

Summary Statistics for the Southwestern Region
 Compiled by the Southwest Educational Development Laboratory

Demographic Profile of Education in SEDL's Region

	Arkansas	Louisiana	New Mexico	Oklahoma	Texas	United States
DISTRICTS AND SCHOOLS						
	(school year 1999-2000)					
Regular school districts	310	75	89	544	1,041	14,928
District size						
10,000 or more students	2%	28%	8%	2%	8%	6%
2,500 – 9,999 students	16%	51%	29%	8%	22%	27%
300 – 2,499 students	68%	13%	40%	53%	50%	45%
less than 300 students	14%	8%	23%	37%	20%	22%
K-12 public schools	1,119	1,513	755	1,809	7,395	89,599
Percent of schools in region	8.9%	12.0%	6.0%	14.4%	58.7%	
STUDENTS						
Total student membership	451,034	756,579	324,495	627,032	3,991,783	46,857,321
Percent of students in region	7.3%	12.3%	5.3%	10.2%	64.9%	
Percent of students by race/ethnicity						
American Indian/Alaskan Native	.5%	.6%	11.0%	16.3%	.3%	1.2%
Asian/Pacific Islander	.8%	1.3%	1.1%	1.4%	2.6%	4.0%
Hispanic	3.0%	1.3%	49.4%	5.4%	39.6%	15.6%
Black, non-Hispanic	23.4%	47.6%	2.3%	10.7%	14.4%	17.2%
White, non-Hispanic	72.3%	49.2%	36.2%	66.2%	43.1%	62.0%
Percent of students with IEPs	11.9%	12.6%	18.7%	13.2%	12.1%	12.4%
STAFF						
Total number of teachers	31,362	50,031	19,797	41,498	267,935	2,906,554
Percent of teachers to total staff	52.5%	49.4%	45.8%	56.2%	51.1%	51.7%
Percent of teachers in region	7.6%	12.2%	4.8%	10.2%	65.2%	
Ratio of students to teachers	14.4	15.1	16.4	15.1	14.9	16.1
Percent of school administrators	2.7%	2.6%	2.2%	2.7%	2.5%	2.4%
Percent of district administrators	.9%	.3%	1.8%	1.0%	.5%	1.0%

Sources: *Overview of public elementary and secondary schools and districts: School year 1999-2000* and *Public School Student, Staff, and Graduate Counts by State, School Year 1999-2000*. National Center for Education Statistics, 2001.

ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM						
School year 2001-2002	Arkansas	Louisiana	New Mexico	Oklahoma	Texas	
Ratings factors for schools:						
Achievement test scores	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dropout rate	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Attendance rate	✓	✓		✓		
Graduation/completion rate				✓		
College prep (i.e., ACT, AP)				✓		
Other (i.e., growth target, other tests, staffing, safety and other plans)	✓		✓			
Rewards						
fiscal	✓	✓	✓			✓
non-fiscal	✓	✓				✓
Sanctions						
fiscal		✓				✓
non-fiscal	✓	✓	✓			✓

Sources: communications with the State Departments of Education in AR, LA, NM, OK, and TX, 2002.