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**Brookfield, WI** – The Department of Public Instruction released enrollment numbers today for all education sectors in Wisconsin for this fall. Here is the data from their [press release](#):

*The state's four private school parental choice programs(4) reported a combined third Friday of September 2021 headcount of 48,919. This was an increase of 6.6 percent over 2020. 4K headcount in the private school parental choice programs increased by 10.7 percent, kindergarten increased by 5.1 percent, and grades 1-12 were up by 6.5 percent.*

*Independent charter schools reported a total third Friday of September 2021 headcount of 10,691, an increase of 15.6 percent from September 2020. The previous increase, from 2019 to 2020, was 1.5 percent. The 4K/PK headcount was up by 18.3 percent and kindergarten by 15.8 percent, while first through 12th grades increased by 15.4 percent.*

The data broken down by program are as follows:

<u>Parental Choice Program</u>	<u>2021 Enrollment</u>	<u>% Increase</u>
Milwaukee	28,770	0.8%
Racine	3,940	2.5%
Wisconsin	14,452	19.5%
Special Needs Scholarship	<u>1,757</u>	<u>24.4%</u>
Total	48,919	6.6%
Independent Charter Schools	10,691	15.6%

“The Parental Choice Programs and Independent Charter Schools in Wisconsin continue to be very popular with parents as shown by their dramatic growth,” Jim Bender from School Choice Wisconsin said. “At a time of heightened awareness in K-12 education, parental options are more important than ever.”