

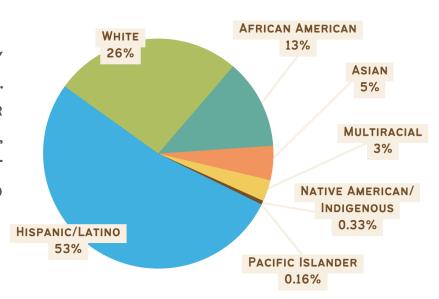
#### THE FACTS ABOUT TEXAS PUBLIC EDUCATION

# WHO ARE OUR STUDENTS AND THEIR TEACHERS?

**During the 2021-2022 school year, there were 5,427,370 students** (about twice the population of Arkansas) enrolled in Texas public schools. This is a 1% increase from the 2020-2021 school year, but it is still lower than pre-COVID levels. However, overall enrollment has increased over the past ten years. Between 2012 and 2022, student enrollment increased by nearly 7% or by 428,791 students.

## THE MAJORITY OF TEXAS PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE STUDENTS OF COLOR

OUR SCHOOL SYSTEMS ARE MOSTLY POPULATED BY STUDENTS OF COLOR. HISPANIC/LATINO STUDENTS ACCOUNT FOR 52.7% OF THE 2021-2022 ENROLLMENT, BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDENTS AT 12.8%, ASIAN STUDENTS AT 4.8%, AND MULTIRACIAL STUDENTS AT 2.9%.



### MAJORITY CLASSIFIED AS ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED

The majority of our students are classified as economically disadvantaged, meaning they participate in the federal free and reduced lunch program. **Economically disadvantaged students make up 60.6% of the student population.** The number of economically disadvantaged students has increased by 9.2% between the 2011-2012 and 2021-2022 school years. Furthermore, the number of economically disadvantaged students in Texas is higher than the national average (52.1%).<sup>2</sup>

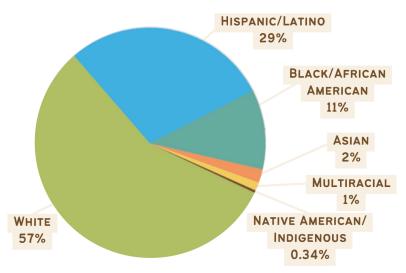




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THE TEACHER POPULATION IN TEXAS DOES NOT REFLECT THE STUDENT POPULATION. DURING THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR, TEXAS HAD 376,086 REGULAR CLASSROOM TEACHERS.



However, 56.57% (or 212,743) of these teachers were white. 28.8% of teachers identified as Hispanic/Latino, 11.11% as Black/African American, 1.87% as Asian and 1.16% as multiracial. 76% (285,444) of teachers are female and 24.1% (90,642) are male.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Texas Education Agency, Enrollment in Texas Public Schools 2021-22

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