

SCHOOLS AND DISTRICTS - STAGES OF IMPROVEMENT UNDER NCLB

When Schools and Districts Need Improvement

Eighteen percent of schools and 16 percent of districts have been designated as "in need of improvement" for the 2008-09 school year because they have repeatedly missed "adequate yearly progress" targets. Twenty four percent of those schools and 12 percent of those districts have worn that label for five or more years.

	SCHOOLS IN NEED OF IMPROVEMENT 2008-09							DISTRICTS IN NEED OF IMPROVEMENT 2008-09						
	Number of schools rated for AYP	Percent of rated schools "in need of improvement" ¹	Percent of schools "in need of improvement" by stage (year)					Number of districts rated for AYP	Percent of rated districts "in need of improvement" ¹	Percent of districts "in need of improvement" by stage (year)				
			Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5 or more			Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5 or more
Alabama	1,367	10.0%	24.1%	38.0%	23.4%	13.1%	1.5%	131	0.8%	100.0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Alaska	501	34.1	12.3	10.5	13.5	24.0	39.8	54	46.3	8.0	12.0	44.0	24.0	12.0
Arizona	1,875	15.5	36.2	31.4	15.5	4.8	12.1	561	12.3	21.7	30.4	20.3	27.5	^
Arkansas	1,082	34.6	27.8	23.3	15.5	15.8	17.6	245	10.2	80.0	16.0	4.0	0	0
California	9,854	22.8	14.4	16.3	17.1	11.7	40.4	1,028	23.5	25.6	14.5	59.9	^	^
Colorado	1,977	6.4	23.6	22.8	12.6	14.2	26.8	184	37.0	16.2	7.4	10.3	16.2	50.0
Connecticut	980	29.0	24.6	20.8	10.9	14.4	29.2	171	15.8	3.7	3.7	7.4	33.3	51.9
Delaware	189	23.8	22.2	15.6	13.3	20.0	28.9	19	31.6	66.7	33.3	0	0	0
District of Columbia ²	206	71.4	21.1	23.8	18.4	19.0	17.7	63	57.1	27.8	27.8	19.4	16.7	8.3
Florida	3,306	29.9	9.9	10.5	14.9	25.2	39.5	75	93.3	0	2.9	1.4	1.4	94.3
Georgia	2,153	14.3	32.6	28.0	14.3	9.4	15.6	184	17.4	71.9	21.9	6.3	0	0
Hawaii ³	283	44.2	1.6	16.0	6.4	13.6	62.4	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Idaho	648	46.8	42.9	22.8	20.5	6.9	6.9	131	58.0	18.4	19.7	32.9	9.2	19.7
Illinois	3,803	21.4	20.7	7.4	8.9	9.0	54.1	868	20.3	52.3	12.5	10.8	24.4	0.0
Indiana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Iowa	1,477	9.2	22.8	19.9	25.7	22.1	9.6	364	3.6	15.4	15.4	53.8	15.4	0
Kansas	1,365	2.4	54.5	24.2	6.1	15.2	0	296	5.7	5.9	29.4	41.2	0	23.5
Kentucky ⁴	1,145	10.4	26.9	20.2	16.0	7.6	29.4	175	38.3	4.5	19.4	26.9	23.9	25.4
Louisiana	1,263	11.7	25.0	8.8	1.4	21.6	43.2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Maine	632	17.2	36.7	21.1	25.7	10.1	6.4	226	0.4	100.0	0	0	0	0
Maryland	1,365	16.0	22.0	15.6	12.4	7.3	42.7	24	8.3	0	0	100.0	^	^
Massachusetts	1,772	48.6	27.7	21.3	17.6	12.2	21.1	386	23.3	22.2	17.8	18.9	13.3	27.8
Michigan	3,763	11.9	38.3	16.3	13.6	14.3	17.4	545	0.9	80.0	20.0	0	0	0
Minnesota	1,916	10.3	57.4	22.8	9.6	8.1	2.0	502	32.3	48.1	36.4	6.2	8.0	1.2
Mississippi	893	8.3	59.5	20.3	8.1	9.5	2.7	152	2.6	50.0	50.0	0	0	0
Missouri	2,209	35.3	48.3	39.5	3.2	6.0	2.9	558	50.9	44.0	56.0	0	0	0
Montana	820	8.9	26.0	12.3	6.8	9.6	45.2	419	13.8	25.9	10.3	3.4	17.2	43.1
Nebraska	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Nevada	654	19.1	20.0	20.8	21.6	22.4	15.2	17	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Hampshire	457	38.9	41.0	27.5	20.8	10.7	0	161	21.7	48.6	37.1	8.6	5.7	0
New Jersey	2,209	20.0	28.3	23.5	16.3	7.9	24.0	621	6.6	53.7	9.8	14.6	14.6	7.3
New Mexico	770	54.8	18.5	18.5	22.7	22.5	17.8	89	43.8	12.8	25.6	61.5	0	0
New York	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
North Carolina	2,412	22.8	36.7	28.5	19.1	8.0	7.8	115	53.9	12.9	22.6	30.6	19.4	14.5
North Dakota	470	6.0	39.3	10.7	0.0	3.6	46.4	187	11.2	38.1	14.3	4.8	19.0	23.8
Ohio	3,765	29.2	36.5	29.2	15.7	9.5	9.1	612	17.8	33.0	20.2	11.9	16.5	18.3
Oklahoma	1,796	2.5	60.0	11.1	8.9	11.1	8.9	539	0.4	100.0	0	0	0	0
Oregon	1,240	20.0	18.5	14.5	13.7	10.9	42.3	196	5.1	30.0	20.0	10.0	40.0	0
Pennsylvania	3,105	13.2	36.4	18.3	8.1	7.1	30.1	500	3.6	11.1	5.6	11.1	38.9	33.3
Rhode Island	304	18.8	21.1	17.5	33.3	5.3	22.8	36	27.8	40.0	10.0	0	10.0	40.0
South Carolina	1,111	24.0	21.3	25.8	12.4	10.5	30.0	85	57.6	28.6	26.5	0	32.7	12.2
South Dakota	692	12.1	23.8	17.9	16.7	19.0	22.6	160	3.1	0	0	100.0	0	0
Tennessee	1,644	8.2	46.3	26.9	10.4	7.5	9.0	135	4.4	50.0	0	33.3	16.7	0
Texas	7,282	4.9	42.3	21.8	19.6	10.4	5.9	1,215	7.7	53.2	28.7	18.1	0	0
Utah	947	1.6	66.7	20.0	13.3	0	0	100	6.0	0	16.7	33.3	50.0	0
Vermont	306	12.7	20.5	38.5	12.8	20.5	7.7	238	16.4	12.8	53.8	7.7	23.1	2.6
Virginia	1,842	4.9	57.1	13.2	17.6	4.4	7.7	132	0	0	0	0	0	0
Washington	2,111	29.5	61.9	7.9	15.1	4.8	10.3	295	19.3	56.1	43.9	0	0	0
West Virginia	692	2.7	31.6	31.6	15.8	15.8	5.3	55	41.8	8.7	8.7	47.8	34.8	0
Wisconsin	2,155	2.6	55.4	25.0	8.9	7.1	3.6	426	0.2	0	0	100.0	0	0
Wyoming	354	7.9	21.4	46.4	14.3	4.8	0	48	4.2	0	100.0	0	0	0
U.S. Total	83,162	17.9%	29.2%	20.2%	14.8%	11.9%	23.9%	13,323	16.4%	32.9%	25.2%	18.6%	11.3%	12.0%

Note: States reported data to the EPE Research Center in fall 2008; some percentages are based on preliminary data. Improvement status is based on AYP data from the previous year. A (--) indicates that data were unavailable to the Editorial Projects in Education Research Center prior to deadline or that calculations could not be made because of missing data. A (^) indicates that these stages of improvement do not exist. Percentage of rated schools "in need of improvement" was calculated by dividing the number of schools identified for improvement by the total number of schools rated for AYP. The percentage of schools at each improvement stage was calculated by dividing the number of schools at a given improvement stage (year) by the total number of schools identified as "in need of improvement."

1. All states must include Title I schools in their designation of schools "in need of improvement." The same applies to school districts. Federal law allows states to choose whether non-Title I schools and districts are assigned an improvement status and whether federal sanctions apply. As a result, some schools and districts rated for AYP may not receive a "in need of improvement" designation.
2. D. C. district data include several charter schools that are counted as single-school districts.
3. Hawaii is a single-district state. District data are not applicable.
4. Kentucky assigned 12 schools their districts' AYP rating; these have been excluded from all school "in need of improvement" data reported here.

SOURCE: EPE Research Center, 2008

