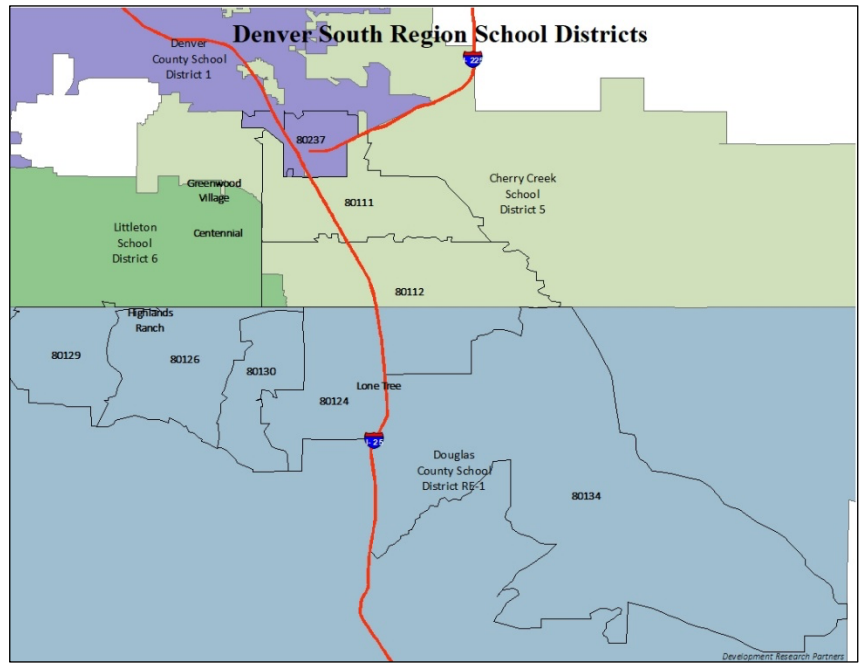


PreK-12 Education

The Denver South region is home to over 70 schools that serve more than 53,000 students across three of Metro Denver’s largest K-12 school districts including the Cherry Creek School District, Douglas County School District, and Denver Public Schools. Parts of Centennial and Greenwood Village are also served by Littleton Public Schools.



Cherry Creek School District

The Cherry Creek School District 5, also known as Cherry Creek Public Schools, is based in western Arapahoe County and is the fourth-largest school district in Colorado. The District serves more than 56,000 students and over 300,000 residents in eight municipalities across 108 square miles, including Greenwood Village, Cherry Hills Village, most of Centennial, Foxfield, and Glendale. The District also serves portions of Aurora, Englewood, and other areas in suburban Denver.

Douglas County School District

The Douglas County School District is Colorado’s third-largest school district and the largest employer in the County, serving more than 67,000 students and over 340,000 residents for over 60 years. The District serves the Denver South region in zip codes 80124, 80126, 80129, 80130, and 80134 including the municipalities of Highlands Ranch, Castle Pines, Parker, Lone Tree, and Castle Rock.

Denver Public Schools

Denver Public Schools (DPS) serve more than 92,000 students in more than 200 schools across 4,500 square miles and is the largest school district in Colorado. DPS is one of the fastest growing urban school districts in the nation in terms of enrollment. Of the nearly 300 U.S. school districts, DPS had the second-highest academic growth in the nation (second only to Lincoln, NE), according to Education Resource Strategies.

K-12 Education Statistics

	Cherry Creek School District	Douglas County School District	Denver Public Schools	Littleton Public Schools
Enrollment (2019-20)	56,172	67,305	92,112	14,988
Number of Schools (2019-20)	69	92	206	23
Pupil/Teacher Ratio (2019-20)	17.6	18.4	14.9	18.1
Dropout Rate (2018-19)¹	1.1%	0.6%	4.5%	0.6%
Graduation Rate (2018-19)	89.8%	91.7%	70.9%	91.6%
Completion Rate (2018-19)	90.9%	93.0%	73.4%	93.5%

¹ Grades 7 to 12. Includes alternative schools. Dropout figures could include students who have left to attend school at home, outside of the state or country, or at a private institution. These students are included in the dropout count when specific documentation of the school change is not provided.

Source: Colorado Department of Education.

Littleton Public Schools

Littleton Public Schools (LPS) serves communities within the southern Metro Denver region and is the 19th-largest school district in Colorado. LPS serves 28 square miles and includes the majority of the city of Littleton, town of Columbine Valley, and portions of the municipalities of Bow Mar, Centennial, Greenwood Village, and the city of Englewood. With about 15,000 students, more than 20 percent of LPS students live outside district boundaries.

Higher Education

The Denver South region is home to numerous higher education institutions including the University of Colorado South Denver Campus (CU South Denver), Metropolitan State University of Denver South Campus, Regis University Denver Tech Center Campus, and Rocky Vista, among others.

Several community colleges serve businesses and residents of the Denver South region including Arapahoe Community College's Parker Campus, Community College of Aurora, and Community College of Denver. The number of graduates by institution located in the Denver South region is included below.

- More than 65 percent of total graduates originate from the University of Colorado Denver/Anschutz and Metropolitan State University of Denver.

Higher Education Institutions in Denver South & Surrounding Region
American Sentinel University
Arapahoe Community College
Argosy University-Denver
Aspen University
Colorado State University-Global Campus
Colorado Technical University-Greenwood Village
Community College of Aurora
Community College of Denver
Concorde Career College-Aurora
Denver College of Nursing
Denver Seminary
Ecotech Institute
Emily Griffith Technical College
Illiff School of Theology
Johnson & Wales University-Denver
Lincoln College of Technology-Denver
Metropolitan State University of Denver (includes South Campus)
National American University-Centennial
Pickens Technical College
Platt College-Aurora
Regis University (includes DTC Campus)
Rocky Vista University
University of Colorado Denver/Anschutz Medical Campus (includes South Campus)
University of Denver

Additionally, the Denver South region's talent pipeline includes graduates from the surrounding Metro Denver region.

Graduates by Institution, All Program Types	Number of Graduates				
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Arapahoe Community College	1,772	1,801	1,691	1,378	1,683
Metropolitan State University of Denver (includes South Campus)	3,545	3,557	3,546	3,674	3,466
Regis University (includes DTC Campus)	3,432	3,206	2,993	2,819	2,775
Rocky Vista University	150	144	152	160	173
University of Colorado Denver/Anschutz Medical Campus (includes South Campus)	4,784	4,997	5,052	5,272	5,272

Note: Data for satellite and branch campuses in the region is unavailable. Data is reported as a cumulative total for the institution. Source: Provided by Arapahoe/Douglas Works!; IPEDS data aggregated by EMSI.

- Almost half of all degrees conferred at surrounding Metro Denver institutions in 2018 were in a health-related field; business, management, marketing, and related support services; or social sciences.
- Nearly 39 percent of degrees conferred were in a STEM-related field in 2018.

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Agriculture/Natural Resources	1.8%	1.9%	2.0%	2.1%	2.0%
Architecture	0.6%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%
Arts/History/Culinary	7.7%	7.8%	7.1%	7.2%	6.8%
Business/Management/Marketing	14.8%	15.8%	15.6%	16.0%	15.6%
Communications	2.9%	3.0%	3.3%	3.3%	3.1%
Computer & IT Services	3.1%	3.6%	3.6%	3.6%	4.0%
Construction/Repair	6.9%	5.9%	5.1%	5.6%	5.4%
Education	4.4%	4.3%	4.3%	4.7%	4.7%
Engineering	6.5%	6.7%	6.8%	7.4%	7.4%
Health	19.2%	18.7%	19.1%	17.6%	18.6%
Legal	1.2%	1.2%	1.2%	1.1%	1.1%
Liberal Arts & General Studies	7.5%	7.3%	8.1%	7.8%	7.7%
Mathematics/Statistics	0.8%	0.8%	0.8%	0.7%	0.8%
Other	3.6%	3.6%	3.3%	3.4%	3.3%
Philosophy/Theology	0.8%	0.8%	0.9%	0.8%	0.9%
Physical Science	4.7%	4.8%	5.0%	5.4%	5.3%
Social Sciences	13.5%	13.3%	13.4%	12.8%	13.0%
STEM-Related	36.7%	37.0%	37.8%	37.3%	38.5%
Non-STEM	63.3%	63.0%	62.2%	62.7%	61.5%

Notes: STEM-related programs include agriculture/natural resources, architecture, computer & IT services, engineering, health, mathematics/statistics, and physical science. Source: Provided by Arapahoe/Douglas Works!; IPEDS data aggregated by EMSI.