

# An Overview of the U.S. Department of Education's 2020-21 Civil Rights Data Collection

2020-21 Civil Rights Data Collection (CRDC)



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## About the Civil Rights Data Collection

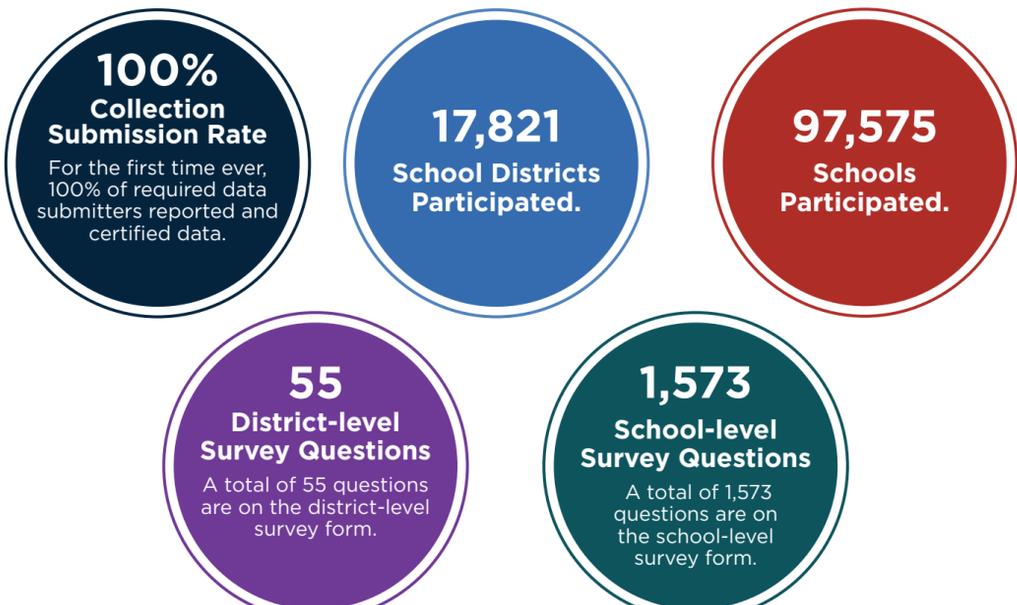
The U.S. Department of Education's (ED) Office for Civil Rights (OCR) administers the Civil Rights Data Collection (CRDC), which is a mandatory survey of all public schools and school districts in the 50 states, Washington, D.C., and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. The CRDC gathers information about student access to educational programs, activities, and staff, and school climate factors, such as student discipline and harassment or bullying incidents, from public schools serving students in preschool through 12th grade. For the 2020-21 school year, the CRDC includes data from more than 17,000 school districts and 97,000 schools nationwide. For more information about the CRDC or to download the full CRDC public-use data file, please visit <https://civilrightsdata.ed.gov.htsdata>.

## 2020-21 CRDC Overview

School districts and other data submitters reported data on various topics for the 2020-21 school year, including:<sup>1</sup>

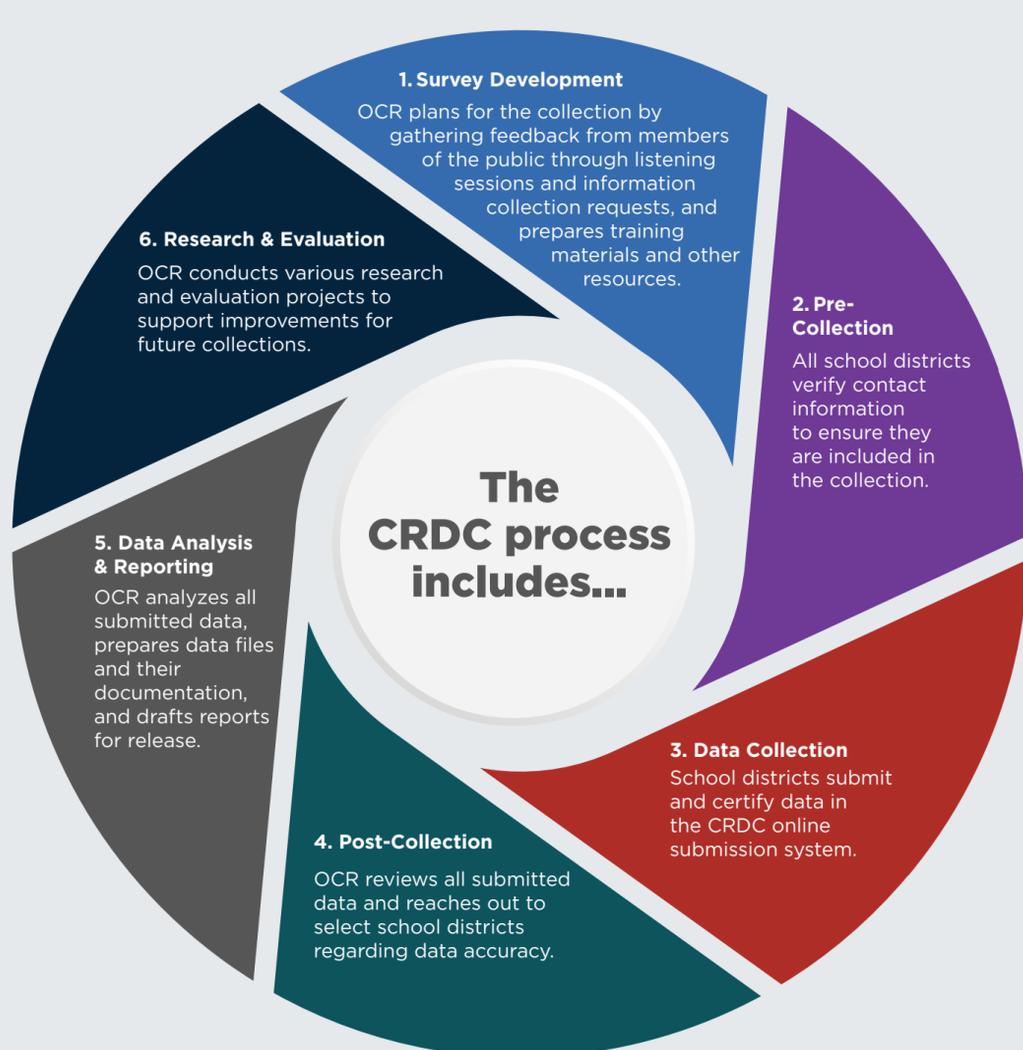
Enrollment & Student Characteristics	School Climate	Courses & School Programs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overall Student Enrollment</li> <li>Preschool Enrollment</li> <li>IDEA &amp; Section 504 Enrollment<sup>2</sup></li> <li>English Learner Student Enrollment</li> <li>Student Retention</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Student Discipline</li> <li>Harassment or Bullying</li> <li>School Offenses</li> <li>School-related Arrests</li> <li>Referrals to Law Enforcement</li> <li>Restraint &amp; Seclusion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Science &amp; Math Course Access and Passing</li> <li>Gifted &amp; Talented Programs</li> <li>Dual Enrollment/Credit Programs</li> <li>English Language Instruction Educational Programs</li> <li>High School Equivalency Exam Preparation Programs</li> <li>Advanced Placement Courses &amp; International Baccalaureate Programs</li> <li>SAT &amp; ACT Test-taking</li> <li>Single-Sex Academic Classes</li> <li>Single-Sex Interscholastic Athletics</li> </ul>
Teachers & School Support Staff	School & School District Characteristics	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Full-Time Equivalent Teachers</li> <li>Teacher Certification</li> <li>School Support Staff</li> <li>School Security Staff</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Distance Education Enrollment</li> <li>Desegregation Plans</li> <li>Civil Rights Coordinators</li> <li>Justice Facilities</li> </ul>	
	Internet Access & Devices	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Internet Connection</li> <li>Wi-Fi Enabled Devices</li> </ul>	

## 2020-21 CRDC Counts



## 2020-21 CRDC Process

The 2020-21 CRDC submission system opened to data submitters on December 13, 2021 and closed on April 8, 2022.



For an analysis of national civil rights data submitted by schools and school districts for the 2020-21 CRDC, please see *A First Look: Students' Access to Educational Opportunities in the Nation's Public Schools*, available at <https://civilrightsdata.ed.gov>.

<sup>1</sup>The CRDC is a district-level collection. Some states submit some or all data on behalf of their school districts, but school districts are required to certify the data. There is one exception: Florida is the only state that certifies data for all of its school districts.

<sup>2</sup>IDEA enrollment refers to students with disabilities who receive special education and related services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. Section 504 enrollment refers to students with disabilities who receive educational aids and services under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, 2020-21 Civil Rights Data Collection, released November 2023, available at <https://civilrightsdata.ed.gov>.

! OCR cautions readers and data users to consider the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on students and on educational conditions when comparing the 2020-21 CRDC to CRDCs from previous years.

🖱 For more information on the 2020-21 CRDC data quality efforts, review the User's Manual available at <https://civilrightsdata.ed.gov>.

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