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RE: October 2000 Public School Membership

Attached are summary tables showing current October membership counts and trends for selected years.

The October 2000 Colorado public school membership (724,508) increased by 16,399 students. This is a 2.3 percent increase over fall 1999.

During the last five years the following ten counties had increases in their pupil membership of one thousand or more students.

<u>COUNTY</u>	FALL		PERCENT	COUNT
	FALL	FALL	CHANGE	CHANGE
	1996	2000	FROM	FROM
	PUPILS	PUPILS	1996	1996
Douglas	24,495	34,918	42.6	10,423
El Paso	86,396	94,012	8.8	7,616
Arapahoe	88,875	96,485	8.6	7,610
Adams	54,398	60,663	11.5	6,265
Denver	66,331	70,847	6.8	4,516
Boulder	43,107	47,128	9.3	4,021
Weld	26,752	30,411	13.7	3,659
Larimer	37,058	40,172	8.4	3,114
Pueblo	23,624	24,858	5.2	1,234
Jefferson	86,670	87,803	1.2	1,033

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Table 1: Pupil Counts by Grade

	Pupil Count	Pupil Count	Count Change	Percent Change		Pupil Count	Count Change	Percent Change		Pupil Count	Change	Percent Change
	October 1999	October 2000	From 1999 To 2000	From 1999 To 2000		October 1990	From 1990 To 2000	From 1990 To 2000		October 1980	From 1980 To 2000	From 1980 To 2000
Prekindergarten	12,857	15,377	2,520	19.6		4,351	11,026	253.4		1,527	13,850	907.0
Kindergarten	50,378	51,039	661	1.3		46,337	4,702	10.1		37,248	13,791	37.0
Grade 1	55,171	55,144	(27)	0.0		49,319	5,825	11.8		38,969	16,175	41.5
Grade 2	55,855	55,709	(146)	-0.3		49,002	6,707	13.7		38,646	17,063	44.2
Grade 3	55,883	56,984	1,101	2.0		48,438	8,546	17.6		40,100	16,884	42.1
Grade 4	56,154	57,056	902	1.6		47,341	9,715	20.5		43,918	13,138	29.9
Grade 5	55,156	57,404	2,248	4.1		45,685	11,719	25.7		44,407	12,997	29.3
Grade 6	54,957	56,330	1,373	2.5		43,899	12,431	28.3		42,500	13,830	32.5
Grade 7	54,856	56,139	1,283	2.3		42,201	13,938	33.0		42,078	14,061	33.4
Grade 8	54,599	55,384	785	1.4		41,075	14,309	34.8		40,726	14,658	36.0
Grade 9	58,710	61,197	2,487	4.2		42,553	18,644	43.8		40,937	20,260	49.5
Grade 10	52,548	54,006	1,458	2.8		39,863	14,143	35.5		44,036	9,970	22.6
Grade 11	47,725	49,237	1,512	3.2		36,614	12,623	34.5		43,629	5,608	12.9
Grade 12	41,999	43,502	1,503	3.6		33,582	9,920	29.5		40,014	3,488	8.7
Ungraded	1,261	0	(1,261)	-100.0		3,953	(3,953)	-100.0		7,298	(7,298)	-100.0
Total	708,109	724,508	16,399	2.3		574,213	150,295	26.2		546,033	178,475	32.7

Statewide, grades PK, 9 and 5 showed the highest increases in fall 2000 membership from fall 1999.

Counts of ungraded students have decreased over the last 20 years because all pupils (including special education) are now reported within grade level.

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Table 2: Pupil Counts by Racial/Ethnic Group

Racial/Ethnic Group	Pupil Count	Pupil Count	Count Change	Percent Change	Pupil Count	Count Change	Percent Change	Pupil Count	Count Change	Percent Change
	October 1999	October 2000	From 1999 To 2000	From 1999 To 2000	October 1990	From 1990 To 2000	From 1990 To 2000	October 1980	From 1980 To 2000	From 1980 To 2000
American Indian	8,258	8,701	443	5.4	5,321	3,380	63.5	3,748	4,953	132.2
Asian	19,792	20,932	1,140	5.8	12,985	7,947	61.2	8,799	12,133	137.9
Black	40,156	40,967	811	2.0	29,820	11,147	37.4	24,320	16,647	68.4
Hispanic	147,447	159,600	12,153	8.2	93,829	65,771	70.1	81,567	78,033	95.7
White	492,456	494,308	1,852	0.4	432,258	62,050	14.4	427,599	66,709	15.6
Total	708,109	724,508	16,399	2.3	574,213	150,295	26.2	546,033	178,475	32.7

The percentage of minority students has increased over the years while the percentage of White students has decreased.

Table 3: Percent of Pupils by Racial/Ethnic Group

Racial/Ethnic Group	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
American Indian	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.2
Asian	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.9
Black	5.2	5.2	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.5	5.6	5.6	5.7	5.7
Hispanic	16.3	16.6	16.8	17.1	17.6	18.4	18.8	19.3	19.9	20.8	22.0
White	75.3	74.9	74.5	74.1	73.5	72.5	72.0	71.3	70.6	69.5	68.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

The percentage change of pupil membership by Racial/Ethnic group from fall 1990 to fall 2000 shows Hispanic students reflecting the largest increase of students decreased by 7.1 percentage points during the same 11-year period.

Table 4: Pupil Counts by Year

<u>Year</u>	<u>Pupil Counts by Year</u>	<u>Change From Previous Year</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>	
1980	546,033			
1981	544,174	(1,859)	-0.3	
1982	545,209	1,035	0.2	
1983	542,196	(3,013)	-0.6	
1984	545,427	3,231	0.6	
1985	550,642	5,215	1.0	
1986	558,415	7,773	1.4	
1987	560,236	1,821	0.3	
1988	560,081	(155)	*	*Less than 0.1%
1989	562,755	2,674	0.5	
1990	574,213	11,458	2.0	
1991	593,030	18,817	3.3	
1992	612,635	19,605	3.3	
1993	625,062	12,427	2.0	
1994	640,521	15,459	2.5	
1995	656,279	15,758	2.5	
1996	673,438	17,159	2.6	
1997	687,167	13,729	2.0	
1998	699,135	11,968	1.7	
1999	708,109	8,974	1.3	
2000	724,508	16,399	2.3	

Statewide, the rate of growth reached its all time high in 1991 and 1992 and has generally decreased since 1993. However, between 1999 and 2000 growth increased by one full percentage point.

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