Calculating Percent Choice

School and District Report Cards

Introduction

This document provides a detailed description of the Percent Choice statistic found in the *Private School – Choice Students* and *Private School – All Students* report cards. This number is located under "School Details" on the front page of these report cards to let stakeholders know the percentage of enrolled students at a private school who participate in a Private School Choice Program.

Data Sources

The data used to calculate Percent Choice for report cards come from two sources: the **PI-1207 Private School Report** and the **WISEdata Third Friday of September Choice Participant Count.**

Please note that it is not possible to use WISEdata as the source for verifying enrollment counts of *all* students at private schools, because only the schools that have elected to receive the optional Private School – All Students report card report data on all (Choice and non-Choice) private school students via WISEdata. The official Private School Choice Programs counts are also not used for all private student enrollment because these counts are aggregated across schools in cases where schools have enrolled in the Choice Program as a group.

PI-1207 Private School Report

The **PI-1207 Private School Report** is the official count of all students enrolled in private schools across the state. Every private school in Wisconsin (Choice or non-Choice) is required to submit the enrollment counts for each grade via the PI-1207 by October 15 of each year (Wis. Stat. Sec. 115.30(3)). Pre-K students at the school are subtracted from the PI-1207 count, because Pre-K is not part of the Choice program. The remaining students count as the base student population in the Percent Choice calculation.

You can download PI-1207 Private School Report data from the WISEdash Data Files by Topic page, by selecting 'Enrollment – Private School' in the 'Download Type' drop down menu.

WISEdata Third Friday of September Choice Participant Count

Choice schools provide enrollment information for Choice students in **WISEdata** that are collected during the December snapshot of **Third Friday of September** (TFS) enrollment data. The DPI uses this snapshot of TFS enrollment as a static source of student data for the school information box on the front page of report cards. The number of Choice students reported in WISEdata as of the snapshot is divided by the overall student population from the PI-1207 report (described above) to calculate Percent Choice.

Please note that any data snapshotted with errors will impact the accuracy of the Percent Choice displayed on the report card. This will in turn lead to discrepancies between the percentage displayed on the report card compared to the percentage included in the Private School Choice Program summary data for the year.

Calculating Percent Choice

The PI-1207 Private School Report is used for the base student population at private schools and supplies the denominator for the Percent Choice calculation. The data reported by private schools on their Choice student population via WISEdata supplies the numerator for this calculation. The Percent Choice displayed on the report card is calculated by dividing the count of Choice participant students by the count of all enrolled students:

$$Percent\ Choice = \frac{Choice\ Participant\ Count\ (WISEdata)}{All\ Enrolled\ Count\ (PI{-}1207)}$$

Percent Choice Walkthrough #1

Sample Private Elementary is a PreK-5 school with **25 Choice students** reported in the WISEdata December snapshot of TFS enrollment and the following student enrollment counts in the PI-1207 Private School Report:

Grade	Female Students	Male Students	Total Students
PK	5	5	**10**
KG	12	10	**22**
1	9	12	**21**
2	10	6	**16**
3	7	13	**20**
4	12	12	**24**
5	9	13	**22**
TOTAL	*64*	*71*	***135***

This school has 10 Pre-K students that, as noted above, will need to be subtracted from the Percent Choice calculation because Pre-K is not part of the Choice program:

$$135 \text{ total students - } 10 \text{ Pre-K students} = 125 \text{ students for Percent Choice calculation}$$

Now that we have removed Pre-K students, we can calculate Percent Choice by dividing the number of Choice students reported in WISEdata (25) by the number of remaining students in from the PI-1207 report (125):

$$\frac{25}{125} = 0.2$$

Sample Private Elementary has a 20% Choice enrollment.

Percent Choice Walkthrough #2

Sample Private High School is a grade 9-12 school with **208 Choice students** reported in the WISEdata December snapshot of TFS enrollment and the following student enrollment counts in the PI-1207 Private School Report:

Grade	Female Students	Male Students	Total Students
9	73	80	**153**
10	80	83	**163**
11	89	75	**164**
12	88	82	**170**
TOTAL	*330*	*320*	***650***

This school does not have any Pre-K students, so we can calculate Percent Choice by dividing the number of Choice students reported in WISEdata (208) by the total number of students from the PI-1207 report (650):

$$\frac{208}{650} = 0.32$$

Sample Private High School has 32% Choice enrollment.

Resources

Please visit the Report Card Resources page to find additional resources on school and district report cards. For more detailed help and guidance on submitting Choice student data, please reach out to the DPI Partner Support team by submitting a WISEsupport ticket.