# English Learner (EL) Home Language and Enrollment Trends in the School District of Philadelphia: 2014-15 to 2022-23 

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## Key Findings

- The percentage of students who were English Learners (ELs) in the School District of Philadelphia (SDP) grew from 9\% in 2014-15 to 17\% in 2022-23.
- In 2022-23, 160 home languages (including English) were spoken in households of ELs, Former ELs, and Multilingual students enrolled in SDP District and Alternative schools.
- From 2014-15 through 2022-23, 107-119 unique languages were spoken by all ELs. However, 64-71 unique home languages were spoken by five or more ELs in at least one year.
- From 2014-15 through 2022-23, over 90\% of ELs, Former ELs, and Multilingual students were associated with one of 21 languages.
- From 2014-15 to 2022-23, the number of schools where ELs made up 20\% or more of the student population more than doubled, growing from 26 schools to 59 schools.


## Who Are English Learners (ELs)?

In the School District of Philadelphia (SDP), English Learners or ELs are students who take the WIDA English proficiency screener ${ }^{1}$ and receive a composite score that identifies them as ELs.

ELs often require more supports than their non-EL counterparts to succeed academically while simultaneously learning English, and may thrive in settings that incorporate culturally and linguistically appropriate instruction adapted to their home language and culture. ${ }^{2}$ ELs who have developed high enough English proficiency ${ }^{3}$ that they no longer require additional in-school English-learning supports are exited from EL status and considered Former ELs. Some Former ELs may also be Bilingual or Multilingual. Bilingual and Multilingual students have high enough

[^0]English proficiency that they do not require in-school English-learning supports. Bilingual or Multilingual students who are proficient in English when they first enroll in a U.S. school are not ever identified as ELs.

## School Experiences of English Learners are Varied

English Learners must navigate learning a new language and learning grade-level academic content at the same time, often while acclimating to an unfamiliar school system. Many factors contribute to a student's school experience as an EL, including each student's family context, home language, academic proficiency in their native language, and the number of supports available in the school they attend (which is often dependent on the neighborhood where they live).

It is critical to understand EL enrollment trends and the home languages represented in SDP in order to best support our ELs, Former ELs, and Multilingual students. By examining the growth patterns of EL enrollment in SDP, we can identify schools that have growing EL populations and allocate resources to accommodate for the programs and supports that benefit ELs. The analyses conducted for this brief aim to summarize the patterns of home language and English Learner enrollment over time.

## Research Questions

Two primary questions guided the analyses described in this brief:

1. Which home languages were spoken by SDP students between 2014-15 and 2022-23?
2. What size was the EL population in District and Alternative schools between 2014-15 and 2022-23?

## Data Used for Analyses

In this brief, we summarize SDP administrative enrollment and demographic data. Analyses describe all students enrolled in SDP schools from 2014-15 to 2022-23 as of October 1 of each respective school year (Table 1). ${ }^{4}$ Students are included in multiple years if they were enrolled in SDP schools in each of those years. ${ }^{5}$

Between 2014-15 and 2022-23, the overall population of students in SDP schools steadily declined, from over 133,000 students in 2014-15 to about 117,000 students in 2022-23. During that same time period, the percentage of the SDP population who were English Learners (ELs) grew steadily, from 9\% in 2014-15 to 17\% in 2022-23.

[^1]Table 1. Number of students in the analyses and their EL status

| School Year | All Students | English Learners | Non-English Learners |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $2014-15$ | 133,399 | $9 \%$ | $91 \%$ |
| $2015-16$ | 134,227 | $10 \%$ | $90 \%$ |
| $2016-17$ | 132,253 | $10 \%$ | $90 \%$ |
| $2017-18$ | 132,178 | $11 \%$ | $89 \%$ |
| $2018-19$ | 130,961 | $12 \%$ | $88 \%$ |
| $2019-20$ | 127,391 | $13 \%$ | $87 \%$ |
| $2020-21$ | 122,448 | $13 \%$ | $87 \%$ |
| $2021-22$ | 117,668 | $15 \%$ | $85 \%$ |
| $2022-23$ | 117,067 | $17 \%$ | $83 \%$ |

Source: Qlik Enrollment Oct 1 Snapshot App, accessed June 7, 2023, SDP District and Alternative Schools Note: English Learners (ELs) are students who were categorized as English Learners via the WIDA Screener and were still ELs during the year of interest. Non-English Learners include students who are Former ELs (i.e., students who scored high enough on the ACCESS assessment and other language evaluations to switch their status from Current EL to Former EL), Multilingual students (i.e., students who speak multiple languages and have high enough English proficiency that they do not qualify as an EL), and students who were never categorized as English Learners. The numbers will not match the ORE brief English Learner (EL) Enrollment Trends in the School District of Philadelphia: 2015-16 to 2019-206 because the current brief includes students in both District and Alternative schools, but the prior brief only includes students in District schools. See Appendix A for the percentage of students who were ELs in each school in 2014-15 and 2022-23.

## Which home languages were spoken by SDP students between 2014-

## 15 and 2022-23?

The analyses in this section focus first on the languages spoken by all Multilingual students enrolled in SDP during the years of interest, regardless of EL status. This includes ELs, Former ELs, and Multilingual students who were never ELs. The second part of the analyses focuses on languages spoken only by ELs, allowing us to identify the concentrations of ELs with specific home languages who directly benefit from EL supports.

## Home Languages of Multilingual Students

Between 2014-15 and 2022-23, the number of home languages spoken by Multilingual students (including ELs, Former ELs, and Multilingual students who were never ELs) increased from 123 to 159 (Table 2). However, a substantial number of those languages have fewer than five students whose households spoke these languages in each year listed. When languages associated with fewer than five students in a given year are excluded from the calculations, between 62-91 unique home languages were spoken in households with ELs, Former ELs, and Multilingual students.

[^2]Table 2. Number of home languages spoken in SDP by all students

| School Year | Number of home languages <br> spoken by Multilingual Students | Number of home languages spoken <br> by five or more Multilingual students |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $2014-15$ | 123 | 73 |
| $2015-16$ | 135 | 71 |
| $2016-17$ | 138 | 71 |
| $2017-18$ | 145 | 68 |
| $2018-19$ | 148 | 62 |
| $2019-20$ | 156 | 77 |
| $2020-21$ | 155 | 81 |
| $2021-22$ | 154 | 82 |
| $2022-23$ | 159 | 91 |

Source: Qlik Enrollment Oct 1 Snapshot App, accessed June 7, 2023, SDP District and Alternative Schools

While more than 150 languages were spoken by students enrolled in District or Alternative schools during the school years studied, note that over 90\% of ELs, Former ELs, and Multilingual students were associated with one of 21 home languages. Spanish was the home language for over $40 \%$ of students, and 20 other home languages accounted for about $50 \%$ of students (Table 3 ).

Table 3. Home languages associated with the highest percentages of ELs, Former ELs, and Multilingual students

| Top Home <br> Languages | Percentage of students associated with each language by school year |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\mathbf{1 4 - 1 5}$ | $\mathbf{1 5 - 1 6}$ | $\mathbf{1 6 - 1 7}$ | $\mathbf{1 7 - 1 8}$ | $\mathbf{1 8 - 1 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 9 - 2 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 - 2 1}$ | $\mathbf{2 1 - 2 2}$ | $\mathbf{2 2 - 2 3}$ |
| Spanish | $48 \%$ | $48 \%$ | $47 \%$ | $47 \%$ | $47 \%$ | $48 \%$ | $46 \%$ | $47 \%$ | $47 \%$ |
| Chinese <br> (Mandarin) | $6 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $9 \%$ |
| Portuguese | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $9 \%$ |
| Arabic | $6 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| Russian | $3 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| Bengali | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| Khmer | $5 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| Uzbek | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| Vietnamese | $5 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| Albanian | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Chinese <br> (Yue/Cantonese) | $3 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Creoles And <br> Pidgins, English- <br> Based (Other) | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Creoles And <br> Pidgins, French- <br> Based (Other) | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| French | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Haitian Creole | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ |


| Top Home | Percentage of students associated with each language by school year |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Languages | $\mathbf{1 4 - 1 5}$ | $\mathbf{1 5 - 1 6}$ | $\mathbf{1 6 - 1 7}$ | $\mathbf{1 7 - 1 8}$ | $\mathbf{1 8 - 1 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 9 - 2 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 - 2 1}$ | $\mathbf{2 1 - 2 2}$ | $\mathbf{2 2 - 2 3}$ |
| Indonesian | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Malayalam | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Pashto | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Tajik | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Ukrainian | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Urdu | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Total | $\mathbf{9 1 \%}$ | $\mathbf{9 1 \%}$ | $\mathbf{9 2} \%$ | $\mathbf{9 2} \%$ | $\mathbf{9 3} \%$ | $\mathbf{9 3} \%$ | $\mathbf{9 3} \%$ | $\mathbf{9 3} \%$ | $\mathbf{9 3} \%$ |

Source: Qlik Enrollment Oct 1 Snapshot App, accessed June 7, 2023, SDP District and Alternative Schools Note: The values in each cell were calculated based on the number of students who spoke the respective home language in the far left column divided by the number of students who spoke a home language other than English (that five or more students spoke in the year listed) in the column header. Cells with 0\% have between 40-121 students and rounded to less than $1 \%$.

## Home Languages of ELs

When we narrow our focus specifically to ELs enrolled in District or Alternative schools, we find that between 106-118 unique home languages ${ }^{7}$ were spoken in each school year (Table 4). Critically, a large number of languages included in the middle column have fewer than five students who spoke these languages in each year listed. When languages spoken by fewer than five households in a given year are excluded from the calculations, between 53-60 unique home languages were spoken yearly.

Table 4. Number of home languages spoken by English Learners

| School Year | Number of home languages spoken <br> by English Learners | Number of home languages spoken <br> by five or more English Learners |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $2014-15$ | 106 | 53 |
| $2015-16$ | 116 | 55 |
| $2016-17$ | 115 | 58 |
| $2017-18$ | 118 | 58 |
| $2018-19$ | 112 | 56 |
| $2019-20$ | 113 | 60 |
| $2020-21$ | 114 | 59 |
| $2021-22$ | 116 | 58 |
| $2022-23$ | 112 | 59 |

Source: Qlik Enrollment Oct 1 Snapshot App, accessed June 7, 2023, SDP District and Alternative Schools, English Learners only
Note: Table includes ELs only; Former ELs and Multilingual students who were never ELs are not included.

[^3]More than 90\% of ELs enrolled in District or Alternative schools between 2014-15 and 2022-23 were associated with one of 21 home languages (Table 5). Spanish was the home language for over $50 \%$ of ELs, and 20 other home languages accounted for about $40 \%$ of ELs.

Table 5. Home languages associated with the highest percentages of English Learners (ELs)

| Top Home <br> Languages | Percentage ELs associated with each language by school year |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\mathbf{2 0 1 4 -}$ <br> $\mathbf{1 5}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 5}$ <br> $\mathbf{1 6}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 6 -}$ <br> $\mathbf{1 7}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 7}$ <br> $\mathbf{1 8}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 8}$ <br> $\mathbf{1 9}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 9 -}$ <br> $\mathbf{2 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 2 0}$ <br> $\mathbf{2 1}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 2 1}$ <br> $\mathbf{2 2}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 2 2 -}$ <br> $\mathbf{2 3}$ |
| Spanish | $53 \%$ | $54 \%$ | $54 \%$ | $52 \%$ | $52 \%$ | $53 \%$ | $51 \%$ | $51 \%$ | $51 \%$ |
| Portuguese | $1 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $14 \%$ |
| Chinese <br> (Mandarin) | $6 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| Arabic | $6 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| Russian | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| Uzbek | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| Vietnamese | $4 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| Albanian | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Bengali | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Chinese <br> (Yue/Cantonese) | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Creoles And <br> Pidgins, French- <br> Based (Other) | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| French | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Haitian Creole | $0 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Khmer | $3 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Malayalam | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Pashto | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Tajik | $0 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Ukrainian | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
| Creoles And <br> Pidgins, English- <br> Based (Other) | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| Mandingo | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| Urdu | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| Total | $\mathbf{9 0 \%}$ | $\mathbf{9 0} \%$ | $\mathbf{9 2 \%}$ | $\mathbf{9 1 \%}$ | $\mathbf{9 3} \%$ | $\mathbf{9 4 \%}$ | $\mathbf{9 4 \%}$ | $\mathbf{9 4 \%}$ | $\mathbf{9 4 \%}$ |

Source: Qlik Enrollment Oct 1 Snapshot App, accessed June 7, 2023, SDP District and Alternative Schools, English Learners only
Note: Table includes ELs only; Former ELs and Multilingual students who were never ELs are not included. The values in each cell were calculated based on the number of ELs who spoke the respective home language in the far left column divided by the number of ELs who spoke a home language (that five or more ELs spoke in the year listed) in the column headers. Cells with $0 \%$ have between 29-89 students and rounded to less than $1 \%$.

## What size was the EL population in District and Alternative schools between 2014-15 and 2022-23?

The number of schools with zero ELs enrolled decreased from 48 in 2014-15 to 25 in 2022-23. Over the same period, the number of schools where ELs made up $20 \%$ or more of the student population more than doubled, from 26 in 2014-15 to 62 in 2022-23 (Figure 1).

Looking more closely into the schools where ELs made up 20\% or more of the student population, additional patterns emerge. First, the number of schools where ELs made up between 20\%-29\% of the population increased from 22 schools in 2014-15 to 32 in 2022-23. Additionally, the number of schools where ELs made up between $30 \%-39 \%$ of the population increased from zero schools in 2014-15 to 19 in 2022-23, and the number of schools where ELs made up more than $40 \%$ of the population increased from 4 schools in 2014-15 to 11 in 2022-23. These shifts indicate that a number of schools saw rapid increases in their EL populations over an 8 -year period of time (see Box 1). Additionally, three schools newly opened after 2014-15 (Olney, Northeast Community Propel Academy, and Stetson) and by 2022-23 had EL populations that constituted $20 \%$ or more of the school population.

Figure 1. Distribution of schools by percentage of students who were ELs in 2014-15 and 2022-23


Source: Qlik Enrollment Oct 1 Snapshot App, accessed June 7, 2023, SDP District and Alternative Schools, English Learners only
Note: The number of SDP schools in operation can change from year to year; thus, the total number of schools in 2014-15 differs from the number in 2022-23. See Appendix A for the percentage of students in each school who were ELs in 2014-15 and 2022-23.

## Box 1: Schools with the largest increases in EL population

Eleven schools experienced EL population growth of more than 20 percentage points from 2014-15 to 2022-23.

| School Name | Percentage of <br> students who <br> were ELs in each <br> school 2014-15 | Percentage of <br> students who <br> were ELs in each <br> school 2022-23 | Percentage point <br> change in EL <br> population |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mayfair School | $13 \%$ | $56 \%$ | +43 |
| Solis-Cohen, Solomon School | $27 \%$ | $58 \%$ | +32 |
| Comly, Watson School | $13 \%$ | $39 \%$ | +26 |
| Castor Gardens Middle School | $14 \%$ | $40 \%$ | +26 |
| Lincoln, Abraham High School | $10 \%$ | $34 \%$ | +24 |
| Forrest, Edwin School | $4 \%$ | $28 \%$ | +24 |
| Loesche, William H. School | $27 \%$ | $51 \%$ | +24 |
| Key, Francis Scott School | $44 \%$ | $68 \%$ | +24 |
| Allen, Ethan School | $17 \%$ | $40 \%$ | +23 |
| Fels, Samuel High School | $16 \%$ | $38 \%$ | +22 |
| Barton School | $17 \%$ | $39 \%$ | +22 |

See Appendix A for the list of all schools, EL populations, and changes over time.

## Conclusions

From 2014-15 to 2022-23, EL enrollment in District and Alternative schools increased both in number of students and as a percentage of the total student population. With this growth, the diversity of home languages spoken in SDP students' households also increased over time. In 202223, 159 home languages other than English were spoken in District and Alternative schools by ELs, Former ELs, and Multilingual students. Of those languages, 59 were the home languages of five or more ELs. In all years from 2014-15 to 2022-23, the majority of ELs were Spanish-speaking, and 21 languages made up the home languages of over $90 \%$ of ELs, Former ELs, and Multilingual students. Drilling down to the school level, the number of schools where ELs made up $20 \%$ or more of the student population more than doubled, from 26 in 2014-15 to 59 in 2022-23. As EL enrollment increases, schools might need additional supports to meet the needs of their changing student population.

## Appendix A

| School Name | \% ELs in 2014-15 | \% ELs in 2022-23 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Academy at Palumbo | 3\% | 7\% |
| Achieve Academy | 4\% | 0\% |
| Achieve Academy East | School not open in 2014-15 | 3\% |
| Adaire, Alexander School | 1\% | 0\% |
| Allen, Dr. Ethel School | 0\% | 0\% |
| Allen, Ethan School | 17\% | 40\% |
| AMY 5 at James Martin | 0\% | 5\% |
| AMY Northwest | 0\% | 1\% |
| Anderson, Add B. School | 0\% | 1\% |
| Arthur, Chester A. School | 3\% | 1\% |
| Arts Academy at Benjamin Rush | 2\% | 3\% |
| Bache-Martin School | 4\% | 8\% |
| Baldi Middle School | 9\% | 28\% |
| Barry, John Elementary School | 0\% | 2\% |
| Barton School | 17\% | 39\% |
| Bartram, John High School | 7\% | 17\% |
| Beeber, Dimner Middle School | 0\% | School not open in 2022-23 |
| Ben Franklin High Schl EOP | 1\% | 3\% |
| Bethune, Mary McLeod School | 10\% | 10\% |
| Blaine, James G. School | 0\% | 1\% |
| Blankenburg, Rudolph School | 0\% | 0\% |
| Bodine, William W. High School | 2\% | 7\% |
| Bregy, F. Amedee School | 2\% | 6\% |
| Bridesburg School | 1\% | 3\% |
| Brown, Henry A. School | 11\% | 10\% |
| Brown, Joseph H. School | 10\% | 16\% |
| Bryant, William C. School | 0\% | 1\% |
| Building 21 | 9\% | 5\% |
| Carnell, Laura H. School | 16\% | 30\% |
| Casarez, Gloria Elementary School | 14\% | 23\% |
| Cassidy, Lewis C Academics Plus | 3\% | 6\% |
| Castor Gardens Middle School | 14\% | 40\% |
| Catharine, Joseph School | 12\% | 21\% |
| Cayuga School | 20\% | 29\% |
| Central High School | 2\% | 2\% |
| Childs, George W. School | 19\% | 25\% |
| Clemente, Roberto Middle Schl | 29\% | 25\% |
| Comegys, Benjamin B. School | 0\% | 1\% |
| Comly, Watson School | 13\% | 39\% |


| School Name | \% ELs in 2014-15 | \% ELs in 2022-23 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Constitution High School | 5\% | 7\% |
| Conwell, Russell Middle School | 0\% | 8\% |
| Cooke, Jay Elementary School | 7\% | 6\% |
| Cook-Wissahickon School | 0\% | 5\% |
| Coppin, Fanny Jackson | 22\% | 20\% |
| Cramp, William School | 24\% | 24\% |
| Creative and Performing Arts | 1\% | 2\% |
| Crossan, Kennedy C. School | 10\% | 16\% |
| Crossroads Accelerated Academy | 2\% | 0\% |
| Crossroads at Hunting Park | 9\% | 0\% |
| Day, Anna B. School | 0\% | 2\% |
| De Burgos, J. Elementary | 22\% | 27\% |
| Decatur, Stephen School | 5\% | 17\% |
| Dick, William School | 0\% | 0\% |
| Disston, Hamilton School | 7\% | 25\% |
| Dobbins, Murrell High School | 3\% | 2\% |
| Dobson, James School | 0\% | 2\% |
| Duckrey, Tanner School | 2\% | 0\% |
| Dunbar, Paul L. School | 1\% | 3\% |
| Edison, Thomas A. High School | 28\% | 27\% |
| Edmonds, Franklin S. School | 1\% | 1\% |
| El Centro (Big Picture) | 9\% | 5\% |
| Elkin, Lewis School | 19\% | 32\% |
| Ellwood School | 1\% | 2\% |
| Emlen, Eleanor C. School | 0\% | 1\% |
| Engineering \& Science High | 3\% | 2\% |
| Excel Academy North | 3\% | 1\% |
| Excel Academy South | 4\% | 5\% |
| Excel Middle Years Academy | School not open in 2014-15 | 0\% |
| Farrell, Louis H. School | 18\% | 38\% |
| Fell, D. Newlin School | 25\% | 35\% |
| Fels, Samuel High School | 16\% | 38\% |
| Feltonville Arts \& Sciences | 21\% | 32\% |
| Feltonville Intermediate | 21\% | 26\% |
| Finletter, Thomas K. School | 7\% | 8\% |
| Fitler Academics Plus | 0\% | 0\% |
| Fitzpatrick, A. L. School | 5\% | 13\% |
| Forrest, Edwin School | 4\% | 28\% |
| Fox Chase School | 9\% | 15\% |
| Frank, Anne School | 17\% | 34\% |


| School Name | \% ELs in 2014-15 | \% ELs in 2022-23 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Frankford High School | 12\% | 25\% |
| Franklin Learning Center | 2\% | 19\% |
| Franklin, Benjamin High School | 21\% | 17\% |
| Franklin, Benjamin School | 10\% | 23\% |
| Furness, Horace High School | 45\% | 51\% |
| Gateway To College Community College Of Phil | 0\% | 0\% |
| Gideon, Edward School | 0\% | 0\% |
| Girard Academic Music Program | 1\% | 2\% |
| Girard, Stephen School | 16\% | 13\% |
| Girls, Phila High School for | 2\% | 5\% |
| Gompers, Samuel School | 5\% | 2\% |
| Greenberg, Joseph School | 5\% | 17\% |
| Greenfield, Albert M. School | 4\% | 5\% |
| Hackett, Horatio B. School | 2\% | 2\% |
| Hamilton, Andrew School | 0\% | 2\% |
| Hancock Demonstration School | 5\% | 11\% |
| Harding, Warren G. Middle Sch | 11\% | 20\% |
| Harrington, Avery D. School | 1\% | 1\% |
| Hartranft, John F. School | 8\% | 6\% |
| Henry, Charles W. School | 0\% | 0\% |
| Heston, Edward School | 0\% | 1\% |
| High School of the Future | 2\% | 3\% |
| Hill-Freedman World Academy | 1\% | 1\% |
| Holme, Thomas School | 7\% | 19\% |
| Hopkinson, Francis School | 17\% | 25\% |
| Houston, Henry H. School | 0\% | 1\% |
| Howe, Julia Ward School | 0\% | 4\% |
| Huey, Samuel B. School | 2\% | School not open in 2022-23 |
| Hunter, William H. School | 14\% | 13\% |
| Jenks Academy Arts \& Sciences | 1\% | 1\% |
| Jenks, Abram School | 13\% | 22\% |
| Juniata Park Academy | 18\% | 28\% |
| Kearny, Gen. Philip School | 0\% | 7\% |
| Kelley, William D. School | 0\% | 0\% |
| Kelly, John B. School | 0\% | 0\% |
| Kenderton Elementary | School not open in 2014-15 | 1\% |
| Kensington Business, Finance | 16\% | School not open in 2022-23 |
| Kensington CAPA | 16\% | 17\% |
| Kensington Health Sciences | 18\% | 25\% |


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| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Kensington High School | 17\% | 22\% |
| Kensington Urban Education | 17\% | School not open in 2022-23 |
| Key, Francis Scott School | 44\% | 68\% |
| King, Martin Luther High Sch. | 1\% | 2\% |
| Kirkbride, Eliza B. School | 42\% | 50\% |
| Labrum, Gen Harry Middle School | 2\% | School not open in 2022-23 |
| Lamberton, Robert E Elementary | 5\% | 5\% |
| Lankenau High School | 1\% | 1\% |
| Lawton, Henry W. School | 6\% | 15\% |
| Lea, Henry C. | 12\% | 17\% |
| Leeds, Morris E. Middle School | 1\% | School not open in 2022-23 |
| Liguori Academy-Fortis | School not open in 2014-15 | 2\% |
| Lincoln, Abraham High School | 10\% | 34\% |
| Lingelbach, Anna L. School | 6\% | 5\% |
| Locke, Alain School | 11\% | 8\% |
| Loesche, William H. School | 27\% | 51\% |
| Logan, James School | 2\% | 2\% |
| Longstreth, William C. School | 2\% | 2\% |
| Lowell, James R. School | 21\% | 17\% |
| Ludlow, James R. School | 5\% | 5\% |
| Marshall, John School | 4\% | 8\% |
| Marshall, Thurgood School | 15\% | 19\% |
| Mastbaum, Jules E. High School | 10\% | 16\% |
| Masterman, Julia R. High School | 0\% | 1\% |
| Mayfair School | 13\% | 56\% |
| McCall, Gen. George A. School | 22\% | 18\% |
| McCloskey, John F. School | 0\% | 2\% |
| McClure, Alexander K. School | 18\% | 27\% |
| McDaniel, Delaplaine School | 1\% | 5\% |
| McKinley, William School | 13\% | 9\% |
| McMichael, Morton School | 2\% | 1\% |
| Meade, Gen. George G. School | 1\% | 2\% |
| Meehan, Austin Middle School | 6\% | School not open in 2022-23 |
| Meredith, William M. School | 0\% | 2\% |
| Mifflin, Thomas School | 0\% | 1\% |
| Mitchell Elementary School | 1\% | 1\% |
| Moffet, John School | 10\% | 14\% |
| Moore, J. Hampton School | 21\% | 34\% |
| Morris, Robert School | 0\% | 1\% |
| Morrison, Andrew J. School | 17\% | 20\% |


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| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Morton, Thomas G. School | 11\% | 13\% |
| Motivation High School | 10\% | 10\% |
| Munoz-Marin, Hon Luis School | 19\% | 24\% |
| MYA-Middle Years Alternative | 2\% | 7\% |
| Nebinger, George W. School | 16\% | 19\% |
| Northeast Community Propel Academy | School not open in 2014-15 | 35\% |
| Northeast High School | 19\% | 31\% |
| Northeast High School EOP | School not open in 2014-15 | 18\% |
| OIC CADI | 3\% | 1\% |
| Olney Elementary School | 25\% | 29\% |
| Olney High School | School not open in 2014-15 | 33\% |
| Olney HS Continuation Academy | School not open in 2014-15 | 11\% |
| Ombudsman Accelerated Northwest | 0\% | 0\% |
| Ombudsman South Accelerated | 1\% | School not open in 2022-23 |
| One Bright Ray - Elmwood Campus | School not open in 2014-15 | 2\% |
| One Bright Ray - Fairhill | 8\% | 5\% |
| One Bright Ray - Simpson | 5\% | 11\% |
| One Bright Ray Mansion | School not open in 2014-15 | 0\% |
| One Bright Ray Mansion Evening | School not open in 2014-15 | 1\% |
| One Bright Ray Simpson - Evening | School not open in 2014-15 | 6\% |
| Overbrook Educational Center | 6\% | 0\% |
| Overbrook Elementary School | 0\% | 2\% |
| Overbrook High School | 0\% | 1\% |
| Overbrook High School - EOP | 0\% | School not open in 2022-23 |
| Parkway Center City Middle College High School | 1\% | 2\% |
| Parkway West High School | 1\% | 3\% |
| Parkway-Northwest High School | 1\% | 2\% |
| Patterson, John M. School | 8\% | 13\% |
| Peirce, Thomas M. School | 0\% | 0\% |
| Penn Alexander School | 10\% | 12\% |
| Penn Treaty High School | 5\% | 6\% |
| Pennell, Joseph Elementary | 0\% | 1\% |
| Pennypack House School | 4\% | 2\% |
| Pennypacker, Samuel School | 2\% | 3\% |
| Penrose School | 4\% | 12\% |
| Performance Learning Center SW | 1\% | School not open in 2022-23 |
| Phase 4 Accel SW High School | 0\% | School not open in 2022-23 |


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| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Phase 4 Learning Center Liberty Plaza | 2\% | School not open in 2022-23 |
| Phila Juv Justice Svcs Ctr | School not open in 2014-15 | 2\% |
| Phila Learning Academy North | 6\% | 2\% |
| Phila Learning Academy South | 1\% | 3\% |
| Philadelphia Military Academy | 7\% | 13\% |
| Philadelphia OIC Workforce Academy | School not open in 2014-15 | School not open in 2022-23 |
| Philadelphia Virtual Academy | 1\% | 4\% |
| Pla North Hunting Park EOP | 0\% | School not open in 2022-23 |
| Pollock, Robert B. School | 12\% | 22\% |
| Potter-Thomas School | 19\% | 23\% |
| Powel, Samuel School | 2\% | 1\% |
| Prince Hall School | 0\% | 0\% |
| Randolph Technical High School | 2\% | 3\% |
| Re-Engagement Center | School not open in 2014-15 | 3\% |
| Rhawnhurst School | 26\% | 42\% |
| Rhoads, James School | 0\% | 0\% |
| Rhodes Elementary School | 0\% | 1\% |
| Richmond School | 4\% | 12\% |
| Robeson, Paul High School | 6\% | 5\% |
| Roosevelt Elementary School | 0\% | 1\% |
| Rowen, William School | 1\% | 0\% |
| Roxborough High School | 1\% | 2\% |
| Saul, Walter B. High School | 1\% | 3\% |
| Sayre, William L. High School | 1\% | 3\% |
| Science Leadership Academy | 3\% | 4\% |
| Science Leadership Academy at Beeber | 5\% | 6\% |
| Science Leadership Academy MS | School not open in 2014-15 | 2\% |
| Sharswood, George School | 10\% | 15\% |
| Shawmont School | 1\% | 4\% |
| Sheppard, Isaac A. School | 26\% | 21\% |
| Solis-Cohen, Solomon School | 27\% | 58\% |
| South Philadelphia H.S. | 22\% | 37\% |
| South Philadelphia HS - EOP | 1\% | 5\% |
| Southwark School | 41\% | 41\% |
| Spring Garden School | 12\% | 29\% |
| Spruance, Gilbert School | 16\% | 35\% |
| Stanton, Edwin M. School | 1\% | 2\% |
| Stearne, Allen M. School | 8\% | 11\% |


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| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Steel, Edward School | 1\% | 2\% |
| Stetson Middle School Continuation Academy | School not open in 2014-15 | 19\% |
| Stetson, John B. Middle School | School not open in 2014-15 | 28\% |
| Strawberry Mansion High School | 0\% | 0\% |
| Student Transition-Delinquent | 0\% | 6\% |
| Student Transition-Dependent | School not open in 2014-15 | 0\% |
| Sullivan, James J. School | 7\% | 15\% |
| Swenson Arts/Tech High School | 6\% | 10\% |
| Taggart, John H. School | 27\% | 46\% |
| Taylor, Bayard School | 24\% | 31\% |
| The LINC | 18\% | 18\% |
| The U School | 3\% | 2\% |
| The Workshop School | 3\% | 2\% |
| Tilden Middle School | 12\% | 22\% |
| Vare-Washington Elementary | 24\% | 32\% |
| Vaux High School | School not open in 2014-15 | 0\% |
| Wagner, Gen. Louis Middle Sch. | 1\% | 2\% |
| Waring, Laura W. School | 1\% | 3\% |
| Washington, George High School | 11\% | 30\% |
| Washington, Grover Jr. Middle | 12\% | 18\% |
| Washington, Martha School | 1\% | 1\% |
| Webster, John H. School | 8\% | 8\% |
| Welsh, John School | 17\% | 15\% |
| West Philadelphia High School | 3\% | 2\% |
| Widener Memorial School | 2\% | 4\% |
| Willard, Frances E. School | 11\% | 15\% |
| Wister, John School | 0\% | School not open in 2022-23 |
| Wright, Richard R. School | 1\% | 1\% |
| YESPhilly | 0\% | 1\% |
| Ziegler, William H. School | 18\% | 23\% |

Source: Qlik Enrollment Oct 1 Snapshot App, accessed June 7, 2023, SDP District and Alternative Schools, English Learners only


[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ Students who have a home language other than English when they register for SDP are recommended for the WIDA evaluation. For more information about WIDA, visit https://wida.wisc.edu/assess/screener ${ }^{2}$ For more information on Federal and State policies that drive SDP's English Language Development and Bilingual Education programs, visit https://www.philasd.org/multilingual/policy138/ ${ }^{3}$ As determined in part by ACCESS for ELLs: Assessing Communication and Comprehension in English State to State for English Language Learners https://wida.wisc.edu/assess/access

[^1]:    ${ }^{4}$ If students enrolled after October 1,2022-23, they are not included in the analyses.
    ${ }^{5}$ Students are included in the analyses if they were enrolled in District or Alternative schools for only one year because the analyses concentrate on the percentage of the population that ELs make up each year.

[^2]:    ${ }^{6}$ English Learner (EL) Enrollment Trends in the School District of Philadelphia: 2015-16 to 2019-20 https://www.philasd.org/research/2022/06/23/english-learner-el-enrollment-trends-in-the-school-district-of-philadelphia-2015-16-to-2019-20/

[^3]:    ${ }^{7}$ Home languages in this report are based on a Home Language variable in SDP administrative records. When students are enrolled in SDP, there is the option to officially record one home language that the family uses most often at home other than English. If any additional languages besides English are spoken in a household, those languages are not captured by SDP records and thus cannot be included in these analyses.

