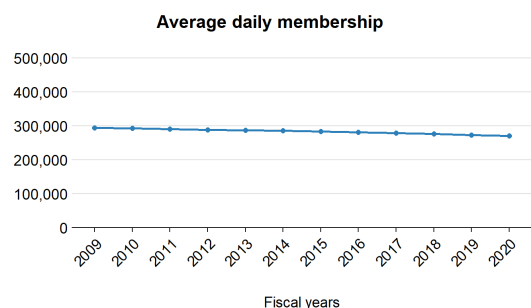


# Rural K-12 Virginia Public Schools

This profile shows the most recent data available from the 2019-2020 school year and highlights demographics, staffing, and funding for rural K-12 public schools in Virginia.

## Students

Enrollment growth between 2008-2009 to 2019-2020 has gone **down** by **8.1%**.



Here are additional characteristics of students that go to rural Virginia public schools, compared to the state overall.

	Rural	State
School-age children living in poverty	15.5%	12.3%
English learners	2.7%	9.0%
Eligible for IDEA services	13.6%	13.5%
Eligible for free or reduced-price lunch	53.9%	45.6%

Did you know...

...that **9.1%** of full-time Virginia Preschool Initiative slots with state funding went unfilled in 2019-2020, which means that **514** eligible kids missed out on preschool?

## Staffing

Overall, staffing levels for K-12 public schools in Virginia have **held steady** compared to enrollment since 2008-2009.

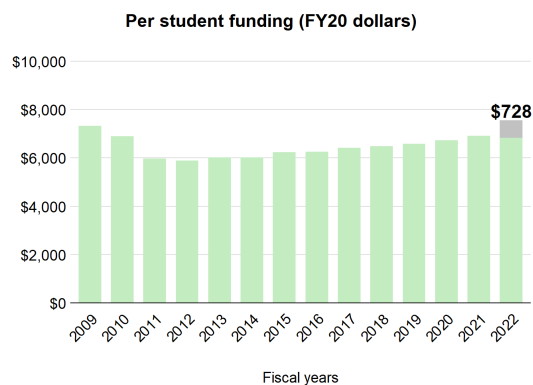
In 2018-2019, there were:

- 2,121 fewer teachers and instructors
- 740 fewer support staff
- 85 fewer school counselors and librarians
- 239 fewer teacher aides
- 49 fewer principals and assistant principals

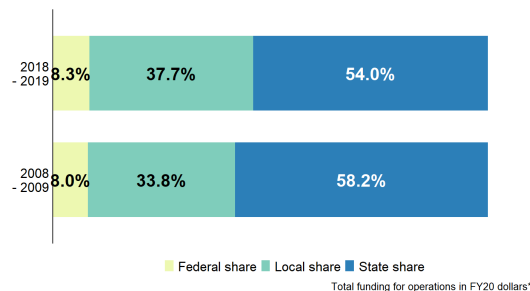
That's **3,234 fewer** staff overall, compared to **21,393 fewer** students.

## Funding

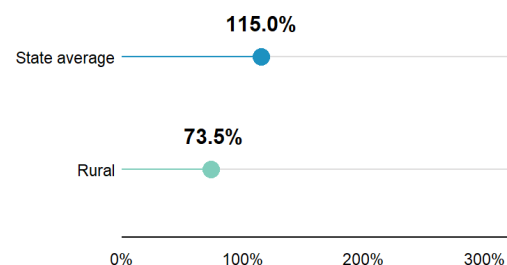
In Virginia public schools, state direct aid per student has **decreased** by **6.8%**, adjusted for inflation. *If the revised Standards of Quality were funded in FY22, these divisions on average would receive \$728 additional dollars per student.*



From 2008-09 to 2018-19, the state's share of total funding has **decreased**. Local governments have taken on a **larger** share of funding.



In 2019-2020, rural Virginia localities invested **73.5% above** what is required by localities in the state's primary funding formula.



Note: Based on U.S. Census Bureau classifications. Areas with more than 50% of the population living in rural areas are classified as rural. Sources: Virginia Department of Education, U.S. Census Bureau

