



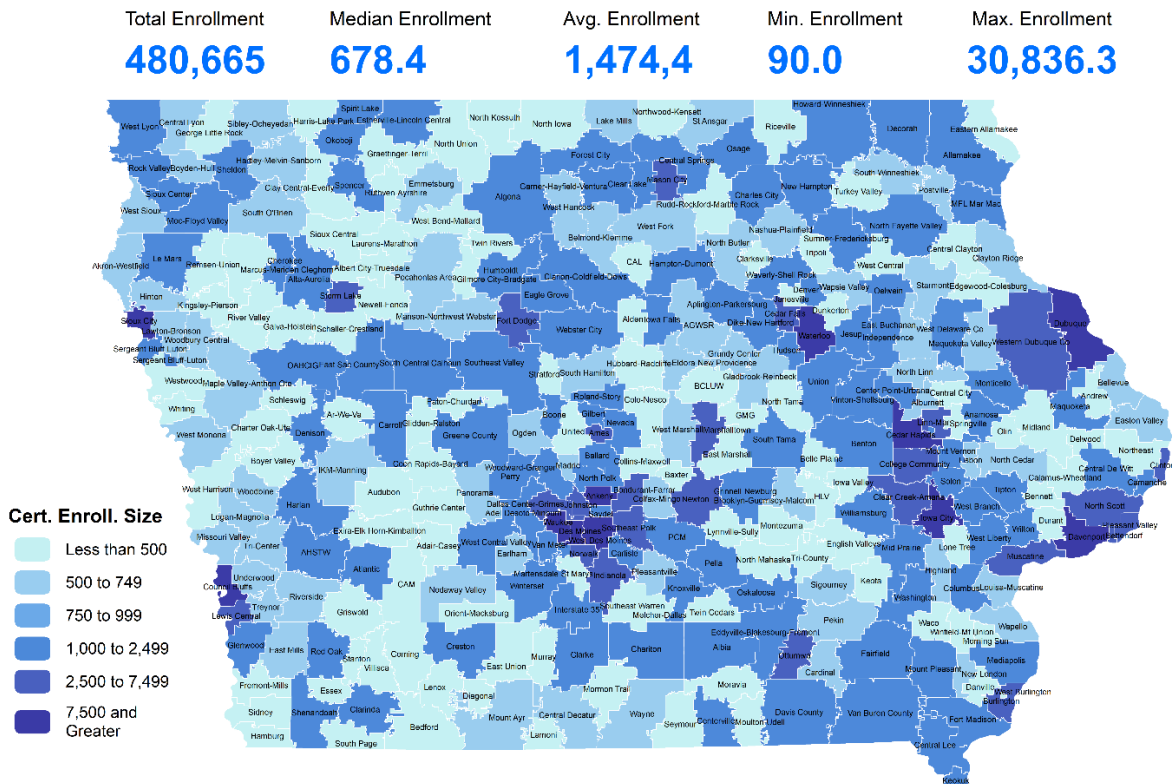
Data Boost— October 2024 Certified Enrollment and Resident Education Savings Account (ESA) Enrollment Information

The Iowa Department of Education released the certified enrollment counts from this past October, including the initial resident educational savings accounts (ESA) enrollment counts. The following map provides certified enrollment amounts by size category.

- Click [here](#) for specific enrollment data for all districts.
- Click [here](#) for a larger map.



Iowa Association of School Boards October 2024 Certified Enrollments

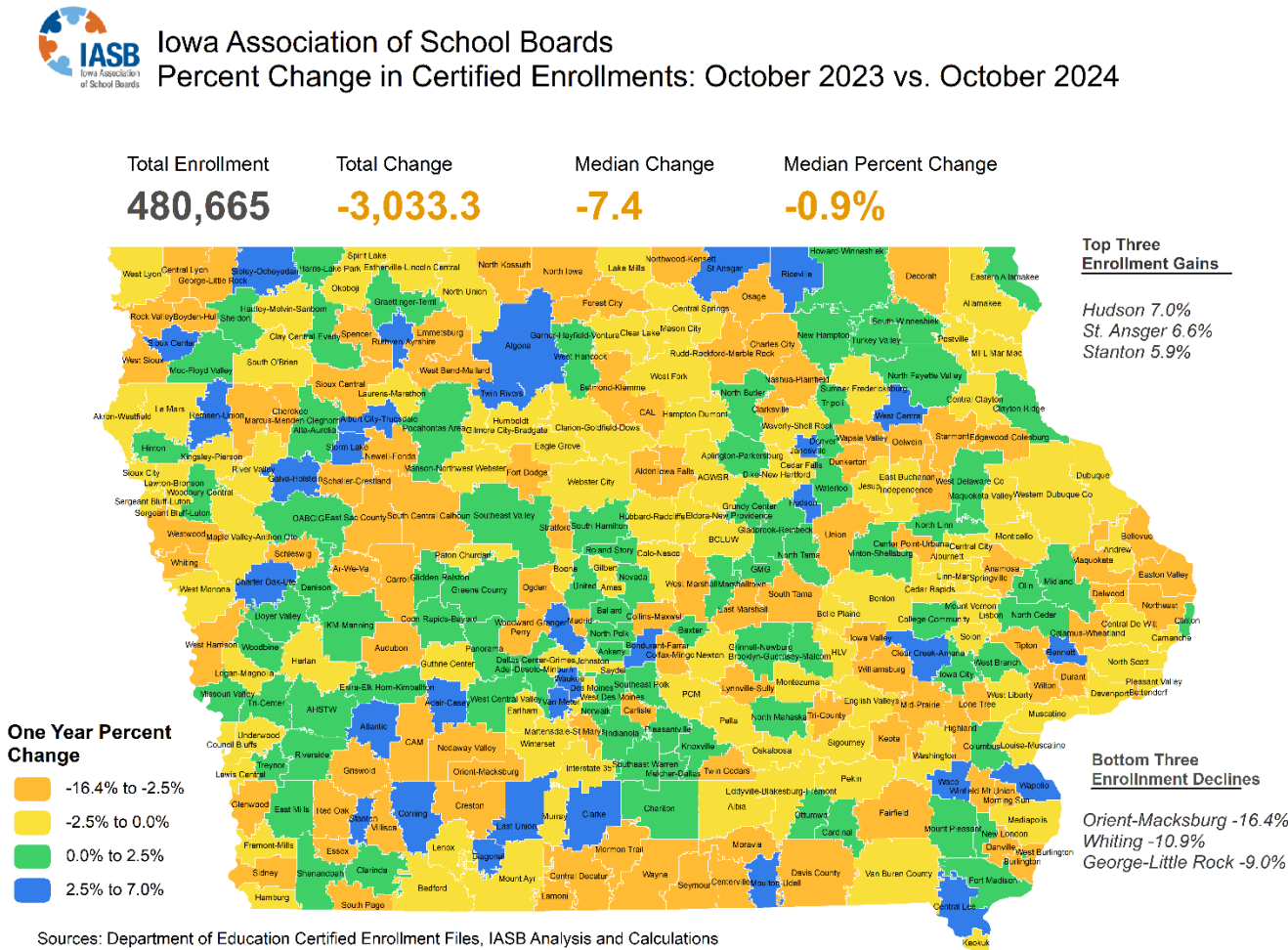


Sources: Department of Education Certified Enrollment Files, IASB Analysis and Calculations

School district total enrollments have continued to decline since the introduction of ESAs. Compared to October 2023, certified enrollments have dropped by 3,033 students and declined a total of 5,811 students compared to October 2022.

The following map provides the percentage change in certified enrollment from the October 2023 count to the October 2024 count. Of the 325 school districts, 207 districts (63.7%) had a decrease in enrollment and 118 districts (36.3%) had an increase. Overall, the total enrollments for the 2024-2025 school year decreased by 3,033.3 (-0.6%).

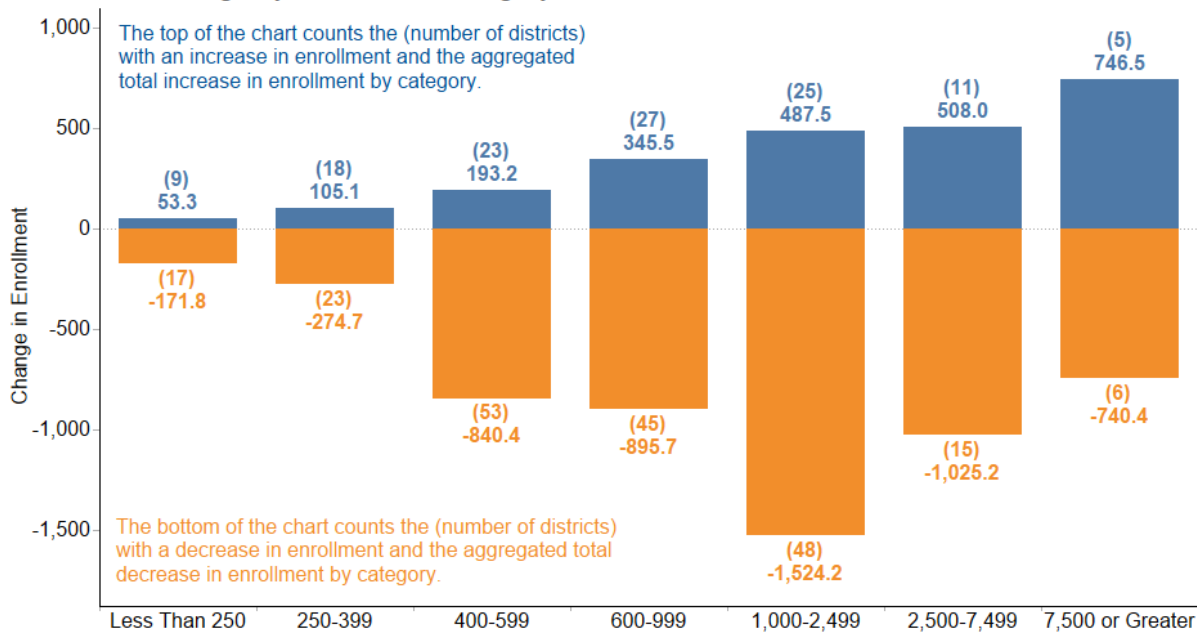
Click [here](#) for a larger map.



The following table and chart show the overall enrollment changes by enrollment category. Of note:

- Six of the seven enrollment categories had a net negative overall change. Districts with an enrollment of 7,500 or greater had a slight increase driven primarily by increases in enrollment in Waukee and Ankeny school districts.
- Every enrollment category had a larger number of districts with a loss in enrollment than districts with a gain in enrollment.

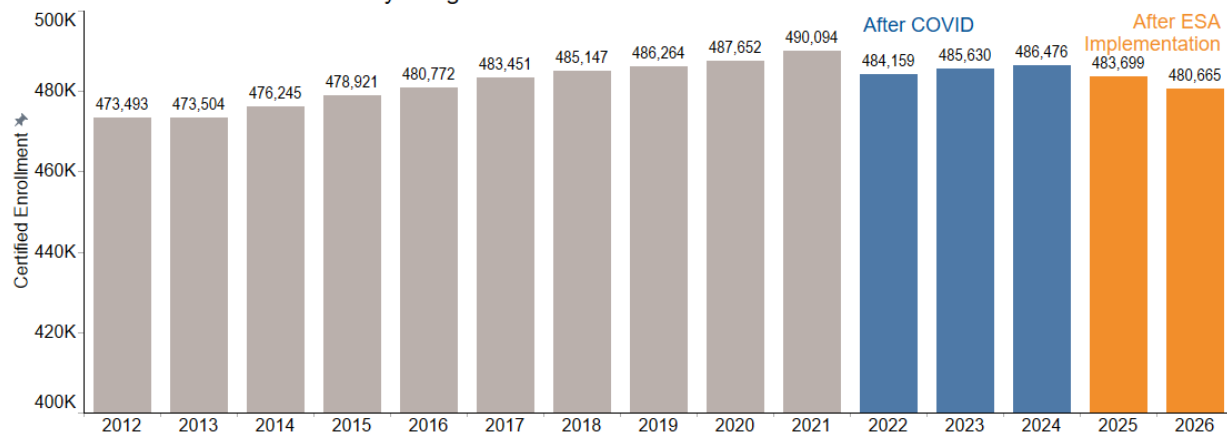
Enrollment Change by Enrollment Category



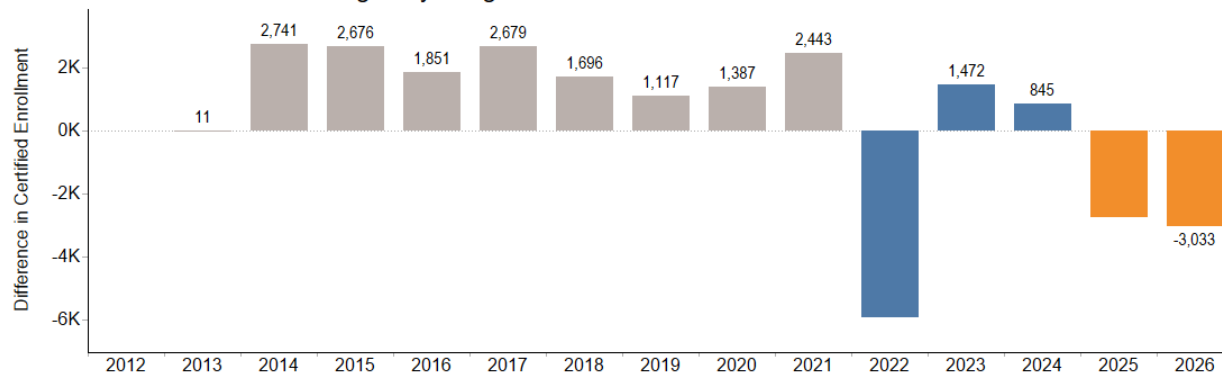
Enrollment Trends

The following charts provide the enrollment trends from October 2012 through October 2024. Enrollments had trended upward until the COVID pandemic. A sharp decrease in enrollments occurred in October 2020 due to parental decisions resulting from the pandemic. Enrollments dropped again in the last two years, likely due to the introduction of the new Educational Savings Account (ESA) law that began in the 2023-2024 school year. The Department of Education reported that 1,905 students who had an ESA in October 2024 were enrolled in public schools the previous year.

School District Enrollment Totals By Budget Year



School District Enrollment Changes By Budget Year



The following link provides additional information on certified enrollments, including served enrollments:

- [Certified Enrollment Comparison Tool](#)— Provides current and historical data on certified enrollments, including enrollment trend data for each variable in the certified enrollment file. Additionally, this tool allows for comparison between districts on the various elements included in the certified enrollment.

Resident ESA Students as a Percentage of Certified Enrollment and Estimated State Categorical Funding Amounts

The 2023-2024 school year is the initial year of Education Savings Accounts. School districts that have resident students who have received an Education Savings Account (ESA) will generate state categorical funding for those students. Resident ESA students from 2024-2025 will generate funding in FY 2026. The funding includes the following state-categorical supplements:

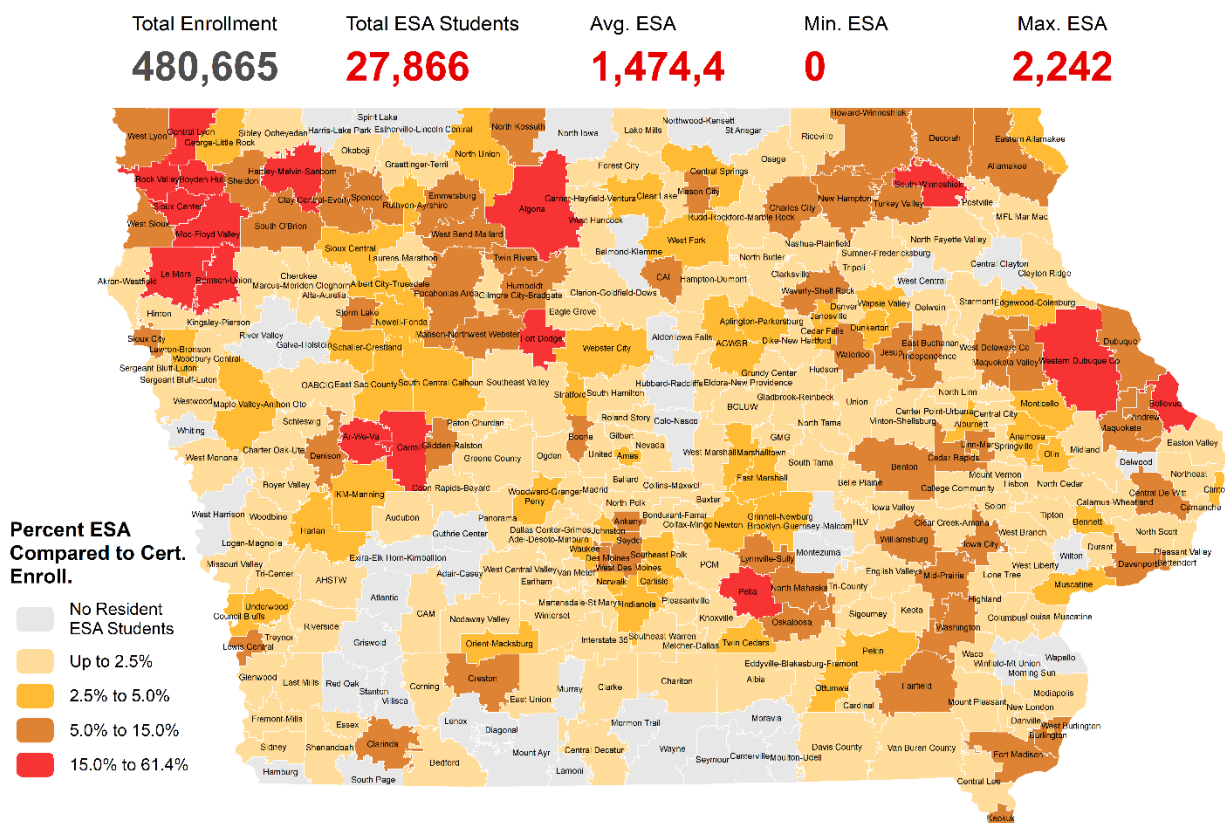
- Teacher Salary Supplements (TSS)
- Professional Development Supplement (PDS)
- Early Intervention Supplement (EIS)
- Teacher Leadership Supplement (TLS)

The following map provides information on the percentage of resident ESA students to the school district's certified enrollment. Of the 325 school districts, 281 (86.5%) had at least one resident ESA student that would generate state categorical funding for the district, while 44 (13.5%) did not have a resident ESA student.

- Click [here](#) for a larger map
- Click [here](#) for the list with the ESA resident enrollment count by district.



Iowa Association of School Boards Resident Education Savings Account (ESA) Students as a Percentage to October 2024 Certified Enrollment



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The table below provides estimated FY 2026 state categorical funding generated from the resident ESA students and totals \$20.2 million (based on the Governor's recommendation of SSA for FY 2026 at 2.0%).

Estimated State Categorical Funding Amounts from Resident ESA Students — FY 2026*

	FY 2026
Number of Districts with ESA Resident Students	281
ESA Enrollment	27,866
Teacher Salary Supplement (TSS)	\$ 23.3
Professional Development (PD)	\$ 2.2
Early Intervention (EI)	\$ 2.4
Teacher Leadership (TLS)	\$ 10.8
Estimated Total State Categorical Funding	\$ 38.7

* Based on Governor's 2.0% Categorical Percent of Growth

All dollars in millions.

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