

By the Numbers

Regional Educational Laboratory (REL) Midwest is part of a network of 10 RELs funded by the U.S. Department of Education's Institute of Education Sciences. Each REL serves a designated region of the country and helps states and districts use data and research to address policy and practice issues with the goal of improving student outcomes.

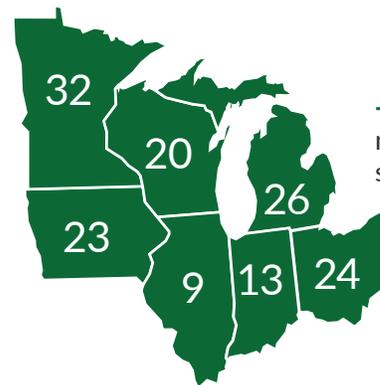
Each REL consists of a group of **research alliances**. Research alliances bring together researchers, practitioners, and policymakers. They are intended to build state and local education agency capacity to increase the use of data and research in education decision making and develop a cohesive body of knowledge in core priority areas.

From **2012**
to **2016**¹

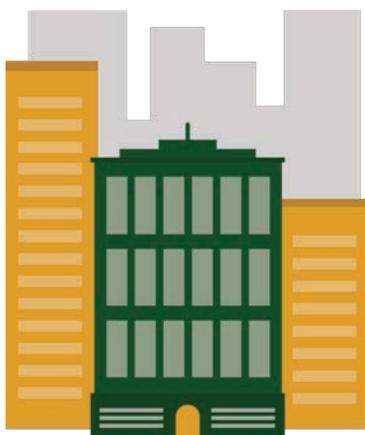
REL Midwest organized and facilitated **7 research alliances** and **1 community of practice**.²



149 practitioners, policymakers, and other education stakeholders served as REL Midwest research alliance members, representing every state in the REL Midwest region.



+2 from organizations not affiliated with a specific state



Our alliance members came from a variety of education organizations:

- 78 state education agency
- 34 local education agency
- 13 non-profit association or organization
- 7 regional education agency
- 7 state higher education board
- 5 state virtual education platform
- 4 university or community college
- 2 K-12 school



REL Midwest researchers and alliance members collaborated on research, technical assistance, and communications projects to add evidence to the field and build capacity related to each topic area.

57

Technical assistance and research projects



44

Publications and tools



122

“Ask A REL” research scans



42

Making Connections events³



2,183

Tweets



51

Blog posts



37

Newsletters



15

Infographics



19

Videos⁴



4

Podcasts⁵



7

Story Maps



68

Conference presentations



¹ The figures included in this infographic are current as of October 7, 2016.

² Two former alliances were only in place for part of the contract and do not appear on this list. The Urban District Community of Practice began as a research alliance and shifted to a community of practice to better accommodate the needs of urban district staff.

³ Making Connections events bring together researchers, practitioners, and policymakers to discuss priority education

issues and are conducted in person, as webinars, or as broadcasts produced in partnership with public television stations.

⁴ This figure does not include archived Making Connections events or other webinar recordings.

⁵ REL Midwest began to work on podcasts in 2015 and published its first podcast in 2016.