

Enrollment Served by Area Education Agencies (AEAs)

Iowa's nine Area Education Agencies (AEAs) provide educational equity across the State, working as educational partners with public and nonpublic schools to improve learning outcomes and child well-being. AEAs provide services and regulatory responsibility in three main areas: special education, media and technology services, and educational services (the majority of which is curriculum development). AEAs are funded through the school aid formula, and funding is generated at the school district level using the same basic formula: cost per pupil times enrollment. Each AEA has a separate cost per pupil for each of the three service areas.

Enrollment and Percent of Enrollment Served — Fall 2024



Enrollments by AEA — 2024-2025

Area Education Agency	Number of School Districts	Percent of School Districts	K-12 Public Enrollment	Percent of Public Enrollment	AEA Enrollment Served	Percent of AEA Enrollment Served
Keystone AEA	21	6.4%	27,490	5.7%	31,483	6.1%
Prairie Lakes AEA	36	11.0%	29,544	6.1%	31,816	6.1%
Central Rivers AEA	53	16.2%	60,258	12.4%	64,087	12.3%
Mississippi Bend AEA	21	6.4%	43,736	9.0%	47,523	9.1%
Grant Wood AEA	32	9.8%	68,981	14.2%	74,250	14.3%
Heartland AEA	53	16.2%	142,403	29.4%	153,901	29.6%
Northwest AEA	34	10.4%	39,081	8.1%	44,812	8.6%
Green Hills AEA	43	13.1%	36,066	7.4%	37,288	7.2%
Great Prairie AEA	32	9.8%	33,108	6.8%	34,568	6.7%
Total	325		480,665		519,728	

Notes:

- Enrollments are based on the October 2024 certified enrollment counts and used to calculate funding for the 2025-2026 school year.
- AEA enrollment includes nonpublic students. Enrollment totals may not sum due to rounding.
- For more information on AEA funding, see the **Fiscal Topic School Aid — Area Education Agency Funding**: www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/publications/FTNO/1224533.pdf.

Sources: Department of Education, LSA calculations
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