

- The statewide resident student count declined by 1,160 students between the 2022-23 and 2023-24 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 6,900 kids (an increase of over 3%)
  - The number of multilingual learners (MLLs) increased by over 4,000 students (an increase of over 8%)
- There were significant increases in the populations of FRPL-eligible and MLL 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	1,238 ↑	8.0% ↑
Waterbury	744 ↑	5.2% ↑
Danbury	498 ↑	8.6% ↑
Groton	375 ↑	18.5% ↑
Hamden	346 ↑	13.0% ↑
Torrington	280 ↑	11.0% ↑
Bristol	268 ↑	6.3% ↑

**Increase in MLL Student Populations**

Town	Increase in MLL Student Count	Increase in MLL Student %
Bridgeport	444 ↑	8.6% ↑
Waterbury	347 ↑	10.2% ↑
New Haven	301 ↑	7.9% ↑
Stamford	267 ↑	10.5% ↑
Norwalk	227 ↑	10.0% ↑
Hartford	216 ↑	4.7% ↑
Danbury	189 ↑	4.5% ↑