



EMERGENT BILINGUAL STUDENTS IN TEXAS

FACT SHEET #1

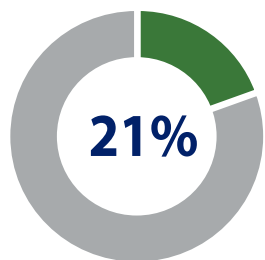
An emergent bilingual student is a student who is in the process of acquiring English and has another language as the primary language. The term emergent bilingual student replaced the term English learner in the Texas Education Code 29, Subchapter B after the September 1, 2021 update.

English Learner (EL)

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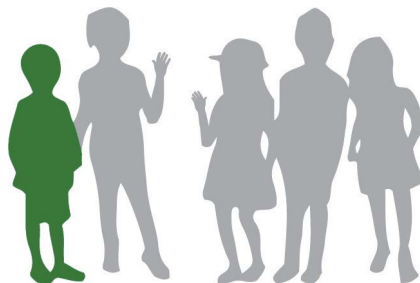
Emergent Bilingual (EB) Student

Fast Facts:



21% of the student population in Texas public schools are EB students.

Almost 5.5 million students are enrolled in Texas public schools.



Texas serves just under **1 in 5** of the nation's EB students.



10% of EB students are also receiving Special Education services.

Languages in Texas:

88% Spanish

9.2% Other languages

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Vietnamese

1.6%

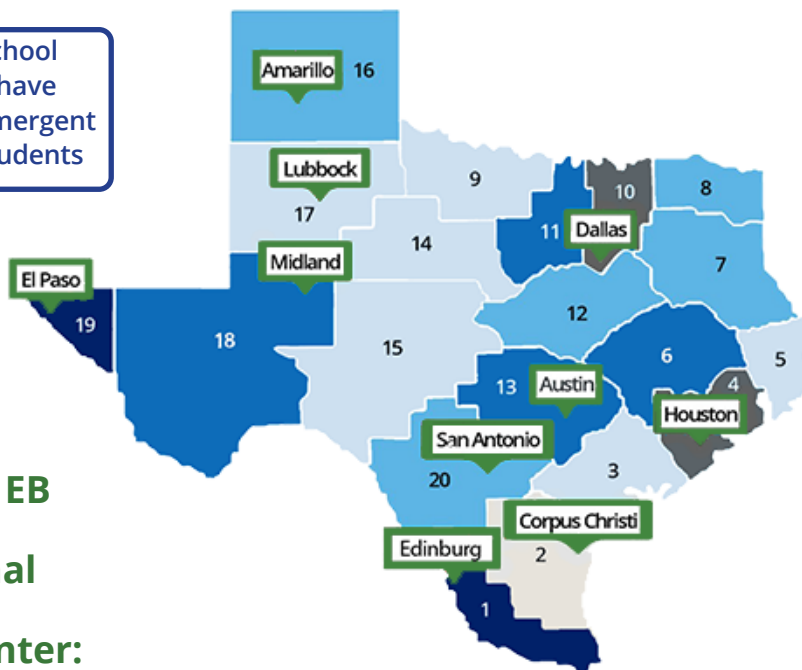
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Arabic

120+ languages spoken in Texas public schools.

Distribution of EB Students Across Texas:

99% of School Districts have identified emergent bilingual students



Percent of EB Students per Regional Education Service Center:

0-5%

6-10%

11-15%

16-20%

21-30%

31-40%

Source: PEIMS Data 2021-2022

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