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Utah's Public Schools Add 7,872 Students This Year

SALT LAKE CITY – Utah's public schools added 7,872 students this school year bringing the total enrollment count to 652,348, according to data released today by the Utah State Board of Education.

This represents a 1.2 percent increase over last year's enrollment of 644,476.

Utah public schools conduct a census of students annually on Oct. 1. The data for the 2017 count, which was actually taken on Oct. 2 because Oct. 1 was on a Sunday this year, is available online now at <https://schools.utah.gov/data/datareports>, under the "Enrollment/Membership" tab.

Other items of interest found in this year's enrollment count include:

- Charter school enrollment grew by 5.7 percent to 75,567 students. Charters now account for about 11.6 percent of Utah public school enrollment.
- The five largest school districts in Utah are:
 - Alpine 78,853
 - Davis 71,908
 - Granite 66,024
 - Jordan 53,519
 - Canyons 33,907
- The five smallest school districts in Utah are:
 - Daggett 163

- Tintic 239
- Piute 274
- Wayne 447
- Rich 494

- The five largest district high schools are:

Granger High (Granite District)	3,164
Westlake High (Alpine District)	3,056
Herriman High (Jordan District)	3,031
West High (Salt Lake City District)	2,771
Copper Hills High (Jordan District)	2,753

- The five largest charter schools are:

Providence Hall (K-12, Herriman)	2,092
Utah Virtual Academy (K-12, online)	2,037
American Leadership Academy (K-12, Spanish Fork)	1,765
American Preparatory Academy-Accelerated (K-12, WVC)	1,445
American International School (K-12, Murray)	1,363

- Students who identify as racial and ethnic minorities comprise 25 percent of Utah’s school population. This represents 165,711 students.
- Students who are from low income families comprise 35 percent of Utah’s student population. This represents 229,790 students.
- 11.6 percent of Utah students are receiving special education services. This represents 75,383 students.
- 6.7 percent of Utah students are considered English language learners. This represents 43,784 students.

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