



Computer Recycling for Education and Technology Enhancement

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The Computer Recycling for Education and Technology Enhancement (CREATE) Act became a law on July 2, 1996. The law was passed to promote computer literacy in order to produce a competitive workforce. A policy was created that surplus computer equipment, owned by the State, that may be of use in the educational system shall be made available to the educational institutions that may require the equipment.

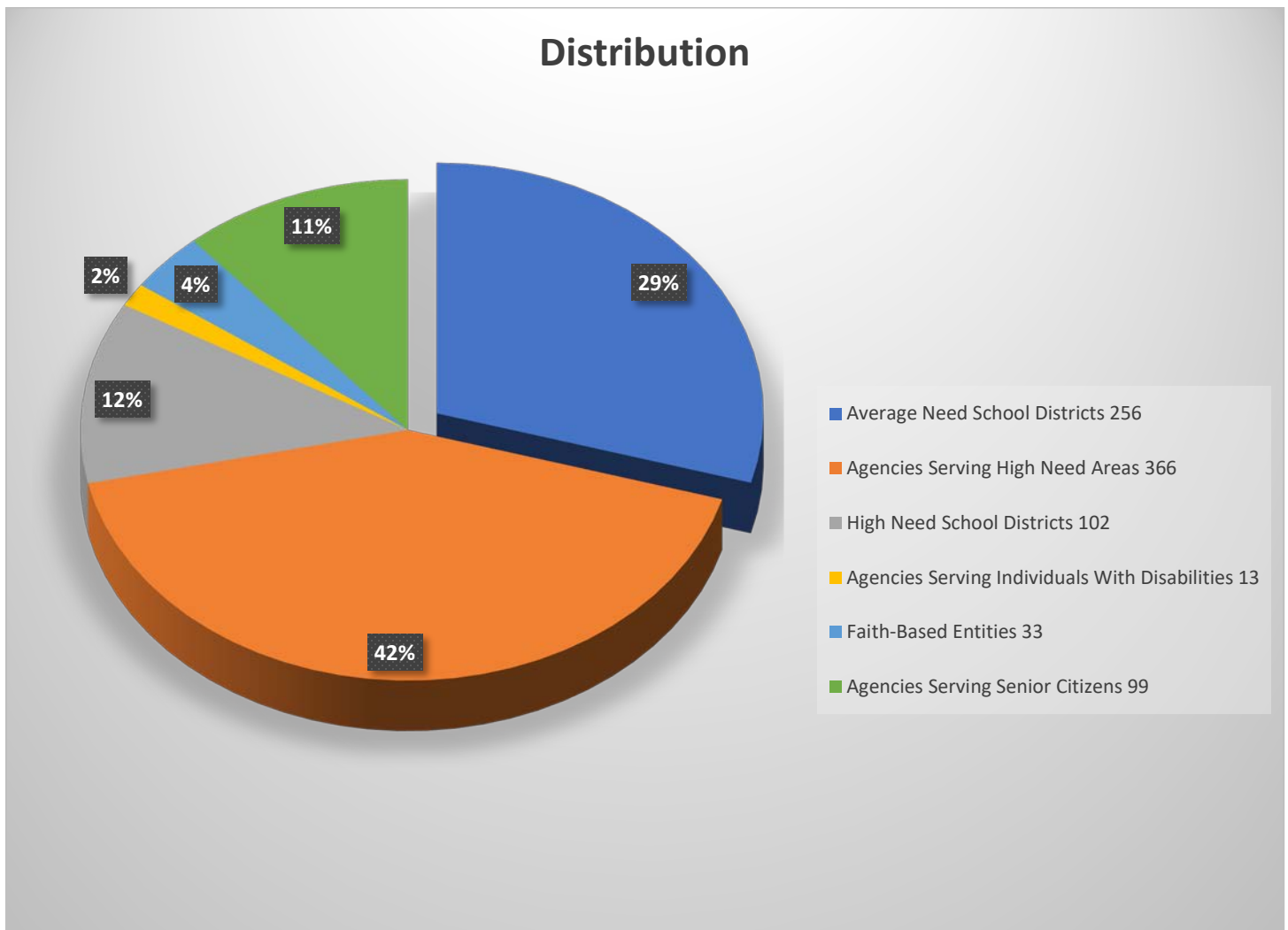
The Commissioner of Education was instructed to establish guidelines governing the distribution of State-owned surplus computer equipment to public schools, the Office of Children and Family Services, and public libraries. The Law was amended to allow eligible applicants to include public and private institutions for education and not-for-profit institutions serving individuals with disabilities, low-income individuals or senior citizens.

New applicants can submit an application throughout the year to become eligible to receive equipment. The application can be found at: <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/sss/ssae/AltEd/create/home.html>

During the 2021-22 school year, 869 computers were donated to 16 different school districts and educational entities for their educational programs. Donors included the Thruway Authority, Unified Court System, SUNY System and the Department of Labor.

Efforts are made to ensure that high quality performance computers are available for the entities receiving equipment. For the 2021-22 school year, approximately 86% of the computers were rated at Pentium 3.1 GHz or better. Also donated thru CREATE were flat panel monitors and audio-visual equipment which are not reflected in the report.

The following chart and table provides information as to the entities that received donations.



Type of agency	Number of computers	Percentage of total number of computers
Average need school districts	256	29
Agencies serving high need areas	366	42
High need school districts	102	12
Agencies serving individuals with disabilities	13	2
Faith-Based entities	33	4
Agencies serving senior citizens	99	11
Total	869	100

The number of computers disseminated for the last five years is recorded in the following table:

Year	Number of computers	Number of educational entities receiving computers
2017-2018	651	17
2018-2019	1,183	19
2019-2020	1,697	23
2020-2021	398	17
2021-2022	869	16

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