



2020-21 Chronic Absenteeism

Disaggregated by Student Ethnicity and Student Group

A "chronic absentee" is defined as "a pupil who is absent on 10 percent or more of the school days in the school year when the total number of days a pupil is absent is divided by the total number of days the pupil is enrolled and school was actually taught in the regular day schools of the district, exclusive of Saturdays and Sundays."¹

The "eligible" sample below includes only K-12 students who were enrolled with the school/district for at least 31 days and did not attend zero days (i.e., at least a partial day attended).

In 2019-20 schools were physically closed due to a pandemic and schools were not required to record attendance after February 29, 2020. The 2019-20 school year therefore covers the period from the start of the school year through February 29, 2020. Most students learned remotely for the majority of the 2020-21 school year.

Table 1. Districtwide counts and percentages of chronic absenteeism by ethnicity

	2019-20				2020-21			
	Cumul. Enrollment #	CA Eligible #	Chronic Absentee #	Chronic Absentee %	Cumul. Enrollment #	CA Eligible #	Chronic Absentee #	Chronic Absentee %
Asian	893	868	28	3.23%	882	851	23	2.70%
Black/African-American	2034	1867	371	19.87%	1759	1719	346	20.13%
Filipino	314	308	18	5.84%	308	305	12	3.93%
Hispanic	10111	9775	1537	15.72%	9346	9195	1744	18.97%
Native American/Alaskan Native	37	36	4	11.11%	33	32	6	18.75%
Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian	25	25	1	4.00%	30	29	4	13.79%
Two or more/Multi-ethnic	599	580	56	9.66%	605	587	40	6.81%
White	2896	2774	256	9.23%	2813	2695	132	4.90%
Unknown/Declined to state	76	62	9	14.52%	98	86	14	16.28%
Districtwide	16700	16095	2280	14.17%	15874	15499	2262	14.59%

Table 2. Districtwide counts and percentages of chronic absenteeism by student group membership

	2019-20				2020-21			
	Cumul. Enrollment #	CA Eligible #	Chronic Absentee #	Chronic Absentee %	Cumul. Enrollment #	CA Eligible #	Chronic Absentee #	Chronic Absentee %
English Learner	2249	2157	402	18.64%	2156	2107	516	24.49%
Foster Youth ²	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	175	149	53	35.57%
Homeless	775	749	188	25.10%	688	684	207	30.26%
Students w/ disabilities	2586	2376	546	22.98%	2423	2265	489	21.59%
Socio-economically disadvantaged	11421	11054	1888	17.08%	10631	10446	1972	18.88%
Districtwide	16700	16095	2280	14.17%	15874	15499	2262	14.59%

Data source: CALPADS 14.2 Student Absences Student List

¹ California Education Code (EDC) § 60901

² Cumulative enrollment list of foster youth not available prior to 2020-21