

Kentucky's Fast Facts

ENGLISH LEARNERS WITH DISABILITIES

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Related Resource from the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP): [OSEP Fast Facts: Students With Disabilities Who Are English Learners \(ELs\) Served Under IDEA Part B](#)

WHO IS AN ENGLISH LEARNER?

- English learners (ELs) are students aged 3-21 whose primary language is a language other than English [ESSA 8101(20)].
- Kentucky's ELs represent families who speak over 144 different languages.

WHO IS A STUDENT WITH A DISABILITY?

A child evaluated in accordance with **707 KAR 1:300**, as meeting the criteria listed in the definitions in this section for autism, deaf-blindness, developmental delay, emotional-behavior disability, hearing impairment, mental disability, multiple disabilities, orthopedic impairment, other health impairment, specific learning disability, speech or language impairment, traumatic brain injury or visual impairment which has an adverse effect on the child's educational performance and who, as a result, needs special education and related services.

Kentucky Students with Disabilities who are also English Learners (May 2022)

In Kentucky, 4.5%
of students with
disabilities are also
English learners.



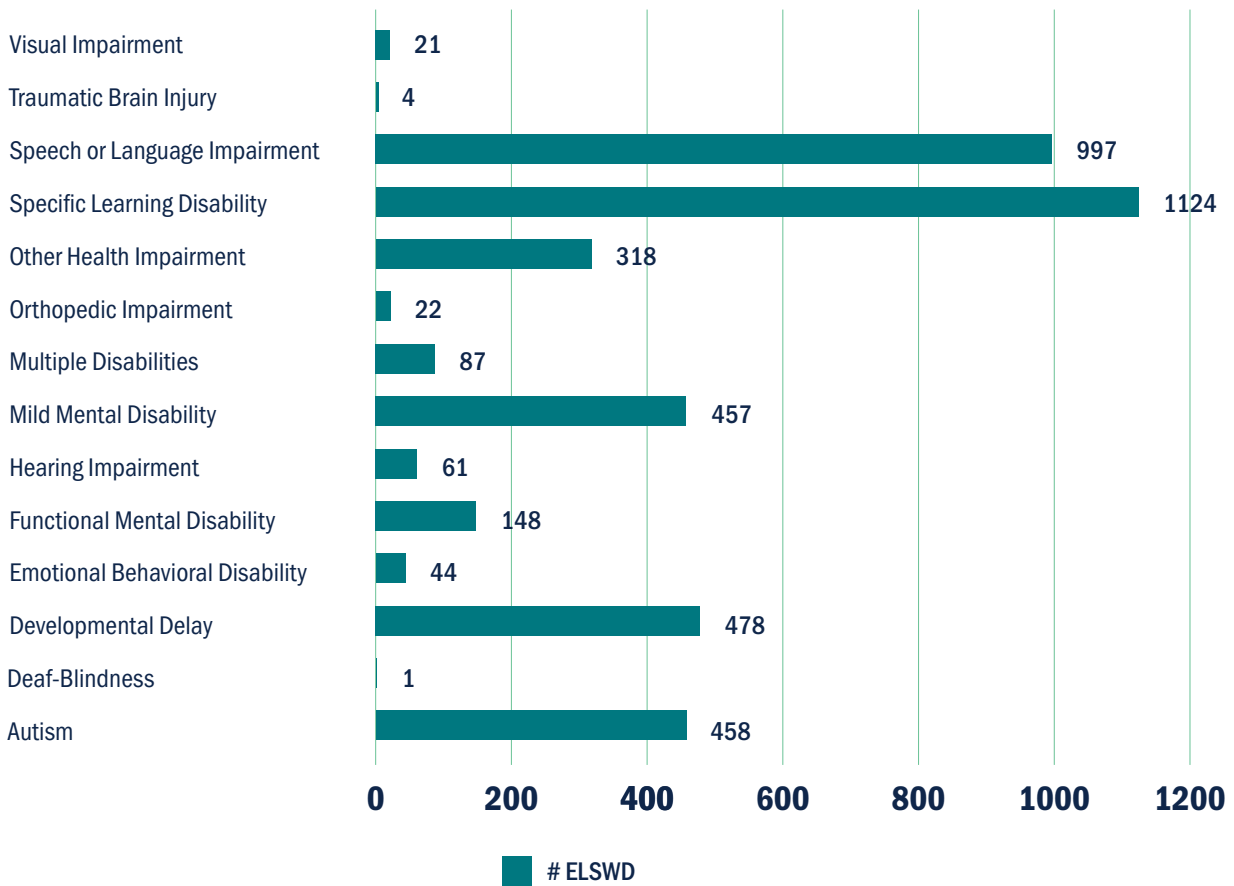
4.5%
K-14 English
Learner Students
with Disabilities

95.5%
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STATEWIDE INCREASE IN ENGLISH LEARNER STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES (ELSWD) 2012-2022

Statewide data indicates the majority of ELs with disabilities are identified under the Specific Learning Disability category. Other leading categories include Speech or Language Impairment, Developmental Delay, Mild Mental Disability and Autism.

Statewide ELSWD by Disability Category

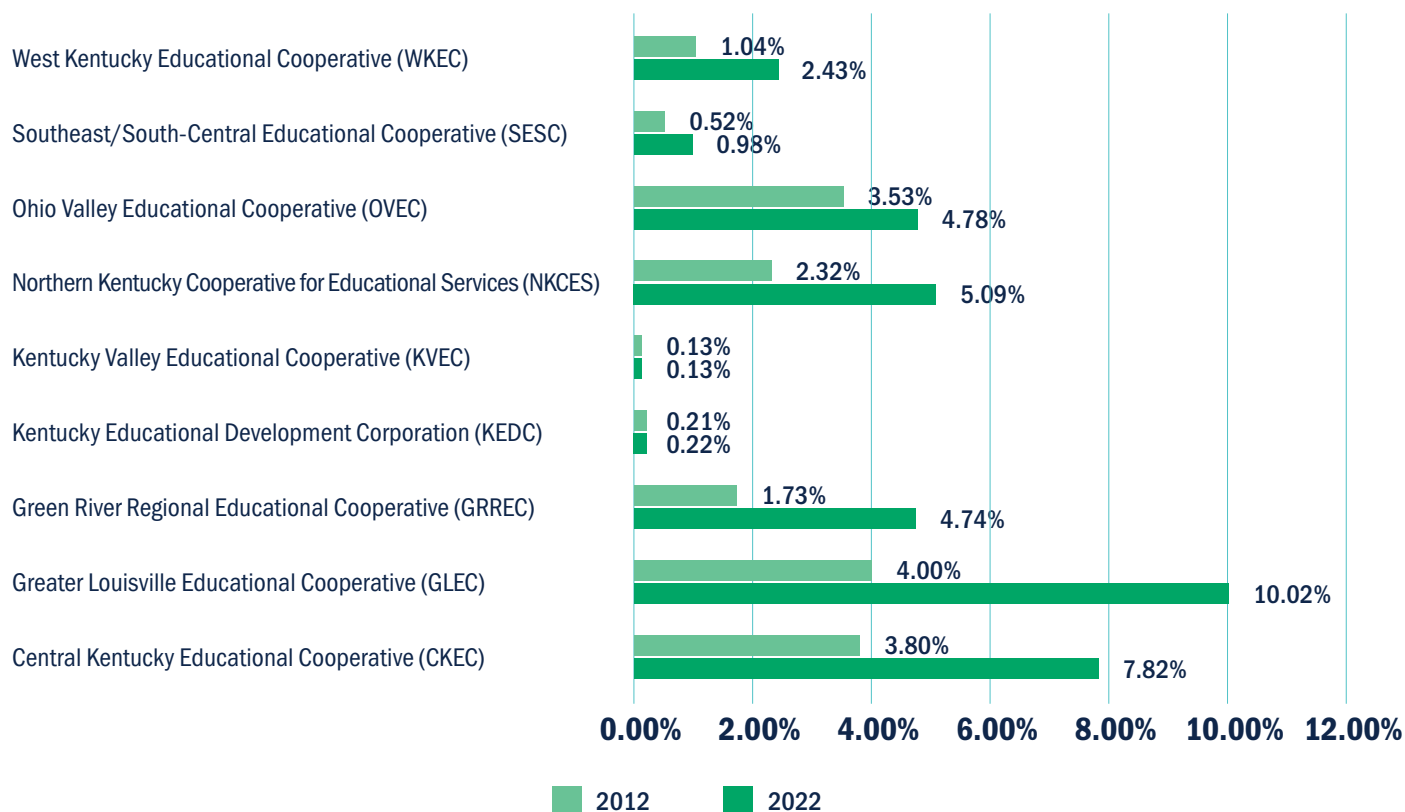


Districts with Greatest Change (5% or higher)	2012-2022 Change
Bowling Green Independent Schools	8.34%
Butler County Schools	8.72%
Carroll County Schools	7.65%
Elizabethtown Independent Schools	5.67%
Fayette County Schools	8.71%
Jefferson County Schools	6.03%
Kentucky School for the Deaf	5.00%
Mayfield Independent Schools	9.85%
Monticello Independent Schools	5.71%
Shelby County Schools	5.61%
Warren County Schools	11.57%

Since 2012, 38 of Kentucky's districts have experienced an increase of ELSWD by at least 2% or more.

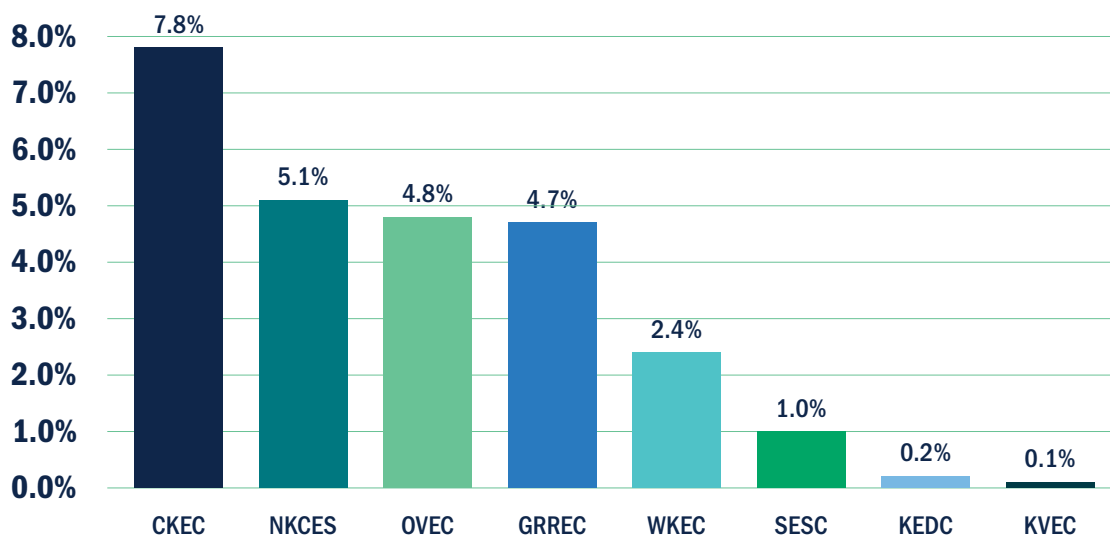
REGIONAL SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVES 2012-2022

Special Education Cooperatives Change in Percent ELSWD (2012 & 2022)



ELSWD can be found in each Special Education Cooperative Region. In CKEC and NKCES, more than 5% of SWD are also EL.

ELSWD by Special Education Cooperative (2022)



WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION ON SUPPORTING AND IMPROVING OUTCOMES FOR ELSWD?

RESOURCES

- [Tools and Resources for Addressing English Learners with Disabilities](#): This chapter of the [English Learner Tool Kit](#) is intended to help state and local education agencies meet their obligations to English learners. This resource includes questions Admissions and Release Committee (ARC) members may want to consider for identification and evaluation, as well as tools and resources for referral, identification and assessment. This tool kit should be read in conjunction with the Dear Colleague Letter on “[English Learner Students and Limited English Proficient Parents](#),” (2015).
- [English Learners \(OSEP\)](#): This webpage includes a variety of resources to support English learners with disabilities from the U.S. Department of Education including the Q&A Regarding Inclusion of English Learners with Disabilities in English Language Proficiency Assessments and Title III Annual Measurable Achievement.

You can find these resources and more on the [Instructional Resources - Kentucky Department of Education](#) webpage.

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