

Average start time for public high schools and percentage distribution of start times in public high schools, by selected school characteristics: 2007–08

Selected school characteristics	Total number of public high schools	Average start time for public high schools (AM) ¹	Percentage distribution of public high school start times				
			Before 7:30 AM	7:30 AM to 7:59 AM	8:00 AM to 8:29 AM	8:30 AM to 8:59 AM	9:00 AM or later
All public schools	19,270	8:00	8.8	31.5	44.5	11.1	4.1
School Classification							
Traditional public	18,360	7:59	8.9	31.4	45.0	10.9	3.7
Charter school	910	8:07	‡	33.3 !	34.1 !	13.1 !	‡
Community type							
City	4,210	8:02	9.3	26.7	41.4	15.5	7.1 !
Suburban	4,880	7:53	16.2	41.1	25.6	11.4	5.7 !
Town	3,400	8:02	3.5	30.0	58.2	7.2	1.1 !
Rural	6,780	8:02	5.8	28.3	53.3	10.0	2.6 !
Student enrollment							
Less than 100	2,690	8:09	‡	15.0	54.7	19.3 !	7.3 !
100–199	1,990	8:13	‡	21.1	49.4	12.7	15.0 !
200–499	4,270	8:05	3.4 !	26.5	55.3	10.1	4.7 !
500–749	2,460	7:57	6.3	39.0	47.0	6.9 !	‡
750–999	1,730	7:51	9.7	46.6	39.9	3.6 !	‡
1,000 or more	6,130	7:52	17.9	38.3	31.2	11.3	1.2 !
Percent of K–12 students who were approved for free or reduced-price lunches							
0–34	8,610	7:56	10.7	37.9	41.5	8.2	1.7 !
35–49	3,260	7:59	12.6	27.4	47.4	8.9	‡
50–74	2,820	8:01	7.2	31.6	46.6	11.0	‡
75 or more	2,310	8:06	4.0 !	23.4	49.7	19.1	‡
School did not participate in free or reduced-price lunch program	2,060	8:10	3.1 !	21.4	41.6	18.1 !	15.8 !

! Interpret data with caution. The coefficient of variation (CV) for this estimate is between 30 percent and 50 percent (i.e., the standard error is at least 30 percent and less than 50 percent of the estimate).

‡ Reporting standards not met. The coefficient of variation (CV) for this estimate is 50 percent or greater (i.e., the standard error is 50 percent or more of the estimate) or the response rate is below 50 percent.

¹Schools with PM start times were not included in the average start time calculation. In 2007–08, 1 percent of public high schools reported PM start times.

NOTE: High schools include any schools where the lowest grade is any of grades 7–12 and the highest grade is any of grades 9–12. Detail may not sum to totals because of rounding and because some data not shown.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Schools and Staffing Survey (SASS), "Public School Data File," 2007–08.