Southern California School Enrollment Trends and Forecasts

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California Public K-12 Graded Enrollment

State of California, Department of Finance, California Public K-12 Graded Enrollment and High School Graduate Projections by County, 2008 Series. Sacramento, California, October 2008.
Projected Southern CA Public K-12 Graded Enrollment

COASTAL COUNTIES (without LA)

(California Department of Finance Demographic Research Unit)
Inland School Districts

% Annual Change in Public K-12 Enrollments

Orientation of LA County, LAUSD, and surrounding counties
Los Angeles County Public K-12 Graded Enrollment

LAUSD K-12 Enrollments as a share of all K-12 Public School Enrollments
Includes independent charter enrollments

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LAUSD K-12 Public Enrollment and Births, Historical and Forecast
(public enrollment includes affiliated and independent charters; opportunity schools; stand-alone magnets)

CA, LA County and LAUSD Historical and Forecast Births
The Los Angeles Unified School District:

- Enrolled 688,138 students in grades K-12 in SY08-09
- Is second only to New York City Public Schools in size (within the U.S.A.)
- Covers 710 square miles
- Serves all or part of 28 cities and multiple unincorporated areas
- Serves over 40% of LA County’s general & school-aged populations
- Had a $13.17 billion total School District Budget in SY05-06
- Had a $19.2 billion new school construction and repair program, the largest in U.S. history, scheduled to be completed in 2012
- In SY08-09, was composed of:
  - 885 K-12 Schools and Centers
  - 194 Adult, Special and Occupational Schools and Centers
  - 79 Independent K-12 Charters and Centers
  - 36,767 Regular Teachers
  - 40,514 Administrators, Support and Classified Staff
Data Sources

- Los Angeles Unified School District, Master Planning and Demographics, Historical District-Wide Enrollment, SY1961 – SY1988
- Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Office of Health and Assessment and Epidemiology, Data Collection & Analysis Unit. Birth Records.

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About the Master Planning and Demographics Unit
Rena Perez, Director
The Los Angeles Unified School District is the nation’s second largest public school system, serving approximately 688,000 children in grades K-12. The Master Planning and Demographics Unit supports the Los Angeles Unified School District’s mission to educate students through its dedication to the research and analysis utilized in the planning for the optimal utilization of existing schools and determining the need for new school facilities. For more information, please visit us on the web at www.lausd.net or www.laschools.org/employee/mpd/.

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