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Education Across America: At A Glance



Interested in the condition of education in different parts of the U.S.? The [Education Across America: At A Glance](#) online tool allows users to compare key statistics across cities, suburbs, towns, and rural areas. Users can compare findings under categories such as family characteristics, education experiences, school resources and staffing, and educational outcomes.

Using data from the National Center for Education Statistics, the online resource also includes 140+ tables with data disaggregated by locale. This [video walk-through](#) highlights different features of the online tool.

The Regional Educational Lab Program: Making a Difference in Educator Recruitment and Retention

The second blog of a four-part series, the National Center for Education Evaluation (NCEE) highlights four REL partnerships that are addressing [teacher recruitment and retention](#).

In the blog, read about REL Northwest's work with [Lower Kuskokwim School District in Alaska](#), in addition to REL Central's work in South Dakota, REL Pacific's work in [Palau](#) and REL Southwest's work in [Louisiana](#).

All four partnerships aim to support partners in decreasing teacher vacancies. Though 2023–24 data is not yet available, IES's National Center for Education Statistics [survey](#) showed that 45 percent of schools reported having at least one vacant teacher position more than one month into the start of the 2022/23 school year.



Part one of the blog series featured REL work on the topic of [improving literacy and math outcomes](#). Part three will focus on school accountability systems

REL Northwest Recommended Reads

[Technology-Enhanced Learning: Using Communication and Collaboration Tools](#)

What best practices can instructors use to build relationships, increase engagement, and enhance learning with technology? This blog walks readers through five evidence-based recommendations from the What Works Clearinghouse practice guide *Using technology to Support Postsecondary Student Learning*.

[How to Build Positive Relationships with Students](#)

School climate and teachers' ability to build positive relationships with students are intricately tied to student success. Discover evidence-based practices can teachers use to establish meaningful relationships with students.

Webinar Recap: Improving Rural Teacher Retention

Teacher retention and recruitment is a nationwide issue with no easy answers. What are some actionable strategies that districts and school leaders can use to combat the issue? In August, REL Northwest hosted a webinar aimed at rural district and school leaders sharing the work REL Northwest has done with Lower Kuskokwim School District (LKSD). LKSD Superintendent Kimberly Hankins and Montana State University's Dr. Jayne Downey joined REL Northwest's Trudy Cherasaro and David Yanoski to share practical ways LKSD has implemented strategies from the *Addressing Working Conditions to Improve Teacher Retention: An Exploration of the Research* [fact sheet](#).

A recording of the webinar is available [here](#).

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