Mapping English-Language Learners

This map displays the percent of students who are English-language learners for individual public school districts across the country. While ELL students live in every state and in a large number of communities, the concentration of English-language learners varies dramatically from place to place. The highest densities of ELL students can be found in areas that run from the southern Pacific coast, through the Southwest (particularly along the Mexican border), and into parts of the Gulf Coast region. California and Texas alone account for half of all English-language learners in the nation’s public schools. Sizeable ELL populations can also be found in major metropolitan areas, portions of the Plains region, and in the rural agricultural parts of some East Coast states.