



## Certified Enrollments: October 2021 versus October 2020 and Potential Impact on the FY 2023 Budget Guarantee Amount

The Iowa Department of Education released the certified enrollment counts from this past October. With this new data, IASB has updated the following enrollment data tools:

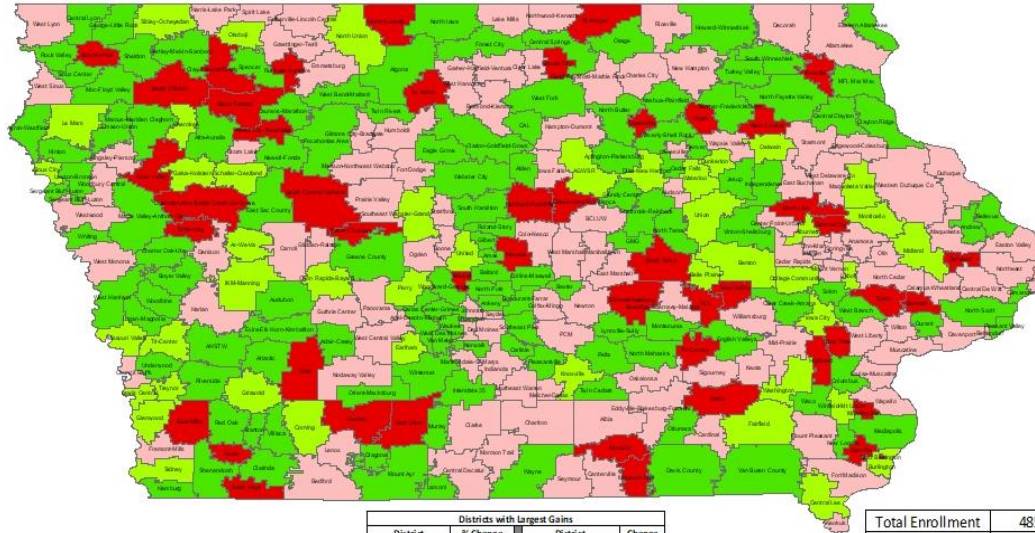
- [Certified Enrollment Comparison Tool](#) - Provides current and historical data on certified enrollments including enrollment trend data for each of the variables included in the certified enrollment file. Additionally, this tool allows for comparison between districts on the various elements included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

The following map provides the percentage change in certified enrollment from the October 2020 count to the October 2021 count ([please click here or on the map for a larger version](#)). Of the 327 school districts, 169 districts (51.7%) had an increase in enrollment, 158 districts (48.3%) had a decrease. Overall, the total enrollments increased by 1,471.9 (0.3%). [Click here for enrollment data of all districts](#). While enrollments increased this past fall, the total is still below the level seen in the October 2019.



## Iowa Association of School Boards Change in Certified Enrollments: October 2021 versus October 2020

[Click Here for District Specific Information](#)



**Legend**

**Percentage Change in Certified Enrollments**

- -10.7% to -2.5% (47 Districts)
- -2.4% to 0.0% (111 Districts)
- 0.1% to 2.5% (44 Districts)
- 2.6% to 15.8% (125 Districts)

Districts with Largest Gains			
District	% Change	District	Change
Hamburg	15.8%	Waukee	621.1
Alders	10.3%	Amesbury	364.8
Van Meter	10.2%	Pleasant Valley	179.4
CAL	8.4%	Clear Creek-Amana	173.4
Berens-Union	7.3%	Dallas Center-Grimes	170.5

Districts with Largest Losses			
District	% Change	District	Change
Rathven-Ashtabula	-10.7%	Des Moines	(187.7)
Plattsmouth	-10.3%	Council Bluffs	(186.7)
Delwood	-10.3%	Dubuque	(188.5)
Moulton-Udell	-10.2%	Cedar Rapids	(150.6)
Liberty City-Trustedal	-9.5%	Mason City	(90.1)

Total Enrollment	485,630.4
Total Change	1,471.90
Median Enrollment	676
Median Change	1.0
Median % Change	0.1%

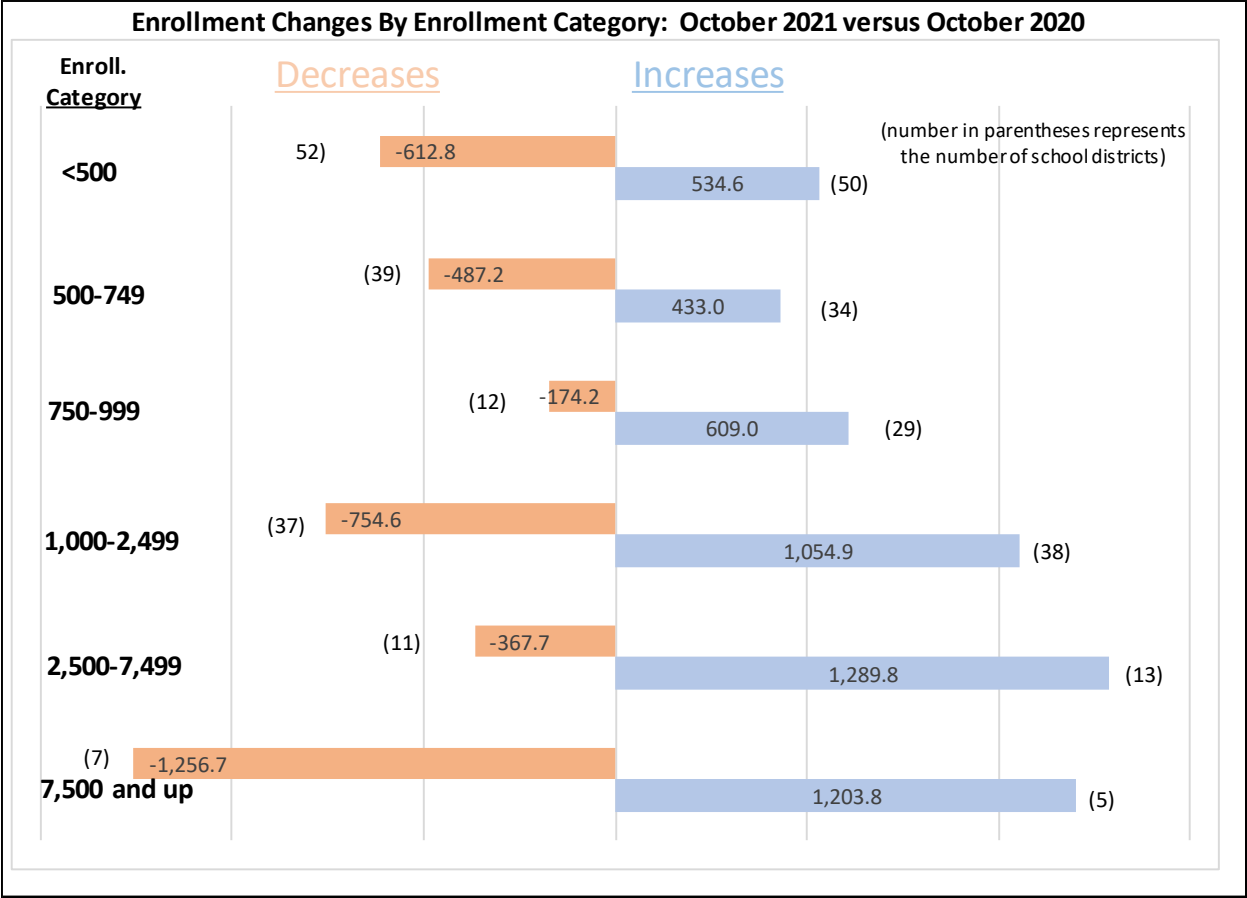
Sources:  
Iowa Department of Education, Certified Enrollment file  
IASB analysis and calculations

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

- Three enrollment categories had an overall increase and three had an overall decrease.
- The 2,500 to 7,499 enrollment category had the largest overall increase (up 922 students).

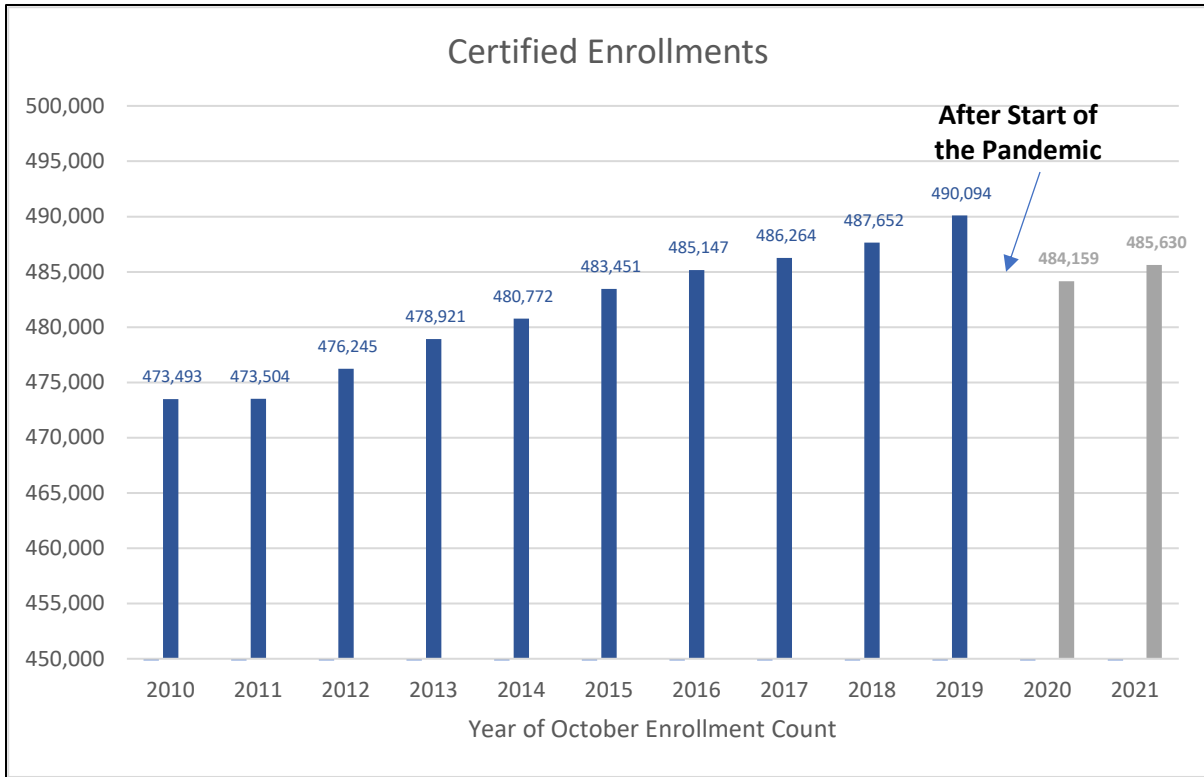
Certified Enrollment Changes by Enrollment Category: October 2021 versus October 2020							
Enrollment Category	Oct. 2020 Enrollment	Oct. 2021 Enrollment	Enr. Change	Districts with a Decrease		Districts with an Increase	
				# of Districts	Enr. Change	# of Districts	Enr. Change
<500	34,804.5	34,726.3	-78.2	52	-612.8	50	534.6
500-749	43,806.9	43,752.7	-54.2	39	-487.2	34	433.0
750-999	34,830.0	35,264.8	434.8	12	-174.2	29	609.0
1,000-2,499	110,929.9	111,230.2	300.3	37	-754.6	38	1,054.9
2,500-7,499	97,978.0	98,900.1	922.1	11	-367.7	13	1,289.8
7,500 and up	161,809.2	161,756.3	-52.9	7	-1,256.7	5	1,203.8
<b>State Enrollment</b>	<b>484,158.5</b>	<b>485,630.4</b>	<b>1,471.9</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>-3,653.2</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>5,125.1</b>

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### Enrollment Trends

The following chart provides the enrollment trends from October 2010 through October 2021. 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. While enrollments did increase by 0.3% in October 2021, they are still well below the October 2019 level. [Click here to see your district's enrollment trends.](#)



## FY 2023 Budget Guarantee Implications

In prior Data Boost publications, information has been provided regarding the impact of certified enrollments and supplemental state aid on the budget guarantee. Below is information that provides detail on how enrollments and supplemental state aid impact budget guarantee amounts.

### [FY 2022 Budget Guarantee Information](#)

The FY 2023 supplemental state aid (SSA) state percent of growth rate will be set in the upcoming legislative session. The following table shows the estimated statewide budget guarantee amounts at different SSA state percent of growth rates. To see an estimate of your district’s budget guarantee amount, use the [SSA/New Money Calculator](#). Note that budget guarantee is funded entirely through local property taxes and requires adoption of a board resolution prior to budget certification.

SSA - State Percent of Growth Rate	0.0%	1.0%	2.0%	3.0%	4.0%	5.0%
Budget Guarantee Amount	\$47,333,115	\$26,829,309	\$13,318,587	\$5,727,687	\$3,427,043	\$2,156,232
Number of Districts Eligible for Budget Guarantee	204	158	99	67	41	29
% of Districts Eligible for Budget Guarantee	62.4%	48.3%	30.3%	20.5%	12.5%	8.9%

You can also see an estimate of the [State Categorical Supplements](#) based on the October 2021 enrollment.