



Coalition for  
Jewish Learning

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## Overview

This year's census was conducted by the Coalition for Jewish Learning (CJL), the Education Department of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation. The census is based on responses from schools.

CJL's annual census documents that the number of children enrolled in Milwaukee Area Jewish schools declined slightly from 1739 to 1717 continuing a steady decline that began in 2009-2010. This year's decline of 22 students is a total approximately 1% lower than last year's. While this is a moderate decrease, it does represent the continuation of a downward trend of the last 15 years.

## Higher Pre-school Enrollment

Enrollment rose by 19 students at the preschool level. Is this the beginning of a reversal in the downward trend of recent years? The future impact of this increase is difficult to assess in any definitive way, but it at least presents the possibility that we may see a future reversal from the enrollment decline of recent years. Whether this upward trend will continue or translate into higher enrollment at the day school and/or religious school levels will be carefully monitored in the future.

## Day School Population

Overall, day school enrollment remains steady and is very close to last year's total, rising by three students from 624 to 627. There was considerable variance on a school-by-school basis with many factors having an impact on individual schools. Hillel High School in its second year of operation grew from 19 to 31 students and this increase was important in keeping day school enrollment from declining.

## Religious School Trend Continues

There was a decrease in religious school enrollment consistent with the trend of recent years.