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English Learners (ELs) Who Are Black

According to the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)* section 9101(25), an EL (or “limited English proficient” child, per the *ESEA*) is “an individual (A) who is aged 3 through 21; (B) who is enrolled or preparing to enroll in an elementary school or secondary school; (C)(i) who was not born in the United States or whose native language is a language other than English; (ii)(I) who is a Native American or Alaska Native, or a native resident of the outlying areas; and (II) who comes from an environment where a language other than English has had a significant impact on the individual’s level of English language proficiency; or (iii) who is migratory, whose native language is a language other than English, and who comes from an environment where a language other than English is dominant; and (D) whose difficulties in speaking, reading, writing, or understanding the English language may be sufficient to deny the individual (i) the ability to meet the State’s proficient level of achievement on State assessments described in section 1111(b)(3) [of the *ESEA*]; (ii) the ability to successfully achieve in classrooms where the language of instruction is English; or (iii) the opportunity to participate fully in society.”

States, Including D.C., with the Highest Concentration of ELs Who Are Black

State	Percentage of ELs Who Are Black	Total Number of ELs Who Are Black	Total Number of ELs
1. Maine	48.6%	2,547	5,240
2. Vermont	27.1%	497	1,835
3. Mississippi	25.9%	2,700	10,431
4. South Dakota	21.4%	967	4,511
5. North Dakota	21.3%	862	4,047
6. Minnesota	19.9%	13,220	66,296
7. Ohio	18.0%	7,330	40,829
8. Washington, D.C.	15.7%	952	6,063
9. Massachusetts	14.5%	10,838	74,703
10. New Hampshire	14.0%	808	5,769
Total in Top 10 States	18.5%	40,721	219,724
Total in All States	3.7%	180,467	4,834,433

Fact
Maine has the highest concentration of ELs who are Black enrolled in public schools (48.6 percent).

Source: U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, Civil Rights Data Collection, 2011-12.

States, Including D.C., with the Largest Number of ELs Who Are Black

State	Total Number of ELs Who Are Black	Total Number of ELs	Percentage of ELs Who Are Black
1. Florida	33,742	248,697	13.6%
2. New York	14,595	218,181	6.7%
3. Minnesota	13,220	66,296	19.9%
4. Massachusetts	10,838	74,703	14.5%
5. Texas	10,749	848,875	1.3%
6. California	8,629	1,485,222	0.6%
7. Virginia	7,956	107,426	7.4%
8. Ohio	7,330	40,829	18.0%
9. Maryland	6,751	55,617	12.1%
10. Washington	5,042	96,241	5.2%
Total in Top 10 States	118,852	3,242,087	3.7%
Total in All States	180,467	4,834,433	3.7%

Fact
Florida has the largest number of ELs who are Black enrolled in public schools.

Source: U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, Civil Rights Data Collection, 2011-12.



Local Education Agencies (LEAs) With the Largest Number of ELs Who Are Black

LEA	State	Total Number of ELs Who Are Black	Total Number of ELs	Percentage of ELs Who are Black
1. New York City Public Schools	NY	9,102	147,198	6.0%
2. Broward County Public Schools	FL	8,104	25,311	32.0%
3. Dade County Public Schools	FL	6,772	70,691	10.0%
4. School District of Palm Beach County	FL	6,129	19,021	32.0%
5. Orange County Public Schools	FL	5,082	27,830	18.0%
6. Boston Public Schools	MA	3,941	19,157	21.0%
7. Fairfax County Public Schools	VA	3,224	37,519	9.0%
8. Montgomery County Public Schools	MD	3,090	22,519	14.0%
9. Leflore County School District	MS	2,598	2,720	96.0%
10. Brockton Public Schools	MA	2,361	3,274	72.0%
11. Columbus City School District	OH	2,213	5,261	42.0%
12. Prince George's County Public Schools	MD	1,994	16,341	12.0%
13. Seattle Public Schools	WA	1,853	6,220	30.0%
14. San Diego Unified School District	CA	1,807	36,929	5.0%
15. Minneapolis Public School District	MN	1,751	7,390	24.0%
16. St. Paul Public School District	MN	1,751	14,402	12.0%
17. DeKalb County School District	GA	1,423	9,845	14.0%
18. Philadelphia City School District	PA	1,352	12,241	11.0%
19. Denver Public Schools	CO	1,314	27,558	5.0%
20. Prince William County Public Schools	VA	1,284	18,144	7.0%
21. Jefferson County Schools	KY	1,271	5,769	22.0%
22. Collier County Public Schools	FL	1,249	6,169	20.0%
23. Portland Public Schools	ME	1,136	1,758	65.0%
24. Hillsborough County Public Schools	FL	1,128	23,696	5.0%
25. Houston Independent School District	TX	1,114	60,924	2.0%
Total in Top 25 LEAs		73,043	627,887	11.6%
Total in all U.S. LEAs		180,467	4,834,433	3.7%

Source: U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, Civil Rights Data Collection, 2011-12.

Fact

Twenty-five LEAs in the United States enroll 11.6 percent of all ELs who are Black in public schools.

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