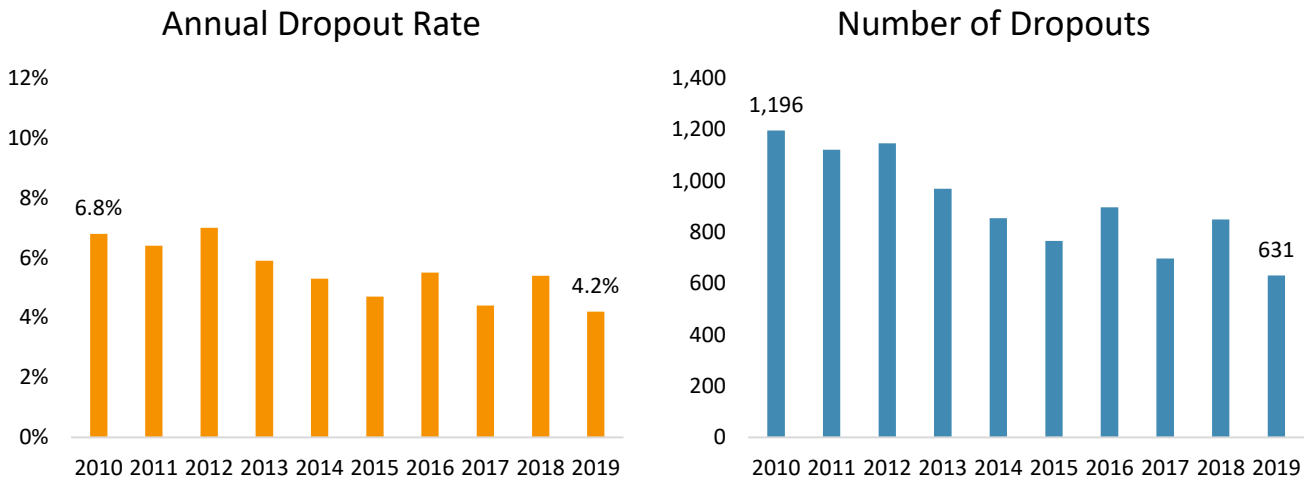
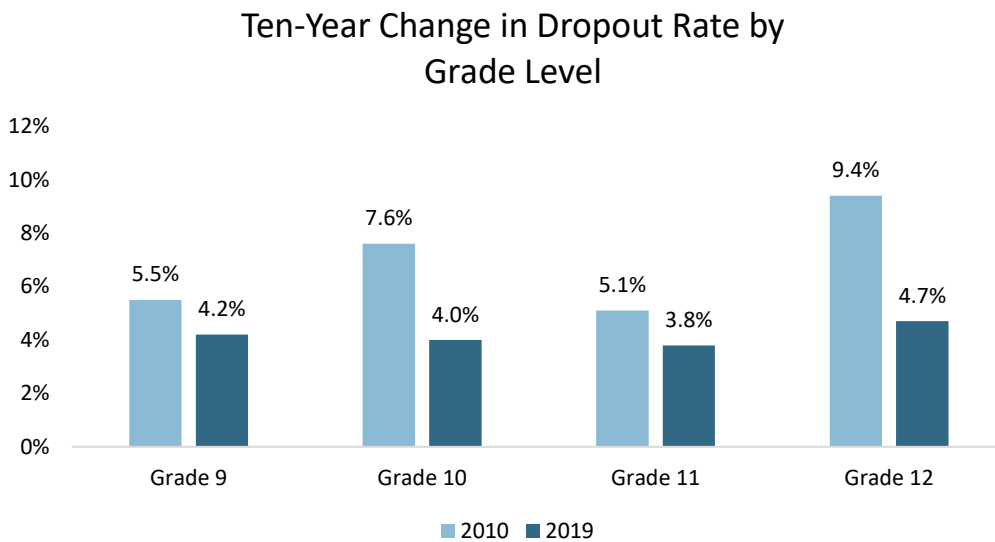


In 2019, the annual dropout rate for Boston Public Schools (BPS) was 4.2 percent, a 1.2 percentage point decrease from 2018. This represents 631 students in grades 9–12 who dropped out of school between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019. The graphs below illustrate the annual dropout rate (left) and the total number of dropouts (right). The rate continued to follow a general decrease over time, down by over 560 students since 2010.



Grade level rates have narrowed to within 1 percentage point, while grade 12 maintained the highest rate over a 10-year period.



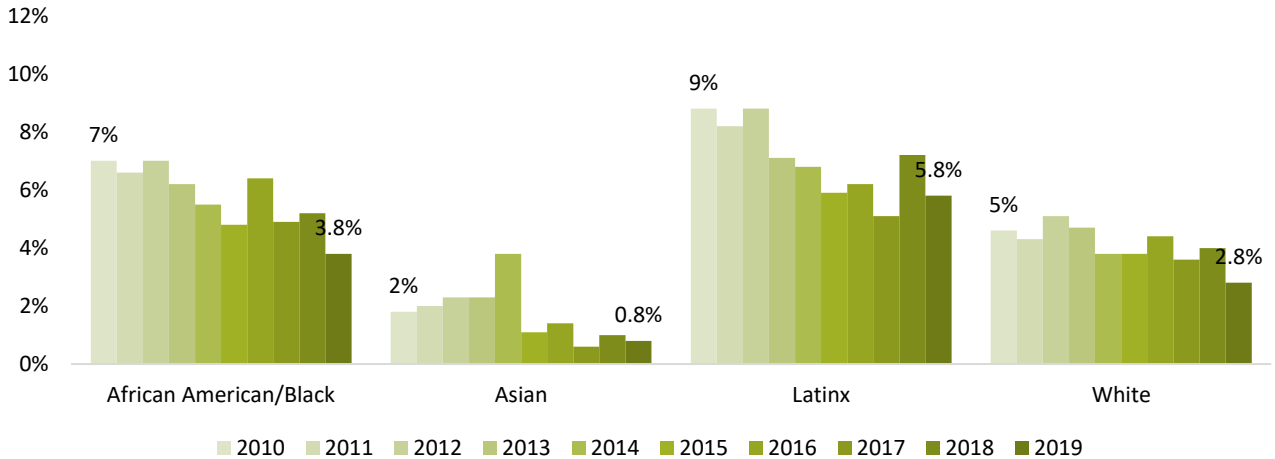
Dropout Rate Methodology:

This report utilizes data and methodology from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. The annual dropout rate is calculated by taking the total number of dropouts in a given academic year (summer and school year) and subtracting any students who were reported as returned to school, graduated, or earned a GED, and dividing that sum by the total high school enrollment (grades 9–12), as reported by SIMS. Dropouts are defined as students who leave school prior to graduation for reasons other than transferring to another school.

Race

The four major race groups in BPS all experienced a decrease in the annual dropout rate from 2010 to 2019. The African American/Black and Latinx groups both saw decreases over ten years that out-paced the district average. These groups’ rates decreased 3.2 and 3.0 percentage points respectively, compared to the district’s decrease of 2.6 percentage points in the same time period. Asian students’ rate decreased 1.0 percentage points over 10 years, and White students’ rate decreased 1.8 percentage points over 10 years. Disparities persist despite these trends, as illustrated below.

Annual Dropout Rate by Race



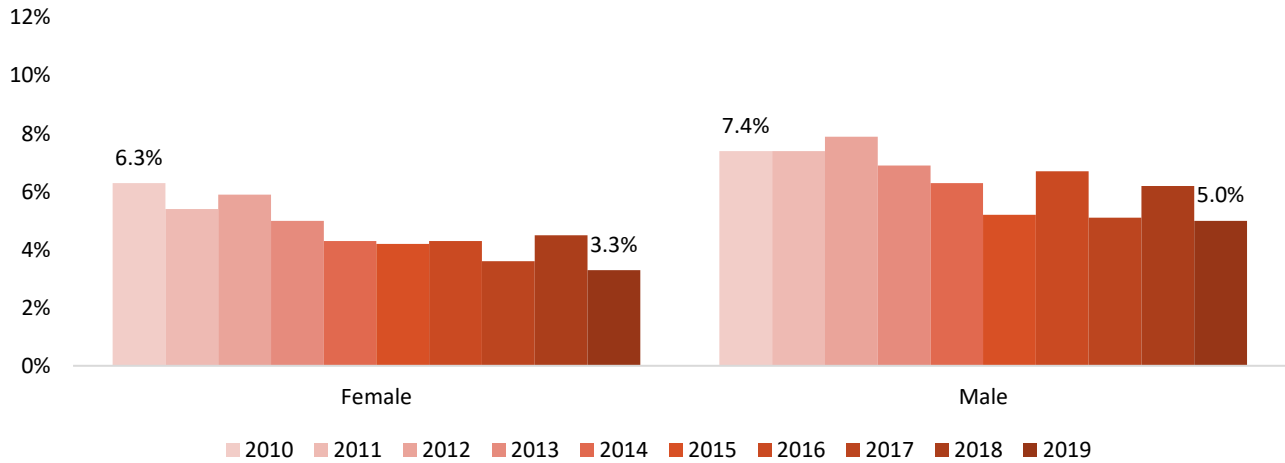
Similar to the trend in rates, all race groups have experienced a decrease in absolute number of dropouts, as shown in the table below. The number of African American/Black students dropping out has been more than halved from 2010 to 2019, decreasing from 481 to 188 students.

Number of Dropouts by Year and Race										
Race	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
African American/Black	481	444	431	411	352	299	373	277	286	188
Asian	31	33	38	39	82	18	23	9	16	13
Latinx	547	529	555	388	377	350	381	323	460	365
White	107	96	104	99	82	80	91	71	75	50

Gender

The dropout rates for male and female students have also decreased over the past ten years. The male dropout rate has decreased by almost one third, and the rate for females has nearly halved.

Annual Dropout Rate by Gender



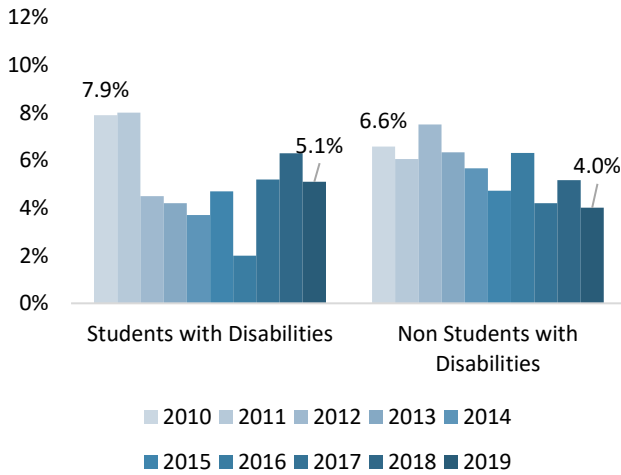
The number of dropouts has followed a similar trend over the past decade, with both females and males seeing a decrease.

Number of Dropouts by Year and Gender										
Gender	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Female	659	660	669	576	519	440	565	421	511	387
Male	537	461	477	393	335	326	332	276	338	244

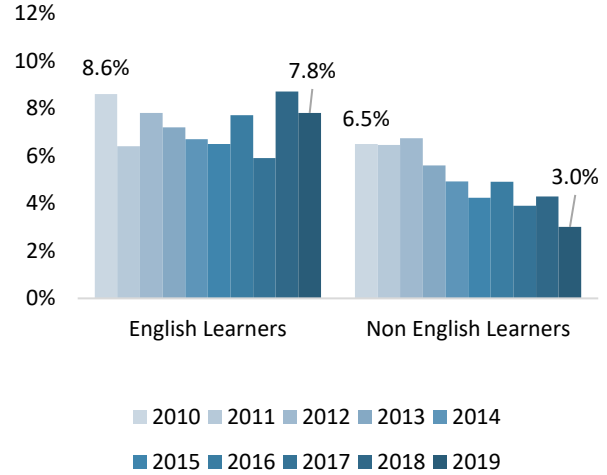
Students with Disabilities, English Learners, Economically Disadvantaged

The dropout rate for Students with Disabilities has decreased by 2.8 percentage points, which is comparable to the decrease for All Students. The annual dropout rate for English Learners has fluctuated throughout the last ten years, with the 2019 dropout rate slightly below the rate from 10 years ago by 0.8 percentage points.

Annual Dropout Rate: Students with Disabilities

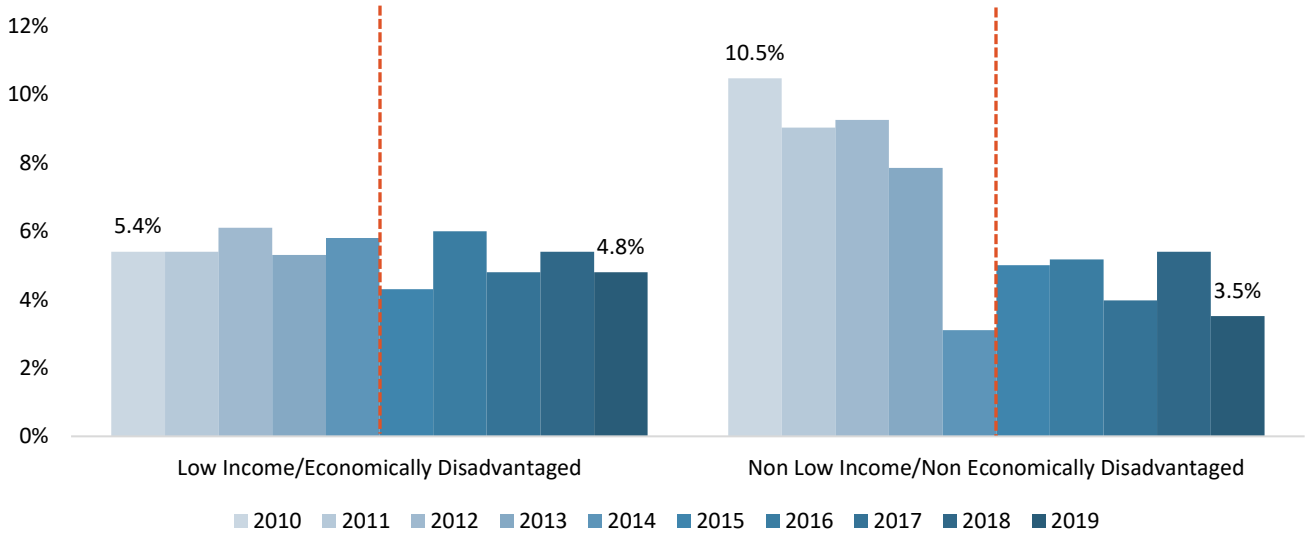


Annual Dropout Rate: English Learners



The dropout rate for Economically Disadvantaged students is 1.3 percentage points above the rate for All Students. In 2015, the MA DESE transitioned from using free and reduced-price lunch forms to identify Low Income students to using direct certification to identify Economically Disadvantaged students. This shift is indicated with a red line in the graph below. The change in identification method has not had a substantial effect on this group’s annual dropout rate, with a 0.1 percentage point decrease over ten years.

Annual Dropout Rate: Low Income/Economically Disadvantaged



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The trend of number of dropouts has differed for student groups. The absolute number of students with disabilities and low income/economically disadvantaged students who have dropped out over the last ten years has decreased, while the ten-year trend for English Learners has slightly increased from 248 students in 2010 to 291 students in 2019.

Number of Dropouts by Year and Student Group										
Student Group	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Students with Disabilities	261	268	138	130	114	129	56	143	181	133
Non Students with Disabilities	935	853	1008	839	740	637	841	554	668	498
English Learners	248	208	265	255	238	229	287	227	341	291
Non English Learners	948	913	881	714	616	537	610	470	508	340
Low income	669	664	731	651	757	--	--	--	--	--
Non Low Income	527	457	415	318	97	--	--	--	--	--
Economically Disadvantaged	--	--	--	--	--	304	428	391	466	383
Non Economically Disadvantaged	--	--	--	--	--	462	469	306	383	248

About the Data

All data presented in this report is from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Dropout rate data can be found online at <http://profiles.doe.mass.edu/statereport/dropout.aspx>. This website includes school and district level data for all student groups, dating back to 2008.

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School Level Dropout Rate Trends

School Name	SY14-15		SY15-16		SY16-17		SY17-18		SY18-19		5 Year Change
	N Students	Rate	N Students	Rate	N Students	Rate	N Students	Rate	N Students	Rate	
<i>District</i>	16,241	4.7%	16,165	5.5%	15,905	4.4%	15,772	5.4%	11	4.9	-1.5
Another Course to College	236	3.4%	237	1.7%	223	4.9%	224	2.7%	15	10.4	15.3
Boston Adult Technical Acad	191	25.7%	170	50.0%	197	38.6%	154	33.1%	1	0.2	0.9
Boston Arts Academy	441	1.1%	437	1.8%	447	0.7%	469	1.5%	40	25.2	-25.2
Boston Collaborative			183	14.2%	184	35.3%	182	24.2%	14	3	-1.5
Boston Community Leadership Acad	518	1.5%	502	1.8%	496	1.2%	474	2.3%	155	36.8	-15.7
Boston Day & Evening Acad*	380	21.1%	380	23.7%	404	21.0%	404	23.5%	5	1.7	1.2
Boston Green Academy*	311	2.9%	288	2.8%	291	3.8%	304	3.0%	10	2.7	1.8
Boston International	381	4.5%	375	4.3%	378	4.8%	366	6.3%	1	0.1	0
Boston Latin	1621	0.1%	1648	0.1%	1630	0.2%	1656	0.1%	4	0.3	0
Boston Latin Academy	1174	0.3%	1172	0.4%	1167	0.1%	1224	0.3%	64	11.3	-4.5
Brighton High	960	6.8%	922	10.5%	797	11.5%	682	7.8%	34	8.4	-1.9
Burke High	535	6.5%	531	9.0%	488	5.9%	472	7.4%	0	0	0
Carter School	17	0.0%	18	0.0%	19	0.0%	24	4.2%	77	9.1	-0.1
Charlestown High	921	9.0%	916	7.0%	867	4.4%	920	6.8%	15	33.3	24.8
Community Academy	62	58.1%	40	0.0%	44	52.3%	79	50.6%	13	3.8	0.8
Community Acad of Sci. & Health	349	4.6%	392	4.8%	342	5.6%	389	5.4%	4	1.9	-1.9
Dearborn	92	0.0%	108	2.8%	146	2.7%	174	2.9%			11.3
Dorchester Academy	372	11.3%	69	31.9%	99	23.2%	42	14.3%	65	5.5	-1
East Boston High	1502	4.5%	1489	4.9%	1480	4.3%	1344	6.4%	18	3.5	2.8
English High	557	6.3%	585	10.8%	537	5.2%	539	4.3%	28	5.4	4.5
Excel High	534	9.9%	515	8.0%	524	2.9%	491	2.6%	2	0.5	-0.2
Fenway High	328	0.3%	337	1.5%	360	0.3%	364	1.9%	30	31.6	-24.6
Greater Egleston High	200	7.0%	180	20.0%	224	7.6%	105		5	2.1	-0.5
Henderson K-12	125	1.6%	172	0.6%	202	4.0%	229	3.9%	0	0	19.2
Horace Mann	26	19.2%	22	13.6%	33	0.0%	33	0.0%	0	0	0.3
Kennedy Health Careers*	359	0.3%	341	1.2%	359	0.3%	380	0.5%	3	2.3	-0.1
Lyon High	134	2.2%	130	3.8%	125	0.0%	124	5.6%	41	4.8	1.2
Madison Park High	899	6.0%	885	6.6%	818	3.5%	859	6.1%	20	11.9	1.9
McKinley School	188	13.8%	173	18.5%	186	10.8%	212	16.0%	4	1.4	0.8
Muniz Academy	229	2.2%	302	2.0%	284	2.5%	298	2.3%	1	0.3	0.7
New Mission High	301	1.0%	319	2.5%	320	0.3%	320	0.3%	2	0.2	0.4
O'Bryant Math & Science	1123	0.6%	1140	0.6%	1129	0.1%	1223	0.6%	2	0.8	0.1
Quincy Upper School	211	0.9%	207	0.0%	218	0.0%	229	0.0%	5	1	1.6
Snowden International	388	2.6%	373	4.0%	439	1.1%	444	3.8%	8	1.4	0
TechBoston Academy	587	1.4%	601	2.5%	585	2.1%	559	1.3%	15	4.6	-0.1
Urban Science Academy	462	4.5%	489	6.5%	430	4.9%	392	8.7%	31	7.6	-1.4
West Roxbury Academy	577	6.2%	526	7.6%	487	4.9%	475	4.2%	11	4.9	-1.5

*Horace Mann Charter School