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DROPOUT DEFINITION

National Center for Education Statistics Glossary

Dropout

A Dropout is a student who:

- Was enrolled in a secondary school at some time during the previous school year and is not enrolled on October 1 of current school year; or
- Was not enrolled on October 1 of previous school year although expected to be in membership (i.e., was not reported as a dropout the year before); and
- Has not graduated from high school or completed a state or district approved educational program; and
- Does not meet any of the following exclusionary conditions:
    1. Transfer to another public school district, private school, or state or district approved educational programs;
    2. Temporary school recognized absence due to suspension or illness; or
    3. Death.

Students who failed to report for class at the beginning of a school year are considered to be dropouts for the year in which they do not report.

SECONDARY DROPOUT TABLE
1992-1993 to 2020-2021

School Year	Secondary Enrollment	Student Dropouts	Dropout Percent Of Enrollment
1992-1993	9,913	479	4.8
1993-1994	9,844	249	2.5
1994-1995	10,378	455	4.4
1995-1996	10,122	200	2.0
1996-1997	10,241	270	2.6
1997-1998	10,095	508	5.0
1998-1999	9,522	539	5.7
1999-2000	8,781	487	5.6
2000-2001	8,605	272	3.2
2001-2002	8,396	412	4.9
2002-2003	8,329	197	2.4
2003-2004	7,813	417	5.3
2004-2005	8,239	358	4.3
2005-2006	8,238	413	5.0
2006-2007	8,160	353	4.3
2007-2008	7,903	462	5.8
2008-2009	7,738	423	5.5
2009-2010	7,546	316	4.2
2010-2011	7,577	288	3.8
2011-2012	7,535	218	2.9
2012-2013	7,252	290	4.0
2013-2014	6,954	349	5.0
2014-2015	6,672	291	4.4
2015-2016	6,435	304	4.7
2016-2017	6,140	247	4.0
2017-2018	5,167	482	9.3
2018-2019	5,107	227	4.4
2019-2020	5,116	191	3.7
2020-2021	5,262	114	2.2

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