

## Counting Children for the Census Report-

State statute §120.18(1)(a) allows districts to identify census numbers by utilizing one of two established processes:

1. Perform an actual physical census count
2. Perform a mathematical calculation to determine a school census number

If you are not physically out in the community surveying households and recording children ages four through twenty, you are likely using the mathematical calculation. If you are using a census module in your pupil tracking software to determine the census, please review the data to ensure the program is pulling the correct data.

If you are a K-12 district, you are to report your resident students ages four through twenty at a point in time. K-8 and UHS districts only count residents of the specified ages for the respective type of district. In addition to the resident students in your seats, you may also have residents attending another public school, a private school, and home based children. Do not include nonresident students attending your district through open enrollment in your census report.

You should review your local resident data and census count to see if it is reasonable compared to the data collected by the State. The first check is to compare your Census count to your September Adjusted Head Count per the PI 1563. <https://apps4.dpi.wi.gov/sfsdw/MembershipFTEReport.aspx> *September Adjusted Head Count- Residents enrolled in a public school (not FTE)*

In addition to data maintained regarding residents at the local level, the following data is reported at the state level:

*Home Based Residents by district*

<http://dpi.wi.gov/sms/home-based/statistics>

*Private School Students: district listed based on location of private school, Not residency* <http://dpi.wi.gov/cst/data-collections/private-enrollment/excel-1993-present>

*Public School District graduates*

<http://wisedash.dpi.wi.gov/Dashboard/Page/Home/Topic%20Area/Graduation/>

*Private School Graduates*

<http://dpi.wi.gov/cst/data-collections/private-enrollment/graduates>

## 2015 Census Reasonability Check – Resident Children Ages of 4 and 20

	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Summary</u>
• Public School Student Total		2,030
1. Enrolled in a Public School District (Resident) Adjusted Head Count, September 2014	2,000	
2. Residents Attending other public schools (State Schools-not OE)	30	
• Private School Students, September 2014		300
• Home-based private educational programs, September 2014		40
• <u>Other Children Between the Ages of 4 and 20 (Not Included Above)</u> (Estimated number of 19 to 20 year olds)		260
1. Graduates -- Class of 2014 Public Completers Public Non Completers Private	130	
2. Graduates Class of 2013 Public Completers Public Non Completers Private	130	
TOTAL: Estimated Resident Children Between the Ages of 4 and 20		2,630

### 2015 REASONABILITY CHECK

Census Report Count	2,630
(Resident) Adjusted Head Count, September 2014	2,000

The Census is 131.5% of the adjusted head count. Can the 630 child difference be accounted for and explained looking at the data and local trends?