



FY 2021 Open Enrollment Report

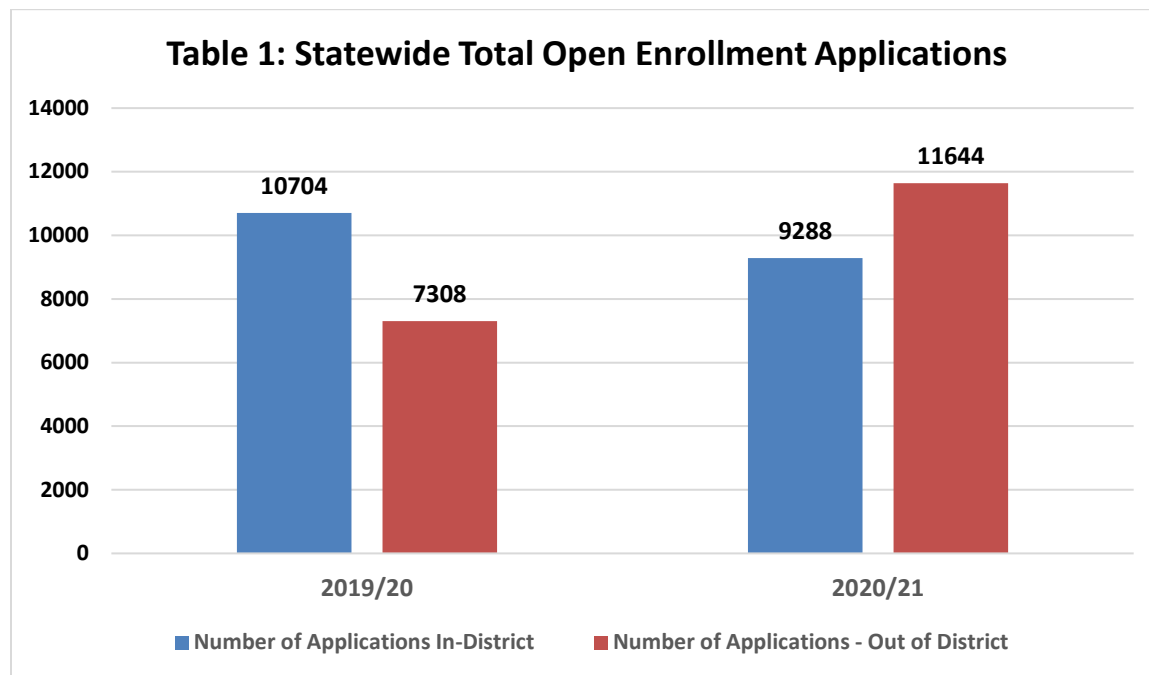
Idaho Code 33-1402 requires the State Department of Education to conduct an annual survey of districts offering in district and out of district enrollment options (Open Enrollment).

SURVEY RESPONDENTS

77 school districts in Idaho responded to the survey.

PARTICIPATION IN OPEN ENROLLMENT

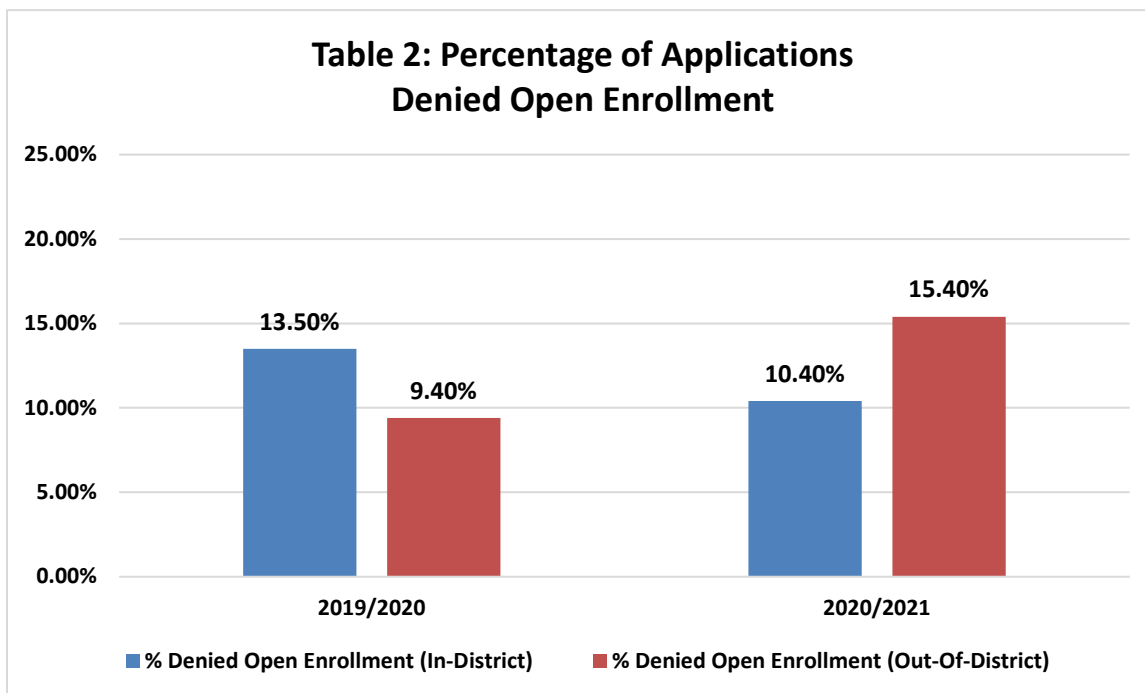
5 of 77 school districts responding to the survey did not offer open enrollment. All 5 are small, rural districts. Of the remaining 72 districts offering open enrollment options, applications are accepted for open enrollment within the district and for students residing outside the school district boundaries. The table below provides a two year comparison of the total number of open enrollment applications in the 2019/2020 school year and the 2020/2021 school year for both in district and out of district.



The increase in the number of out of district open enrollment applications in 2020/2021 school year may be attributed to the COVID pandemic and the availability of options for parents and students.

DENYING OPEN ENROLLMENT

Districts reported some applications were denied open enrollment, but reasons for denial are not required or reported. Table 2 details the percentage of the total applications for in district and out-of-district open enrollment in Idaho that were denied in the 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 school year.



OPEN ENROLLMENT SERVING THE NEEDS OF FAMILIES AND STUDENTS

Districts receive open enrollment applications for a variety of reasons. The most common include: Access to programs or class not available in their district/school, accommodating parent work schedule/location, and personal family reasons.

An open enrollment by school district is available upon request by contacting Karli Bennett Kbennett@sde.idaho.gov.