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### Utah Public School Enrollment Sees a Decline for the First Time in 2023

SALT LAKE CITY – According to data released by the Utah State Board of Education, enrollment in Utah’s public education system decreased by 1,988 students, which marks a 0.3 percent decrease from the previous year. This also marks the first time that the Utah public school system has seen a decline in enrollment. This year’s largest decreases in student counts are in elementary grades, with kindergarten showing a three percent decline and first grade showing a 4.4 percent decline from last year.

In contrast, charter schools continued to show growth by adding 513 students, a one percent increase from last year. Charter schools now account for 79,245 students in the public school population, or 12 percent of statewide student enrollment.

The number of students who are considered economically disadvantaged grew by 2,361 students, a 1.2 percent change from last year, and make up 30 percent of the total student population. The number of students with disabilities also increased by 3,784 students, marking a 12.9 percent change. Students requiring English Language Learning services remained approximately the same at nine percent of the student population, with 59,147 students.

Alpine School District is the state’s largest with 84,710 students. It is followed by Davis (70,703), Granite (58,312), Jordan (57,436), and Nebo (43,672).

### Utah Public School Demographics in 2023

	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>All Students</b>	672,662	100
<b>American Indian</b>	6,025	0.9
<b>Asian</b>	10,874	1.7
<b>Black</b>	8,757	1.3
<b>Hispanic</b>	132,110	19.6
<b>Pacific Islander</b>	10,531	1.6
<b>White</b>	478,697	71.4
<b>Multiracial</b>	25,668	3.4
<b>Economically Disadvantaged</b>	201,736	30
<b>English Language Learner</b>	59,147	8.8
<b>Student with Disability</b>	87,072	12.9

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