

PLANNING AND EVALUATION SERVICE REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

State ESEA Title I Participation Information for 1998-99: Summary Report

BACKGROUND

This report summarizes Title I information reported by states in their performance reports for school year 1998-99, as well as trend data from 1997-98. It includes information on both Part A (Grants to Local Educational Agencies Program) and Part D (the State Agency Program for Neglected or Delinquent Children and Youth). Among the areas reported on for Part A are: participation, school improvement, services, and staffing. For the State Neglected or Delinquent (N or D) program, information is provided on participation by institution type and institution-wide programs. Student achievement information is reported separately in *State Education Indicators with a Focus on Title I, 2000*, a companion report soon to be available at:
http://www.ed.gov/offices/OUS/PES/ed_for_disadvantaged.html.

KEY FINDINGS

Participation

- Over 48,000 schools participated in the Title I program in 1998-99. Of these, over 19,000 (41 percent of the total) reported operating schoolwide programs and over 27,000 reported operating targeted assistance programs (59 percent of the total). The number of schoolwide programs has been steadily increasing in recent years.
- The number of Title I participants increased to 13,444,891 in 1998-99, a 7 percent increase over the 1997-98 level of 12,538,283. Participation rates by grade level stayed the same, with the largest concentration of public and nonpublic school participants in the elementary grades.
- Thirty-six percent of Title I participants were non-Hispanic whites, 28 percent were non-Hispanic blacks, 30 percent were Hispanic, 3 percent were Asian/Pacific Islanders, 2 percent were Native American, and 1 percent were other. There were no significant changes in these percentages since 1997-98.
- In 1998-99, students with disabilities represented 10 percent of participants; students with limited English proficiency represented 19 percent; children of migratory workers represented 4 percent; and homeless children represented 1 percent of participants. There were no significant changes in these percentages since 1997-98.

School Improvement

- In the 1998-99 school year, 8,646 schools (19 percent of the total) were identified for improvement, an increase from the 7,651 schools (representing 16 percent of the total) identified in 1997-98. Twenty-five percent of schoolwide program schools were identified (a slight increase from the 23 percent identified in 1997-98) and 14 percent of targeted assistance schools were identified, the same percentage as was identified in 1997-98.

Services

- Eighty-nine percent of the Title I students in targeted assistance schools received Title I-supported reading/language arts instruction, an increase from 81 percent in 1997-98. Forty-three percent received Title I-supported mathematics instruction, a decrease from 51 percent in 1997-98.
- Forty-five states and the District of Columbia reported that 1,360 districts (14 percent of the total) provided Title I-supported family literacy services, the same percentage as reported in 1997-98.
- Forty-four states and the District of Columbia reported that their Title I schools operated 9,972 Title I extended time instructional programs, a decrease of 37 percent since 1997-98. That year, with the exception of 2 states who did not provide data, 15,736 extended time instructional programs were reported.

Staffing

- Teachers and teacher aides constituted 86 percent of the total staff funded by Title I. Close to half of Title I-supported staff (49 percent) were teachers, compared with 48 percent reported in 1997-98. Teacher aides represented 37 percent of staff in 1998-99, down slightly from the 38 percent reported for 1997-98.
- Other Title I-supported staff included: support staff (5 percent), administrators (3 percent) and other staff (7 percent).

State Neglected or Delinquent Program

- In 1998-99, 25 percent of State Agency N or D participants were in facilities for neglected children, a decrease from the 29 percent reported in 1997-98; 59 percent were in facilities for delinquent children, a slight increase from the 57 percent reported in 1997-98 and 16 percent were in adult correctional facilities, a slight increase from the 14 percent reported in 1997-98.

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