

Statistics on General US Education

During the 2010-2011 school year, there will be nearly 99,000 public schools and approximately 34,000 private schools open in the United States.

2006/2007 Student Population Statistics

Public Elementary Students, Pre-K–Grade 8: 34,592,000

Public Secondary Students, Grades 9–12: 15,018,000

Private Elementary Students, K–Grade 8: 4,784,000

Private Secondary Students, Grades 9–12: 1,368,000

High School Dropout Rate, Ages 16–24: 9.3%

In 2008, there were approximately 4,352 two-year and four-year colleges and universities in the United States.

2007 Post-Secondary Enrollment Statistics

Total Higher Education Enrollment: 18,248,128

Undergraduate: 15,385,000

Graduate: 2,224,000

Professional: 348,000



Statistical Estimates on Dance Education in the United States

K-12 Education

Schools that Offer Dance as Part of Curriculum: 6,000
Students Taught by Qualified PTE and FTE Dance Specialists: 6% (that's 3.5 million out of the 55 million total students)

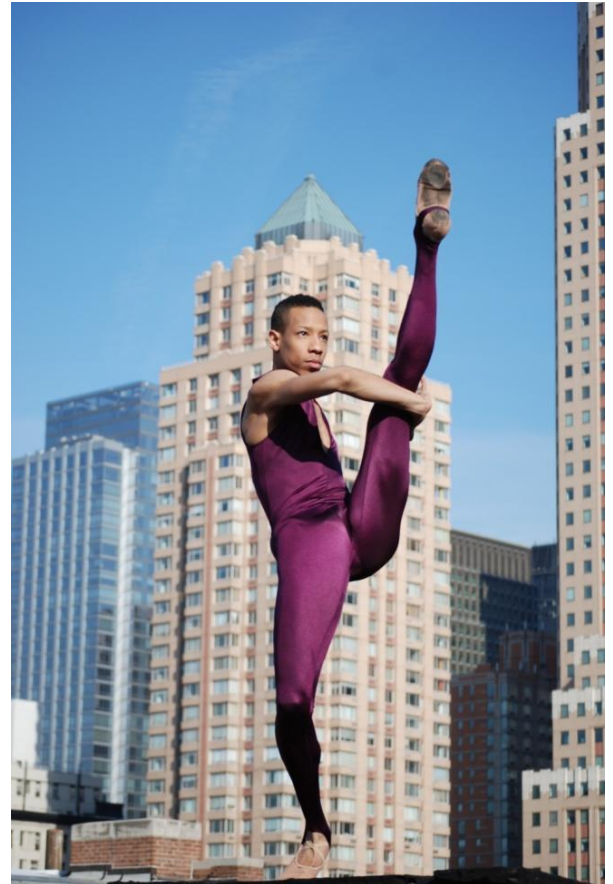
American Children who Receive Dance Training in School: 43% (36% by physical education teachers, coaches, general educators, volunteers or parents and only 7% by full or part-time specialists)

Higher Education

Approximately 665 postsecondary institutions offer dance minor and major programs in the United States.

Private Dance Studios and Schools

The National Directory of Dance Schools (Compiled by Dance Studios USA) lists over 6,000 private dance studios.



Durell Ron Comedy by Stacey Perkinson

Statistical Estimates on Dance Careers in the United States

Dancers and Choreographers

Most dancers begin their professional career by age 18.

In 2006, professional dancers and choreographers held about 40,000 jobs in the U.S. About 17% of these were self-employed.

National averages show that dancers may earn anywhere between \$6.62/hr to over \$25.75/hr depending on their skill level and type of production. This rate includes rehearsal time, choreography lab time, performance time, and often required time spent in class for company performers. Salary may also depend on location, cost of living, and extent of touring. While a

company member in New York City may make more than a company member based in Cleveland, the cost of living is significantly higher in New York than Ohio.

While the median income of a choreographer in 2009 is approximately \$33,000 a year, top choreographers directing their own companies may have an annual company operating budget of \$5.6 million. However, with operating costs for large companies totaling over \$5.2 million, the choreographer may net just over \$400,000 each year.

Teachers—Self Enrichment Education

Dance teachers can hold positions in a number of business settings from renting studio space as a private contractor, to gaining employment through a private studio or arts foundation, to holding a position in public or private elementary or secondary school. Like many other teaching positions in K-12 schools, the latter often requires a teaching license specific to the state's requirements. Some states will honor the certification or licensure of another state with comparable requirements.

In 2006, self-enrichment educators (including those who teach dance) held 261,000 jobs in the United States.

National averages show that these teachers earn between \$8.53/hr to over \$32.02/hr. However, some private studios offer their teachers \$45.00/hr and higher for advanced, curriculum, or company classes, while K-12 dance teachers may be offered salaried positions.



Links:

- Dance Studios USA
[National Directory of Dance Schools](#)
- National Center for Education Statistics
[Arts Education in Public Elementary and Secondary Schools: 1999-2000](#)
- National Center for Education Statistics
[Digest of Education Statistics: 2007-2008](#)
- United States Department of Labor
[Bureau of Labor Statistics- Dancers and Choreographers: 2008-2009](#)
- United States Department of Labor
[Bureau of Labor Statistics- Teachers – Self Enrichment Education 2008-2009](#)



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