

Data Collection: Home-Based Instruction

Action Required for Data Collection

Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) annually collects data on the number of students participating in home-based instruction (HBI). Each public school district in Washington State is required to submit a Home-Based Report to OSPI by **October 15, 2026**.

Instructions

The **Home-Based Report** application is available in the [Education Data System](#) (EDS) under the "My Applications" menu. To access the report, staff must be assigned the appropriate user role by their local District Data Security Manager (DDSM). Instructions will be emailed in September to staff who submitted this collection last year.

Key Dates

- **Collection opens:** October 1, 2026
- **Submission deadline:** October 15, 2026

Additional Information

- Data submitted for this report should reflect aggregate district totals for the 2026-27 school year as of October 1, 2026.
- To meet the requirement, one report should be submitted by each public school district.
- Staff needing access to this report must be assigned the role by their local DDSM.
- This report should be completed by staff who are knowledgeable about student enrollment and district processes for filing the Declaration of Intent to Provide Home-Based Instruction. Staff needing support can contact OSPI's Learning Options team for additional information.
- Washington state law recognizes the desire of some parents and families to seek home-based instruction for their children. [RCW 28A.200.010\(1\)](#) states that each person whose child is receiving home-based instruction under [RCW 28A.225.010\(4\)](#) must file annually a signed declaration of intent that he or she is planning to provide home-based instruction to their child.

How OSPI Uses the Data

This data is published on [OSPI's Home-Based Instruction](#) website. OSPI also provides the data collections annually to Washington State [Caseload Forecast Council](#) and the [Office of Financial Management](#) for use in enrollment trends and forecasting.



Resources

- [EDS User Role Matrix](#)
- [List of District Data Security Managers \(DDSMs\)](#)
- **More About OSPI Data**
 - [Home-Based Instruction](#)
 - [Data Collections at OSPI](#)

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