

- The statewide resident student count declined by 622 students between the 2021-22 and 2022-23 school years.
- However, the needs of Connecticut's students continue to grow:
  - The number of students eligible for free or reduced-price lunch (FRPL) increased by over 8,000 kids (an increase of over 4%)
  - The number of English Learners (ELs) increased by nearly 4,500 students (an increase of over 10%)
- There were significant increases in the populations of FRPL-eligible and EL students in municipalities that are economically disadvantaged (e.g. low property wealth, low median household income, and high mill rates)

**Increase in FRPL Eligibility**

Town	Increase in FRPL Student Count	Increase in FRPL Student %
Bridgeport	2,940 ↑	23.6% ↑
New Haven	1,028 ↑	8.3% ↑
Waterbury	1,005 ↑	7.5% ↑
Middletown	551 ↑	32% ↑
East Haven	548 ↑	51.6% ↑
Norwich	411 ↑	13.4% ↑
Hartford	232 ↑	1.4 % ↑

**Increase in EL Student Populations**

Town	Increase in EL Student Count	Increase in EL Student %
Bridgeport	637 ↑	14.2% ↑
Danbury	432 ↑	11.6% ↑
Stamford	352 ↑	16.1% ↑
Hartford	316 ↑	7.4% ↑
Norwalk	208 ↑	10.1% ↑
Waterbury	203 ↑	6.4% ↑
West Haven	177 ↑	16.5% ↑