

An article by Patrick Wall, COVID Exodus: Where Did 1 Million Public School Students Go? New Data Sheds Some Light, identifies a problem.

A combination of COVID exodus and a host of private alternatives to the public school system may require a monumental effort to ensure that compulsory attendance laws are enforced. The [article](#) by Patrick Wall suggests that after analyses of enrollment patterns among various types of schooling, not all school-age children are accounted for.

Irrespective of COVID, the advent of charter schools, online education, and the Heinz 57 variety of vouchers and homeschooling, it may be impossible to determine if all school-age youth are engaged in an education endeavor. Public officials have created chaos by departing from the concept of the constitutionally-required public common school.