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**Table 6. Number and percentage distribution of private school students, by grade and private school typology: United States, 2019–20**

Private school typology	Kindergarten <sup>1</sup>		First grade		Second grade		Third grade		Fourth grade	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	433,613	100.0	339,219	100.0	330,731	100.0	333,461	100.0	331,301	100.0
Catholic	132,847	30.6	120,848	35.6	119,749	36.2	122,542	36.7	122,701	37.0
Parochial	54,364	12.5	48,427	14.3	47,665	14.4	48,978	14.7	48,881	14.8
Diocesan	66,261	15.3	61,139	18.0	60,829	18.4	61,471	18.4	61,569	18.6
Private	12,222	2.8	11,283	3.3	11,256	3.4	12,092	3.6	12,251	3.7
Other religious	181,936	42.0	151,261	44.6	146,564	44.3	145,905	43.8	143,574	43.3
Conservative Christian	56,155	13.0	46,739	13.8	45,914	13.9	45,572	13.7	45,074	13.6
Other affiliated	56,235	13.0	46,622	13.7	46,015	13.9	45,755	13.7	45,233	13.7
Unaffiliated	69,547	16.0	57,900	17.1	54,635	16.5	54,577	16.4	53,266	16.1
Nonsectarian	118,830	27.4	67,110	19.8	64,418	19.5	65,014	19.5	65,026	19.6
Regular	77,222	17.8	45,806	13.5	44,090	13.3	44,273	13.3	45,053	13.6
Special emphasis	38,830	9.0	18,788	5.5	16,747	5.1	15,782	4.7	14,106	4.3
Special education	2,777	0.6	2,516	0.7	3,581	1.1	4,959	1.5	5,867	1.8

  

Private school typology	Fifth grade		Sixth grade		Seventh grade		Eighth grade		Ninth grade	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	339,650	100.0	359,076	100.0	358,824	100.0	360,513	100.0	357,811	100.0
Catholic	127,481	37.5	133,138	37.1	134,229	37.4	135,138	37.5	149,698	41.8
Parochial	49,934	14.7	50,373	14.0	48,986	13.7	47,557	13.2	12,134	3.4
Diocesan	63,600	18.7	64,907	18.1	64,205	17.9	64,801	18.0	66,484	18.6
Private	13,948	4.1	17,858	5.0	21,039	5.9	22,780	6.3	71,080	19.9
Other religious	143,868	42.4	148,928	41.5	145,209	40.5	142,157	39.4	118,005	33.0
Conservative Christian	45,812	13.5	48,234	13.4	47,620	13.3	46,577	12.9	41,556	11.6
Other affiliated	45,043	13.3	46,973	13.1	46,686	13.0	45,808	12.7	37,224	10.4
Unaffiliated	53,013	15.6	53,720	15.0	50,903	14.2	49,772	13.8	39,225	11.0
Nonsectarian	68,301	20.1	77,011	21.4	79,387	22.1	83,218	23.1	90,108	25.2
Regular	47,598	14.0	53,877	15.0	56,848	15.8	58,980	16.4	66,718	18.6
Special emphasis	13,712	4.0	14,755	4.1	13,550	3.8	14,367	4.0	13,366	3.7
Special education	6,992	2.1	8,379	2.3	8,989	2.5	9,872	2.7	10,024	2.8

  

Private school typology	Tenth grade		Eleventh grade		Twelfth grade		Ungraded	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	357,216	100.0	353,073	100.0	347,351	100.0	51,065	100.0
Catholic	148,704	41.6	146,453	41.5	144,761	41.7	4,679	9.2
Parochial	11,664	3.3	11,783	3.3	11,645	3.4	753	1.5
Diocesan	65,732	18.4	65,112	18.4	64,463	18.6	2,658	5.2
Private	71,308	20.0	69,558	19.7	68,653	19.8	1,268	2.5
Other religious	116,586	32.6	111,887	31.7	108,072	31.1	8,738	17.1
Conservative Christian	41,137	11.5	40,032	11.3	38,572	11.1	2,003	3.9
Other affiliated	37,654	10.5	36,018	10.2	34,611	10.0	2,380	4.7
Unaffiliated	37,795	10.6	35,837	10.2	34,888	10.0	4,356	8.5
Nonsectarian	91,926	25.7	94,734	26.8	94,519	27.2	37,647	73.7
Regular	68,024	19.0	69,154	19.6	68,417	19.7	4,267	8.4
Special emphasis	13,803	3.9	15,196	4.3	14,391	4.1	9,714	19.0
Special education	10,100	2.8	10,384	2.9	11,711	3.4	23,666	46.3

<sup>1</sup> The count for kindergarten students also includes transitional kindergarten and transitional first grade students.  
 NOTE: Detail may not sum to totals because of rounding or missing values in cells with too few sample cases. These estimates include private schools which provide instruction for one or more of grades kindergarten through twelve (or comparable ungraded levels).  
 SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Private School Universe Survey (PSS), 2019–20.

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