

A Report on 1998-99 Chinese Enrollments at the Pre-Collegiate Level

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For eight years, the Secondary School Chinese Language Center at Princeton University sponsored by the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation has conducted annual surveys on Chinese enrollments at the pre-collegiate level. The first four surveys were limited to Dodge-funded schools. The past four surveys have included all the schools we could reach in the country.

We are very happy to report that through correspondence and telephone inquiries, the Center was able to reach 180 schools this year. Among them, fifty-five Chinese programs started with Dodge funding, and 124 are non-Dodge-affiliated schools. The staff at the Secondary School Chinese Language Center thanks those teachers and schools who participated in the survey. We also hope that in the following years more schools will participate in the SSCLC annual survey. We need more complete information about the growth of this exciting field.

School Year	# of Schools	# of Students in Grades 9-12						# of Students in Grades 7-8			# of Students in K-6		Total
		Level One	Level Two	Level Three	Level Four	Level Five	Other	Level One	Level Two	Other	Lan.	Exp.	
1997-98	148	3102	2565	985	1381	447	375	1123	235	617	2678	982	
		8855 (Grades 9-12)						1975 (Grades 7-8)			3660 (K-6)		14,490
1998-99	180	3625	2210	2026	1066	572	1475	993	132	901	6106	746	
		10,974 (Grades 9-12)						2026 (Grades 7-8)			6852 (k-6)		19,852

In comparison to the enrollment figures obtained in the past years, the 1998-99 school year has shown continued growth:

1995-96	87 schools responded to the survey	8622 students enrolled
1996-97	97 schools responded to the survey	8815 students enrolled (an increase of 2.2 %)
1997-98	148 schools responded to the survey	14,490 students enrolled (an increase of 64.4 %)
1998-99	180 schools responded to the survey	19,852 students enrolled (an increase of 37 %)

This year the enrollments have increased not only at the high school and junior high level, but also in programs for students in kindergarten through sixth grade, where enrollments have increased 87.2 % this year over an increase of 100% from the previous year. This indicates a growing interest in Chinese programs for younger learners.

year	Grades 9-12	increase	Grades 7-8	increase	K-6	increase
1995-96	5349		1025		2248	
1996-97	6227	16.4 %	760	- 25.8 %	1828	- 18.6 %
1997-98	8855	42.2 %	1975	160 %	3660	100 %
1998-99	10,974	12.4%	2026	3%	6852	87.2 %

The following list is arranged according to the number of students enrolled in Chinese per state and shows the changes in enrollments during a two-year period.

		97-98	98-99			97-98	98-99			97-98	98-99
1.	CA	4202	5103	12.	TX	218	249	23.	FL		70
2.	MA	1624	3848	13.	CT	141	213	24.	OK	23	70
3.	NY	1379	2613	14.	MD	513	204	25.	MO	68	68
4.	NJ	1252	2204	15.	IN	265	189	26.	IA	72	58
5.	MN	1029	1098	16.	VA	120	179	27.	NC	38	50
6.	HI	531	687	17.	NH	122	130	28.	LA	26	36
7.	PA	561	622	18.	WA	193	126	29.	KY	15	27
8.	MI	571	615	19.	CO	94	99	30.	IL		15
9.	OH	293	397	20.	AL	185	84	31.	GA	11	10
10.	WI	500	349	21.	AK	40	76	32.	ME	12	7
11.	NE	274	284	22.	D.C.	68	72				

The following list shows the change in the percentages for each state. Twenty-one states out of the thirty-two states included in this survey show increases over the last year, and one state remains the same since the last year. Eight states show decreases. Figures from 1997-1998 are not available for two states.

		97-98	98-99	change
1.	OK	23	70	204%
2.	MA	1624	3848	137%
3.	AK	40	76	90%
4.	NY	1379	2179	89%
5.	KY	15	27	80%
6.	NJ	1252	2204	76%
7.	CT	141	213	51%
8.	VA	120	179	49%
9.	LA	26	36	38%
10.	OH	293	397	35%
11.	NC	38	50	32%
12.	HI	531	687	29%
13.	CA	4202	5103	21%
14.	TX	218	249	14%
15.	PA	561	622	11%
16.	MI	571	615	8%

		97-98	98-99	change
17.	MN	1029	1098	7%
18.	NH	122	130	7%
19.	D.C.	68	72	6%
20.	CO	94	99	5%
21.	NE	274	284	4%
22.	MO	68	68	0%
23.	GA	11	10	-9%
24.	IA	72	58	-19%
25.	IN	265	189	-29%
26.	WI	500	349	-30%
27.	WA	193	126	-35%
28.	ME	12	7	-42%
29.	AL	185	84	-55%
30.	MD	513	204	-60%
31.	FL	NA	70	NA
32.	IL	NA	15	NA

The 1998-99 Chinese Enrollment Survey (By State)
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State	1997-98		1998-99 (number of students)												
	Schools responded	# of students	Schools responded	in Grades 9-12						in Grades 7-8			in K-6		Total students in state
				Lv.1	Lv.2	Lv.3	Lv.4	Lv.5	Other	Lv.1	Lv.2	Other	Lan.	Exp	
AK	1	40	1	25		1			50						76
AL	2	185	2	24	2	2			6				50		84
CA	23	4202	28	1432	732	908	462	317	869	6	11	70	296		5103

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				Lv.1	Lv.2	Lv.3	Lv.4	Lv.5	Other	Lv.1	Lv.2	Other	Lan.	Exp		
CO	2	94	2	39	29	24	7									99
CT	3	141	2	12	11	4	6							180		213
D.C.	1	68	1	31	12	19	10									72
FL	0	0	4	9	26	8				11	16					70
GA	1	11	1	10												10
HI	4	531	6	59	79	76	63	27	90	85				208		687
IA	1	72	1	28		26		4								58
IL	0	0	1	7		3				5						15
IN	7	265	4	38	36	4	1							110		189
KY	1	15	1	12	3				12							27
LA	1	26	1	15	2	10	9									36
MA	21	1624	30	517	353	275	130	37	84	306	8			1688	450	3848
MD	6	513	5	92	42	24	23	14	9							204
ME	1	12	1	4	3											7
MI	6	571	6	120	86	55	43			44		267				615

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MN	8	1029	11	141	103	67	37	26		120	71	48	471	14	1098
MO	1	68	2	18	23	19	8								68
NC	2	38	2	5	9	9	10						17		50
NE	2	274	2	21	12	12	5	4		23	7	200			284
NH	2	122	2	35	35	24	16	7	13						130
NJ	21	1252	25	149	115	76	49	9	19	100	4	235	1448		2204
NY	11	1379	17	340	222	219	101	72	284	222		4	1149		2613
OH	5	343	5	88	51	29	7		16	26	7	14	159		397
OK	1	23	1			2	1	9				26		32	70
PA	4	561	6	134	53	24	10		2	32		37	330		622
TX	2	218	3	49	57	50	43	38	12						249
VA	4	120	4	106	51	20	2								179
WA	3	193	2	28	41	29	12	7	9						126
WI	1	500	1	37	22	7	11	1		13	8			250	349

