



## DataQuest Update #1

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*DataQuest is the California Department of Education's (CDE) public data reporting website located at <https://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/>. DataQuest provides meaningful data and statistics about California's K-12 public educational system that supports a wide variety of informational, research, and policy needs. The purpose of the bi-monthly DataQuest Update is to provide: (1) announcements regarding public data releases and availability; (2) general information and analysis on various data reporting topics; and (3) practical tips on how to effectively use DataQuest to obtain information.*

*For questions regarding DataQuest, please submit an email to [dataquest@cde.ca.gov](mailto:dataquest@cde.ca.gov).*

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Welcome to the first issue of the bi-monthly *DataQuest Update*! This Update is intended to keep DataQuest users informed about upcoming data releases, new reports and downloadable data files, enhancements and changes to DataQuest, and provide tips on how to use DataQuest. The CDE is currently developing a Data Communications webpage where the *DataQuest Update* will be posted. More information about the status of the Data Communications webpage, and other data webpages currently under development, will be provided in a future Update.

The *DataQuest Update* is automatically sent to subscribers to the DataQuest listserv. The DataQuest listserv is not a discussion forum, and listserv members cannot post comments or otherwise communicate with other members via the listserv.

To **subscribe** to the DataQuest listserv, submit a blank e-mail to:

[subscribe-dataquest@mlist.cde.ca.gov](mailto:subscribe-dataquest@mlist.cde.ca.gov).

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All DataQuest listserv messages should also include an “unsubscribe” link at the bottom of each message that allows a recipient the option of unsubscribing.

### DataQuest Changes and Enhancements

The CDE recently developed and issued a logo for DataQuest, which has now been incorporated into the DataQuest website. This new logo visually symbolizes the important role that DataQuest plays in providing public access to California K–12

educational data. The new DataQuest logo also represents the first of many changes and enhancements that the CDE will be making to the DataQuest website over the next several months. Some changes and enhancements that DataQuest users can look forward to seeing include the following: a new homepage, new search functionality, high-level summary reports, and other navigation and usability improvements. The CDE will also be making changes to the structure and organization of the publicly available downloadable data file webpages. Information about these changes and enhancements will be provided in the *DataQuest Update*.

### **Upcoming DataQuest Release**

The upcoming December release of the 2018–19 educational data reports on DataQuest will include: Chronic Absenteeism Rates, Graduation Rates and Suspension Rates. In addition to the existing four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate (ACGR) reports available on DataQuest, the CDE will be releasing a five-year cohort graduation rate for the first time. More information about the new five-year cohort graduation rate report will be provided in a future *DataQuest Update*. As with previous data releases, the CDE will also make downloadable data files publicly available in support of the corresponding DataQuest reports.

These data will be publicly released during the week of December 9<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the release of the 2019 California School Dashboard (Dashboard), which is located at <https://www.caschooldashboard.org/>. Local educational agencies (LEAs) will receive a private “pre-release” preview of the upcoming data release. For more information about the Dashboard rollout please consult the letter about the 2019 California School Dashboard Webinar Series at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/cm/rolloutweb2019.asp>.

### **Difference Between DataQuest and Dashboard**

DataQuest is the CDE’s web-based data reporting system for providing educational data reports to the public on a number of different topics, including student enrollment, demographics, staff data, graduation rates, suspension rate, chronic absenteeism rates, and other data used for state and federal reporting. The Dashboard contains reports that display the performance of LEAs, schools, and student groups on a set of state and local measures and indicators designed to assist in identifying strengths, challenges, and areas in need of improvement. Some of the data included in DataQuest and the Dashboard are very similar but are sometimes compiled using different business rules. The CDE recognizes that understanding these differences can sometimes be challenging and is working on developing documentation that describes the similarities and differences between data seen on DataQuest and the Dashboard. As this documentation is completed and becomes available, information about where to access the documentation outlining the differences between DataQuest and the Dashboard will be communicated in the *DataQuest Update*.

## DataQuest Tips

You can utilize DataQuest report descriptions, report glossary (on certain reports), and options and filters to help narrow and refine your data search. Many reports offer such filtering capabilities and report descriptions on the top of the report page.

The following tips pertain to the Enrollment reports.

1. Open the DataQuest Homepage (<https://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/>)
  - Select the desired **Level** (State, County, District, or School)
  - Select the **Subject** (Enrollment) and Click “Submit”



DataQuest helps you find facts about California schools and districts.

To create a report: (1) select a Level, (2) select a Subject, and (3) click on the “Submit” button.

- [What's NEW?](#) DataQuest Change Log
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1. Select Level:

Level:

2. Select Subject:

Subject:

3. Click Submit:

2. Select **Year** and Click “Submit”



[CDE Home](#) » [DataQuest](#) » Select Criteria

### Select Year of Data

1) Determine a time frame.

Single year – select year:

3. Select desired **Report** from the menu and click “Submit”



[CDE Home](#) » [DataQuest](#) » [Select Criteria](#) » Select a Report

### Enrollment Data - 2018-19


State level reports:


#### Select a Report

- Statewide Enrollment by Ethnicity and Grade
- Statewide Enrollment Multi-Year Summary by Ethnicity
- Statewide Enrollment by Ethnicity (with county data)
- Statewide Enrollment Multi-Year Summary by Grade
- Statewide Enrollment by Grade (with county Data)
- Statewide Enrollment by Ethnicity for Charter and Non-Charter Schools
- Statewide Enrollment by Subgroup for Charter and Non-Charter Schools
- Statewide Enrollment for Charter and Non-Charter Schools (with county data)
- Statewide Enrollment Multi-Year Summary for Charter and Non-Charter Schools
- Statewide K-12 Enrollment by Age Group and Grade
- Statewide K-12 Enrollment by Age Range (with county data)
- Enrollment by English Language Acquisition Status (ELAS) and Grade
- Enrollment by English Language Acquisition Status (ELAS) (with county data)

Submit

4. Click on **Report Description** to open or close the information behind the report. The Report Description offers descriptive detail about the data source and process of collection and certification.





DataQuest Home / Enrollment Report

## 2018-19 Enrollment by Grade

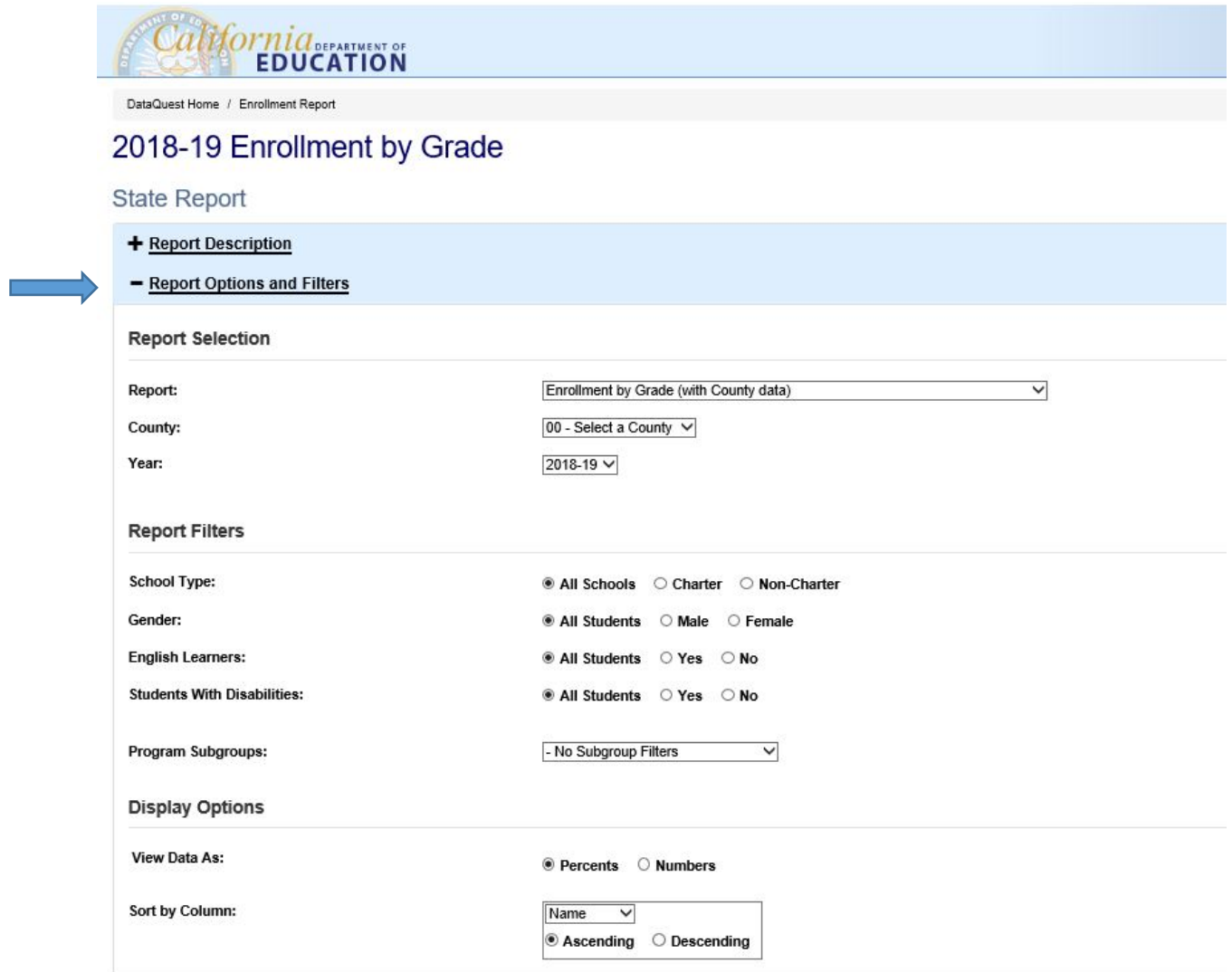
### State Report

- Report Description**

This report displays the annual K-12 public school enrollment by grade level for the selected report level (state, county, district, or school) and year. Annual enrollment consists of the number of students primarily enrolled on Census Day (the first Wednesday in October). This information was submitted by local educational agencies (LEAs) and charter schools to the California Department of Education (CDE) as part of the annual Fall 1 data submission in the California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System (CALPADS). These data were reviewed and certified in CALPADS as being accurate by authorized district or school personnel. In order to certify data in CALPADS, authorized district or charter school personnel are required to review the accuracy of all data associated with the applicable CALPADS submission. CALPADS certification is a two-step process with Level-2 certification reserved for the district superintendents, charter school administrators, or their designees. Please contact the district or school if you have any questions about their certified CALPADS data.

**Source:** These data were submitted and certified by LEAs and/or charter schools as part of the annual CALPADS Fall 1 submission.

5. Click on **Report Options and Filters** to narrow the data report.



The screenshot shows the California Department of Education DataQuest interface. At the top, there is a header with the California Department of Education logo and the text 'DataQuest Home / Enrollment Report'. Below this, the main title is '2018-19 Enrollment by Grade' and the subtitle is 'State Report'. A navigation menu on the left has two items: '+ Report Description' and '- Report Options and Filters'. A blue arrow points to the '- Report Options and Filters' item. Below this menu, the 'Report Selection' section contains three dropdown menus: 'Report:' set to 'Enrollment by Grade (with County data)', 'County:' set to '00 - Select a County', and 'Year:' set to '2018-19'. The 'Report Filters' section contains four rows of radio button options: 'School Type' (All Schools, Charter, Non-Charter), 'Gender' (All Students, Male, Female), 'English Learners' (All Students, Yes, No), and 'Students With Disabilities' (All Students, Yes, No). Below this is a 'Program Subgroups' dropdown menu set to '- No Subgroup Filters'. The 'Display Options' section contains 'View Data As' (Percents, Numbers) and 'Sort by Column' (Name, Ascending, Descending).

6. Under **Report Selection**, the Report type, County, and Year can be changed as desired.

### Report Selection

**Report:** Enrollment by Grade (with County data) ▼

**County:** 00 - Select a County ▼

**Year:** 2018-19 ▼

- Under **Report Filters**, the School Type, Gender, English Learner, Disability, and Program Subgroups can be filtered as desired.

**Program Subgroups** include socioeconomically Disadvantaged, Migrant, Foster, and Homeless students.

## Report Filters

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**School Type:**  **All Schools**  **Charter**  **Non-Charter**

**Gender:**  **All Students**  **Male**  **Female**

**English Learners:**  **All Students**  **Yes**  **No**

**Students With Disabilities:**  **All Students**  **Yes**  **No**



**Program Subgroups:**

- Display Options will vary depending on the report. Options include viewing the data as percent's or numbers or sorting the data by column ascending or descending.

## Display Options

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**View Data As:**  **Percents**  **Numbers**

**Sort by Column:**    
 **Ascending**  **Descending**