

Dropout Report

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Preface

This is the 2007-08 Dropout Report issued by the State of North Carolina. The report includes general findings, trends, and categorical data. Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the data reported.

The 2007-08 Dropout Report is available on the Department of Public Instruction website at <http://dpi.state.nc.us/research/dropout/reports/>.

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Introduction

North Carolina General Statute 115C-12(27) requires the compilation of an annual report of students dropping out of schools in the state. Dropouts are reported for each Local Educational Agency (LEA) and charter school in the state, and “event dropout rates” are computed. The event dropout rate, or simply the “dropout rate,” is the number of students in a particular grade span dropping out in one year, divided by a measure of the total students in that particular grade span. Rates are calculated for grades 7-12 and 9-12.

The event rates are also referred to as “duplicate” rates, since a single individual may be counted as a dropout more than once if he or she drops out of school in multiple years. However, no student who drops out is counted more than once each year. For the purposes of this analysis, dropouts do not include students below the compulsory school age or students in Pre-kindergarten or Kindergarten.

A dropout is defined by State Board policy (HSP-Q-001) as “any student who leaves school for any reason before graduation or completion of a program of studies without transferring to another elementary or secondary school.” For reporting purposes, a dropout is a student who was enrolled at some time during the previous school year, but who was not enrolled (and who does not meet reporting exclusions) on day 20 of the current school year. Schools that cannot document a former student’s enrollment in a US school must report that student as a dropout. An exception is made for students who are known to have left the country.

Schools are allowed to exclude from their dropout count “initial enrollees,” students who leave school within twenty days of their first enrollment in a particular LEA, or school district. Reporting exclusions also include expelled students and students who transfer to a private school, home school, or a state-approved educational program. Students who are not enrolled on day 20 because they have serious illnesses or are serving suspensions are also not counted as dropouts. Since 1998, dropout rates have included students who leave the public schools to attend community colleges.

For this report, the Program Monitoring and Support Division in the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction collected and compiled data submitted by each local school district and charter school. The data are self-reported by the districts, and the State agency does not conduct an official audit. The school districts across the state began submitting their data in October 2008. To facilitate accurate reporting, DPI ran error checks and placed error reports and listings of apparent duplicate dropouts on a secured website for review by the schools and LEAs. Corrections and verifications were completed by all schools and LEAs by December 2008.

General Findings

High schools in North Carolina reported a dropout rate of 4.97%, a decrease from the 5.24% rate reported from the previous year.

Grades 9-12 reported 22,434 dropouts in 2007-2008. Each grade 9-12 reported a decrease from 2006-07. There are decreases in 57% (66 of 115) of the Local Educational Agencies (LEAs), accounting for a reduction in 1,898 dropouts.

Dropout Rates:

- LEAs reporting the lowest dropout rates are Chapel Hill-Carrboro, Dare, Newton Conover City, Elkin City, Mt. Airy City, Hertford, Yadkin, Guilford, Union, and Irdell-Statesville.
- LEAs reporting the highest dropout rates are Hickory City, Jackson, Swain, Madison, Mitchell, Yancey, Roanoke Rapids City, Kannapolis City, Granville, and Edgecombe.
- The largest 3-year decreases in grades 9-12 dropout rates are located in Hertford, Dare, Jones, Graham and Burke.
- LEAs with the largest 3-year rate increases were Hyde, Charlotte-Mecklenburg, Washington, Thomasville City, and Moore.

Dropout Count:

- The 22,434 dropouts recorded in grades 9-12 represented a 4.7% decrease from the 23,550 reported in 2006-2007.
- The largest 3-year decreases in dropout count for grades 9-12 are found in Burke, Durham, Robeson, Lee, and Vance.
- LEAs with the largest 3-year dropout increases are Charlotte-Mecklenburg, Wake, Forsyth, Guilford, and Johnston.

Gender, Race, and Age:

All ethnic groups, except Multiracial, contributed to the decrease in the number of reported dropouts. The dropout rate for American Indian students declined for the fourth consecutive year. Males accounted for 59.7% of the reported dropouts. Students dropping out of school at ages 15, 16, and 17 decreased, while students ages 18, 19, and 20 increased.

Reason Codes:

For the fourth consecutive year, there is an increase in the “Enrollment in a Community College” dropout reason code. Attendance issues are again the reason most often noted for a reported dropout, accounting for almost half of all dropouts.

§115C-12. Powers and duties of the Board generally.

- (27) Reporting Dropout Rates, Suspensions, Expulsions, and Alternative Placements. – The State Board shall report annually to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee and the Commission on Improving the Academic Achievement of Minority and At-Risk Students on the numbers of students who have dropped out of school, been suspended, been expelled, or been placed in an alternative program. The data shall be reported in a disaggregated manner and be readily available to the public. The State Board shall not include students that have been expelled from school when calculating the dropout rate. The Board shall maintain a separate record of the number of students who are expelled from school.

Trends and Categorical Data

North Carolina's dropouts and dropout rates over time

North Carolina recorded 22,434 dropouts in grades 9-12 for 2007-2008, a 4.7% decrease from the count reported in 2006-2007.

The grade 9-12 dropout rate in 2007-2008 was 4.97%, a decrease from the 5.24% rate reported for 2006-2007. This 0.27 percentage point decrease in the dropout rate was a 5.2% reduction.

Dropouts and dropout rates from 1999-2000 to 2007-2008 are shown below in Figure 1.

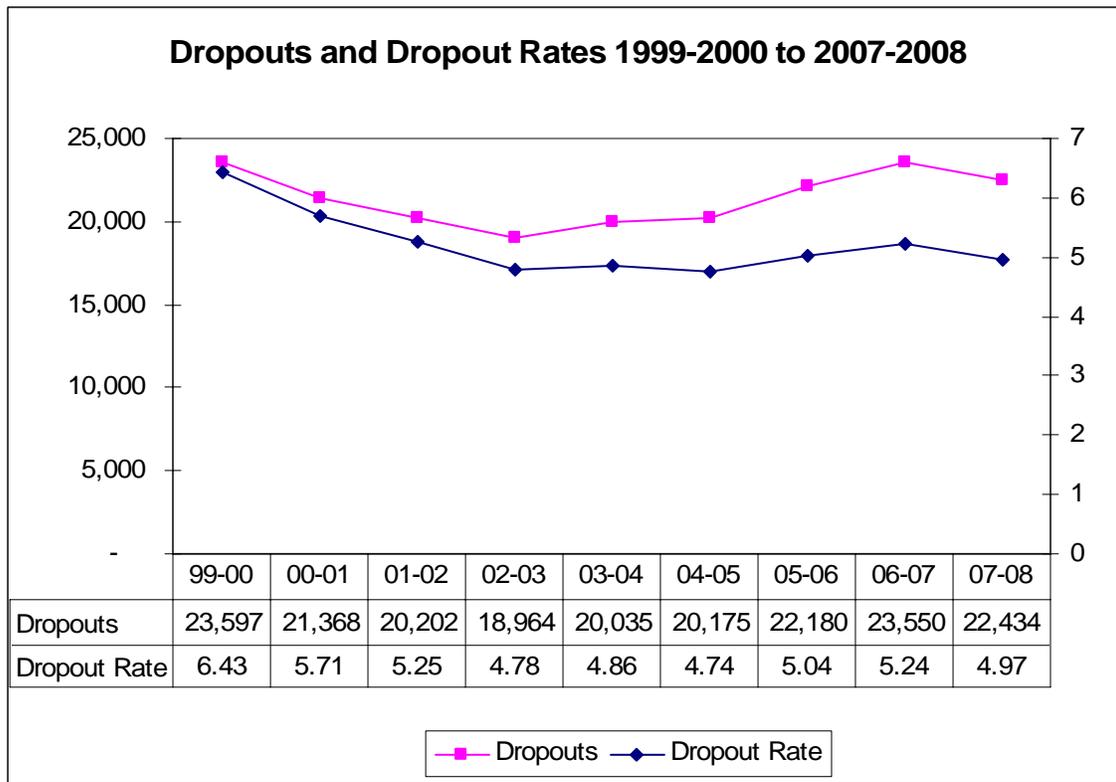


Figure 1. Grade 9-12 dropouts and dropout rates from 1999-2000 to 2007-08.

The dropout rate is calculated as follows:

$$\frac{\text{Number of Dropouts}}{[(20^{\text{th}} \text{ Day Membership } 2007-08 - \text{FM20s} + 20^{\text{th}} \text{ Day Membership } 2008-09) / 2] + \text{Number of Dropouts}}$$

The subtraction of “FM20s” is a very minor adjustment to the denominator. FM20s are “initial enrollees” who were enrolled on the 20th day in the 2007-08 school year. Initial enrollees are students who drop out after spending 20 days or less in their first enrollment in a

particular LEA. Because initial enrollees are exempt from dropout reporting, they must be removed from the measure of enrollment in the denominator.

Ages and grades of dropouts

In 2007-08, as in past years, students dropped out most frequently at grade 9 (32.6%), followed by grade 10 (25.2%), grade 11 (23.3%), and grade 12 (14.8%). Despite the decreases in dropouts shown in Figure 2 below, the proportions dropping out in each high school class are comparable to those in 2006-07.

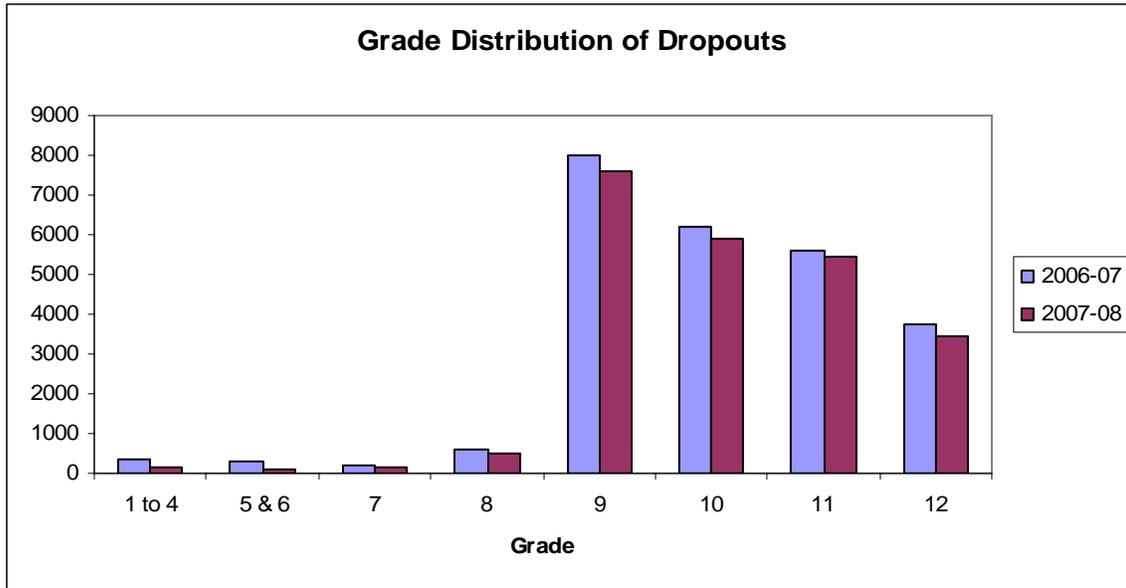


Figure 2. Frequency distribution of 2006-07 and 2007-08 dropouts by grade.

North Carolina’s compulsory school law, G.S. 115C-378, requires school attendance for all children between the ages of seven and 16. It is reasonable, therefore, that dropout events increase in frequency as students reach 16 years of age. Figure 3 shows the distribution of dropout events by student age for 2006-07 and 2007-08.

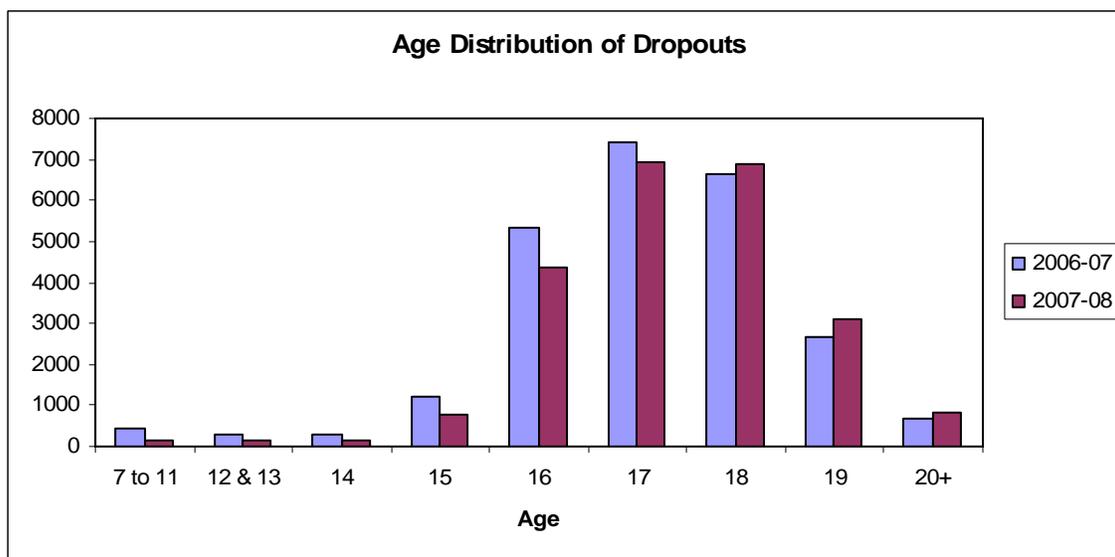


Figure 3. Frequency distribution of 2006-07 and 2007-08 dropouts by age.

An increase in the average age of dropping out can be seen in the age distribution of dropouts shown above in Figure 3. In 2007-08, the numbers of students dropping out at ages 18, 19, and 20 increased, while the numbers of students dropping out ages 15, 16, and 17 decreased. This is the continuation of a recent trend of students staying in school longer before dropping out.

Reasons for dropping out

State law (G.S. 115C-47) requires that local boards of education put in place a mechanism for referring dropouts to appropriate services. Many districts require exit conferences, which provide an opportunity for a discussion of the reasons for the decision to drop out. In most districts, school social workers or school counselors are responsible for documenting the reasons for dropping out.

By their very nature, dropout events can be difficult to investigate, and there are circumstances when a school official has to provide an “approximate” reason for a student’s leaving school. A reason code of MOVE is often used when the student cannot be located.

The attendance (ATTD) code has historically been used when one of the more specific reasons was not applicable. In 2007, DPI took action to clarify the circumstances when ATTD should be used. The Dropout Data Collecting and Reporting Procedures Manual, published online in August 2007, defined ATTD for use when “the student dropped out due to excessive absences that caused the student to become ineligible or in jeopardy of becoming ineligible to receive course credits.”

In order to reduce the inappropriate labeling of dropouts due to attendance factors, UNKN (“Unknown”) was introduced as a reason code for 2007-08. UNKN is to be used when no other reason for the dropout can be cited. Three additional reason codes were added for the 2007-08 dropout data collection. Table 1 lists the new reason codes implemented in 2007-08.

Table 1. New Dropout Reason Codes

Code	Reason
ENGA	Lack of engagement with school and/or peers
EXPC	Expectations of culture, family, or peers
LANG	Difficulties with English language
UNKN	Unknown

As expected, the use of ATTD as a reason code declined in 2007-08, but it again was by far the most widely reported code, accounting for 48% of the reasons for students dropping out in grades 9-12. Table 2 displays the frequencies of all reason codes that were submitted for dropout events that occurred in grades 9 through 12.

Table 2. Grade 9-12 Dropout Reason Codes Reported in 2007-08.

Reason	Code	Count	Percent
Attendance	ATTD	10766	48.0%
Enrollment in a community college	COMM	3684	16.4%
Academic problems	ACAD	1623	7.2%
Moved, school status unknown	MOVE	1443	6.4%
Unknown	UNKN	944	4.2%
Choice of work over school	WORK	770	3.4%
Failure to return after a long-term suspension	LTSU	770	3.4%
Discipline problem	DISC	511	2.3%
Unstable home environment	HOME	321	1.4%
Incarcerated in adult facility	INCR	288	1.3%
Pregnancy	PREG	256	1.1%
Runaway	RNAW	195	0.9%
Need to care for children	CHLD	187	0.8%
Health problems	HEAL	180	0.8%
Lack of engagement with school and/or peers	ENGA	174	0.8%
Employment necessary	EMPL	166	0.7%
Suspected substance abuse	ABUS	63	0.3%
Expectations of culture, family, or peers	EXPC	49	0.2%
Marriage	MARR	36	0.2%
Difficulties with English language	LANG	8	0.0%
	Total	22434	100.00%

Students who are expelled from a school and who fail to return to school are coded with “Expulsion” (EXPL) as a reason for dropping out. In accordance with NC General Statute §115C-12 (21), expelled students are not to be counted in the dropout rate; therefore, these dropout events are not included in the official counts or rates that appear in this report. In 2007-2008, there were 64 grade 9-12 dropout events coded with EXPL.

Table 3 shows the change in the proportions of reason codes reported from 2006-07 to 2007-08. Some of the changes are due to the additions of the new reason codes, while some are due to actual changes in stated reasons for dropping out and perceptions of those reasons by school personnel.

Table 3. Changes in proportions of grade 9-12 dropout reason codes reported in 2006-07 and 2007-08.

Reason	Percent of Codes Reported		Change in Percent
	2006-07	2007-08	
Attendance	53.2%	48.0%	-5.2
Enrollment in a community college	13.6%	16.4%	+2.8
Academic problems	7.1%	7.2%	+0.1
Moved, school status unknown	10.1%	6.4%	-3.7
Unknown	--	4.2%	+4.2
Choice of work over school	3.6%	3.4%	0.2
Failure to return after a long-term suspension	3.5%	3.4%	-0.1
Discipline problem	2.5%	2.3%	-0.2
Unstable home environment	1.2%	1.4%	+0.2
Incarcerated in adult facility	1.1%	1.3%	+0.2
Pregnancy	1.1%	1.1%	0.0
Runaway	0.8%	0.9%	+0.1
Need to care for children	0.7%	0.8%	+0.1
Health problems	0.8%	0.8%	0.0
Lack of engagement with school and/or peers	--	0.8%	+0.8
Employment necessary	0.4%	0.7%	+0.3
Suspected substance abuse	0.2%	0.3%	+0.1
Expectations of culture, family, or peers	--	0.2%	+0.2
Marriage	0.2%	0.2%	0.0
Difficulties with English language	--	0.0%	0.0
Totals	100.0%	100.0%	0.0

It is likely that in this 2007-08 dropout data collection, the “Attendance” (ATTD) reason was still being reported for students who “disappear” seemingly for no reason (instead of UNKN). We expect over the next few years for the number of the ATTD codes to decrease and the number of the UNKN codes to increase.

Tracking reason codes over time can assist in identifying the changes in both the outside incentives and the environmental stressors that can lead to dropouts. Figure 4 shows the variation in proportions of the six most frequently reported reason codes (other than ATTD) over the last six years. The data point for UNKN (Unknown) is shown for 2007-08.

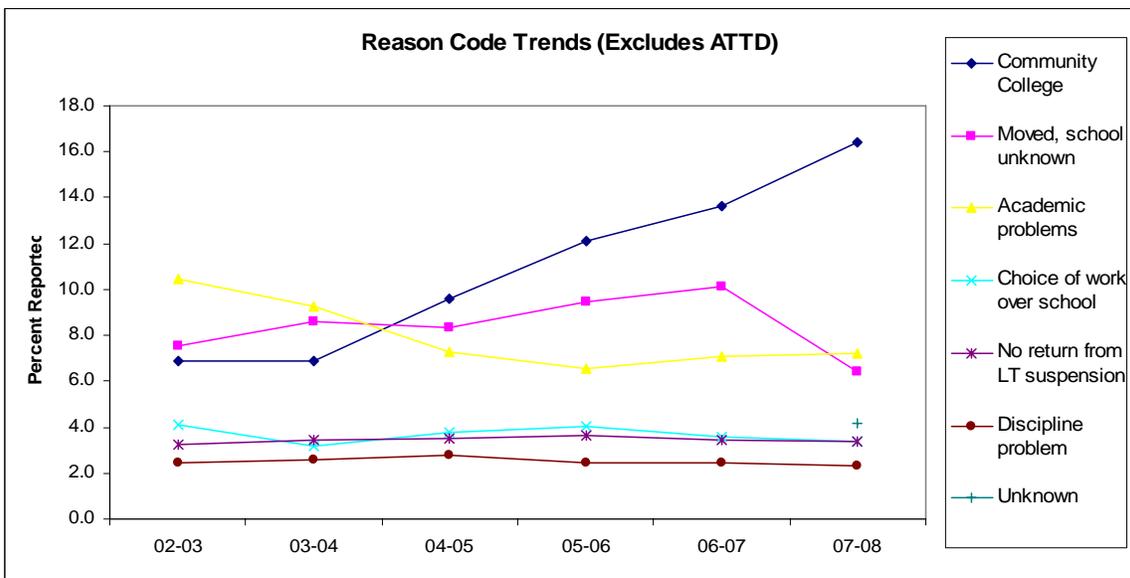


Figure 4. Proportions of grade 9-12 dropout reason codes reported.

For the fourth year in a row, an increasing proportion of dropouts were identified as leaving school to take part in a community college program. According to state guidelines, students leaving to attend community college programs must be counted as dropouts.

According to reason code data, the number of students leaving public schools for community college has almost tripled in the last four years. In the 2003-2004 report, 1,374 dropout events were coded COMM. The number increased to 1,930 in 2004-2005, to 2,692 in 2005-2006, to 3,207 in 2006-07, and to 3,684 in 2007-08.

The dropout reporting rules in North Carolina require that schools record a dropout for each student who is known to have moved away from the area, but who cannot be verified as attending school elsewhere. In these cases, a reason code of MOVE is used. As seen in Figure 4, the proportion of grade 9-12 MOVE reason codes in 2007-08 declined, however the introduction of the new UNKN code may explain this decline. The combined proportion of MOVE and UNKN codes in 2007-08 is approximately the same as the proportion of MOVE codes used in 2006-07. It is likely that a number of dropouts coded as MOVE or UNKN are “false positives,” however the requirement to report them provides a necessary incentive to locate all students with the goal of enrolling them in school.

Gender and race of dropouts

Historically, males have dropped out more frequently than females, and this pattern was again seen in the 2007-2008 dropout data. Males accounted for 59.7 % of the dropouts, up from 59.4 % in 2006-07.

Table 4 shows the contribution of each ethnic group to the total increase in dropouts reported in 2007-2008. Note that all groups except Multiracial contributed to the decrease in dropouts reported.

Table 4. Change in grade 9-12 dropout counts by ethnicity, 2006-07 to 2007-08.

Ethnic Group	2006-07	2007-08	Change
American Indian	480	438	-42
Asian	229	216	-13
Black	8329	8065	-264
Hispanic	2344	2308	-36
Multi	494	540	46
White	11674	10867	-807
Total	23550	22434	-1116

Figure 5 shows that American Indian, Hispanic, and black students were over-represented in 2007-2008 dropout rates, as they were in previous years. The state's grade 9-12 dropout rate in 2007-2008 was 4.97 %. American Indian students, however, dropped out at a rate of 6.99 %; Hispanic students left school at a rate of 6.92 %; and Black students dropped out at a rate of 5.95 %. For the first time, the dropout rate for Multiracial students moved slightly above the state average at 5.06 %.

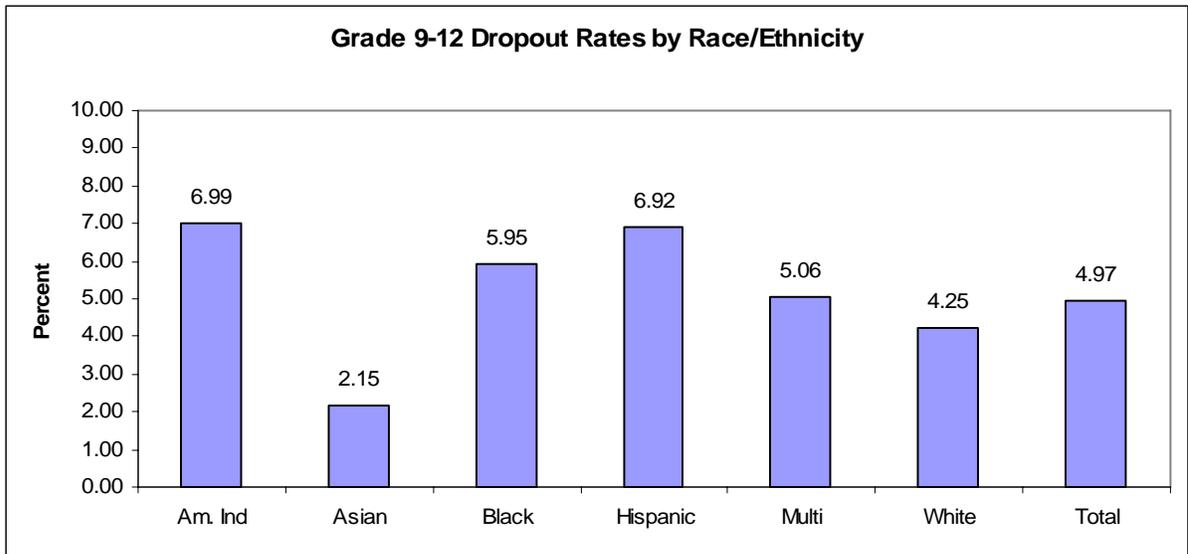


Figure 5. 2007-2008 grade 9-12 dropout rates by ethnicity.

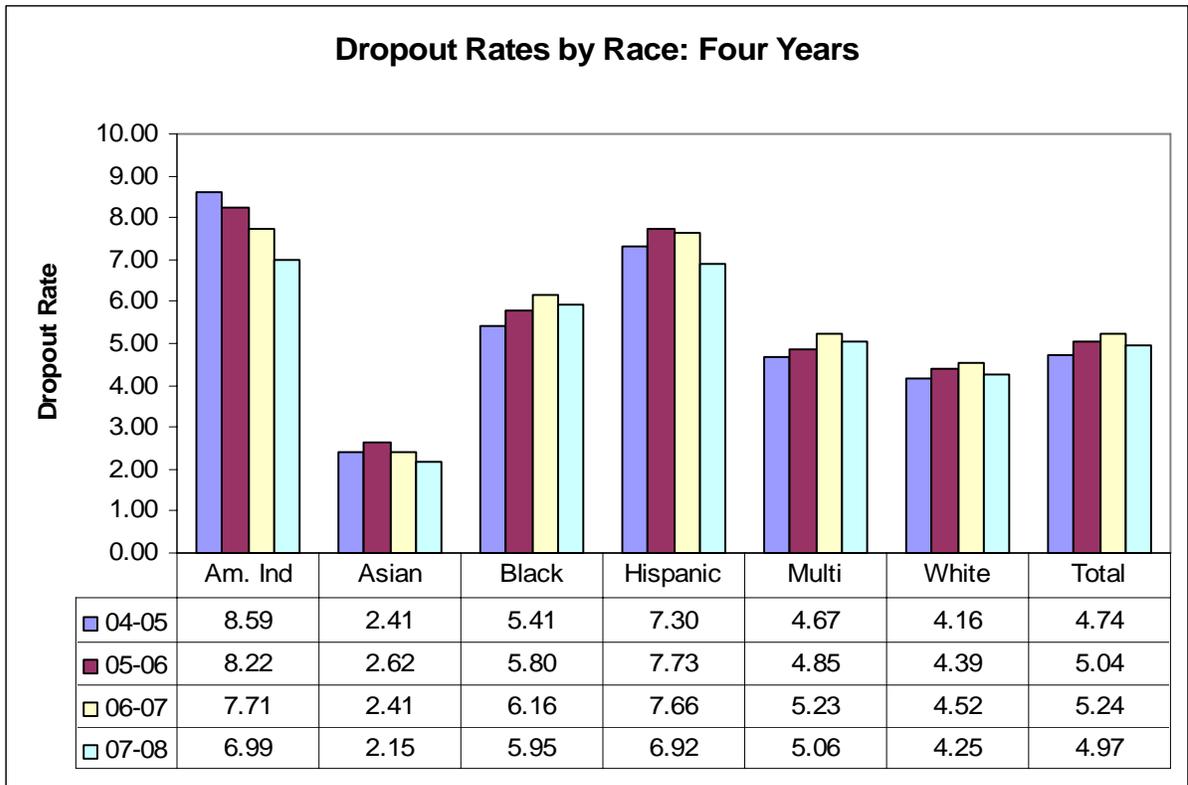


Figure 6. Grade 9-12 dropout rates among ethnic groups, 2004-05 to 2007-08.

Figure 6 shows the dropout rates for each group over time. The dropout rates for American Indian, Asian, and Hispanic students fell to their lowest levels in the last four years. The dropout rates for black, multiracial, and white students also decreased in 2007-08, reversing a two-year trend of rising rates.

Figure 7 illustrates the grade 9-12 dropout rates among combined ethnic and gender groups. Male American Indian students have the highest dropout event rate at 7.89 %, followed by Hispanic males at 7.52 %, black males at 7.33 %, and Hispanic females at 6.28 %. Other groups with rates higher than the state average of 4.97 % were American Indian females (6.05 %) and multiracial males (5.86 %).

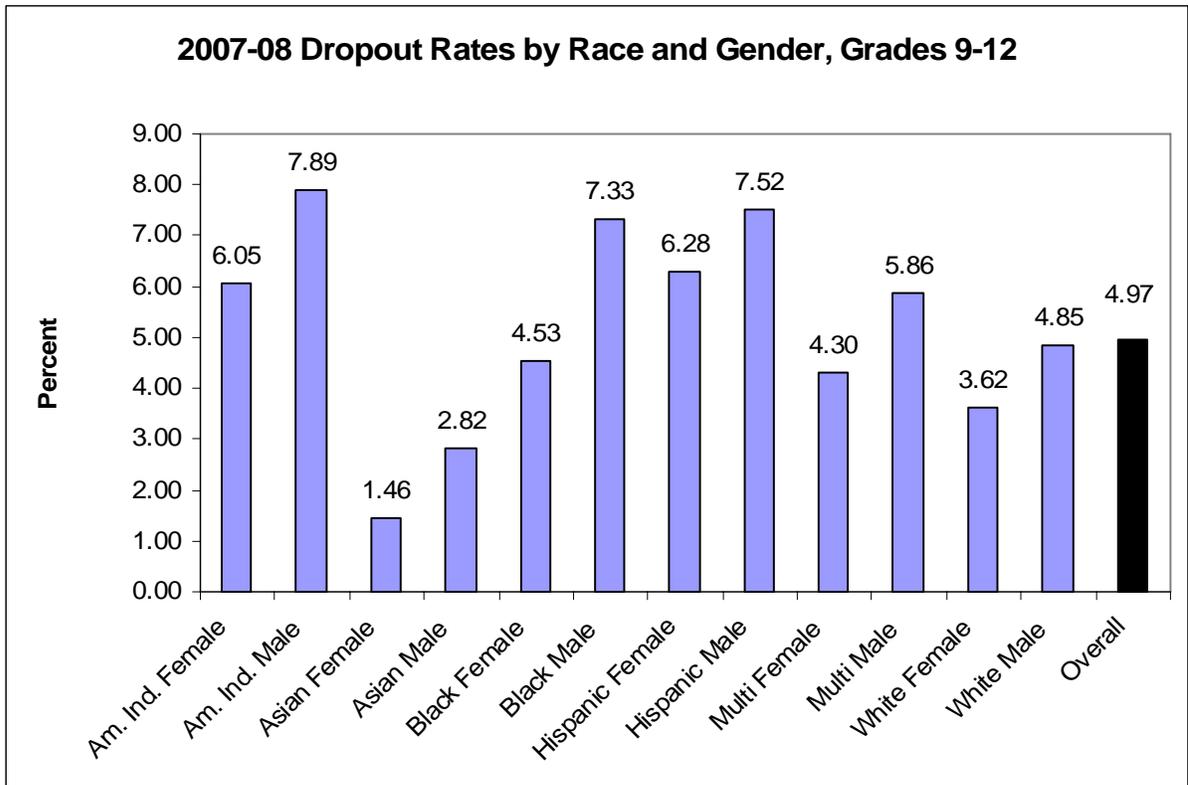


Figure 7. Grade 9-12 dropout rates among ethnic/gender groups for 2007-08.

Figure 8 shows the changes in grade 9-12 dropout rates for ethnic/gender groupings from 2004-2005 to 2008-2008. Multiracial males had the highest rate increase of 23.6 % during this time period. The other groups with rate increases during this time period were black males (10.9 %), black females (7.8 %), white males (2.8 %), and white females (1.4 %).

American Indian males had the largest dropout rate decrease over the period 2004-05 to 2007-08, 20.3 %. Other groups with rate decreases were American Indian females (17.1 %), Asian females (13.1 %), Asian males (8.4 %), Hispanic males (8.2 %), multiracial females (6.9 %), and Hispanic females (0.8 %).

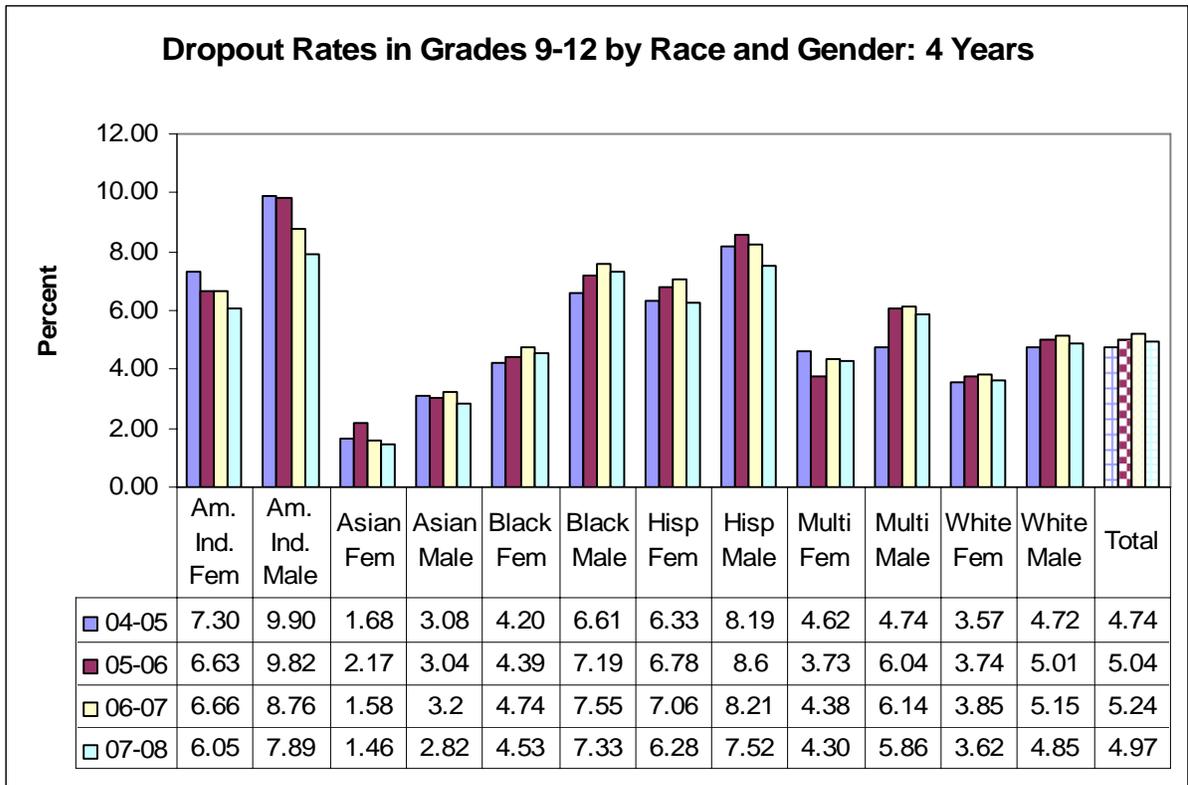


Figure 8. Grade 9-12 dropout rates for ethnic/gender groups, 2004-05 to 2007-08.

Summary of Trends

In 2007-2008, dropout counts and rates decreased in North Carolina’s public schools. The analysis of trend data revealed the following significant findings:

- 1) There was a continuation of the trend in increased proportions of dropouts being attributed to students’ choosing to participate in community college programs. In 2007-08 students leaving school for community college accounted for 16.4 % of the reasons for dropping out of school.
- 2) There was a continuation of the upward trend in the age at which students dropped out of school.
- 3) Despite recent large improvements, male American Indian students have the highest dropout rate (7.89 %) of any ethnic/gender group. Other groups with rates substantially higher than the state average are Hispanic males (7.52 %), black males (7.33 %), Hispanic females (6.28 %), American Indian females (6.05 %) and multiracial males (5.86 %).

Appendix – LEA Dropout Data

Table 5 presents 2006-07 and 2007-2008 grade 9-12 dropout counts and rates for each school district and charter school along with percent increases or decreases in counts.

Table 6 shows grade 9-12 dropout counts and rates for 2007-2008 and the five previous years for each school district and charter school.

Table 7 lists 2007-08 grade 9-12 dropout counts by school district (and charter school), gender, and ethnicity.

Table 5. Dropout Counts and Rates, 2006-07 and 2007-08.

LEA #	LEA or Charter School	Count			Rate	
		2006-07	2007-08	% Change	2006-07	2007-08
010	Alamance-Burlington Schools	439	457	4.10	6.00	6.28
01B	River Mill Academy	0	0		0.00	0.00
01C	Clover Garden	2	2	0.00	2.42	2.22
01D	New Century Charter High	0	0		0.00	0.00
020	Alexander County Schools	98	87	-11.22	5.74	5.07
030	Alleghany County Schools	16	21	31.25	3.09	4.09
040	Anson County Schools	60	52	-13.33	4.53	3.89
050	Ashe County Schools	65	63	-3.08	6.13	6.19
060	Avery County Schools	26	26	0.00	3.61	3.62
06A	Grandfather Academy	0	0		0.00	0.00
06B	Crossnore Academy	1	1	0.00	2.78	2.78
070	Beaufort County Schools	145	135	-6.90	6.16	5.76
07A	Washington Montessori	0	0		0.00	0.00
080	Bertie County Schools	24	46	91.67	2.41	4.74
090	Bladen County Schools	148	87	-41.22	8.12	5.14
100	Brunswick County Schools	213	197	-7.51	5.66	5.22
10A	Charter Day School	0	0		0.00	0.00
110	Buncombe County Schools	448	380	-15.18	5.38	4.53
111	Asheville City Schools	60	66	10.00	4.63	5.34
11A	Evergreen Community Charter	0	0		0.00	0.00
11B	Artspace Charter	0	0		0.00	0.00
11K	Francine Delany New School	0	0		0.00	0.00
120	Burke County Schools	267	200	-25.09	5.73	4.33
12A	The New Dimensions School	0	0		0.00	0.00
130	Cabarrus County Schools	383	394	2.87	4.77	4.76
132	Kannapolis City Schools	92	98	6.52	6.77	7.06
13A	Carolina International School	0	0		0.00	0.00
140	Caldwell County Schools	223	235	5.38	5.35	5.60
150	Camden County Schools	15	26	73.33	2.61	4.30
160	Carteret County Schools	140	108	-22.86	4.93	3.86
16A	Cape Lookout Marine Sci High	58	39	-32.76	32.04	26.35
16B	Tiller School	0	0		0.00	0.00
170	Caswell County Schools	88	66	-25.00	7.89	6.22
180	Catawba County Schools	236	230	-2.54	4.15	4.02
181	Hickory City Schools	122	125	2.46	8.03	8.65
182	Newton Conover City Schools	30	20	-33.33	3.25	2.21
190	Chatham County Schools	112	92	-17.86	4.64	3.93
19A	Chatham Charter	0	0		0.00	0.00
19B	Woods Charter	1	1	0.00	0.86	0.67
200	Cherokee County Schools	54	48	-11.11	4.57	3.98
20A	The Learning Center	0	0		0.00	0.00
210	Edenton/Chowan Schools	37	32	-13.51	4.56	4.07
220	Clay County Schools	11	16	45.45	2.55	3.86
230	Cleveland County Schools	352	376	6.82	6.31	6.76
240	Columbus County Schools	101	83	-17.82	4.64	3.90
241	Whiteville City Schools	22	40	81.82	2.83	5.20

Table 5. Dropout Counts and Rates, 2006-07 and 2007-08.

LEA #	LEA or Charter School	Count			Rate	
		2006-07	2007-08	% Change	2006-07	2007-08
24A	Columbus Charter School	na	0		na	0.00
250	Craven County Schools	230	204	-11.30	5.10	4.56
260	Cumberland County Schools	610	615	0.82	3.56	3.61
26B	Alpha Academy	0	0		0.00	0.00
270	Currituck County Schools	53	64	20.75	4.04	4.79
280	Dare County Schools	33	26	-21.21	2.07	1.68
290	Davidson County Schools	389	394	1.29	5.85	5.96
291	Lexington City Schools	47	49	4.26	5.52	5.59
292	Thomasville City Schools	57	52	-8.77	6.98	6.62
300	Davie County Schools	96	125	30.21	4.76	6.10
310	Duplin County Schools	151	149	-1.32	5.81	5.78
320	Durham Public Schools	508	439	-13.58	4.90	4.19
32A	Maureen Joy Charter	0	0		0.00	0.00
32B	Healthy Start Academy	0	0		0.00	0.00
32C	Carter Community Charter	0	0		0.00	0.00
32D	Kestrel Heights Sch	10	6	-40.00	6.58	3.47
32H	Research Triangle Charter	0	0		0.00	0.00
32K	Central Park School For Child	0	0		0.00	0.00
32L	Voyager Academy	na	0		na	0.00
330	Edgecombe County Schools	153	166	8.50	6.23	6.83
340	Forsyth County Schools	1062	898	-15.44	6.43	5.49
34B	Quality Education Academy	0	0		0.00	0.00
34C	Downtown Middle	0	0		0.00	0.00
34D	C G Woodson Sch Of Challenge	1	0	-100.00	1.29	0.00
34F	Forsyth Academies	0	0		0.00	0.00
34G	Arts Based Elementary	0	0		0.00	0.00
350	Franklin County Schools	158	138	-12.66	6.13	5.34
35A	Crosscreek Charter School	0	0		0.00	0.00
360	Gaston County Schools	684	607	-11.26	6.29	5.69
36A	Highland Charter	0	0		0.00	0.00
36B	Piedmont Community Charter	1	1	0.00	1.14	0.89
370	Gates County Schools	47	39	-17.02	6.64	5.88
380	Graham County Schools	30	13	-56.67	8.16	3.82
390	Granville County Schools	136	204	50.00	4.70	6.86
400	Greene County Schools	52	63	21.15	5.29	6.32
410	Guilford County Schools	680	760	11.76	2.99	3.31
41B	Greensboro Academy	0	0		0.00	0.00
41C	Guilford Preparatory	0	0		0.00	0.00
41D	Phoenix Academy Inc	0	0		0.00	0.00
420	Halifax County Schools	109	97	-11.01	6.73	6.27
421	Roanoke Rapids City Schools	71	67	-5.63	7.28	7.07
422	Weldon City Schools	19	17	-10.53	5.33	4.86
430	Harnett County Schools	372	296	-20.43	6.53	5.16
440	Haywood County Schools	154	158	2.60	6.05	6.23
450	Henderson County Schools	161	177	9.94	4.01	4.41
45A	The Mountain Community Sch	0	0		0.00	0.00

Table 5. Dropout Counts and Rates, 2006-07 and 2007-08.

LEA #	LEA or Charter School	Count			Rate	
		2006-07	2007-08	% Change	2006-07	2007-08
460	Hertford County Schools	35	32	-8.57	3.14	2.95
470	Hoke County Schools	145	99	-31.72	7.65	5.13
480	Hyde County Schools	12	8	-33.33	5.19	3.69
490	Iredell-Statesville Schools	307	242	-21.17	4.52	3.52
491	Mooresville City Schools	83	72	-13.25	4.96	4.26
49B	American Renaissance School	0	0		0.00	0.00
49D	Success Charter	0	0		0.00	0.00
49E	Pine Lake Preparatory	na	0		na	0.00
500	Jackson County Schools	82	87	6.10	6.90	7.45
50A	Summit Charter	0	0		0.00	0.00
510	Johnston County Schools	454	428	-5.73	5.39	4.92
51A	Neuse Charter School	0	0		0.00	0.00
520	Jones County Schools	23	21	-8.70	5.62	5.21
530	Lee County Schools	172	148	-13.95	5.83	4.97
53A	Provisions Academy	3	11	266.67	4.84	15.28
540	Lenoir County Schools	189	144	-23.81	5.74	4.46
54A	Children's Village Academy	0	0		0.00	0.00
54B	Kinston Charter Academy	0	0		0.00	0.00
550	Lincoln County Schools	192	179	-6.77	4.79	4.44
55A	Lincoln Charter	4	3	-25.00	2.13	1.38
560	Macon County Schools	92	57	-38.04	6.61	4.12
570	Madison County Schools	51	59	15.69	6.04	7.19
580	Martin County Schools	81	71	-12.35	6.17	5.66
590	Mcdowell County Schools	144	123	-14.58	7.10	6.10
600	Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools	2512	2355	-6.25	6.39	5.91
60A	Community Charter School	0	0		0.00	0.00
60B	Sugar Creek Charter	0	0		0.00	0.00
60C	Kennedy Charter	0	0		0.00	0.00
60D	Lake Norman Charter	0	0		0.00	0.00
60F	Metrolina Reg Scholars Academy	0	0		0.00	0.00
60G	Queen's Grant Community	0	1		0.00	0.62
60H	Crossroads Charter High	51	66	29.41	17.86	21.29
60I	Children's Community School	0	0		0.00	0.00
60J	Socrates Academy	0	0		0.00	0.00
60K	Charlotte Secondary School	na	0		na	0.00
60L	Kipp: Charlotte	na	0		na	0.00
610	Mitchell County Schools	43	51	18.60	5.93	7.08
620	Montgomery County Schools	76	88	15.79	5.40	6.28
630	Moore County Schools	173	172	-0.58	4.29	4.29
63A	The Academy Of Moore County	0	0		0.00	0.00
63B	Sandhills Theatre Arts Renaiss	0	0		0.00	0.00
640	Nash-Rocky Mount Schools	373	386	3.49	6.45	6.76
64A	Rocky Mount Preparatory	1	11	1000.00	0.48	4.47
650	New Hanover County Schools	463	421	-9.07	5.92	5.40
65A	Cape Fear Center For Inquiry	0	0		0.00	0.00
65B	Wilmington Preparatory Academy	na	0		na	0.00

Table 5. Dropout Counts and Rates, 2006-07 and 2007-08.

LEA #	LEA or Charter School	Count			Rate	
		2006-07	2007-08	% Change	2006-07	2007-08
660	Northampton County Schools	86	48	-44.19	8.68	5.63
66A	Gaston College Preparatory	1	4	300.00	0.50	1.56
670	Onslow County Schools	319	314	-1.57	4.53	4.48
680	Orange County Schools	99	107	8.08	4.28	4.58
681	Chapel Hill-Carrboro Schools	41	57	39.02	1.12	1.53
68A	Orange Charter	0	0		0.00	0.00
68N	Pace Academy	22	17	-22.73	16.99	13.49
690	Pamlico County Schools	26	30	15.38	4.00	4.79
69A	Arapahoe Charter School	0	0		0.00	0.00
700	Pasquotank County Schools	104	81	-22.12	5.19	4.26
710	Pender County Schools	121	103	-14.88	4.81	3.95
720	Perquimans County Schools	30	31	3.33	5.23	5.39
730	Person County Schools	98	96	-2.04	5.29	5.38
73A	Bethel Hill Charter	0	0		0.00	0.00
73B	Roxboro Community School	0	0		0.00	0.00
740	Pitt County Schools	509	482	-5.30	6.89	6.44
750	Polk County Schools	27	39	44.44	3.45	4.87
760	Randolph County Schools	379	346	-8.71	6.41	5.95
761	Asheboro City Schools	71	73	2.82	5.18	5.38
770	Richmond County Schools	178	119	-33.15	7.22	4.94
780	Robeson County Schools	476	462	-2.94	6.46	6.29
78A	Cis Academy	0	0		0.00	0.00
790	Rockingham County Schools	280	298	6.43	6.01	6.39
79A	Bethany Community Middle	0	0		0.00	0.00
800	Rowan-Salisbury Schools	380	380	0.00	5.47	5.54
810	Rutherford County Schools	243	202	-16.87	7.26	6.27
81A	Thomas Jefferson Class Academy	3	3	0.00	1.62	1.37
820	Sampson County Schools	143	151	5.59	6.04	6.04
821	Clinton City Schools	73	53	-27.40	7.57	6.21
830	Scotland County Schools	97	78	-19.59	4.62	3.79
83B	The Laurinburg Homework Ctr	34	50	47.06	25.56	5.95
840	Stanly County Schools	173	142	-17.92	5.45	4.62
84B	Gray Stone Day	0	0		0.00	0.00
850	Stokes County Schools	120	144	20.00	4.97	5.94
860	Surry County Schools	184	130	-29.35	6.54	4.70
861	Elkin City Schools	11	10	-9.09	2.75	2.47
862	Mount Airy City Schools	18	16	-11.11	2.90	2.77
86T	Millennium Charter Academy	0	0		0.00	0.00
870	Swain County Schools	56	49	-12.50	8.25	7.45
87A	Mountain Discovery Charter	0	0		0.00	0.00
880	Transylvania County Schools	62	65	4.84	4.76	5.04
88A	Brevard Academy	0	0		0.00	0.00
890	Tyrrell County Schools	9	9	0.00	4.50	4.69
900	Union County Schools	315	357	13.33	3.15	3.40
90A	Union Academy	0	1		0.00	0.49
910	Vance County Schools	174	145	-16.67	6.70	5.75

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LEA #	LEA or Charter School	Count			Rate	
		2006-07	2007-08	% Change	2006-07	2007-08
91A	Vance Charter School	0	0		0.00	0.00
920	Wake County Schools	1647	1689	2.55	4.21	4.17
92B	Exploris	0	0		0.00	0.00
92D	Magellan Charter	0	0		0.00	0.00
92E	Sterling Montessori Academy	0	0		0.00	0.00
92F	Franklin Academy	1	0	-100.00	0.40	0.00
92G	East Wake Academy	1	2	100.00	0.58	0.97
92K	Raleigh Charter High	2	0	-100.00	0.38	0.00
92L	Torchlight Academy	0	0		0.00	0.00
92M	Preeminent Charter	0	0		0.00	0.00
92N	Quest Academy	0	0		0.00	0.00
92P	Community Partners Charter Hs	9	16	77.78	8.57	14.16
92Q	Hope Elementary	0	0		0.00	0.00
92R	Casa Esperanza Montessori	0	0		0.00	0.00
930	Warren County Schools	59	59	0.00	5.88	6.12
93A	Haliwa-Saponi Tribal School	1	4	300.00	2.38	8.16
940	Washington County Schools	13	30	130.77	1.99	4.47
950	Watauga County Schools	68	78	14.71	4.39	5.09
95A	Two Rivers Community School	0	0		0.00	0.00
960	Wayne County Schools	249	316	26.91	4.16	5.25
96C	Dillard Academy	0	0		0.00	0.00
970	Wilkes County Schools	189	211	11.64	6.12	6.81
97D	Bridges Charter School	0	0		0.00	0.00
980	Wilson County Schools	311	210	-32.48	7.98	5.51
98A	Sallie B Howard School	0	0		0.00	0.00
990	Yadkin County Schools	76	58	-23.68	3.94	3.01
995	Yancey County Schools	38	61	60.53	4.55	7.07
999	NORTH CAROLINA	23550	22434	-4.74	5.27	4.97

Table 6. Grade 9-12 Dropout Counts and Rates, 2003-04 through 2007-08.

Dropout Counts and Rates for Grades 9 - 12 (Excludes Expulsions)											
LEA #	LEA or Charter School	2003-04		2004-05		2005-06		2006-07		2007-08	
		#	Rate								
010	Alamance-Burlington Schools	361	5.14	390	5.42	407	5.58	439	6.00	457	6.28
01B	River Mill Academy	1	1.29	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
01C	Clover Garden	0	0.00	1	1.47	2	2.44	2	2.42	2	2.22
01D	New Century Charter High	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
020	Alexander County Schools	82	4.96	78	4.65	89	5.22	98	5.74	87	5.07
030	Alleghany County Schools	17	3.85	25	5.36	13	2.69	16	3.09	21	4.09
040	Anson County Schools	71	5.27	74	5.41	89	6.49	60	4.53	52	3.89
050	Ashe County Schools	50	4.87	44	4.25	40	3.76	65	6.13	63	6.19
060	Avery County Schools	35	4.98	40	5.63	38	5.21	26	3.61	26	3.62
06A	Grandfather Academy	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
06B	Crossnore Academy	2	5.63	1	3.28	2	5.48	1	2.78	1	2.78
070	Beaufort County Schools	125	5.35	163	6.84	134	5.69	145	6.16	135	5.76
07A	Washington Montessori	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
080	Bertie County Schools	58	5.18	48	4.33	46	4.26	24	2.41	46	4.74
090	Bladen County Schools	94	5.47	102	5.70	106	5.85	148	8.12	87	5.14
100	Brunswick County Schools	169	5.22	206	6.00	205	5.70	213	5.66	197	5.22
10A	Charter Day School	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
110	Buncombe County Schools	423	5.28	423	5.18	442	5.37	448	5.38	380	4.53
111	Asheville City Schools	54	4.12	75	5.62	67	5.02	60	4.63	66	5.34
11A	Evergreen Community Charter	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
11B	Artspace Charter	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
11K	Francine Delany New School	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
120	Burke County Schools	198	4.38	329	6.93	276	5.90	267	5.73	200	4.33
12A	The New Dimensions School	0	0.00	na	na	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
130	Cabarrus County Schools	273	4.09	375	5.24	382	5.03	383	4.77	394	4.76
132	Kannapolis City Schools	72	5.32	82	5.87	91	6.60	92	6.77	98	7.06
13A	Carolina International School	na	na	na	na	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
140	Caldwell County Schools	260	6.50	279	6.76	190	4.64	223	5.35	235	5.60
150	Camden County Schools	19	3.89	20	3.83	27	4.85	15	2.61	26	4.30
160	Carteret County Schools	145	5.21	97	3.48	127	4.46	140	4.93	108	3.86

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Dropout Counts and Rates for Grades 9 - 12 (Excludes Expulsions)											
LEA #	LEA or Charter School	2003-04		2004-05		2005-06		2006-07		2007-08	
		#	Rate								
16A	Cape Lookout Marine Sci High	49	30.25	40	24.39	66	32.92	58	32.04	39	26.35
16B	Tiller School	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
170	Caswell County Schools	93	8.27	64	5.95	56	5.19	88	7.89	66	6.22
180	Catawba County Schools	208	4.00	195	3.65	218	3.95	236	4.15	230	4.02
181	Hickory City Schools	126	8.24	111	7.33	100	6.60	122	8.03	125	8.65
182	Newton Conover City Schools	26	2.91	29	3.13	21	2.28	30	3.25	20	2.21
190	Chatham County Schools	124	5.25	108	4.50	90	3.72	112	4.64	92	3.93
19A	Chatham Charter	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
19B	Woods Charter	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	1.03	1	0.86	1	0.67
200	Cherokee County Schools	55	4.84	52	4.57	60	5.14	54	4.57	48	3.98
20A	The Learning Center	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
210	Edenton/Chowan Schools	40	5.02	37	4.67	29	3.54	37	4.56	32	4.07
220	Clay County Schools	7	1.69	12	2.85	22	4.92	11	2.55	16	3.86
230	Cleveland County Schools	112	2.76	304	5.57	381	6.81	352	6.31	376	6.76
240	Columbus County Schools	105	4.84	115	5.27	119	5.40	101	4.64	83	3.90
241	Whiteville City Schools	46	5.28	39	4.76	38	4.79	22	2.83	40	5.20
24A	Columbus Charter School	na	na	na	na	na	0.00	na	na	0	0.00
250	Craven County Schools	204	4.66	240	5.38	239	5.34	230	5.10	204	4.56
260	Cumberland County Schools	619	3.72	556	3.33	618	3.64	610	3.56	615	3.61
26B	Alpha Academy	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
270	Currituck County Schools	71	5.99	74	5.84	61	4.71	53	4.04	64	4.79
280	Dare County Schools	41	2.64	46	2.81	54	3.28	33	2.07	26	1.68
290	Davidson County Schools	266	4.52	299	4.86	376	5.79	389	5.85	394	5.96
291	Lexington City Schools	60	7.05	55	6.49	47	5.63	47	5.52	49	5.59
292	Thomasville City Schools	27	3.92	29	4.01	29	3.76	57	6.98	52	6.62
300	Davie County Schools	84	4.86	68	3.73	100	5.15	96	4.76	125	6.10
310	Duplin County Schools	140	5.53	134	5.23	150	5.76	151	5.81	149	5.78
320	Durham Public Schools	572	5.93	566	5.71	520	5.15	508	4.90	439	4.19
32A	Maureen Joy Charter	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
32B	Healthy Start Academy	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
32C	Carter Community Charter	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
32D	Kestrel Heights Sch	0	0.00	0	0.00	6	5.77	10	6.58	6	3.47
32H	Research Triangle Charter	0	0.00	na	na	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00

Table 6. Grade 9-12 Dropout Counts and Rates, 2003-04 through 2007-08.

Dropout Counts and Rates for Grades 9 - 12 (Excludes Expulsions)											
LEA #	LEA or Charter School	2003-04		2004-05		2005-06		2006-07		2007-08	
		#	Rate								
32K	Central Park School For Child	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
32L	Voyager Academy	na	na	na	na	na	0.00	na	na	0	0.00
330	Edgecombe County Schools	151	6.34	144	5.97	181	7.30	153	6.23	166	6.83
340	Forsyth County Schools	756	5.18	760	5.00	919	5.74	1062	6.43	898	5.49
34B	Quality Education Academy	na	na	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
34C	Downtown Middle	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
34D	C G Woodson Sch of Challenge	0	0.00	na	na	0	0.00	1	1.29	0	0.00
34F	Forsyth Academies	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
34G	Arts Based Elementary	na	na	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
350	Franklin County Schools	145	6.16	110	4.55	150	5.98	158	6.13	138	5.34
35A	Crosscreek Charter School	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
360	Gaston County Schools	490	4.94	531	5.10	588	5.47	684	6.29	607	5.69
36A	Highland Charter	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
36B	Piedmont Community Charter	na	na	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	1.14	1	0.89
370	Gates County Schools	40	5.79	29	4.19	26	3.69	47	6.64	39	5.88
380	Graham County Schools	16	4.16	24	6.27	16	4.46	30	8.16	13	3.82
390	Granville County Schools	104	4.10	144	5.35	189	6.63	136	4.70	204	6.86
400	Greene County Schools	71	7.58	60	6.36	62	6.32	52	5.29	63	6.32
410	Guilford County Schools	639	3.09	644	2.98	766	3.41	680	2.99	760	3.31
41B	Greensboro Academy	0	0.00	na	na	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
41C	Guilford Preparatory	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
41D	Phoenix Academy Inc	0	0.00	na	na	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
420	Halifax County Schools	71	4.30	106	6.36	78	4.80	109	6.73	97	6.27
421	Roanoke Rapids City Schools	59	6.30	62	6.54	68	7.04	71	7.28	67	7.07
422	Weldon City Schools	17	5.11	16	4.75	14	4.06	19	5.33	17	4.86
430	Harnett County Schools	274	5.50	305	5.81	347	6.27	372	6.53	296	5.16
440	Haywood County Schools	187	7.48	176	7.09	150	6.03	154	6.05	158	6.23
450	Henderson County Schools	214	5.50	137	3.46	156	3.87	161	4.01	177	4.41
45A	The Mountain Community Sch	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
460	Hertford County Schools	50	4.38	64	5.54	68	5.82	35	3.14	32	2.95
470	Hoke County Schools	110	6.37	111	6.13	118	6.43	145	7.65	99	5.13
480	Hyde County Schools	12	5.52	1	0.50	7	3.16	12	5.19	8	3.69

Table 6. Grade 9-12 Dropout Counts and Rates, 2003-04 through 2007-08.

Dropout Counts and Rates for Grades 9 - 12 (Excludes Expulsions)											
LEA #	LEA or Charter School	2003-04		2004-05		2005-06		2006-07		2007-08	
		#	Rate	#	Rate	#	Rate	#	Rate	#	Rate
490	Iredell-Statesville Schools	273	4.67	260	4.29	257	4.00	307	4.52	242	3.52
491	Mooreville City Schools	56	4.17	63	4.42	87	5.55	83	4.96	72	4.26
49B	American Renaissance School	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
49D	Success Charter	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
49E	Pine Lake Preparatory	na	na	na	na	na	0.00	na	na	0	0.00
500	Jackson County Schools	70	6.04	90	7.51	79	6.65	82	6.90	87	7.45
50A	Summit Charter	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
510	Johnston County Schools	339	5.01	325	4.46	404	5.08	454	5.39	428	4.92
51A	Neuse Charter School	na	na	na	na	na	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
520	Jones County Schools	15	3.75	36	8.60	19	4.70	23	5.62	21	5.21
530	Lee County Schools	163	5.90	207	7.20	230	7.80	172	5.83	148	4.97
53A	Provisions Academy	0	0.00	2	3.85	2	3.77	3	4.84	11	15.28
540	Lenoir County Schools	184	5.91	179	5.66	246	7.43	189	5.74	144	4.46
54A	Children's Village Academy	0	0.00	na	na	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
54B	Kinston Charter Academy	na	na	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
550	Lincoln County Schools	177	4.77	166	4.31	235	5.85	192	4.79	179	4.44
55A	Lincoln Charter	0	0.00	0	0.00	3	1.90	4	2.13	3	1.38
560	Macon County Schools	85	6.41	79	5.98	90	6.64	92	6.61	57	4.12
570	Madison County Schools	35	4.32	44	5.18	34	4.02	51	6.04	59	7.19
580	Martin County Schools	86	5.97	85	6.00	73	5.41	81	6.17	71	5.66
590	McDowell County Schools	131	6.55	157	7.61	127	6.30	144	7.10	123	6.10
600	Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools	1528	4.48	1108	3.14	1724	4.61	2512	6.39	2355	5.91
60A	Community Charter School	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
60B	Sugar Creek Charter	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
60C	Kennedy Charter	2	3.45	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
60D	Lake Norman Charter	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
60F	Metrolina Reg Scholars Acad	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
60G	Queen's Grant Community	0	0.00	na	na	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.62
60H	Crossroads Charter High	28	10.41	10	4.42	16	6.93	51	17.86	66	21.29
60I	Children's Community School	na	na	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
60J	Socrates Academy	na	na	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
60K	Charlotte Secondary School	na	na	na	na	na	0.00	na	na	0	0.00
60L	Kipp: Charlotte	na	na	na	na	na	0.00	na	na	0	0.00

Table 6. Grade 9-12 Dropout Counts and Rates, 2003-04 through 2007-08.

Dropout Counts and Rates for Grades 9 - 12 (Excludes Expulsions)											
LEA #	LEA or Charter School	2003-04		2004-05		2005-06		2006-07		2007-08	
		#	Rate	#	Rate	#	Rate	#	Rate	#	Rate
610	Mitchell County Schools	41	5.38	36	4.82	40	5.43	43	5.93	51	7.08
620	Montgomery County Schools	63	4.66	64	4.64	72	5.14	76	5.40	88	6.28
630	Moore County Schools	125	3.33	101	2.62	181	4.56	173	4.29	172	4.29
63A	The Academy Of Moore County	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
63B	Sandhills Theatre Arts Renaiss	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
640	Nash-Rocky Mount Schools	329	5.93	349	6.13	411	7.07	373	6.45	386	6.76
64A	Rocky Mount Preparatory	4	2.49	9	5.20	4	2.26	1	0.48	11	4.47
650	New Hanover County Schools	398	5.36	414	5.35	306	3.97	463	5.92	421	5.40
65A	Cape Fear Center For Inquiry	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
65B	Wilmington Preparatory Acad	na	na	na	na	na	0.00	na	na	0	0.00
660	Northampton County Schools	54	4.92	59	5.34	87	8.00	86	8.68	48	5.63
66A	Gaston College Preparatory	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.50	4	1.56
670	Onslow County Schools	293	4.36	313	4.55	329	4.70	319	4.53	314	4.48
680	Orange County Schools	95	4.57	109	4.93	98	4.31	99	4.28	107	4.58
681	Chapel Hill-Carrboro Schools	43	1.24	54	1.52	57	1.59	41	1.12	57	1.53
68A	Orange Charter	na	na	na	na	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
68N	Pace Academy	na	na	11	11.00	8	7.31	22	16.99	17	13.49
690	Pamlico County Schools	40	5.64	34	4.87	44	6.32	26	4.00	30	4.79
69A	Arapahoe Charter School	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
700	Pasquotank County Schools	119	5.91	112	5.52	118	5.76	104	5.19	81	4.26
710	Pender County Schools	141	6.48	107	4.73	145	5.95	121	4.81	103	3.95
720	Perquimans County Schools	46	7.34	36	5.92	47	7.75	30	5.23	31	5.39
730	Person County Schools	84	4.57	99	5.25	89	4.77	98	5.29	96	5.38
73A	Bethel Hill Charter	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
73B	Roxboro Community School	na	na	na	na	na	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
740	Pitt County Schools	464	6.95	454	6.56	417	5.89	509	6.89	482	6.44
750	Polk County Schools	20	2.76	48	6.18	36	4.62	27	3.45	39	4.87
760	Randolph County Schools	341	6.27	313	5.57	342	5.89	379	6.41	346	5.95
761	Asheboro City Schools	71	5.28	66	4.84	53	3.93	71	5.18	73	5.38
770	Richmond County Schools	114	4.87	108	4.50	120	4.90	178	7.22	119	4.94

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Dropout Counts and Rates for Grades 9 - 12 (Excludes Expulsions)											
LEA #	LEA or Charter School	2003-04		2004-05		2005-06		2006-07		2007-08	
		#	Rate	#	Rate	#	Rate	#	Rate	#	Rate
780	Robeson County Schools	586	8.16	525	7.28	548	7.46	476	6.46	462	6.29
78A	Cis Academy	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
790	Rockingham County Schools	247	5.32	301	6.34	304	6.46	280	6.01	298	6.39
79A	Bethany Community Middle	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
800	Rowan-Salisbury Schools	389	5.78	374	5.49	300	4.37	380	5.47	380	5.54
810	Rutherford County Schools	153	5.00	151	4.79	193	5.86	243	7.26	202	6.27
81A	Thomas Jefferson Class Acad	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	3	1.62	3	1.37
820	Sampson County Schools	130	5.57	145	6.10	160	6.84	143	6.04	151	6.04
821	Clinton City Schools	46	5.52	51	5.77	48	4.96	73	7.57	53	6.21
830	Scotland County Schools	93	4.70	91	4.55	97	4.68	97	4.62	78	3.79
83B	The Laurinburg Homework Ctr	19	17.76	25	21.37	30	22.56	34	25.56	50	5.95
840	Stanly County Schools	123	3.91	104	3.32	127	3.99	173	5.45	142	4.62
84B	Gray Stone Day	0	0.00	na	na	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
850	Stokes County Schools	122	5.26	117	5.01	135	5.62	120	4.97	144	5.94
860	Surry County Schools	124	4.69	138	5.00	162	5.77	184	6.54	130	4.70
861	Elkin City Schools	14	3.83	10	2.61	15	3.78	11	2.75	10	2.47
862	Mount Airy City Schools	8	1.40	19	3.10	18	2.83	18	2.90	16	2.77
86T	Millennium Charter Academy	na	na	na	na	na	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
870	Swain County Schools	55	8.96	43	6.96	37	5.68	56	8.25	49	7.45
87A	Mountain Discovery Charter	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
880	Transylvania County Schools	74	5.69	55	4.31	65	5.04	62	4.76	65	5.04
88A	Brevard Academy	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
890	Tyrrell County Schools	20	8.08	14	6.00	17	7.56	9	4.50	9	4.69
900	Union County Schools	283	3.53	322	3.68	389	4.09	315	3.15	357	3.40
90A	Union Academy	0	0.00	na	na	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.49
910	Vance County Schools	161	6.68	192	7.52	217	8.26	174	6.70	145	5.75
91A	Vance Charter School	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
920	Wake County Schools	1130	3.45	1274	3.66	1437	3.88	1647	4.21	1689	4.17
92B	Exploris	na	na	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
92D	Magellan Charter	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
92E	Sterling Montessori Academy	na	na	na	na	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
92F	Franklin Academy	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.40	0	0.00

Table 6. Grade 9-12 Dropout Counts and Rates, 2003-04 through 2007-08.

Dropout Counts and Rates for Grades 9 - 12 (Excludes Expulsions)											
LEA #	LEA or Charter School	2003-04		2004-05		2005-06		2006-07		2007-08	
		#	Rate								
92G	East Wake Academy	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.69	1	0.58	2	0.97
92K	Raleigh Charter High	1	0.21	4	0.79	3	0.58	2	0.38	0	0.00
92L	Torchlight Academy	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
92M	Preeminent Charter	0	0.00	na	na	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
92N	Quest Academy	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
92P	Community Partners Charter HS	2	1.67	9	7.66	15	13.64	9	8.57	16	14.16
92Q	Hope Elementary	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
92R	Casa Esperanza Montessori	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
930	Warren County Schools	56	5.24	55	5.14	39	3.82	59	5.88	59	6.12
93A	Haliwa-Saponi Tribal School	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	2.38	4	8.16
940	Washington County Schools	35	5.46	17	2.61	28	4.20	13	1.99	30	4.47
950	Watauga County Schools	67	4.28	51	3.33	76	4.84	68	4.39	78	5.09
95A	Two Rivers Community School	na	na	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
960	Wayne County Schools	317	5.36	304	5.09	344	5.70	249	4.16	316	5.25
96C	Dillard Academy	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
970	Wilkes County Schools	224	7.15	223	7.14	189	6.14	189	6.12	211	6.81
97D	Bridges Charter School	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
980	Wilson County Schools	193	5.21	229	6.02	258	6.70	311	7.98	210	5.51
98A	Sallie B Howard School	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
990	Yadkin County Schools	89	4.79	76	4.01	89	4.59	76	3.94	58	3.01
995	Yancey County Schools	38	4.70	50	5.99	36	4.31	38	4.55	61	7.07
	NORTH CAROLINA	20035	4.86	20175	4.74	22180	5.04	23550	5.24	22434	4.97

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LEA #	LEA or Charter School	All	Male	Female	White	Black	Am. Indian	Hispanic	Asian	Other
010	Alamance-Burlington Schools	457	284	173	252	128	2	60	3	12
01B	River Mill Academy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
01C	Clover Garden	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
01D	New Century Charter High	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
020	Alexander County Schools	87	62	25	77	2	1	6	1	0
030	Alleghany County Schools	21	9	12	17	0	0	2	0	2
040	Anson County Schools	52	31	21	15	36	0	1	0	0
050	Ashe County Schools	63	44	19	57	0	1	5	0	0
060	Avery County Schools	26	14	12	23	0	0	1	0	2
06A	Grandfather Academy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
06B	Crossnore Academy	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
070	Beaufort County Schools	135	81	54	61	61	0	11	0	2
07A	Washington Montessori	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
080	Bertie County Schools	46	30	16	10	36	0	0	0	0
090	Bladen County Schools	87	55	32	41	40	0	6	0	0
100	Brunswick County Schools	197	121	76	146	35	3	7	0	6
10A	Charter Day School	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
110	Buncombe County Schools	380	224	156	302	38	4	21	1	14
111	Asheville City Schools	66	40	26	23	37	0	0	0	6
11A	Evergreen Community Charter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11B	Artspace Charter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11K	Francine Delany New School	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
120	Burke County Schools	200	117	83	174	9	0	4	5	8
12A	The New Dimensions School	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
130	Cabarrus County Schools	394	227	167	254	73	2	50	4	11
132	Kannapolis City Schools	98	58	40	41	29	0	26	1	1
13A	Carolina International School	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
140	Caldwell County Schools	235	127	108	205	15	0	7	0	8
150	Camden County Schools	26	18	8	22	2	0	0	1	1
160	Carteret County Public Schools	108	67	41	92	6	0	7	0	3
16A	Cape Lookout Marine Sci High	39	23	16	34	4	0	1	0	0
16B	Tiller School	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
170	Caswell County Schools	66	42	24	28	33	0	1	0	4
180	Catawba County Schools	230	124	106	179	17	2	19	10	3
181	Hickory City Schools	125	70	55	44	55	1	17	4	4
182	Newton Conover City Schools	20	10	10	9	4	0	6	0	1
190	Chatham County Schools	92	62	30	44	22	1	23	0	2
19A	Chatham Charter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19B	Woods Charter	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
200	Cherokee County Schools	48	22	26	41	2	2	2	0	1

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LEA #	LEA or Charter School	All	Male	Female	White	Black	Am. Indian	Hispanic	Asian	Other
20A	The Learning Center	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
210	Edenton/Chowan Schools	32	21	11	13	16	0	2	0	1
220	Clay County Schools	16	12	4	16	0	0	0	0	0
230	Cleveland County Schools	376	219	157	224	132	0	13	1	6
240	Columbus County Schools	83	56	27	38	41	4	0	0	0
241	Whiteville City Schools	40	21	19	12	23	1	1	2	1
24A	Columbus Charter School	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
250	Craven County Schools	204	115	89	100	83	0	10	4	7
260	Cumberland County Schools	615	376	239	223	316	14	40	4	18
26B	Alpha Academy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
270	Currituck County Schools	64	37	27	61	2	0	0	0	1
280	Dare County Schools	26	16	10	21	3	0	1	0	1
290	Davidson County Schools	394	224	170	366	11	3	6	4	4
291	Lexington City Schools	49	30	19	18	20	1	3	4	3
292	Thomasville City Schools	52	29	23	22	22	1	5	1	1
300	Davie County Schools	125	70	55	102	10	0	12	0	1
310	Duplin County Schools	149	83	66	51	52	0	45	0	1
320	Durham Public Schools	439	260	179	50	306	1	72	0	10
32A	Maureen Joy Charter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
32B	Healthy Start Academy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
32C	Carter Community Charter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
32D	Kestrel Heights Sch	6	3	3	1	2	0	2	0	1
32H	Research Triangle Charter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
32K	Central Park School For Child	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
32L	Voyager Academy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
330	Edgecombe County Public School	166	104	62	68	93	0	0	1	4
340	Forsyth County Schools	898	518	380	315	408	4	145	3	23
34B	Quality Education Academy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
34C	Downtown Middle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
34D	C G Woodson Sch Of Challenge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
34F	Forsyth Academies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
34G	Arts Based Elementary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
350	Franklin County Schools	138	86	52	62	57	0	18	0	1
35A	Crosscreek Charter School	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
360	Gaston County Schools	607	348	259	412	140	2	41	4	8
36A	Highland Charter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
36B	Piedmont Community Charter	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
370	Gates County Schools	39	23	16	16	23	0	0	0	0
380	Graham County Schools	13	7	6	11	0	2	0	0	0
390	Granville County Schools	204	128	76	96	89	0	13	2	4

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LEA #	LEA or Charter School	All	Male	Female	White	Black	Am. Indian	Hispanic	Asian	Other
400	Greene County Schools	63	40	23	16	36	0	10	1	0
410	Guilford County Schools	760	462	298	231	426	3	50	22	28
41B	Greensboro Academy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
41C	Guilford Preparatory	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
41D	Phoenix Academy Inc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
420	Halifax County Schools	97	68	29	4	79	14	0	0	0
421	Roanoke Rapids City Schools	67	33	34	48	18	0	1	0	0
422	Weldon City Schools	17	12	5	3	14	0	0	0	0
430	Harnett County Schools	296	167	129	144	93	4	37	0	18
440	Haywood County Schools	158	95	63	147	0	2	4	0	5
450	Henderson County Schools	177	100	77	136	7	2	22	3	7
45A	The Mountain Community Sch	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
460	Hertford County Schools	32	23	9	1	31	0	0	0	0
470	Hoke County Schools	99	57	42	30	41	14	11	1	2
480	Hyde County Schools	8	3	5	4	1	0	3	0	0
490	Iredell-Statesville Schools	242	151	91	170	49	0	16	4	3
491	Mooresville City Schools	72	44	28	51	10	1	7	0	3
49B	American Renaissance School	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
49D	Success Charter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
49E	Pine Lake Preparatory	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
500	Jackson County Schools	87	50	37	64	0	16	6	0	1
50A	Summit Charter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
510	Johnston County Schools	428	262	166	216	114	1	83	0	14
51A	Neuse Charter School	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
520	Jones County Schools	21	10	11	13	7	0	0	0	1
530	Lee County Schools	148	94	54	79	33	1	30	0	5
53A	Provisions Academy	11	8	3	1	10	0	0	0	0
540	Lenoir County Public Schools	144	78	66	48	78	0	14	0	4
54A	Children's Village Academy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
54B	Kinston Charter Academy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
550	Lincoln County Schools	179	104	75	150	12	1	13	2	1
55A	Lincoln Charter	3	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	1
560	Macon County Schools	57	33	24	46	1	0	8	1	1
570	Madison County Schools	59	43	16	57	0	0	2	0	0
580	Martin County Schools	71	55	16	19	48	0	4	0	0
590	Mcdowell County Schools	123	66	57	110	7	2	4	0	0
600	Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools	2355	1416	939	433	1372	22	439	61	28
60A	Community Charter School	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
60B	Sugar Creek Charter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
60C	Kennedy Charter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
60D	Lake Norman Charter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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LEA #	LEA or Charter School	All	Male	Female	White	Black	Am. Indian	Hispanic	Asian	Other
60F	Metrolina Reg Scholars Academy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
60G	Queen's Grant Community	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
60H	Crossroads Charter High	66	29	37	1	60	0	4	1	0
60I	Children's Community School	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
60J	Socrates Academy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
60K	Charlotte Secondary School	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
60L	Kipp: Charlotte	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
610	Mitchell County Schools	51	29	22	46	0	0	4	0	1
620	Montgomery County Schools	88	51	37	41	18	0	26	3	0
630	Moore County Schools	172	93	79	97	56	2	9	0	8
63A	The Academy Of Moore County	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
63B	Sandhills Theatre Arts Renaiss	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
640	Nash-Rocky Mount Schools	386	234	152	105	249	1	25	0	6
64A	Rocky Mount Preparatory	11	6	5	6	2	1	0	0	2
650	New Hanover County Schools	421	269	152	237	148	1	12	3	20
65A	Cape Fear Center For Inquiry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
65B	Wilmington Preparatory Academy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
660	Northampton County Schools	48	30	18	9	39	0	0	0	0
66A	Gaston College Preparatory	4	2	2	0	4	0	0	0	0
670	Onslow County Schools	314	194	120	193	79	1	20	3	18
680	Orange County Schools	107	74	33	60	32	0	9	0	6
681	Chapel Hill-Carrboro Schools	57	36	21	14	21	0	13	5	4
68A	Orange Charter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
68N	Pace Academy	17	14	3	6	8	0	2	0	1
690	Pamlico County Schools	30	16	14	28	2	0	0	0	0
69A	Arapahoe Charter School	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
700	Pasquotank County Schools	81	48	33	34	41	0	3	0	3
710	Pender County Schools	103	68	35	66	25	0	9	0	3
720	Perquimans County Schools	31	12	19	21	9	0	1	0	0
730	Person County Schools	96	55	41	49	42	0	3	0	2
73A	Bethel Hill Charter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
73B	Roxboro Community School	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
740	Pitt County Schools	482	295	187	149	297	0	26	2	8
750	Polk County Schools	39	21	18	35	0	0	3	0	1
760	Randolph County Schools	346	205	141	287	17	1	28	5	8
761	Asheboro City Schools	73	39	34	39	2	0	27	0	5
770	Richmond County Schools	119	64	55	60	40	10	5	1	3
780	Robeson County Schools	462	284	178	107	129	220	3	1	2
78A	Cis Academy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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790	Rockingham County Schools	298	182	116	191	77	3	21	0	6
79A	Bethany Community Middle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
800	Rowan-Salisbury Schools	380	221	159	245	94	0	30	1	10
810	Rutherford County Schools	202	125	77	158	32	0	3	0	9
81A	Thomas Jefferson Class Academy	3	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0
820	Sampson County Schools	151	86	65	65	45	4	32	0	5
821	Clinton City Schools	53	30	23	12	29	1	9	1	1
830	Scotland County Schools	78	39	39	25	33	20	0	0	0
83B	The Laurinburg Homework Ctr	50	24	26	15	23	12	0	0	0
840	Stanly County Schools	142	90	52	114	19	0	3	0	6
84B	Gray Stone Day	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
850	Stokes County Schools	144	79	65	127	4	1	5	2	5
860	Surry County Schools	130	85	45	108	5	0	15	0	2
861	Elkin City Schools	10	6	4	9	0	0	1	0	0
862	Mount Airy City Schools	16	10	6	9	2	0	1	1	3
86T	Millennium Charter Academy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
870	Swain County Schools	49	28	21	32	0	16	1	0	0
87A	Mountain Discovery Charter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
880	Transylvania County Schools	65	37	28	52	6	0	4	0	3
88A	Brevard Academy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
890	Tyrrell County Schools	9	6	3	1	5	0	2	0	1
900	Union County Public Schools	357	207	150	200	85	4	56	3	9
90A	Union Academy	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
910	Vance County Schools	145	80	65	54	69	0	20	0	2
91A	Vance Charter School	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
920	Wake County Schools	1689	1040	649	481	824	1	302	27	54
92B	Exploris	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
92D	Magellan Charter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
92E	Sterling Montessori Academy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
92F	Franklin Academy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
92G	East Wake Academy	2	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
92K	Raleigh Charter High	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
92L	Torchlight Academy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
92M	Preeminent Charter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
92N	Quest Academy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
92P	Community Partners Charter Hs	16	11	5	8	7	0	1	0	0
92Q	Hope Elementary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
92R	Casa Esperanza Montessori	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
930	Warren County Schools	59	37	22	12	43	0	4	0	0
93A	Haliwa-Saponi Tribal School	4	3	1	0	0	4	0	0	0
940	Washington County Schools	30	18	12	7	21	0	2	0	0

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950	Watauga County Schools	78	47	31	71	0	0	7	0	0
95A	Two Rivers Community School	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
960	Wayne County Public Schools	316	183	133	123	160	0	23	1	9
96C	Dillard Academy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
970	Wilkes County Schools	211	118	93	180	9	0	20	0	2
97D	Bridges Charter School	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
980	Wilson County Schools	210	128	82	55	129	0	23	1	2
98A	Sallie B Howard School	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
990	Yadkin County Schools	58	25	33	43	3	0	11	0	1
995	Yancey County Schools	61	41	20	58	0	0	3	0	0
999	STATE TOTAL	22434	13384	9050	10867	8065	438	2308	216	540