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## **Profile Data: 2009 Highlights**

### **What is new? What has changed?**

1. Student enrollment in Colorado continues to increase – conversely over 100 districts are declining (178 total)
2. Students in special education – 82,607
  - a. has decreased in number and in percentage
  - b. considerably below national average
3. Students identified as at-risk (Colorado: qualifies for free lunch)
  - a. total 30% of population or 224,137 students
  - b. a 36% increase in past 5 years
4. English Language Learners – 2 years identified and funded
  - a. are 10% of population or 75,182 students
  - b. a 112% increase in past 5 years
5. Colorado continues to increase the number of teachers
  - a. though lags in comparison to national average
  - b. Colorado average salary is \$47,493 which is below national average of \$52,308 (after adjusting for inflation)
6. Colorado's personal income continues to increase (towards top in nation)
  - a. The percent of personal income dedicated toward K-12 education is 3.2%.
  - b. This has decreased from last year and has trended down since 1992.
  - c. The National average is 4.2%, which has stayed consistent since 1992.