

How Eight State Education Agencies in the Northeast and Islands Region Identify and Support Low-Performing Schools and Districts



Demographics for Participating States

CHARACTERISTICS	CT	ME	MA	NH	NY	PR	RI	VT
Number of students	575,058	195,498	971,909	205,767	2,815,581	563,490	153,422	96,636
Students in Title I-eligible schools ¹	42%	63.8%	50.8%	37.9%	63.9%	98.7%	38.9%	56%
Limited-English proficient students	5.2%	1.7%	5.3%	Not Available	6.9%	n/a	4.9%	1.8%
Students eligible for free or reduced-price lunch	26.5%	33.8%	28.2%	17.1%	44.8%	n/a	34.9%	26.4%
Special Education students	11.6%	17%	15.4%	14.8%	13.2%	n/a	18%	11.3%
Number of school districts	171	290	389	162	853	1	36	363
Number of public schools	1,111	634	1,822	468	4,061	1,505	319	391
Title I schools ²	44%	73.6%	56%	47.2%	30.5%	98.1%	40.9%	56.3%

*FTE – full-time equivalent

¹Table 3. Number of students in membership in operating public elementary and secondary schools, by school type, charter, magnet, Title I and Title I schoolwide status, and state or jurisdiction: School year 2005–06. http://nces.ed.gov/pubs2007/pesschools06/tables/table_3.asp

²Table 2. Number of operating public elementary and secondary schools, by school type, charter, magnet, Title I and Title I schoolwide status, and state or jurisdiction: School year 2005–06. http://nces.ed.gov/pubs2007/pesschools06/tables/table_2.asp

CHARACTERISTICS	CT	ME	MA	NH	NY	PR	RI	VT
Pupils per teacher	14.5	11.7	13.2	13.2	12.9	13.5	10.7	10.9
Number of FTE* teachers	39,687	16,684	73,596	15,536	218,989	n/a	14,299	8,851
Ethnic distribution of students								
White	67%	95%	72.4%	93.3%	52.7%	n/a	70.49%	94.7%
Black	13.7%	2%	8.3%	1.7%	19.8%	n/a	8.6%	1%
Hispanic	15.4%	1%	12.9%	2.7%	20.1%	n/a	17.3%	0.9%
Asian/Pacific Islander	3.6%	1.4%	4.6%	1.9 %	6.9%	n/a	3.1%	1.5%
American Indian/ Alaska Native	0.4%	0.5%	0.3%	0.03%	0.04%	n/a	0.6%	0.4%
Low-performing schools³	22%	15%	37%	29%	18%	50%	13%	11%
Low-performing districts⁴	17%	0	12 %	20%	8%	Not applicable	28%	8%

³Connecticut State Department of Education, 2007; Department of Education, State of Maine, 2007; Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, 2007; New Hampshire Department of Education, 2007; New York State Board Regents, 2007; New York State Board Regents, 2008. Puerto Rico Department of Education, n.d.; Rhode Island Department of Education, 2007; Vermont Department of Education, 2007.

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