



2018-19 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 district for at least 31 days and did not attend zero days (i.e., at least a partial day attended).

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

	2017-18				2018-19			
	Cumul. Enrollment #	CA Eligible #	Chronic Absentee #	Chronic Absentee %	Cumul. Enrollment #	CA Eligible #	Chronic Absentee #	Chronic Absentee %
Asian	906	882	23	2.61%	880	862	23	2.67%
Black/African-American	2258	2149	376	17.50%	2082	2001	400	19.99%
Filipino	345	339	10	2.95%	324	321	11	3.43%
Hispanic	10237	10231	1242	12.14%	10237	10057	1427	14.19%
Native American/Alaskan Native	40	40	4	10.00%	34	34	7	20.59%
Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian	40	40	3	7.50%	34	34	2	5.88%
Two or more/Multi-ethnic	545	536	44	8.21%	557	548	51	9.31%
White	2900	2848	183	6.43%	2871	2821	229	8.12%
Unknown/Declined to state	94	90	13	14.44%	62	59	12	20.34%
Districtwide	17553	17155	1898	11.06%	17081	16749	2162	12.92%

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

	2017-18				2018-19			
	Cumul. Enrollment #	CA Eligible #	Chronic Absentee #	Chronic Absentee %	Cumul. Enrollment #	CA Eligible #	Chronic Absentee #	Chronic Absentee %
English Learner	2667	2580	391	15.16%	2418	2349	416	17.71%
Foster Youth ²	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Homeless	622	600	123	20.50%	777	757	172	22.72%
Students w/ disabilities	2603	2534	476	18.78%	2683	2611	533	20.41%
Socio-economically disadvantaged	11632	11368	1539	13.54%	11131	10905	1745	16.00%
Districtwide	17553	17155	1898	11.06%	17081	16749	2162	12.92%

Data source: CALPADS 14.2 Student Absences Student List

District-level 2017-18 counts exclude CIS Academy due to inaccurate attendance data submission to CALPADS.

¹ California Education Code (EDC) § 60901

² Cumulative enrollment list of foster youth not currently available