

An Analysis of Recent National Reports as They Relate to Indiana

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Numbers and Types of Public Elementary and Secondary Schools
From the Common Core of Data: School Year 2005-06
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This is the first in a new series of reports for Indiana policymakers and educators. CEEP staff are often asked for their perspective on recently released reports from federal agencies, think tanks, and other groups. As these reports have proliferated in recent years, mirroring the increase in attention for education policy nationally, we sensed a need for a new

report series that provided people with a concise summary of the major data points from a report, with a focus on Indiana and surrounding states whenever possible.

This first report is a distillation of data from the National Center on Education Statistics, released in June 2007, provid-

ing descriptive data on the country's K-12 public schools. Given recent state conversations about district and school size, consolidation, and related topics, a summary of this NCES report is timely and may inform efforts to reorganize local governance in Indiana.

TABLE 1. Number of operating public elementary and secondary schools, by school type, charter, magnet, Title I and Title I school wide status, and state or jurisdiction: School year 2005-06

State or Jurisdiction	Total Number of Schools	Regular	Charter	Title 1	Title 1 School Wide
Reporting States	97,382	87,585	3,780	53,820	30,582
Illinois	4,401	3,909	29	2,312	943
Indiana	1,977	1,869	29	1,781	172
Kentucky	1,409	1,242	1	886	788
Michigan	4,090	3,578	264	1,106	1,106
Ohio	4,007	3,909	316	2,755	984
Wisconsin	2,246	2,168	181	1,428	342

TABLE 2. Number of students in membership in operating public elementary and secondary schools, by school type, charter, magnet, Title I and Title I school wide status, and state or jurisdiction: School year 2005-06

State or Jurisdiction	Total Number of Students	Regular	Charter	Title 1	Title 1 School Wide
Reporting States	48,912,085	47,957,375	1,012,906	25,586,061	15,296,618
Illinois	2,111,706	2,076,435	16,968	1,148,106	523,696
Indiana	1,034,782	1,030,592	7,409	994,087	70,747
Kentucky	641,685	634,264	N/A	388,732	339,015
Michigan	1,711,544	1,660,823	91,384	449,481	449,481
Ohio	1,836,991	1,834,479	68,679	1,172,522	397,369
Wisconsin	875,066	870,745	27,450	509,676	136,536

TABLE 3. Number of regular public elementary and secondary schools with membership and average student/teacher ratio, by instructional level and state or jurisdiction: School year 2005–06

State or Jurisdiction	Total		Primary		Middle		High		Other	
	Number of Schools	Average Student / Teacher Ratio	Number of Schools	Average Student / Teacher Ratio	Number of Schools	Average Student / Teacher Ratio	Number of Schools	Average Student / Teacher Ratio	Number of Schools	Average Student / Teacher Ratio
Reporting States	86,792	16.2	51,972	15.9	16,121	16.0	15,409	17.0	3,290	16.2
Illinois	3,899	16.7	2,476	17.0	739	15.8	620	16.4	64	25.0
Indiana	1,864	17.9	1,144	17.6	341	17.6	329	18.8	50	15.7
Kentucky	1,212	15.9	741	15.1	238	16.3	221	17.2	12	15.4
Michigan	3,444	18.5	2,042	18.0	642	17.8	600	19.9	160	17.7
Ohio	3,846	17.0	2,151	17.5	734	15.8	770	17.2	191	16.4
Wisconsin	2,154	14.7	1,234	14.3	373	14.2	471	15.5	76	15.1

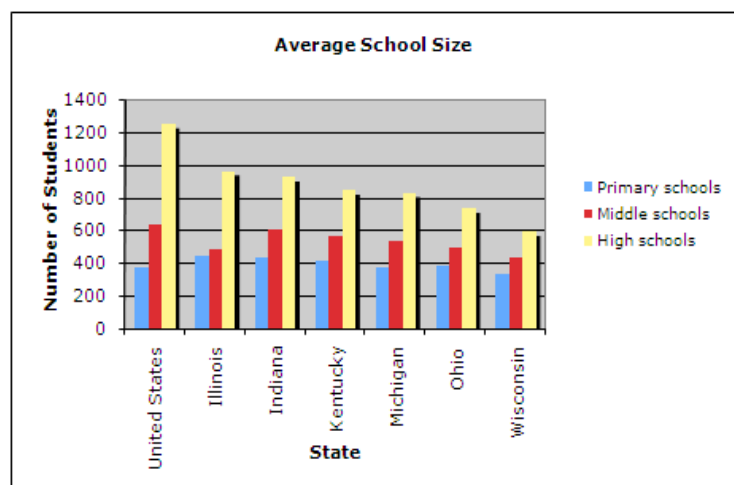
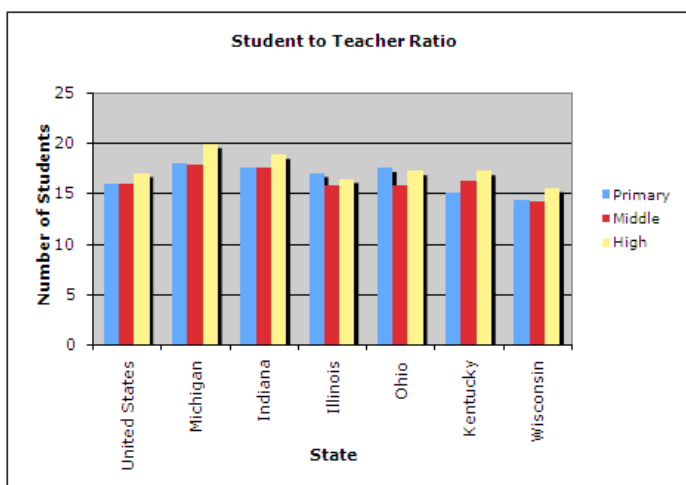


TABLE 4. Average student membership size of operating public elementary and secondary schools with membership, by instructional level, membership size of largest and smallest school, and state or jurisdiction: School year 2005–06

State or Jurisdiction	Total Number of Schools	Total Schools	Primary Schools	Middle Schools	High Schools	Largest School	Smallest School
Reporting States	86,792	521.2	376.5	630.4	1,249.3	6,245	1
Illinois	3,899	532.6	439.1	487.2	961.8	5,452	33
Indiana	1,864	552.9	428.0	602.4	925.0	3,916	8
Kentucky	1,212	523.3	414.2	567.4	844.9	2,209	54
Michigan	3,444	482.2	373.4	538.6	828.3	2,869	2
Ohio	3,846	477.0	386.5	494.2	732.9	6,245	1
Wisconsin	2,154	404.2	329.1	434.7	592.4	2,477	1

TABLE 5. Number of operating city, suburban, town, and rural public elementary and secondary schools with membership and percent of students in membership, by state or jurisdiction: School year 2005–06

State or Jurisdiction	Total Number of Schools	Total Number of Students	City		Suburban		Town		Rural	
			Number of Schools	Percent of Students	Number of Schools	Percent of Students	Number of Schools	Percent of Students	Number of Schools	Percent of Students
Reporting States	86,792	47,957,375	22,167	29.7	28,788	40.6	8,248	8.1	27,589	21.7
Illinois	3,899	2,076,435	967	30.8	1,631	49.0	322	6.8	979	13.3
Indiana	1,864	1,030,592	454	26.6	499	31.0	210	10.4	701	31.9
Kentucky	1,212	634,264	139	13.8	265	26.0	216	18.5	592	41.3
Michigan	3,444	1,660,823	848	25.9	1,302	43.0	269	7.2	1,025	23.5
Ohio	3,846	1,834,479	888	21.4	1,498	45.0	378	9.0	1,082	25.0
Wisconsin	2,154	870,745	536	28.6	535	33.0	256	12.2	827	26.6

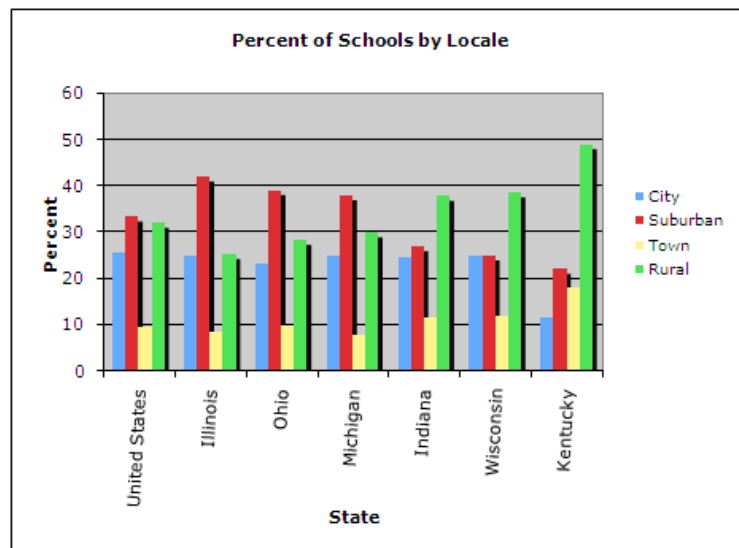
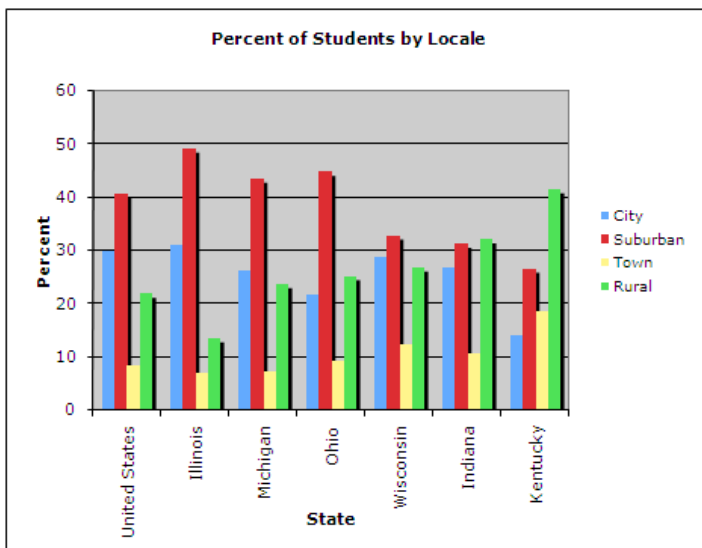


TABLE 6. Number and percent of students in city, suburban, town, and rural public elementary and secondary schools with membership who are eligible for free or reduced-price lunch, by state or jurisdiction: School year 2005–06

State or Jurisdiction	Total		City		Suburban		Town		Rural	
	Number of Students	Percent Free or Reduced Lunch Eligible	Number of Students	Percent Free or Reduced Lunch Eligible	Number of Students	Percent Free or Reduced Lunch Eligible	Number of Students	Percent Free or Reduced Lunch Eligible	Number of Students	Percent Free or Reduced Lunch Eligible
Reporting States	47,957,375	41.6	14,223,123	54.9	19,465,550	32.7	3,865,068	46.9	10,403,634	38.3
Illinois	2,076,435	37.3	640,415	62.2	1,017,381	24.9	141,693	37.5	276,946	25.0
Indiana	1,030,592	36.0	274,299	55.3	320,374	28.7	107,338	37.9	328,581	26.4
Kentucky	634,264	52.2	87,667	52.7	167,143	46.5	117,354	54.0	262,100	54.8
Michigan	1,660,823	35.8	430,821	56.0	719,111	25.6	120,211	35.5	390,680	32.4
Ohio	1,834,479	32.5	392,141	57.7	818,688	23.9	164,200	36.8	459,450	24.7
Wisconsin	870,745	29.3	248,861	47.6	284,037	17.2	106,103	28.4	231,744	25.1

Conclusions

The following conclusions appear to be reasonable:

- Of the six states in Indiana's region (Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan), Indiana ranks fifth in the number of schools, fourth in the number of students, and fifth in the number of charter school students.
- Indiana ranks third in the number of Title I schools and students.
- Indiana's student - teacher ratio is larger than that in all surrounding states except for Michigan at all levels of K-12 education.
- The average size of Indiana elementary schools is higher than all but Michigan's average size, considerably above the national average.
- Indiana middle and high school average sizes are relatively high for the region but lower than the national average.
- Compared to the national averages, Indiana has a lower percentage of suburban students and higher percentage of town and rural students. The percentage of urban students in Indiana is close to the national average.
- Compared to the national averages, a lower percentage of Indiana students living in town and rural areas are eligible for free or reduced-price lunch. The percentages of urban and suburban students are similar to the national averages.

Interested readers are encouraged to consult the full report at:

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