

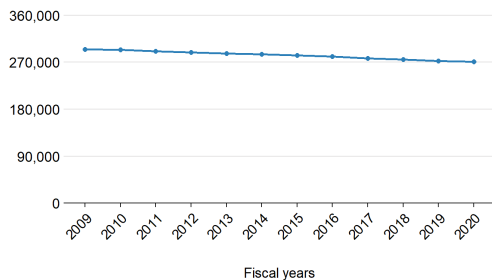
# Rural K-12 Virginia Public Schools

This profile shows the most recent data available from the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school years and highlights demographics, staffing, and funding for rural K-12 public schools in Virginia.

## Students

Enrollment growth between 2008-2009 to 2021-2022 has gone **down** by **11.5%**.

Average daily membership



Here are additional characteristics of students that go to Virginia public schools, over time.

	Rural	State
School-age children living in poverty	14.0%	11.1%
English learners	2.7%	8.4%
Eligible for IDEA services	13.7%	13.4%
Eligible for free or reduced-price lunch	53.9%	45.6%

## Staffing

Compared to 2008-2009, staff per student has **increased** in Rural K-12 Virginia Public Schools.

In 2020-2021, there were:

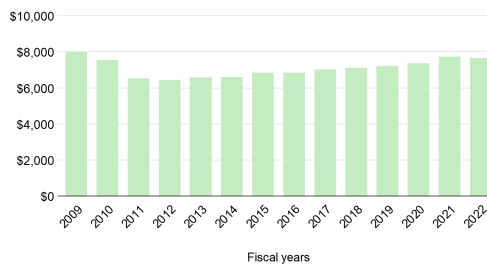
- 2,574 fewer teachers and instructors
- 1,125 fewer support staff
- 99 fewer school counselors and librarians
- 337 fewer teacher aides
- 54 fewer principals and assistant principals

That's **4,190 fewer** staff overall, compared to **33,379 fewer** students.

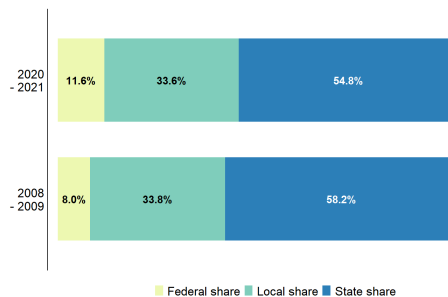
## Funding

In Virginia public schools, state direct aid per student has **decreased** by **4.6%**, adjusted for inflation, since 2008-2009.

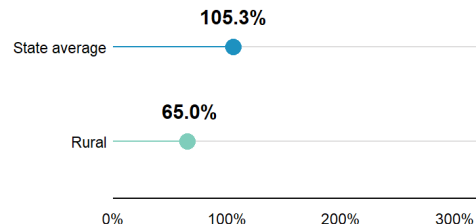
Per student funding (FY22 dollars)



From 2008-09 to 2020-21, the state's share of total funding has **decreased**. Local governments have taken on a **smaller** share of funding.



Rural Virginia localities invested **65.0%** above what is required 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

