



Certified Enrollment Report – October 2020 Net Open Enrollment

The Department of Education released information pertaining to this past October’s certified enrollment count. “Row 2” of the certified enrollment report provides the number of resident students that open enroll out to another district. “Row 8” of the certified enrollment report provides the number of non-resident students that open enroll into the district. Net open enrollment represents the difference between the number of students open enrolled-in less the number of students open enrolled-out to a district. For the 2020-2021 school year, there were 35,226.5 (7.3%) students that were open enrolled. More detailed information on the certified enrollment count, including net open enrollment, is available on the [IASB’s certified enrollment comparison tool](#).

The following table provides information pertaining to net open enrollment as a percentage of served enrollment by enrollment category. Note that served enrollment is “Row 11” on the certified enrollment report. Of the 327 school districts; 175 (53.5%) had a net open enrollment decrease while 152 (46.5%) had a net open enrollment increase.

Enrollment Category*	Number of Districts	October Served Enrollment	Net Open Enrollment In (Out)	Number of Districts with a Net Open Enr. Decrease	Number of Districts with a Net Open Enr. Increase	Net Open Enrollment In (Out) % of Served Enrollment			
						Average	Median	Maximum	Minimum
<250	24	3,285	(593)	19	5	-18.0%	-30.3%	23.4%	-174.4%
250-399	38	11,604	(253)	25	13	-2.2%	-11.9%	46.3%	-297.0%
400-599	83	45,153	3,182	46	37	7.0%	2.0%	63.9%	-31.7%
600-999	71	55,447	586	32	39	1.1%	0.3%	32.1%	-22.4%
1,000-2,499	75	113,084	1,472	33	42	1.3%	1.0%	23.9%	-16.3%
2,500-7,499	24	98,314	194	9	15	0.2%	0.1%	13.5%	-20.5%
7,500 and over	12	157,271	(4,588)	11	1	-2.9%	-2.7%	1.9%	-7.0%
State	327	484,159	-	175	152	0.0%	-1.0%	63.9%	-297.0%

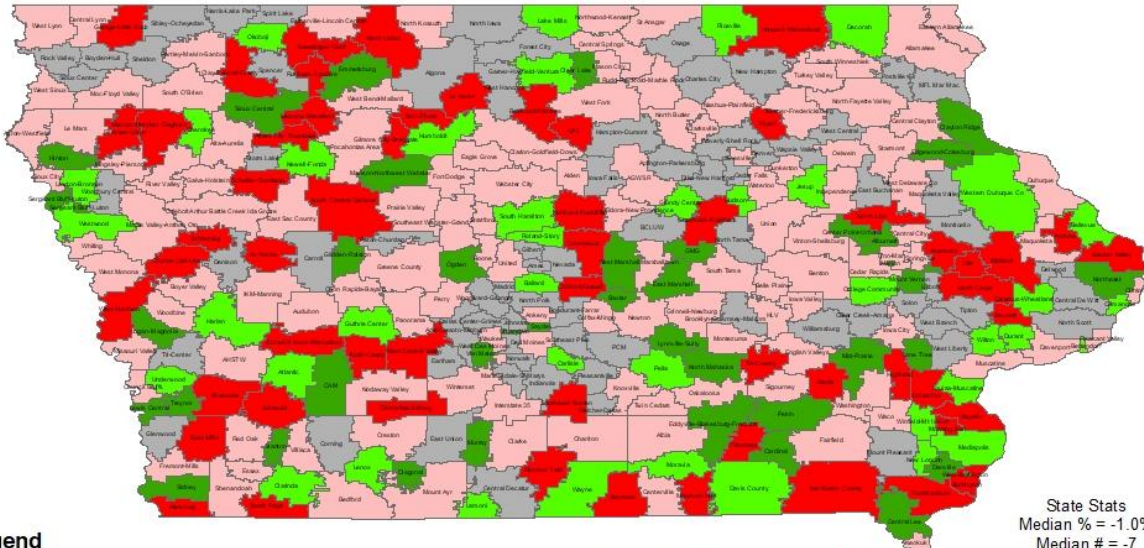
*Enrollment categories are based on the resident student count of certified enrollment (row 7 of the certified enrollment report).

The following map shows the net open as a percentage the district served enrollment for each district (2020-21 school year). [Click here for a larger map](#).



Iowa Association of School Boards October 2020 Certified Enrollment: Net Open Enrollment as a Percentage of Served Enrollment

[Click Here for District Specific Data on Open Enrollments by School District](#)



Legend

Net Open Enrollment as a Percentage of Served Enrollment

- Between -10.0% to -297.0% (57 Districts)
- Between -0.1% to -9.9% (118 Districts)
- Between 0.0% and 4.9% (72 Districts)
- Between 5.0% and 9.9% (40 districts)
- Between 10.0% and 63.9% (40 Districts)

Districts with a net increase = 175 (53.5%)
Districts with a net decrease = 152 (46.5%)

Notes:
Net open enrollment is the difference between open enrollment-in and open enrollment-out.
Net open enrollment as a percentage of served enrollment is the net open enrollment amount divided by served enrollment.

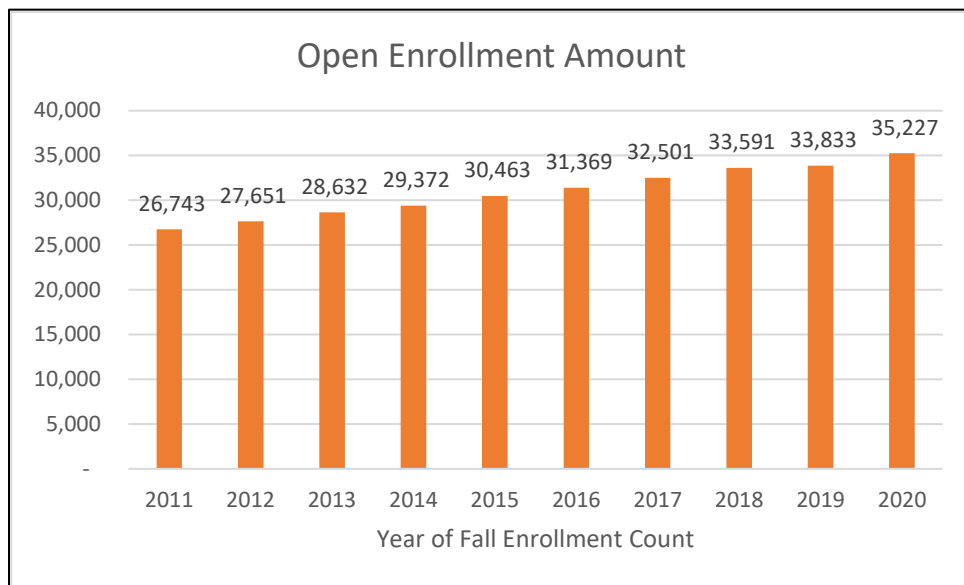
State Stats
Median % = -1.0%
Median # = -7
Max % = 63.9%
Max # = 877
Min % = -297.0%
Min # = -1,064

Sources:
Iowa Department of Education, Certified Enrollment file
IASB analysis and calculations

Iowa law provides that school aid funding follows students that open enrolled. School aid formula funding is generated based on the school district's resident enrollment count and the funding is distributed to school districts based on that count. However, law requires that tuition be paid for the open enrolled student from the resident district to the attending district. It should be noted that not all funding generated by resident students "follows the student" to the attending district. The following chart provides information on which funds are required to follow the student and which funds are not.

Open Enrollment - Money Follows the Student			
	Follows the Student?	Notes	Open Enr. Tuition in FY 2021
Regular Program	YES	Amount is equal to the previous year's State Cost Per Pupil (SCPP)	\$ 6,880.00
Special Education	YES	Amount is the costs incurred for appropriate special education	varies on situation
Teacher Salary Supplement (TSS)	No		
Professional Development Supplement (PDS)	No		
Early Intervention Supplement (EIS)	No		
Teacher Leadership Supplement (TLS)	YES	Amount is equal to the previous year's TLC costs per pupil	\$ 333.23
Secure an Advanced Vision for Education (SAVE)	No		
Notes: Districts also will pay tuition for supplementary weighting costs resulting from concurrent enrollments and for supplementary weighting costs associated with Limited- English-proficient (LEP) supplementary weighting. Open enrollment tuition for regular program and TLS is the prior year's state cost per pupil amount.			

The following chart shows the total open enrollment amount from the fall of 2011 to the fall of 2020. The amounts have increased each year and the increase between the fall of 2019 and the fall of 2020 was the largest increase of all years shown.



In addition to the open enrollment data, the IASB has other tools pertaining to certified enrollment. Other tools include:

- [Financial Focus Enrollment Data Information](#)
- [Net Open Enrollment October 2020 Data Sheet](#)
- [Percentage Change in Certified Enrollments Map](#)
- [Data Sheet with Enrollment Changes from 2019-20 to 2020-21](#)
- [Certified Enrollment Comparison Tool](#)