011	**+2.7 pts**

EL SHARE VS. THE NATION

English learners, share of students **5.4%**



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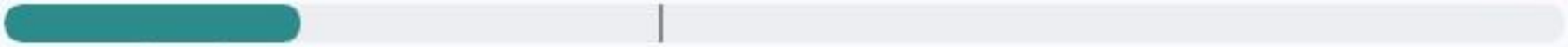
Louisiana

NCES — FALL 2021 — AT A GLANCE

EL share of students	**4.9%**
English learners	**33,284**
National rank	**#38 of 51**
Change since 2011	**+2.9 pts**

EL SHARE VS. THE NATION

English learners, share of students **4.9%**



U.S. 10.6% (marker) — scale 0–25%

THE LANGUAGES ELS SPEAK

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ENGLISH LEARNERS — #45 OF 51 BY SHARE

Maine

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EL share of students	**3.1%**
English learners	**5,420**
National rank	**#45 of 51**
Change since 2011	**+1.9 pts**

EL SHARE VS. THE NATION

English learners, share of students **3.1%**

U.S. 10.6% (marker) — scale 0–25%

THE LANGUAGES ELS SPEAK

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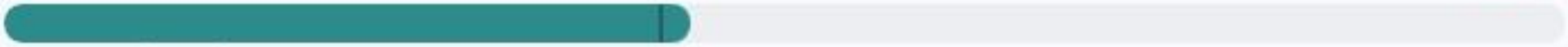
Maryland

NCES — FALL 2021 — AT A GLANCE

EL share of students	**11.2%**
English learners	**98,566**
National rank	**#10 of 51**
Change since 2011	**+4.7 pts**

EL SHARE VS. THE NATION

English learners, share of students **11.2%**



U.S. 10.6% (marker) — scale 0–25%

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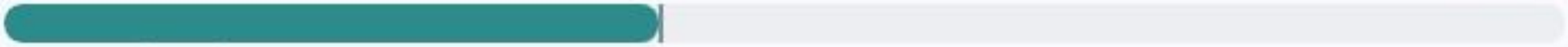
Massachusetts

NCES — FALL 2021 — AT A GLANCE

EL share of students	**10.5%**
English learners	**97,154**
National rank	**#12 of 51**
Change since 2011	**+3 pts**

EL SHARE VS. THE NATION

English learners, share of students **10.5%**



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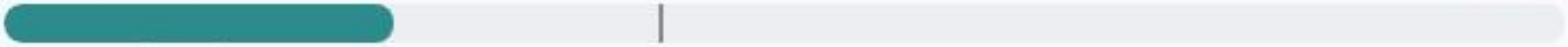
Michigan

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EL share of students	**6.4%**
English learners	**91,932**
National rank	**#31 of 51**
Change since 2011	**+1.5 pts**

EL SHARE VS. THE NATION

English learners, share of students **6.4%**



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THE LANGUAGES ELS SPEAK

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Michigan identifies **6.4%** of its students as English learners — **below** the U.S. 10.6% — totaling **91,932** students, **#31 of 51**. Its EL share has **risen** since 2011 (+1.5 points).

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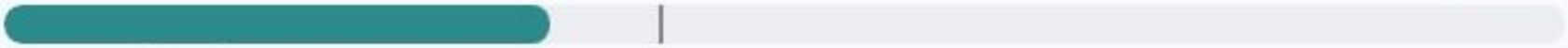
Minnesota

NCES — FALL 2021 — AT A GLANCE

EL share of students	**8.8%**
English learners	**76,664**
National rank	**#21 of 51**
Change since 2011	**+0.4 pts**

EL SHARE VS. THE NATION

English learners, share of students **8.8%**



U.S. 10.6% (marker) — scale 0–25%

THE LANGUAGES ELS SPEAK

Nationally, **~76%** of English learners speak **Spanish** at home; other common home languages include Arabic, Chinese, Vietnamese, and Portuguese.

Minnesota identifies **8.8%** of its students as English learners — **below** the U.S. 10.6% — totaling **76,664** students, **#21 of 51**. Its EL share has **held roughly steady** since 2011 (+0.4 points).

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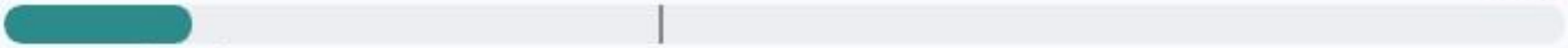
Mississippi

NCES — FALL 2021 — AT A GLANCE

EL share of students	**3.1%**
English learners	**13,597**
National rank	**#46 of 51**
Change since 2011	**+1.7 pts**

EL SHARE VS. THE NATION

English learners, share of students **3.1%**



U.S. 10.6% (marker) — scale 0–25%

THE LANGUAGES ELS SPEAK

Nationally, **~76%** of English learners speak **Spanish** at home; other common home languages include Arabic, Chinese, Vietnamese, and Portuguese.

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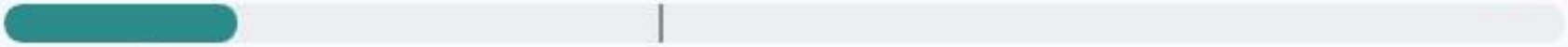
Missouri

NCES — FALL 2021 — AT A GLANCE

EL share of students	**3.8%**
English learners	**34,159**
National rank	**#42 of 51**
Change since 2011	**+1.1 pts**

EL SHARE VS. THE NATION

English learners, share of students **3.8%**



U.S. 10.6% (marker) — scale 0–25%

THE LANGUAGES ELS SPEAK

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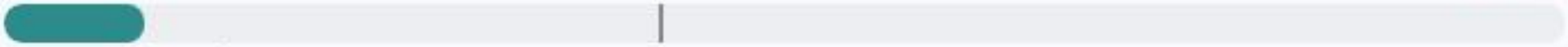
Montana

NCES — FALL 2021 — AT A GLANCE

EL share of students	**2.4%**
English learners	**3,569**
National rank	**#49 of 51**
Change since 2011	**+0.1 pts**

EL SHARE VS. THE NATION

English learners, share of students **2.4%**



U.S. 10.6% (marker) — scale 0–25%

THE LANGUAGES ELS SPEAK

Nationally, **~76%** of English learners speak **Spanish** at home; other common home languages include Arabic, Chinese, Vietnamese, and Portuguese.

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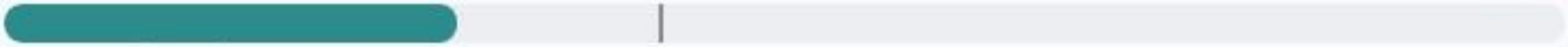
Nebraska

NCES — FALL 2021 — AT A GLANCE

EL share of students	**7.3%**
English learners	**23,928**
National rank	**#29 of 51**
Change since 2011	**+0.6 pts**

EL SHARE VS. THE NATION

English learners, share of students **7.3%**



U.S. 10.6% (marker) — scale 0–25%

THE LANGUAGES ELS SPEAK

Nationally, **~76%** of English learners speak **Spanish** at home; other common home languages include Arabic, Chinese, Vietnamese, and Portuguese.

Nebraska identifies **7.3%** of its students as English learners — **below** the U.S. 10.6% — totaling **23,928** students, **#29 of 51**. Its EL share has **held roughly steady** since 2011 (+0.6 points).

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ENGLISH LEARNERS — #4 OF 51 BY SHARE

Nevada

NCES — FALL 2021 — AT A GLANCE

EL share of students	**13.8%**
English learners	**67,003**
National rank	**#4 of 51**
Change since 2011	**-4.2 pts**

EL SHARE VS. THE NATION

English learners, share of students **13.8%**



U.S. 10.6% (marker) — scale 0–25%

THE LANGUAGES ELS SPEAK

Nationally, **~76%** of English learners speak **Spanish** at home; other common home languages include Arabic, Chinese, Vietnamese, and Portuguese.

Nevada identifies **13.8%** of its students as English learners — **above** the U.S. 10.6% — totaling **67,003** students, **#4 of 51**. Its EL share has **fallen** since 2011 (-4.2 points).

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ENGLISH LEARNERS — #47 OF 51 BY SHARE

New Hampshire

NCES — FALL 2021 — AT A GLANCE

EL share of students	**2.8%**
English learners	**4,822**
National rank	**#47 of 51**
Change since 2011	**+0.5 pts**

EL SHARE VS. THE NATION

English learners, share of students **2.8%**

U.S. 10.6% (marker) — scale 0–25%

THE LANGUAGES ELS SPEAK

Nationally, **~76%** of English learners speak **Spanish** at home; other common home languages include Arabic, Chinese, Vietnamese, and Portuguese.

New Hampshire identifies **2.8%** of its students as English learners — **well below** the U.S. 10.6% — totaling **4,822** students, **#47 of 51**. Its EL share has **held roughly steady** since 2011 (+0.5 points).

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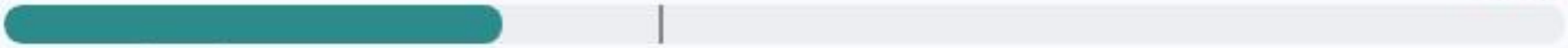
New Jersey

NCES — FALL 2021 — AT A GLANCE

EL share of students	**8.2%**
English learners	**112,939**
National rank	**#24 of 51**
Change since 2011	**+4 pts**

EL SHARE VS. THE NATION

English learners, share of students **8.2%**



U.S. 10.6% (marker) — scale 0–25%

THE LANGUAGES ELS SPEAK

Nationally, **~76%** of English learners speak **Spanish** at home; other common home languages include Arabic, Chinese, Vietnamese, and Portuguese.

New Jersey identifies **8.2%** of its students as English learners — **below** the U.S. 10.6% — totaling **112,939** students, **#24 of 51**. Its EL share has **risen** since 2011 (+4 points).

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ENGLISH LEARNERS — #3 OF 51 BY SHARE

New Mexico

NCES — FALL 2021 — AT A GLANCE

EL share of students	**18.8%**
English learners	**59,564**
National rank	**#3 of 51**
Change since 2011	**+1.2 pts**

EL SHARE VS. THE NATION

English learners, share of students **18.8%**



U.S. 10.6% (marker) — scale 0–25%

THE LANGUAGES ELS SPEAK

Nationally, **~76%** of English learners speak **Spanish** at home; other common home languages include Arabic, Chinese, Vietnamese, and Portuguese.

New Mexico identifies **18.8%** of its students as English learners — **far above** the U.S. 10.6% — totaling **59,564** students, **#3 of 51**. Its EL share has **risen** since 2011 (+1.2 points).

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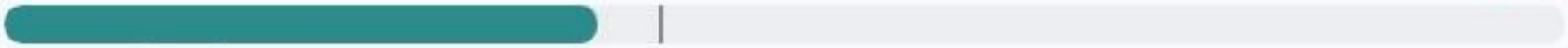
New York

NCES — FALL 2021 — AT A GLANCE

EL share of students	**9.7%**
English learners	**246,985**
National rank	**#15 of 51**
Change since 2011	**+1 pts**

EL SHARE VS. THE NATION

English learners, share of students **9.7%**



U.S. 10.6% (marker) — scale 0–25%

THE LANGUAGES ELS SPEAK

Nationally, **~76%** of English learners speak **Spanish** at home; other common home languages include Arabic, Chinese, Vietnamese, and Portuguese.

New York identifies **9.7%** of its students as English learners — **below** the U.S. 10.6% — totaling **246,985** students, **#15 of 51**. Its EL share has **risen** since 2011 (+1 points).

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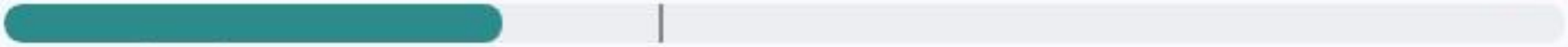
North Carolina

NCES — FALL 2021 — AT A GLANCE

EL share of students	**8%**
English learners	**121,496**
National rank	**#27 of 51**
Change since 2011	**+1 pts**

EL SHARE VS. THE NATION

English learners, share of students **8%**



U.S. 10.6% (marker) — scale 0–25%

THE LANGUAGES ELS SPEAK

Nationally, **~76%** of English learners speak **Spanish** at home; other common home languages include Arabic, Chinese, Vietnamese, and Portuguese.

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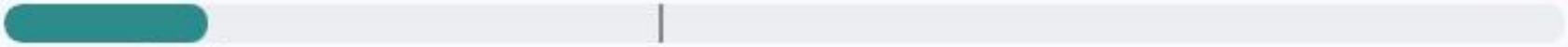
North Dakota

NCES — FALL 2021 — AT A GLANCE

EL share of students	**3.3%**
English learners	**3,887**
National rank	**#44 of 51**
Change since 2011	**-0.3 pts**

EL SHARE VS. THE NATION

English learners, share of students **3.3%**



U.S. 10.6% (marker) — scale 0–25%

THE LANGUAGES ELS SPEAK

Nationally, **~76%** of English learners speak **Spanish** at home; other common home languages include Arabic, Chinese, Vietnamese, and Portuguese.

North Dakota identifies **3.3%** of its students as English learners — **well below** the U.S. 10.6% — totaling **3,887** students, **#44 of 51**. Its EL share has **held roughly steady** since 2011 (-0.3 points).

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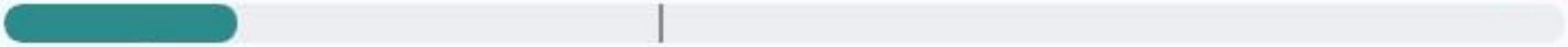
Ohio

NCES — FALL 2021 — AT A GLANCE

EL share of students	**3.8%**
English learners	**63,879**
National rank	**#43 of 51**
Change since 2011	**+1.3 pts**

EL SHARE VS. THE NATION

English learners, share of students **3.8%**



U.S. 10.6% (marker) — scale 0–25%

THE LANGUAGES ELS SPEAK

Nationally, **~76%** of English learners speak **Spanish** at home; other common home languages include Arabic, Chinese, Vietnamese, and Portuguese.

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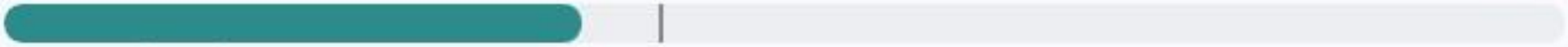
Oklahoma

NCES — FALL 2021 — AT A GLANCE

EL share of students	**9.3%**
English learners	**64,940**
National rank	**#20 of 51**
Change since 2011	**+3.1 pts**

EL SHARE VS. THE NATION

English learners, share of students **9.3%**



U.S. 10.6% (marker) — scale 0–25%

THE LANGUAGES ELS SPEAK

Nationally, **~76%** of English learners speak **Spanish** at home; other common home languages include Arabic, Chinese, Vietnamese, and Portuguese.

Oklahoma identifies **9.3%** of its students as English learners — **below** the U.S. 10.6% — totaling **64,940** students, **#20 of 51**. Its EL share has **risen** since 2011 (+3.1 points).

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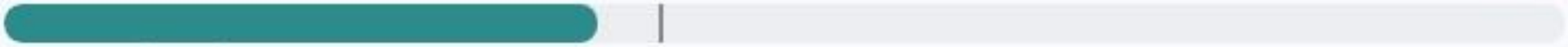
Oregon

NCES — FALL 2021 — AT A GLANCE

EL share of students	**9.5%**
English learners	**54,954**
National rank	**#17 of 51**
Change since 2011	**-0.8 pts**

EL SHARE VS. THE NATION

English learners, share of students **9.5%**



U.S. 10.6% (marker) — scale 0–25%

THE LANGUAGES ELS SPEAK

Nationally, **~76%** of English learners speak **Spanish** at home; other common home languages include Arabic, Chinese, Vietnamese, and Portuguese.

Oregon identifies **9.5%** of its students as English learners — **below** the U.S. 10.6% — totaling **54,954** students, **#17 of 51**. Its EL share has **held roughly steady** since 2011 (-0.8 points).

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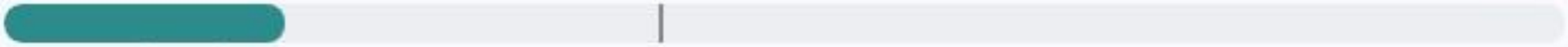
Pennsylvania

NCES — FALL 2021 — AT A GLANCE

EL share of students	**4.6%**
English learners	**77,617**
National rank	**#40 of 51**
Change since 2011	**+1.8 pts**

EL SHARE VS. THE NATION

English learners, share of students **4.6%**



U.S. 10.6% (marker) — scale 0–25%

THE LANGUAGES ELS SPEAK

Nationally, **~76%** of English learners speak **Spanish** at home; other common home languages include Arabic, Chinese, Vietnamese, and Portuguese.

Pennsylvania identifies **4.6%** of its students as English learners — **well below** the U.S. 10.6% — totaling **77,617** students, **#40 of 51**. Its EL share has **risen** since 2011 (+1.8 points).

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ENGLISH LEARNERS — #6 OF 51 BY SHARE

Rhode Island

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EL share of students	**12.5%**
English learners	**17,289**
National rank	**#6 of 51**
Change since 2011	**+7 pts**

EL SHARE VS. THE NATION

English learners, share of students **12.5%**



U.S. 10.6% (marker) — scale 0–25%

THE LANGUAGES ELS SPEAK

Nationally, **~76%** of English learners speak **Spanish** at home; other common home languages include Arabic, Chinese, Vietnamese, and Portuguese.

Rhode Island identifies **12.5%** of its students as English learners — **above** the U.S. 10.6% — totaling **17,289** students, **#6 of 51**. Its EL share has **risen** since 2011 (+7 points).

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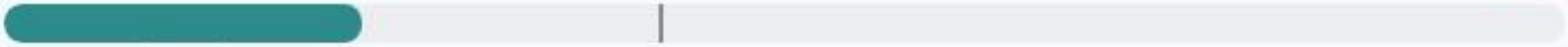
South Carolina

NCES — FALL 2021 — AT A GLANCE

EL share of students	**5.8%**
English learners	**45,620**
National rank	**#35 of 51**
Change since 2011	**+0.5 pts**

EL SHARE VS. THE NATION

English learners, share of students **5.8%**



U.S. 10.6% (marker) — scale 0–25%

THE LANGUAGES ELS SPEAK

Nationally, **~76%** of English learners speak **Spanish** at home; other common home languages include Arabic, Chinese, Vietnamese, and Portuguese.

South Carolina identifies **5.8%** of its students as English learners — **below** the U.S. 10.6% — totaling **45,620** students, **#35 of 51**. Its EL share has **held roughly steady** since 2011 (+0.5 points).

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ENGLISH LEARNERS — #41 OF 51 BY SHARE

South Dakota

NCES — FALL 2021 — AT A GLANCE

EL share of students	**4.6%**
English learners	**6,539**
National rank	**#41 of 51**
Change since 2011	**+0.5 pts**

EL SHARE VS. THE NATION

English learners, share of students **4.6%**

U.S. 10.6% (marker) — scale 0–25%

THE LANGUAGES ELS SPEAK

Nationally, **~76%** of English learners speak **Spanish** at home; other common home languages include Arabic, Chinese, Vietnamese, and Portuguese.

South Dakota identifies **4.6%** of its students as English learners — **well below** the U.S. 10.6% — totaling **6,539** students, **#41 of 51**. Its EL share has **held roughly steady** since 2011 (+0.5 points).

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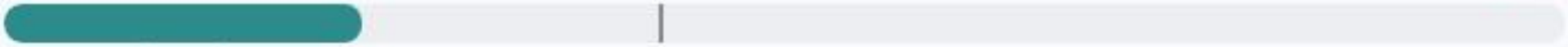
Tennessee

NCES — FALL 2021 — AT A GLANCE

EL share of students	**5.8%**
English learners	**57,799**
National rank	**#36 of 51**
Change since 2011	**+2.5 pts**

EL SHARE VS. THE NATION

English learners, share of students **5.8%**



U.S. 10.6% (marker) — scale 0–25%

THE LANGUAGES ELS SPEAK

Nationally, **~76%** of English learners speak **Spanish** at home; other common home languages include Arabic, Chinese, Vietnamese, and Portuguese.

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ENGLISH LEARNERS — #1 OF 51 BY SHARE

Texas

NCES — FALL 2021 — AT A GLANCE

EL share of students	**20.2%**
English learners	**1,093,968**
National rank	**#1 of 51**
Change since 2011	**+5.3 pts**

EL SHARE VS. THE NATION

English learners, share of students **20.2%**



U.S. 10.6% (marker) — scale 0–25%

THE LANGUAGES ELS SPEAK

Nationally, **~76%** of English learners speak **Spanish** at home; other common home languages include Arabic, Chinese, Vietnamese, and Portuguese.

Texas identifies **20.2%** of its students as English learners — **far above** the U.S. 10.6% — totaling **1,093,968** students, **#1 of 51**. Its EL share has **risen** since 2011 (+5.3 points).

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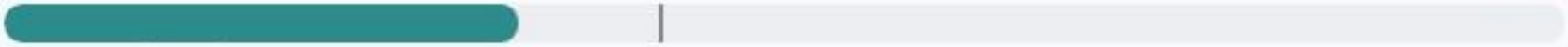
Utah

NCES — FALL 2021 — AT A GLANCE

EL share of students	**8.3%**
English learners	**57,334**
National rank	**#22 of 51**
Change since 2011	**+1.9 pts**

EL SHARE VS. THE NATION

English learners, share of students **8.3%**



U.S. 10.6% (marker) — scale 0–25%

THE LANGUAGES ELS SPEAK

Nationally, **~76%** of English learners speak **Spanish** at home; other common home languages include Arabic, Chinese, Vietnamese, and Portuguese.

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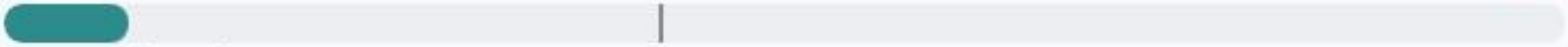
Vermont

NCES — FALL 2021 — AT A GLANCE

EL share of students	**2%**
English learners	**1,711**
National rank	**#50 of 51**
Change since 2011	**+0.3 pts**

EL SHARE VS. THE NATION

English learners, share of students **2%**



U.S. 10.6% (marker) — scale 0–25%

THE LANGUAGES ELS SPEAK

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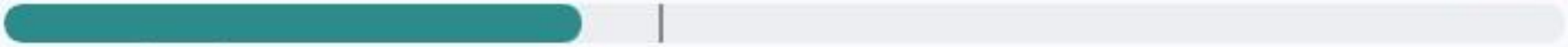
Virginia

NCES — FALL 2021 — AT A GLANCE

EL share of students	**9.4%**
English learners	**117,417**
National rank	**#19 of 51**
Change since 2011	**+1.6 pts**

EL SHARE VS. THE NATION

English learners, share of students **9.4%**



U.S. 10.6% (marker) — scale 0–25%

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ENGLISH LEARNERS — #8 OF 51 BY SHARE

Washington

NCES — FALL 2021 — AT A GLANCE

EL share of students	**11.4%**
English learners	**123,785**
National rank	**#8 of 51**
Change since 2011	**+2.1 pts**

EL SHARE VS. THE NATION

English learners, share of students **11.4%**

U.S. 10.6% (marker) — scale 0–25%

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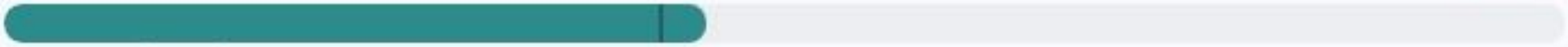
Washington, D.C.

NCES — FALL 2021 — AT A GLANCE

EL share of students	**11.3%**
English learners	**10,035**
National rank	**#9 of 51**
Change since 2011	**+4.1 pts**

EL SHARE VS. THE NATION

English learners, share of students **11.3%**



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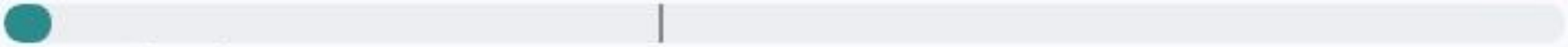
West Virginia

NCES — FALL 2021 — AT A GLANCE

EL share of students	**0.8%**
English learners	**1,906**
National rank	**#51 of 51**
Change since 2011	**+0.1 pts**

EL SHARE VS. THE NATION

English learners, share of students **0.8%**



U.S. 10.6% (marker) — scale 0–25%

THE LANGUAGES ELS SPEAK

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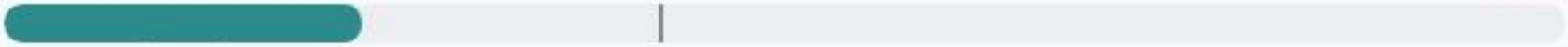
Wisconsin

NCES — FALL 2021 — AT A GLANCE

EL share of students	**5.9%**
English learners	**49,303**
National rank	**#33 of 51**
Change since 2011	**+0.4 pts**

EL SHARE VS. THE NATION

English learners, share of students **5.9%**



U.S. 10.6% (marker) — scale 0–25%

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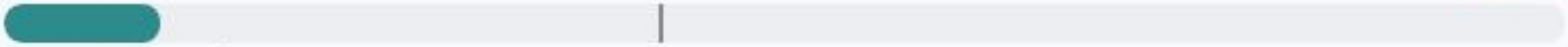
Wyoming

NCES — FALL 2021 — AT A GLANCE

EL share of students	**2.7%**
English learners	**2,537**
National rank	**#48 of 51**
Change since 2011	**-0.4 pts**

EL SHARE VS. THE NATION

English learners, share of students **2.7%**



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DATA SOURCE

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