

2021 CANVASS OF DUAL LANGUAGE AND IMMERSION (DLI) PROGRAMS IN US PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The American Councils Research Center (ARC) is pleased to announce the results of a systematic national canvass of Dual Language Immersion (DLI) programs in the U.S. The study was overseen by Mr. Gregg Roberts, Director of Dual Language Studies at ARC.

The canvass of programs represents the first effort in more than a decade to document the growth of DLI across the country. Data was collected with the assistance of key contacts in each of the fifty states in order to identify the number of DLI programs by state, effective with the fall 2021-22 school year. Respondents were asked to identify all programs regardless of type (e.g., one-way, two-way) and each school that housed a program was counted. For example, a DLI elementary school program and a middle school program are counted separately. It is important to note that this is not a comprehensive survey of programs, nor does it seek to identify enrollment demographics or distinguish among different programs and instructional models.

Table 1 Number of DLI Programs in US Public Schools by Language			
Language	Number of DLI Programs	Language	Number of DLI Programs
Spanish	2936	Polish	5
Chinese	312	Haitian Creole	3
French	182	Urdu	2
Japanese	37	Yup'ik	2
German	31	Greek	2
Portuguese	27	Lak'ho'ta	2
Hawaiian	27	Lushootseed	2
Korean	23	Makah	2
Russian	17	Diné	2
Italian	7	ASL	1
Hmong	7	Bengali	1
Vietnamese	6	Cherokee	1
Armenian	6	Yiddish	1
Arabic	5		

This program canvass represents an important first step in documenting the growth and prevalence of DLI programs in the U.S. It serves to underscore the rapid growth of DLI in many states and the importance of these programs for advancing language education, bilingualism, along with providing access to accountable and quality programs for all populations. Additional efforts are needed to better document and understand growth and enrollment patterns along with program and instructional models.

The results, highlighted in the map below, indicate that there are more than 3600 DLI programs across the U.S. Forty-four states report DLI programs. California, Texas, New York, Utah, and North Carolina account for almost sixty percent of all DLI programs. Spanish programs account for about eighty percent of all programs followed by Chinese (8.6%) and French (5.0%).

Figure 1
DLI Programs 2021

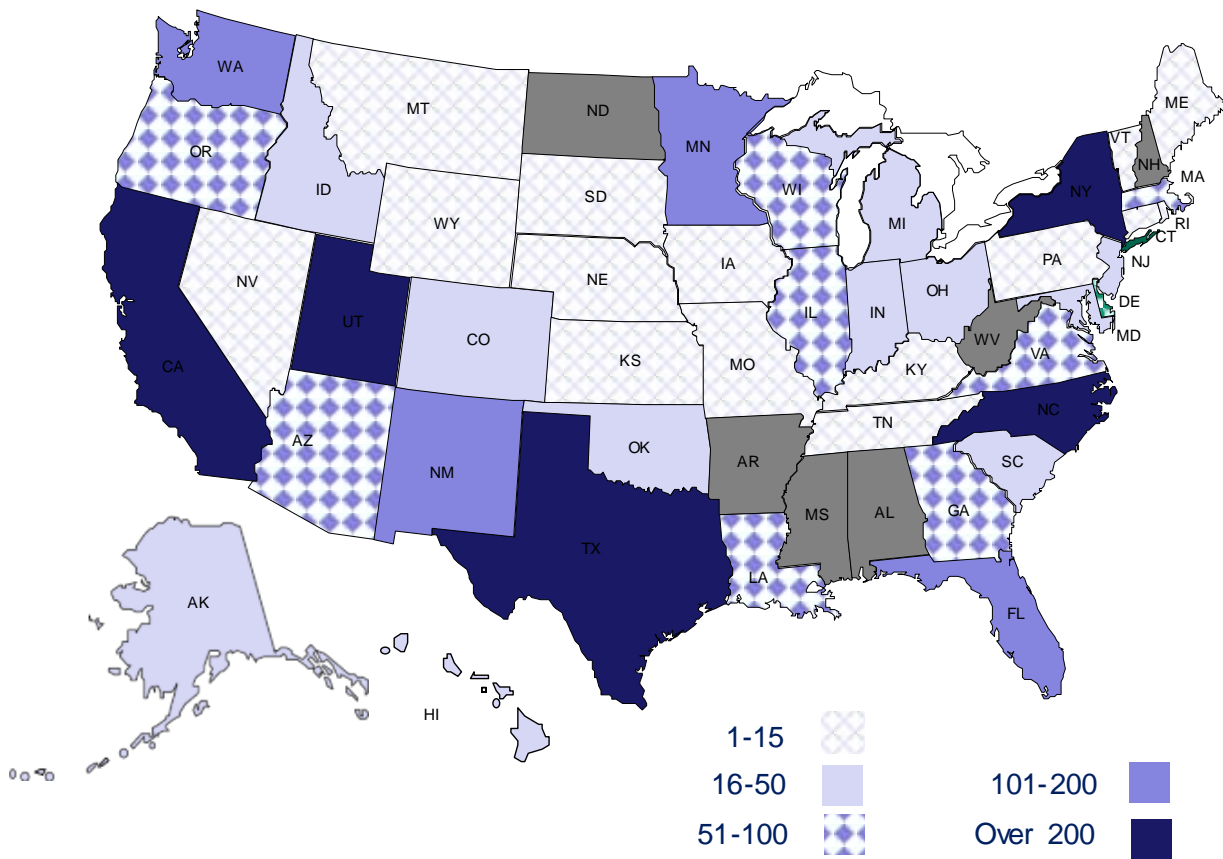


Table 2 below shows the number of DLI programs in each state.

Table 2 Number of DLI Programs in US Public Schools by State	
State	Number of DLI Programs
Alabama	0
Alaska	19
Arizona	61
Arkansas	0
California	660
Colorado	45
Connecticut	12
District of Columbia	13
Delaware	60
Florida	107
Georgia	71
Hawai'i	29
Idaho	20
Illinois	52
Indiana	31
Iowa	12
Kansas	9
Kentucky	11
Louisiana	71
Maine	1
Maryland	41
Massachusetts	61
Michigan	40
Minnesota	107
Mississippi	0
Missouri	8

Table 2 Number of DLI Programs in US Public Schools by State	
State	Number of DLI Programs
Montana	1
Nebraska	12
Nevada	2
New Hampshire	0
New Jersey	15
New Mexico	133
New York	456
North Carolina	229
North Dakota	0
Ohio	15
Oklahoma	19
Oregon	95
Pennsylvania	10
Rhode Island	13
South Carolina	35
South Dakota	2
Tennessee	1
Texas	521
Utah	297
Vermont	1
Virginia	51
Washington	108
West Virginia	0
Wisconsin	82
Wyoming	10

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