

U.S. Catholic Education Snapshot 2008-09 School Year

Catholic Schools

Total Catholic school enrollment:	2,192,531
Elementary school enrollment:	1,568,016
Secondary school enrollment:	624,515
Minority students:	643,173 29.3%
Non-Catholic:	325,835 14.9%
Total number of schools:	7,248
Elementary schools:	6,028
Secondary schools:	1,220
Co-educational:	93.6%
Single sex male:	2.6%
Single sex female:	3.8%
New schools in 2009/9:	31
New schools in last 5 years:	184
Schools with waiting lists for admission:	(29.2%) 2,114
Full-time professional staff:	157,615
Laity:	96.0%
Religious/clergy:	4.0%
Student/teacher ratio:	14:1
Average Tuition	
Elementary:	\$3,159
Secondary:	\$8,182

Religious Education

Non-parochial school	
Catholic elementary students:	3,145,424
Non-parochial school	
Catholic secondary students:	689,552
Number of parishes:	18,890
Directors of Religious Education:	13,000*

*Estimate. No studies have been conducted.

Boards, Commissions, Councils of Catholic Education

Number of boards:	6,092
Schools with boards:	84%

Catholic Colleges and Universities

Number of colleges/universities:	201
Students:	900,000

Seminaries

Total Seminary enrollment:	3,286
Diocesan candidates in Theology:	2,489
Religious candidates in Theology:	797
High schools:	7
High School enrollment:	536
Freestanding colleges:	13
Collaborative colleges:	24
College level enrollment:	1,381
Graduate-level Theologates:	46
Houses of priestly formation for institutes of religious men:	89

Data for the 2008-09 school year, unless noted.
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