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Annual Report of Suspensions & Expulsions
Annual Report of Dropout Rates

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Preface

This consolidated report replaces in large part three previously published DPI reports—the Annual Report on School Crime and Violence, the Annual Study of Suspensions and Expulsions (including Alternative Learning Program Enrollments), and the Annual Report on Dropout Events and Rate. This report plus additional data tables may be found online at <http://dpi.state.nc.us/research/discipline/reports/> and <http://dpi.state.nc.us/research/dropout/reports/>.

The requirement to report annually on dropout events and rates, suspensions and expulsions, alternative learning program enrollments is G.S. 115C-12(27). The requirement to report annually on school crime and violence is G.S. 115C-12(21). These General Statutes may be found in Appendix I.

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CONSOLIDATED REPORT, 2007-08

Introduction

The decision to generate a consolidated report on school crime, suspensions, and dropouts was grounded in the idea of a relationship between these factors and the hope of new insights that might be gained by analyzing and reporting these data together. Problems in schools can negatively impact a number of measurable outcomes, including crime, suspension, and dropout rates. In the same way, improvements in school operations can lower crime and suspension rates and make it more likely that children will remain in school. Schools and school districts that do well in one of the areas featured in this report will often also excel in another. In highlighting these high performers we hope that the programs and policies that contribute to success will be emulated by others.

The relationship between the factors of crime, suspensions, and dropouts was confirmed by correlating the LEA rates of event occurrence for both 2006-07 and 2007-08. Small, but significant, positive correlations were found for the relationships between crime and short-term suspension, between crime and dropout, and between short-term suspension and dropout. The correlations are not large, and the existence of a correlation does not mean that one factor leads to another. However, we can say that the factors are associated with one another.

Sometimes correlations occur not because one factor causes another, but because an underlying factor causes both. Underlying factors could include demographics such as socioeconomic status or school factors such as management strategies.

Data analysis is an important tool in school management. However, care must be taken consider all possible interpretations of the numbers, since some factors occur together and not all factors are easily measurable. For example, dropout research documents the relationship between out-of-school suspensions and dropping out, but there is also a relationship between behavior problems and dropping out. Therefore, it can be difficult to determine how much impact on the dropout rate can be attributed to student attitudes and behavior and how much can be attributed to the suspensions themselves.

This Consolidated Report should be viewed as a starting point to begin to untangle a number of interrelated school outcomes through annually repeated data summaries. Over time, we hope to reveal a clearer view of these outcomes, their interrelationships, and other underlying factors.

General Findings

The number of acts of crime and violence by high school students increased by 1.2% from 2006-07 to 2007-08. However, due to an increase in average daily membership, the rate of acts reported remained constant at 15.57 acts per 1000 students in membership. Violent acts represented 3.2% of the total reportable acts.

Reportable acts were most frequently committed by students who were 9th graders and who were 16 years of age. In high school, males committed crimes at over three times the rate of females. Among ethnic groups in high school, American Indians had the highest crime rate, followed by blacks and whites.

LEAs reporting the lowest rates of grades 9-12 reportable acts were Macon County, Tyrrell County, Hyde County, Camden County, Clay County, Cherokee County, Pasquotank County, Richmond County, Washington County, and Yadkin County. LEAs with the highest rates of grades 9-12 reportable acts were Weldon City, Mitchell County, Transylvania County, Robeson County, Watauga County, Halifax County, Polk County, Pamlico County, Swain County, and Hoke County.

LEAs reporting the largest 3-year decreases in rates of grades 9-12 reportable acts were Tyrrell County, Macon County, Hyde County, Clay County, and Cherokee County. LEAs with the largest 3-year increases in rates of grades 9-12 reportable acts were: Weldon City, Currituck County, Mitchell County, Polk County, and Graham County.

Reportable acts were most frequently committed by students who were 9th graders and who were 16 years of age. In high school, males committed crimes at over three times the rate of females. Among ethnic groups in high school, American Indians had the highest crime rate, followed by blacks and whites.

The most frequently reported reportable acts in high school were 1) Possession of a controlled substance in violation of the law, 2) possession of a weapon excluding firearms and powerful explosives, and 3) possession of an alcoholic beverage.

There were 142,506 grades 9-12 short-term suspensions reported statewide in 2007-08, a decrease of 0.5% from the 2006-07 combined LEA and charter school total of 143,157. On average, one of six North Carolina high school students receives an out-of-school short-term suspension each year. Many students receive only one suspension each year, but a number of students receive multiple short-term suspensions. High school students who received short-term suspensions in 2007-08 averaged slightly more than two suspensions each. The average total duration of short-term suspensions for high school students who received at least one suspension was 6.41 days. The average duration of a single short-term suspension was 3.13 days. The grades 9-12 short-term suspension rate was 3.46 suspensions per ten students.

Ninth grade students received the largest number of short-term suspensions. The rate of short term suspensions for male students was 2.5 times higher than for females. Black students received the highest rate of short-term suspensions followed by American Indians. Short-term suspension rates for all ethnic groups decreased in 2007-08.

The number of long-term suspensions (11 or more days) for all students increased 10.3% from 4,736 to 5,225. Average school days per suspension decreased in 2007-08 from 54 to 41.4 school days. High school students received 3,461 long-term suspensions, a 15.4% increase from 2006-07.

LEAs reporting the lowest rates of grades 9-12 short-term suspensions were Clay County, Mount Airy City, Yancey County, Polk County, Yadkin County, Chapel Hill-Carrboro, Cherokee County, Elkin City, Graham County, and Avery County. LEAs with the highest rates of grades 9-12 short-term suspensions were Weldon City, Hertford County, Pamlico County, Robeson County, Greene County, Halifax County, Thomasville City, Duplin County, Edgecombe County, and Northampton County.

LEAs reporting the largest 3-year decreases in rates of grades 9-12 short-term suspensions were Yancey County, Polk County, Vance County, Clay County, and Clinton City. LEAs with the largest 3-year increases in rates of grades 9-12 short-term suspensions were Bladen County, Currituck County, Graham County, Gates County, and Haywood County. All but Currituck County had 2007-08 rates that were below the state average.

The number of expulsions increased from 102 in 2006-07 to 116 in 2007-08. High school students received 99 of these expulsions.

Alternative schools and programs (ALPs) reported 15,769 student placements in 2007-08, a decrease of 4.3% from 2006-07. There were 14,414 individual students placed in ALPs over the course of the 2007-08 school year.

High schools in North Carolina reported 22,234 dropout events in 2007-2008. The grades 9-12 dropout event rate in 2007-2008 was 4.97%, a decrease from the 5.24% rate reported for 2006-2007. The decrease in dropout rate was 5.2%.

There were decreases in 57% (66 of 115) of the LEAs, accounting for a reduction in 1,898 dropouts.

The 22,234 dropout events recorded in grades 9-12 represented a 4.7% decrease from the count of 23,550 reported in 2006-2007.

LEAs reporting the lowest high school dropout rates were Chapel Hill-Carrboro, Dare County, Newton-Conover City, Elkin City, Mount Airy City, Hertford County, Yadkin County, Guilford County, Union County, and Iredell-Statesville. LEAs with the highest high school dropout rates were Hickory City, Jackson County, Swain County, Madison

County, Mitchell County, Yancey County, Roanoke Rapids City, Kannapolis City, Granville County, and Edgecombe County.

LEAs reporting the largest 3-year decreases in high school dropout rates were Hertford County, Dare County, Jones County, Graham County, and Burke County. LEAs with the largest 3-year increases in high school dropout rates were Hyde County, Charlotte-Mecklenburg, Washington County, Thomasville City, and Moore County. Despite the large increases, Hyde County, Washington County, and Moore County were still below the state average in 2007-08.

The consolidated reporting of discipline and dropout data permits an overview of high performing school districts in these areas. Yadkin County was the only LEA on all three of the “top ten” lists of lowest rates of crime, short-term suspensions and dropouts in grades 9-12.

Five school systems were in two of the three “top ten” lists of superior performance in achieving low rates in these categories. These LEAs were:

- Clay County
- Mount Airy City
- Chapel Hill-Carrboro City
- Elkin City
- Cherokee County

No LEAs were on all three “top ten” lists for 3-year decreases in rates of crime, short-term suspensions, and dropouts for grades 9-12, however the following LEAs were on two out of three of these lists:

- Hyde County
- Macon County
- Vance County
- Clay County
- Clinton City

School Crime and Violence

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SCHOOL CRIME AND VIOLENCE, 2007-08

Introduction

In 1993, the General Assembly passed the Safe Schools Act requiring Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) to report specified acts of crime and violence to the State Board of Education (SBE). General Statute 115C-288(g) describes the school principal's responsibility "to report certain acts to law enforcement" and lists a number of acts to be reported. The SBE later expanded on the list of acts to be reported to law enforcement.

GS 115C-12(21) requires the SBE "to compile an annual report on acts of violence in the public schools." The SBE has defined 17 criminal acts that are to be included in its annual report, ten of which are considered dangerous and violent.

The ten dangerous and violent acts are:

- Homicide
- Assault resulting in serious bodily injury
- Assault involving the use of a weapon
- Rape
- Sexual offense
- Sexual assault
- Kidnapping
- Robbery with a dangerous weapon
- Robbery without a dangerous weapon
- Taking indecent liberties with a minor

Schools that report five or more of these acts per thousand students in two consecutive years and where "conditions that contributed to the commission of those offenses are likely to continue into another school year" are deemed Persistently Dangerous Schools (SBE Policy SS-A-006).

The other seven acts included in this report are:

- Assault on school personnel
- Bomb threat
- Burning of a school building
- Possession of alcoholic beverage
- Possession of controlled substance in violation of law
- Possession of a firearm or powerful explosive
- Possession of a weapon

Superintendents, principals, teachers, and other school and central office personnel are to be commended for their collaboration and willingness to implement reporting systems and strategies resulting in the production of this report.

Data Collection and Verification

The data used in this annual report was largely collected in the Uniform System of Disciplinary Data Collection (USSDC), a statewide reporting system housed on a secure web site. NC WISE schools initially entered their data into the disciplinary reporting module of the NC WISE system, with the data subsequently transferred into USDDC. A few schools and LEAs used third-party software conforming to USDDC specifications.

Data consolidation and verification procedures were handled by DPI with assistance from the Technical Outreach to Public Schools (TOPS) at NC State University. The due date for LEAs to complete their 2007-08 discipline data collections was June 30, 2008. Principals, superintendents, and charter school directors were then required to verify the numbers of the 17 reportable offenses submitted by each school and LEA, and those verified numbers were checked by TOPS against the system data. Any discrepancies were reconciled, and superintendents and charter school directors then provided a final verification. All final verifications were completed by September 2, 2008.

After all data was verified, TOPS ran the analyses that generated the tables and figures contained in this report. The Program Monitoring and Support Division of NCDPI authored the General Findings and compiled the report.

General Findings

The number of the “17 reportable acts” of crime and violence increased by 2.4% from 2006-07 to 2007-08. However, due to an increase in average daily membership, the rate of acts reported (per 1000 students) only increased by 1.0%. The table below shows the number and rate for each of the last five years using final Average Daily Membership (ADM) as the denominator. (Prior to 2006-07, reports showed a rate which used 7th month ADM as the denominator.)

Reporting Year	Total Acts	Acts Per 1000 Students
2003-04	9,800	7.36
2004-05	10,107	7.45
2005-06	10,959	7.88
2006-07	11,013	7.77
2007-08	11,276	7.85

The changes in the numbers of each of the seventeen offenses reported from 2006-07 to 2007-08 are shown in the table below. Violent offenses (per SBE Policy Number SS-A-006) are **boldfaced** and represent only 3.8% of the acts reported in 2007-08. The number of violent acts decreased 3.6% in 2007-08.

Acts	Number of Acts 2006-07	Number of Acts 2007-08
Possession of controlled substance in violation of law	4,339	4,968
Possession of a weapon excluding firearms and powerful explosives	3,925	3,752
Possession of alcoholic beverage	1,081	948
Assault on school personnel not resulting in serious injury	889	926
Bomb threat	175	122
Possession of a firearm or powerful explosives	139	113
Assault resulting in serious injury	122	109
Assault involving use of a weapon	94	101
Sexual assault not involving rape or sexual offense	97	93
Sexual offense	78	61
Robbery without a dangerous weapon	44	61
Burning of school building	20	18
Taking indecent liberties with a minor	0	2
Robbery with a dangerous weapon	5	1
Kidnapping	3	1
Rape	2	0
Death by other than natural causes	0	0
TOTAL	11,013	11,276

The following categories experienced increases from 2006-07 to 2007-08 (numerical increase and percent increase in parentheses):

- Possession of controlled substance in violation of law (629, 14.5%)
- Assault on school personnel not resulting in serious injury (37, 4.2%)
- **Robbery without a dangerous weapon** (17, 38.6%)
- **Assault involving use of a weapon** (7, 7.4%)
- **Taking indecent liberties with a minor** (2, up from 0 the previous year)

The number of acts in these categories decreased from 2006-07 to 2007-08 (numerical decrease and percent decrease in parentheses):

- Possession of a weapon excluding firearms and powerful explosives (173, 4.4%)
- Possession of alcoholic beverage (133, 12.3%)
- Bomb Threat (53, 30.3%)
- Possession of a firearm or powerful explosives (26, 18.7%)
- **Assault resulting in serious injury** (13, 10.7%)
- **Sexual offense** (17, 21.8%)
- **Robbery with a dangerous weapon** (4, 80.0%)
- **Sexual assault not involving rape or sexual offense** (4, 4.1%)
- **Rape** (2, 100%)
- **Kidnapping** (2, 66.7%)
- Burning of a school building (2, 10.0%)

Elementary, middle, and high schools differ in the types of acts most frequently reported. Acts most frequently reported in elementary school were 1) Possession of a weapon excluding firearms, 2) assault on school personnel, and 3) possession of a controlled substance. In middle school the order was 1) Possession of a weapon excluding firearms, 2) possession of a controlled substance, and 3) assault on school personnel; while in high school the order was 1) Possession of a controlled substance, 2) possession of a weapon excluding firearms, and 3) possession of an alcoholic beverage.

Crime rate trends for high school students mirrored those overall, as seen below. The number of acts of crime and violence by high school students increased by 1.2% from 2006-07 to 2007-08. However, due to an increase in average daily membership, the rate of acts reported remained constant at 15.57 acts per 1000 students in membership. Dangerous acts comprised 3.2% of the total.

Reporting Year	Total Acts	Acts Per 1000 Students
2003-04	5,113	13.75
2004-05	5,729	14.90
2005-06	5,996	15.08
2006-07	6,343	15.57
2007-08	6,418	15.57

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Figures and Tables

Figure C1. Numbers of Schools with Selected Ranges of Reported Act Totals

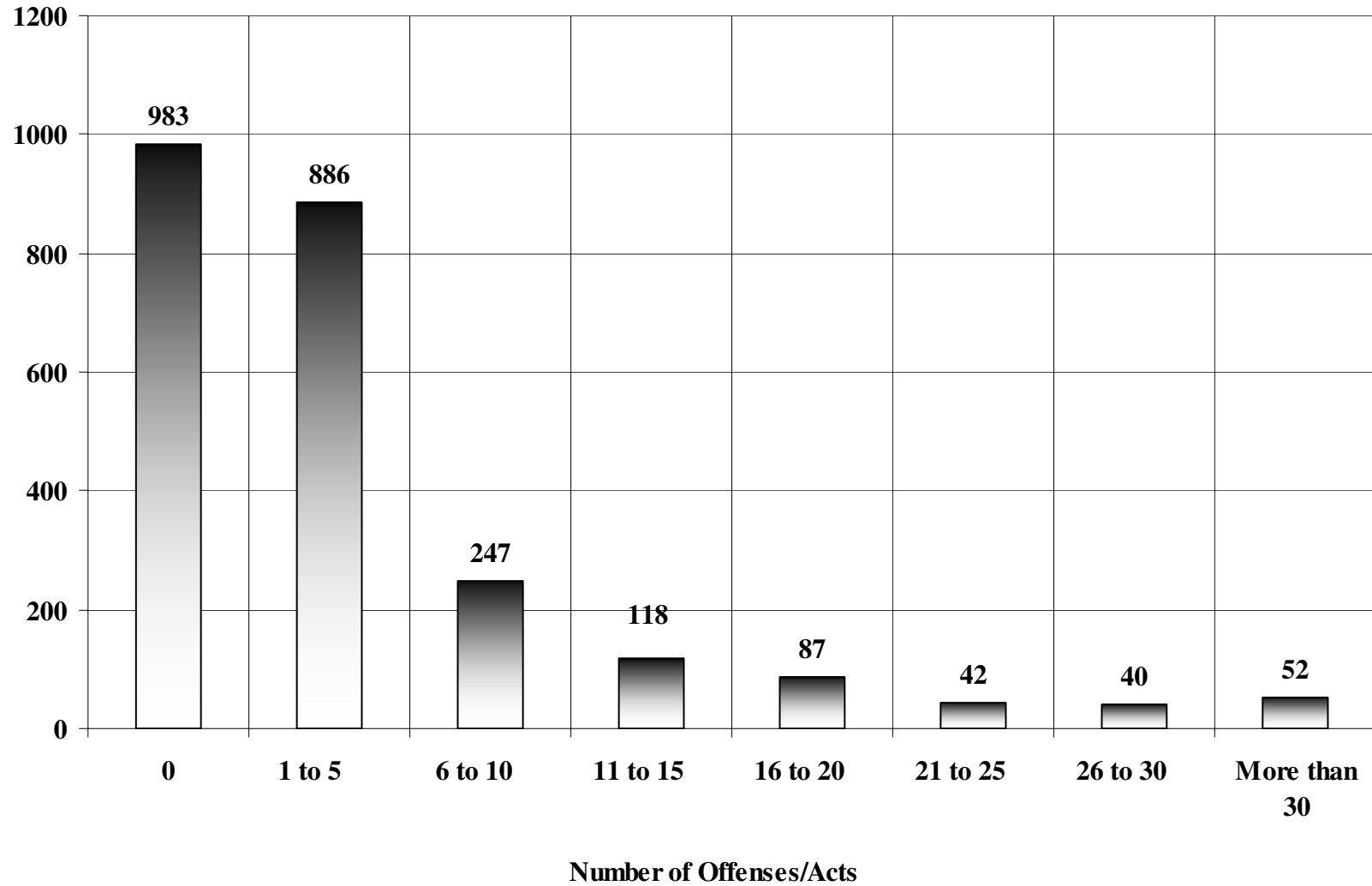


Figure C2. Five-Year Trend in Number of Reported Acts Receiving the Highest Total Occurrences

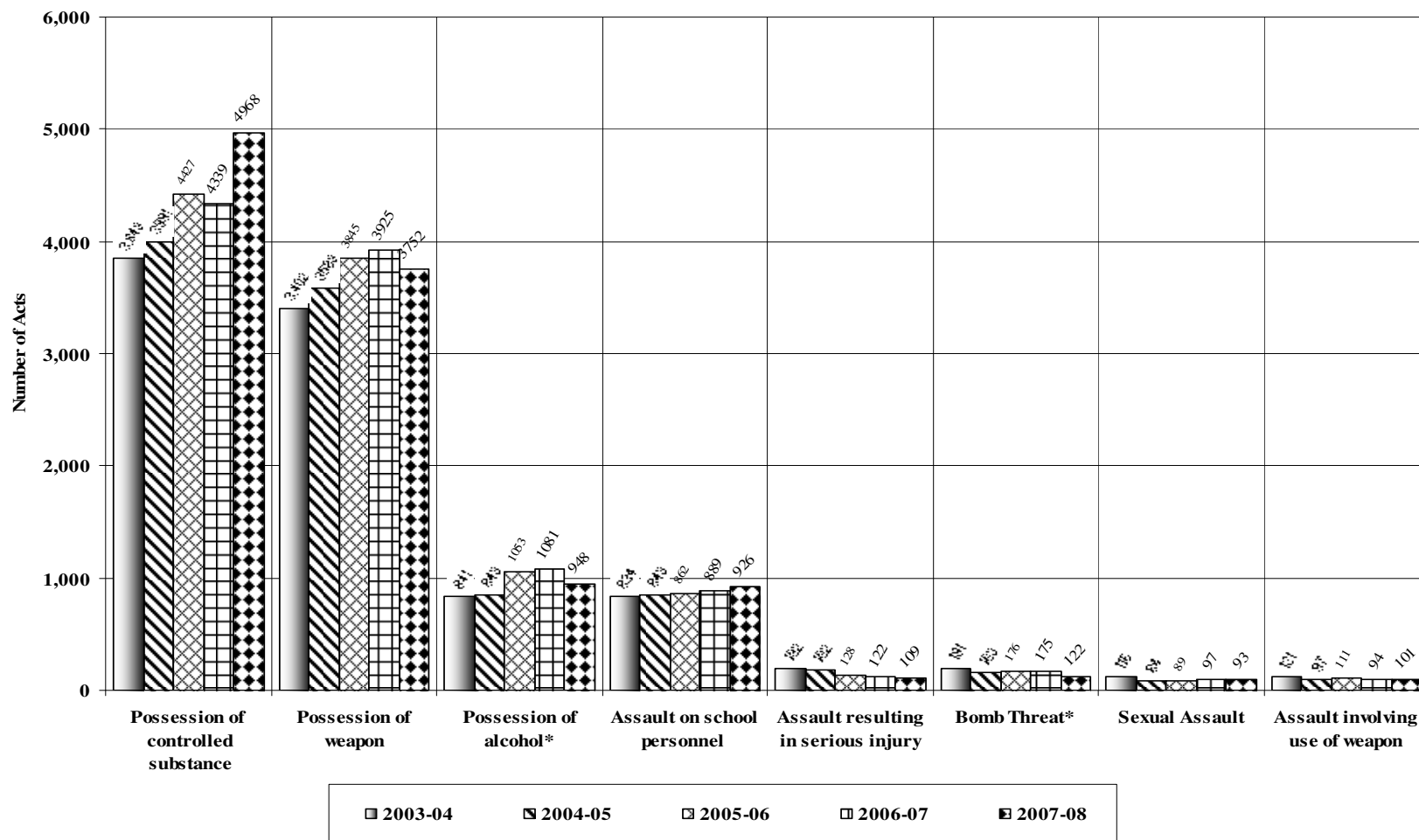


Table C1. Reported Statewide Acts by School Levels*

SPECIFIED ACTS	TOTAL NUMBER OF ACTS	TOTAL NO. OF ACTS BY SCHOOL LEVEL						NO. OF OFFENDERS		NO. OF VICTIMS [‡]	
		PK-5	ELEM/MID*	G6-8	MID/HIGH**	G9-12	OTHER [†]	REGULAR STUDENTS	EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS	STUDENTS	STAFF
Possession of a Controlled Substance in Violation of Law	4,968	49	61	967	199	3,642	50	3,896	907	0	0
Possession of a Weapon	3,752	809	129	1,241	117	1,428	28	2,755	868	0	0
Possession of Alcoholic Beverage	948	7	17	210	41	662	11	752	173	0	0
Assault on School Personnel	926	258	31	256	49	296	36	519	374	0	471
Bomb Threat	122	8	5	44	9	55	1	64	35	0	0
Possession of a Firearm or Powerful Explosive	113	15	1	18	9	63	7	82	21	0	0
Assault Resulting in Serious Injury	109	6	5	31	2	61	4	82	20	60	11
Assault Involving Use of a Weapon	101	15	2	43	8	33	0	72	27	75	6
Sexual Assault not including Rape or Sexual Offense	93	17	3	34	12	26	1	68	24	56	3
Sexual Offense	61	2	4	17	3	34	1	40	18	21	1
Robbery without a Dangerous Weapon	61	1	0	12	0	48	0	42	15	30	0
Burning of a School Building	18	0	0	5	0	13	0	10	4	0	0
Taking Indecent Liberties with a Minor	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0
Kidnapping	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery with a Dangerous Weapon	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Death By Other Than Natural Causes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	11,276	1,187	258	2,878	449	6,364	140	8,384	2,487	242	492

This table shows the total reported statewide offenses/acts by school level and is ranked by the total number of occurrences of specified acts.

Totals are computed based on final Average Daily Membership of 1,436,562 students.

* A combination elementary/middle school must include some or all of the grade levels defined as elementary (PK-5) and middle (6-8).

** A combination middle/high school must include some or all of the grade levels defined as middle (6-8) and high school (9-12).

[†] Other includes ungraded schools, special education schools, and schools with grades that cross more than one level (e.g. K-12).

[‡] Specified acts may have multiple victims per incident.

Table C2. 2007-08 Reported Statewide Acts by School Levels*

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Possession of a Firearm or Powerful Explosive	113	15	1	18	9	63	7	82	21	0	0
Assault Resulting in Serious Injury	109	6	5	31	2	61	4	82	20	60	11
Assault Involving Use of a Weapon	101	15	2	43	8	33	0	72	27	75	6
Sexual Assault not including Rape or Sexual Offense	93	17	3	34	12	26	1	68	24	56	3
Sexual Offense	61	2	4	17	3	34	1	40	18	21	1
Robbery without a Dangerous Weapon	61	1	0	12	0	48	0	42	15	30	0
Burning of a School Building	18	0	0	5	0	13	0	10	4	0	0
Taking Indecent Liberties with a Minor	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0
Kidnapping	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery with a Dangerous Weapon	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Death By Other Than Natural Causes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	11,276	1,187	258	2,878	449	6,364	140	8,384	2,487	242	492

Table C3. 2006-07 Reported Statewide Acts by School Levels*

SPECIFIED ACTS	TOTAL NO. OF ACTS	TOTAL NO. OF ACTS BY SCHOOL LEVEL						NO. OF OFFENDERS		NO. OF VICTIMS†	
		PK-5	ELEM/MID*	G6-8	MID/HIGH**	G9-12	OTHER‡	REGULAR STUDENTS	EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS	STUDENTS	STAFF
Possession of a Controlled Substance in Violation of Law	4,339	36	64	854	181	3,151	53	3,323	896	0	0
Possession of a Weapon	3,925	683	202	1,340	98	1,557	45	2,868	966	0	0
Possession of Alcoholic Beverage	1,081	9	7	219	9	826	11	816	235	0	0
Assault on School Personnel	889	211	25	250	51	323	29	501	372	0	365
Bomb Threat	175	13	1	85	2	73	1	110	26	0	0
Possession of a Firearm or Powerful Explosive	139	13	3	34	3	86	0	93	38	0	0
Assault Resulting in Serious Injury	122	7	2	33	6	73	1	90	24	46	4
Assault Involving Use of a Weapon	94	18	3	27	3	42	1	69	23	46	2
Sexual Assault not including Rape or Sexual Offense	97	16	8	34	3	36	0	56	36	37	0
Sexual Offense	78	5	5	26	4	37	1	58	19	11	0
Robbery without a Dangerous Weapon	44	2	0	13	4	25	0	29	15	14	0
Burning of a School Building	20	0	1	4	3	12	0	15	2	0	0
Robbery with a Dangerous Weapon	5	1	0	0	0	4	0	1	1	0	0
Taking Indecent Liberties with a Minor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kidnapping	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	2	0
Death By Other Than Natural Causes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
Totals	11,013	1,014	321	2,920	367	6,249	142	8,031	2,653	157	371

*This table shows a comparison of 2007-08 and 2006-07 ranked totals for the seventeen reportable acts by gradespan, type of student offender, and type of victim.

Totals are computed based on final Average Daily Membership of 1,436,562 students.

* A combination elementary/middle school must include some or all of the grade levels defined as elementary (PK-5) and middle (6-8).

** A combination middle/high school must include some or all of the grade levels defined as middle (6-8) and high school (9-12).

† Other includes ungraded schools, special education schools, and schools with grades that cross more than one level (e.g. K-12).

‡ Specified acts may have multiple victims per incident.

Table C4. Number of Grades 9-12 Acts and Rates for Each LEA, 2007-08

LEA #	LEA Name	ADM, Grades 9-12	Reportable Acts	Reportable Act Rate (per 1000)
10	ALAMANCE-BURLINGTON	6560	108	16.46
20	ALEXANDER COUNTY	1571	42	26.73
30	ALLEGHANY COUNTY	493	9	18.26
40	ANSON COUNTY	1205	29	24.07
50	ASHE COUNTY	935	15	16.04
60	AVERY COUNTY	660	13	19.70
70	BEAUFORT COUNTY	2085	40	19.18
80	BERTIE COUNTY	890	18	19.16
90	BLADEN COUNTY	1548	11	7.11
100	BRUNSWICK COUNTY	3455	44	12.74
110	BUNCOMBE COUNTY	7601	148	19.47
111	ASHEVILLE CITY	1149	15	13.05
120	BURKE COUNTY	4256	54	12.69
130	CABARRUS COUNTY	7575	122	16.11
132	KANNAPOLIS CITY	1220	24	19.67
140	CALDWELL COUNTY	3805	65	17.08
150	CAMDEN COUNTY	567	1	1.76
160	CARTERET COUNTY	2571	54	21.00
170	CASWELL COUNTY	967	17	17.58
180	CATAWBA COUNTY	5366	115	21.43
181	HICKORY CITY	1283	25	19.49
182	NEWTON-CONOVER	868	19	21.89
190	CHATHAM COUNTY	2181	32	14.67
200	CHEROKEE COUNTY	1121	4	3.57
210	EDENTON/CHOWAN	723	7	9.68
220	CLAY COUNTY	408	1	2.45
230	CLEVELAND COUNTY	5022	86	17.12
240	COLUMBUS COUNTY	1941	39	20.09
241	WHITEVILLE CITY	735	5	6.80
250	CRAVEN COUNTY	4166	58	13.92
260	CUMBERLAND COUNTY	15808	232	14.68
270	CURRITUCK COUNTY	1248	25	20.03
280	DARE COUNTY	1524	14	9.19
290	DAVIDSON COUNTY	6013	88	14.63
291	LEXINGTON CITY	773	11	14.23
292	THOMASVILLE CITY	719	6	8.34
300	DAVIE COUNTY	1878	14	7.45
310	DUPLIN COUNTY	2339	23	9.83
320	DURHAM COUNTY	9502	216	22.73
330	EDGECOMBE COUNTY	2225	30	13.48
340	FORSYTH COUNTY	14937	324	21.69
350	FRANKLIN COUNTY	2380	38	15.97
360	GASTON COUNTY	9710	73	7.52
370	GATES COUNTY	612	13	21.24
380	GRAHAM COUNTY	321	6	18.69
390	GRANVILLE COUNTY	2685	28	10.43

Table C4. Number of Grades 9-12 Acts and Rates for Each LEA, 2007-08

LEA #	LEA Name	ADM, Grades 9-12	Reportable Acts	Reportable Act Rate (per 1000)
400	GREENE COUNTY	895	17	18.99
410	GUILFORD COUNTY	21568	384	17.80
420	HALIFAX COUNTY	1423	44	30.92
421	ROANOKE RAPIDS CITY	857	10	11.67
422	WELDON CITY	336	14	41.67
430	HARNETT COUNTY	5154	67	13.00
440	HAYWOOD COUNTY	2300	57	24.78
450	HENDERSON COUNTY	3699	51	13.79
460	HERTFORD COUNTY	1036	18	17.37
470	HOKE COUNTY	1715	46	26.82
480	HYDE COUNTY	208	0	0.00
490	IREDELL-STATESVILLE	6366	73	11.47
491	MOORESVILLE CITY	1594	24	15.06
500	JACKSON COUNTY	1035	25	24.15
510	JOHNSTON COUNTY	7838	91	11.61
520	JONES COUNTY	378	10	26.46
530	LEE COUNTY	2720	31	11.40
540	LENOIR COUNTY	3014	44	14.60
550	LINCOLN COUNTY	3737	51	13.65
560	MACON COUNTY	1257	0	0.00
570	MADISON COUNTY	723	13	17.98
580	MARTIN COUNTY	1093	9	8.23
590	MCDOWELL COUNTY	1832	23	12.55
600	MECKLENBURG COUNTY	35784	572	15.98
610	MITCHELL COUNTY	647	23	35.55
620	MONTGOMERY COUNTY	1282	16	12.48
630	MOORE COUNTY	3780	65	17.20
640	NASH-ROCKY MOUNT	5180	79	15.25
650	NEW HANOVER COUNTY	7129	95	13.33
660	NORTHAMPTON COUNTY	812	17	20.94
670	ONslow COUNTY	6454	69	10.69
680	ORANGE COUNTY	2134	28	13.12
681	CHAPEL HILL-CARRBORO	3616	20	5.53
690	PAMLICO COUNTY	573	16	27.92
700	PASQUOTANK COUNTY	1817	8	4.40
710	PENDER COUNTY	2368	23	9.71
720	PERQUIMANS COUNTY	526	13	24.71
730	PERSON COUNTY	1676	11	6.56
740	PITT COUNTY	6685	128	19.15
750	POLK COUNTY	728	21	28.85
760	RANDOLPH COUNTY	5269	100	18.98
761	ASHEBORO CITY	1254	9	7.18
770	RICHMOND COUNTY	2184	10	4.58
780	ROBESON COUNTY	6548	221	33.75
790	ROCKINGHAM COUNTY	4191	67	15.99
800	ROWAN-SALISBURY	6237	98	15.71

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LEA #	LEA Name	ADM, Grades 9-12	Reportable Acts	Reportable Act Rate (per 1000)
810	RUTHERFORD COUNTY	2929	48	16.39
820	SAMPSON COUNTY	2208	28	12.68
821	CLINTON CITY	794	5	6.30
830	SCOTLAND COUNTY	1890	14	7.41
840	STANLY COUNTY	2858	56	19.59
850	STOKES COUNTY	2198	31	14.10
860	SURRY COUNTY	2554	39	15.27
861	ELKIN CITY	388	3	7.73
862	MOUNT AIRY CITY	558	9	16.13
870	SWAIN COUNTY	581	16	27.54
880	TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY	1197	41	34.25
890	TYRRELL COUNTY	170	0	0.00
900	UNION COUNTY	9703	158	16.28
910	VANCE COUNTY	2315	18	7.78
920	WAKE COUNTY	37121	540	14.55
930	WARREN COUNTY	896	10	11.16
940	WASHINGTON COUNTY	639	3	4.69
950	WATAUGA COUNTY	1415	45	31.80
960	WAYNE COUNTY	5543	38	6.86
970	WILKES COUNTY	2801	54	19.28
980	WILSON COUNTY	3418	45	13.17
990	YADKIN COUNTY	1806	9	4.98
995	YANCEY COUNTY	756	5	6.61
State, Grades 9-12				15.57

Suspensions and Expulsions

2007-08



SUSPENSIONS AND EXPULSIONS, 2007-08

Introduction

The Annual Study of Suspensions and Expulsions was designed to address the requirements regarding suspension data in G.S. 115C-12(27). The data contained in this 2007-08 Consolidated Report were gathered from traditional and charter public schools as well as alternative schools/programs via the web-based Uniform System of Disciplinary Data Collection (USCDDC) and files created by third-party software in the specified USDDC data format. Data from NC WISE schools was initially entered in the NC WISE disciplinary module and later transferred into the USDDC.

Until this year, the Suspensions and Expulsions report has reported separate findings for charter schools and the regular LEAs—unlike the Annual Report of School Crime and Violence and the Annual Report of Dropout Events and Rates. For consistency in reporting, the practice of segregating these data has been discontinued for this 2007-08 consolidated report.

Definitions of Suspension and Expulsion

Lesser offenses committed by students are often dealt with using short-term suspensions, which can last up to ten days. Principals usually make decisions about whether to suspend a student short-term, about the duration of that suspension, and about whether the short-term suspension is to be served in or out of school. In-school suspensions are usually served in an in-school suspension classroom. When a school does not have an in-school suspension program or when offenses are more serious or chronic, they may be dealt with through short-term, out-of-school suspensions.

More serious offenses are usually dealt with using long-term suspensions as a consequence. Long-term suspensions last from eleven days up to the remainder of the school year. When a student is suspended long-term, the student may not return to their regular program in their home school for the duration of the suspension. Districts may allow long-term suspended students to attend an alternative learning program (ALP) or alternative school during their long-term suspension or may assign them to alternative placements in lieu of suspensions. For reporting purposes, students are not considered suspended while attending an ALP or alternative school.

Certain very serious offenses may result in the student not being allowed to enroll in any school or program for the remainder of the school year or being suspended for an entire calendar year (365-day suspension). Usually superintendents and/or local boards of education, upon recommendation of principals, make decisions on a case-by-case basis about long-term suspensions (including 365-day suspensions), the length of those suspensions, and whether an ALP placement is provided.

When a student is expelled from school, the student cannot return to their home school or any other school within the LEA. As with long-term suspensions, the superintendent and/or the local

board of education, upon the recommendation of the principal, make decisions about student expulsions on a case-by-case basis. An expulsion is usually reserved for cases where the student is at least 14 years of age and presents a clear threat of danger to self or others. The acts do not have to occur on school premises for the superintendent and/or school board to expel a student. The law allows school districts to permit some expelled students to enroll in ALPs to complete their education. Some districts allow expelled students to apply for readmission.

General Findings

Based on data reported by all public schools in the North Carolina, the number of out-of-school short-term suspensions (1 to 10 days) given to students decreased 0.8%--from a 2006-07 total of 310,744 to 308,010 in 2007-08. (Originally the state totals for charter schools and the regular LEAs were reported separately, but the totals are now combined.) During this time the number of long-term suspensions (11 or more days) increased 10.3% to 5,225.

There were 142,506 grades 9-12 short-term suspensions reported statewide in 2007-08, a decrease of 0.5% from the 2006-07 total of 143,157. The grades 9-12 short-term suspension rate was 3.46 suspensions per ten students.

On average, one of ten North Carolina students receives an out-of-school short-term suspension each year. When looking at high school students only, this ratio rises to one of six. Many students receive only one suspension each year, but a number of students receive multiple short-term suspensions. Students who received short-term suspensions in 2007-08 averaged about two suspensions each. The average total duration of short-term suspensions for students who received at least one suspension was 6.41 for high school students and 5.91 days for all students. The average duration of a single short-term suspension for high school students was 3.13 days and 2.99 days for all students.

From 2006-07 to 2007-08 the number of long-term suspensions (11 or more days) for all students increased 10.3% from 4,736 to 5,225. Missing grade data prevented an exact calculation, however it is estimated that high school students received 3,461 long-term suspensions, a 15.4% increase from 2,999 in 2006-07.

In 2007-08 as in past years, male students, Black and American Indian students, ninth graders, and students receiving special education services are among the groups that continue to be disproportionately represented among suspended students.

The number of expulsions increased from 102 in 2006-07 to 116 in 2007-08. High school students received 99 of these expulsions.

Section 1. Short-Term Suspensions

Short-Term Suspensions

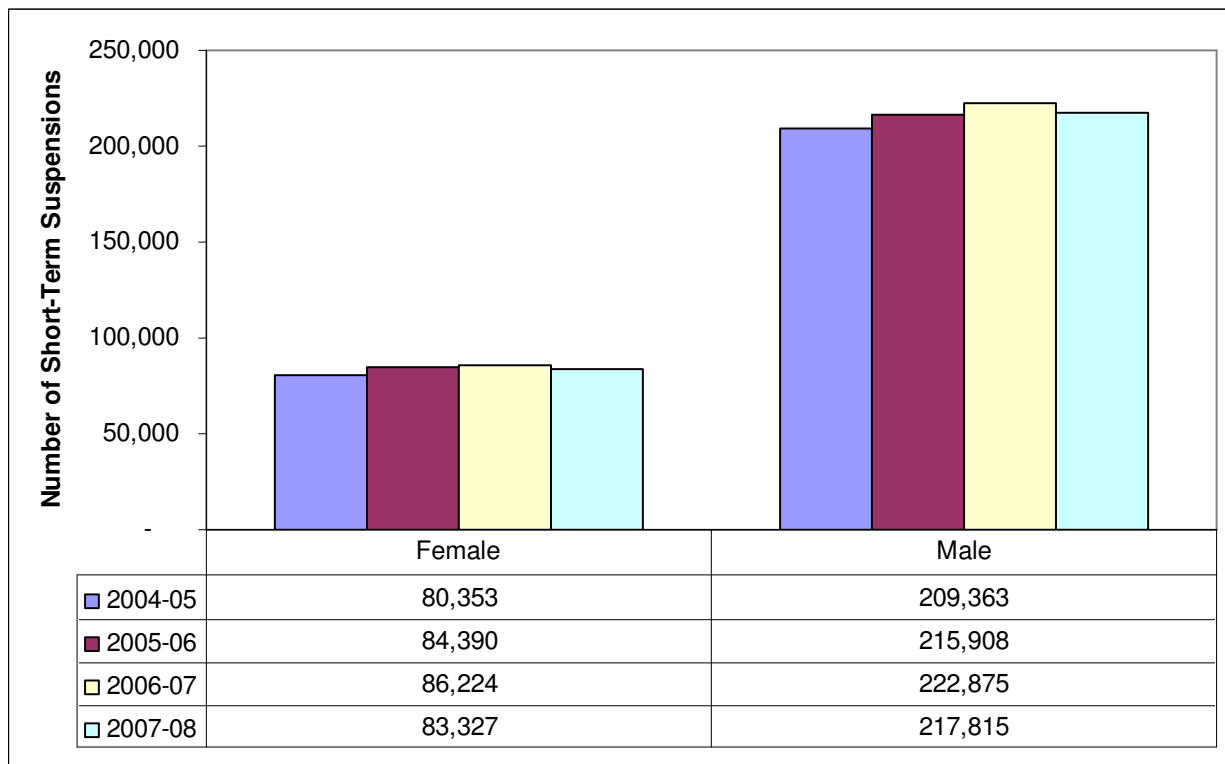
This section reports data for students who were suspended for 10 days or less from the 115 LEAs and charter schools. The data here reflect short-term suspensions that may include multiple suspensions per student. It should be noted that some students receive multiple short-term suspensions each year; therefore, *these charts represent numbers of suspensions, not numbers of unique students.*

There were 308,107 short-term suspensions reported statewide in 2007-08, a decrease of 0.8% from the 2006-07 combined LEA and charter school total of 310,744. School days lost due to short-term suspensions decreased 1.9%.

The 308,107 short-term suspensions in 2007-08 were given to 156,072 different students (some students were suspended more than once), for an average of 1.97 short-term suspensions per suspended student. The average total duration of short-term suspensions for students who received at least one such suspension in 2007-08 was 5.91 days. The average duration of a single short-term suspension was 2.99 days, down 1.3% from the previous year.

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Short-Term Suspensions by Gender

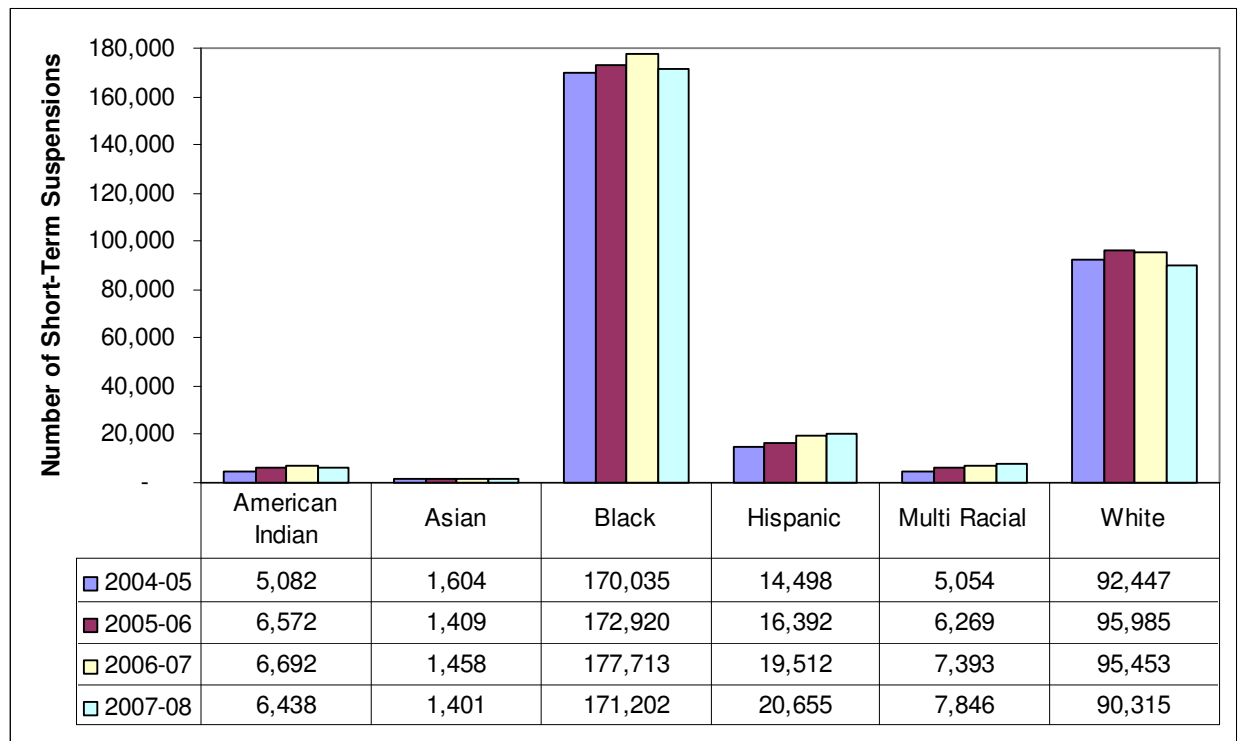


Note: Data includes charter schools for 2006-07 and 2007-08. Gender was not reported for 36 short-term suspensions in 2004-05, 1,395 in 2005-06, 1,619 in 2006-07, and 6,965 in 2007-08.

Figure S1. Number of Short-Term Suspensions by Gender.

- The rate of short-term suspensions for male students in 2007-08 was 2.5 times higher than for females.
- Males received 217,815 short-term suspensions (ten days or less) in 2007-08. This represents a 2.3% decrease from the previous year, however gender was not reported for 6,965 suspensions in 2007-08 and 1,619 suspensions in 2006-07. Assuming a 2.5 male-to-female ratio for the missing gender data in both years, the reduction would be only 0.6%.
- When adjusted for missing gender data, female suspensions decreased 1.6%.

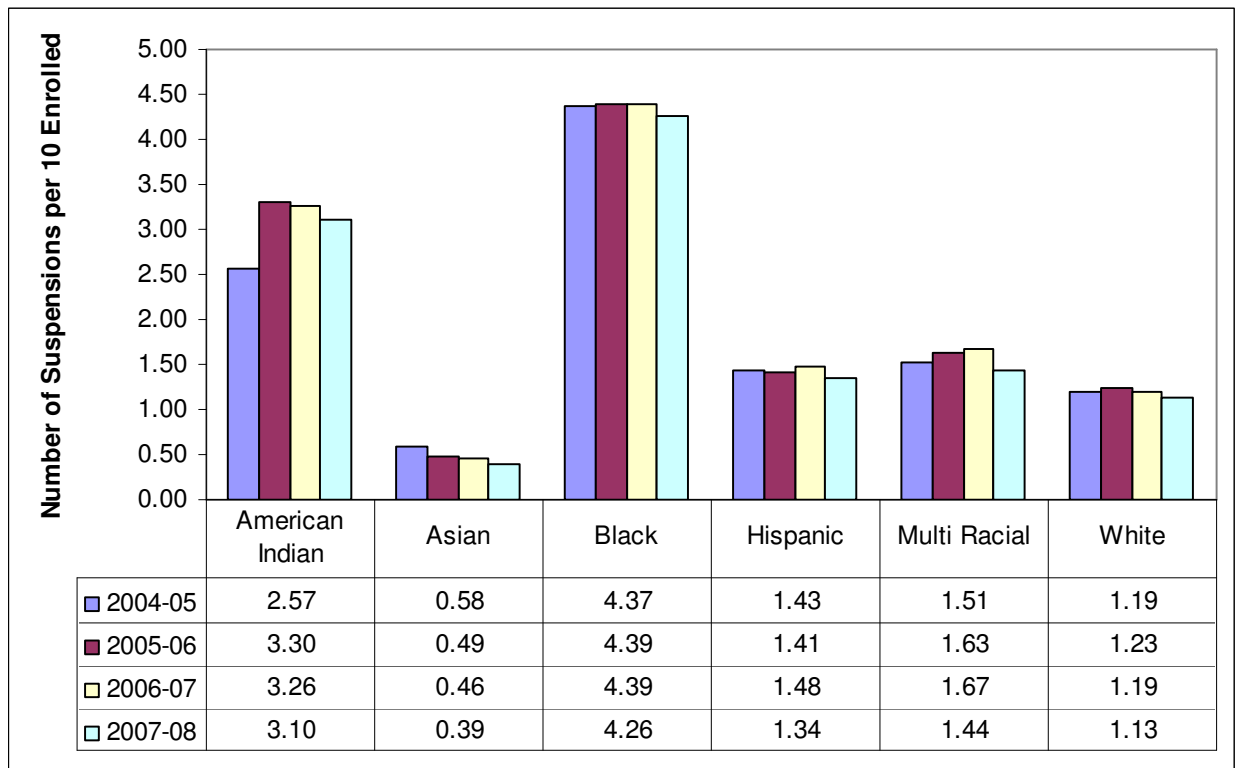
Short-Term Suspensions by Ethnicity



Note: Data includes charter schools for 2006-07 and 2007-08. Ethnicity was not reported or was reported as “Other” for 1,032 short-term suspensions in 2004-05, 2,015 in 2005-06, 2,499 in 2006-07, and 10,250 in 2007-08.

Figure S2. Number of Short-Term Suspensions by Ethnicity.

- Black students received the most short-term suspensions, followed by white students.
- Because of the large amount of data with missing ethnicity, the totals by ethnicity in the chart above were adjusted before one-year changes were computed
- After adjusting for missing ethnicity data, suspensions received by black, white, and American Indian students fell by one to three percent in 2007-08.
- After adjusting for missing ethnicity data, suspensions received by Hispanic and multiracial students increased by eight to nine percent.



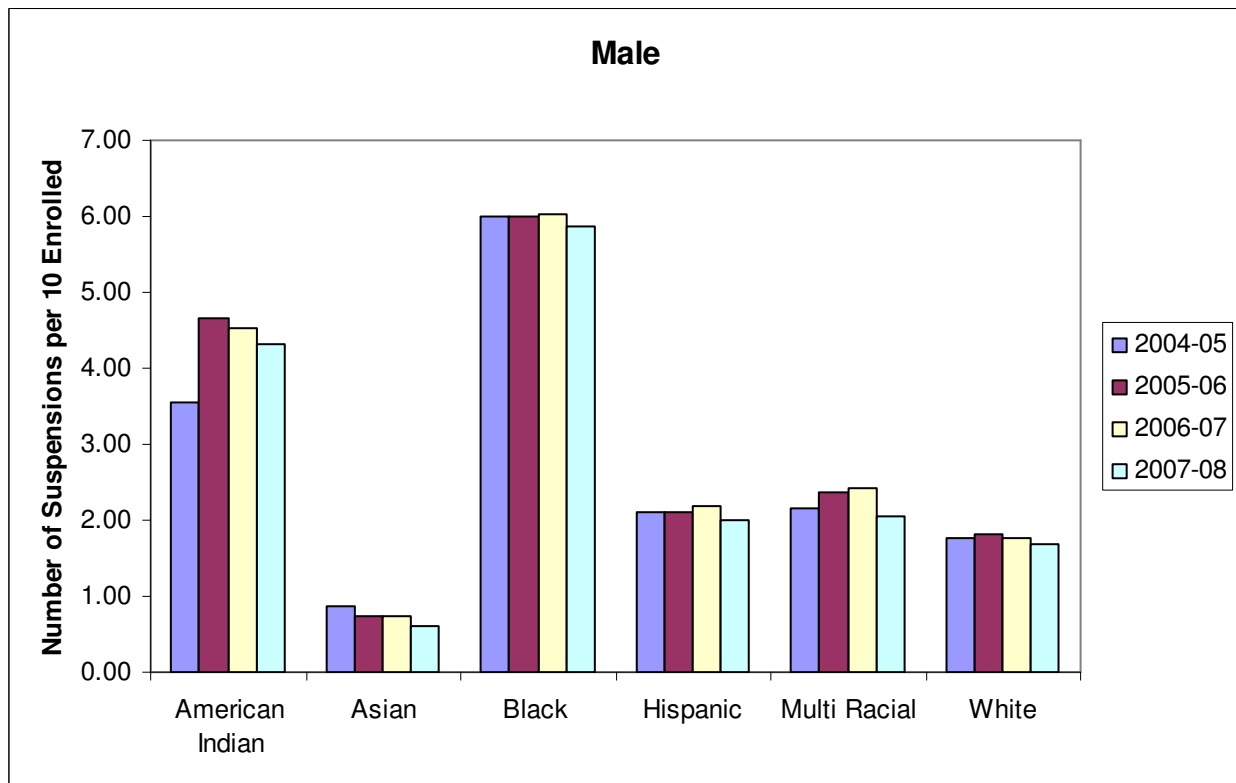
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Figure S3. Short-Term Suspension Rates by Ethnicity.

- As in previous years, Black students had the highest rate of short-term suspension in 2007-08, followed by American Indian students.
- Even when adjusting for missing ethnicity data, short-term suspension rates decreased in 2007-08 for all racial groups.

Short-Term Suspensions by Ethnicity and Gender

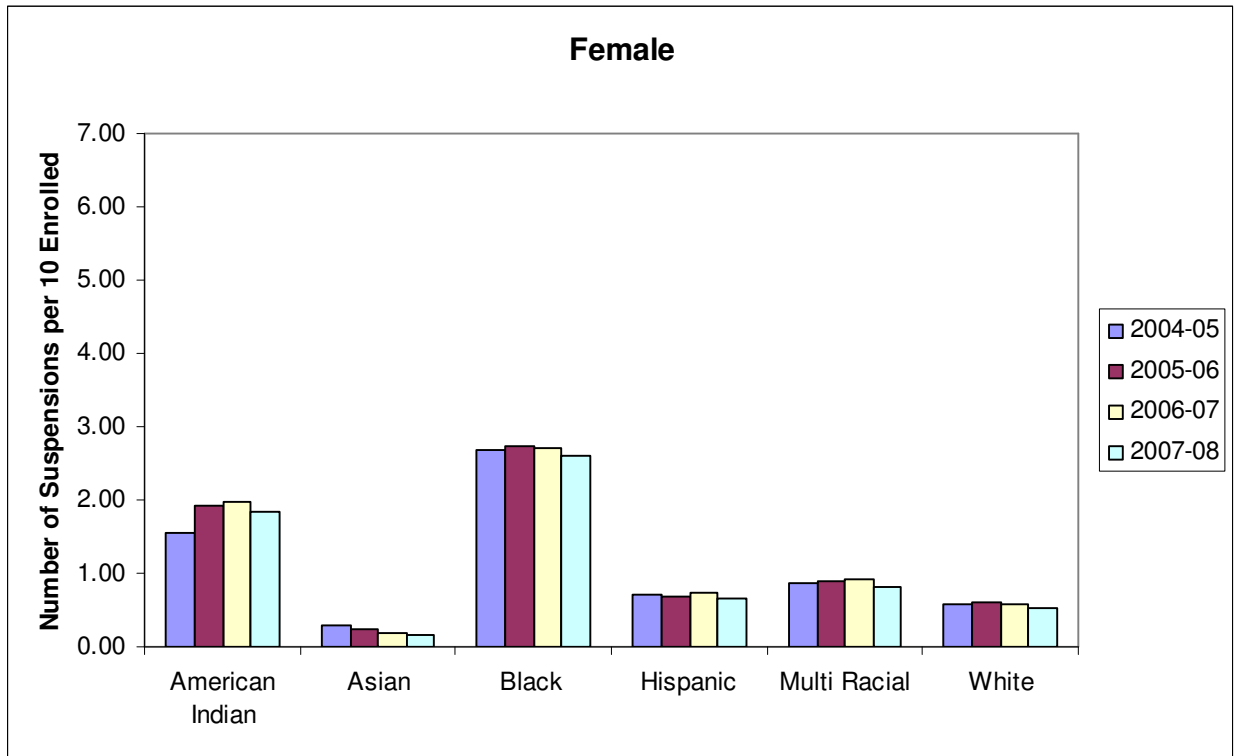
The following charts show short-term suspension rates for recent school years, by ethnicity, for males (Figure S4) and females (Figure S5).



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Figure S4. Male Short-Term Suspension Rates by Ethnicity.

- Among males, Black students had the highest rate of short-term suspensions in 2007-08, followed by American Indian students.
- The rates for all males decreased in 2007-08.

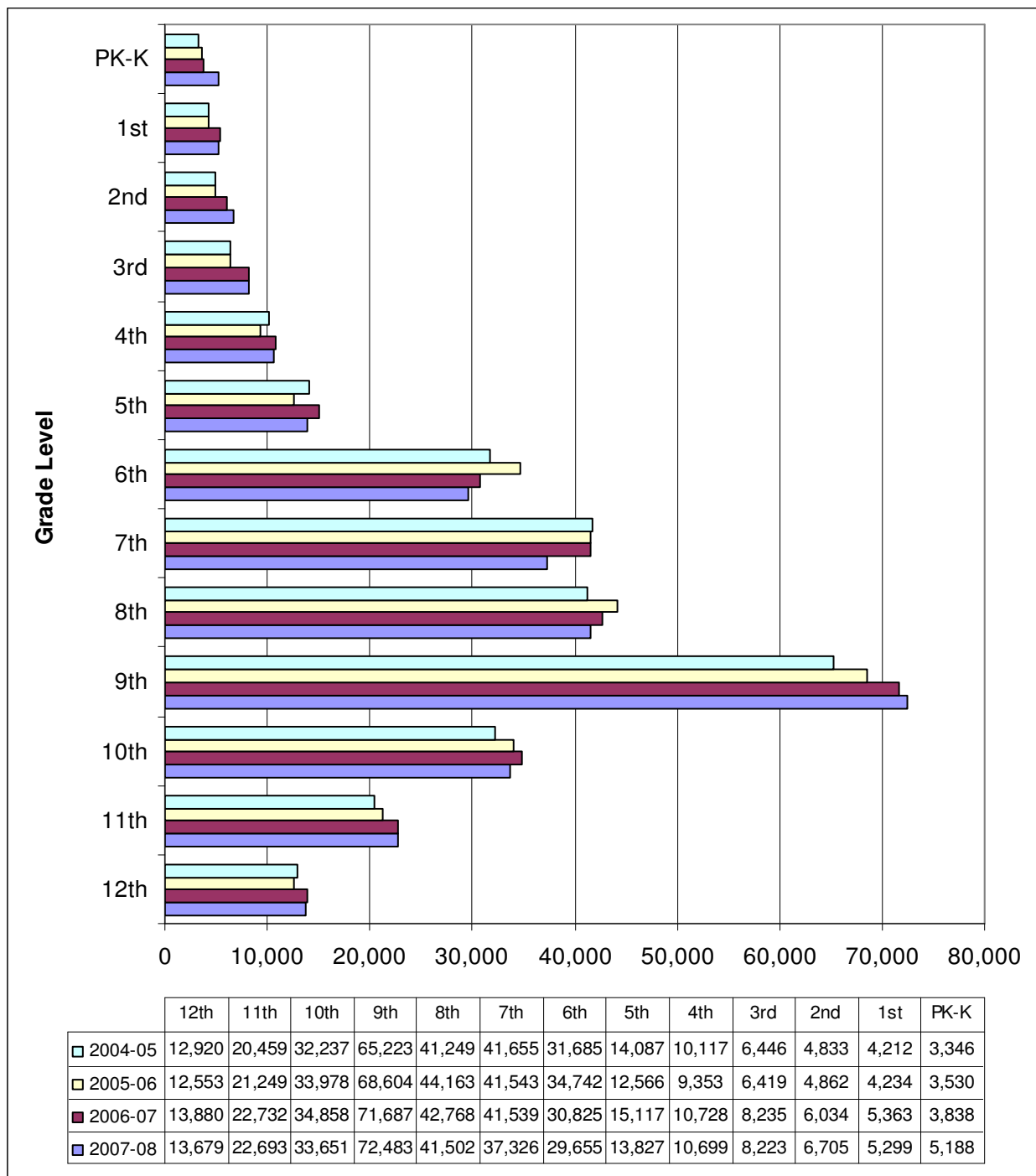


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Figure S5. Female Short-Term Suspension Rates by Ethnicity.

- Also among females, Black and American Indian students had the highest rates of short-term suspensions in 2007-08.
- The rates for all females decreased in 2007-08.

Short-Term Suspensions by Grade

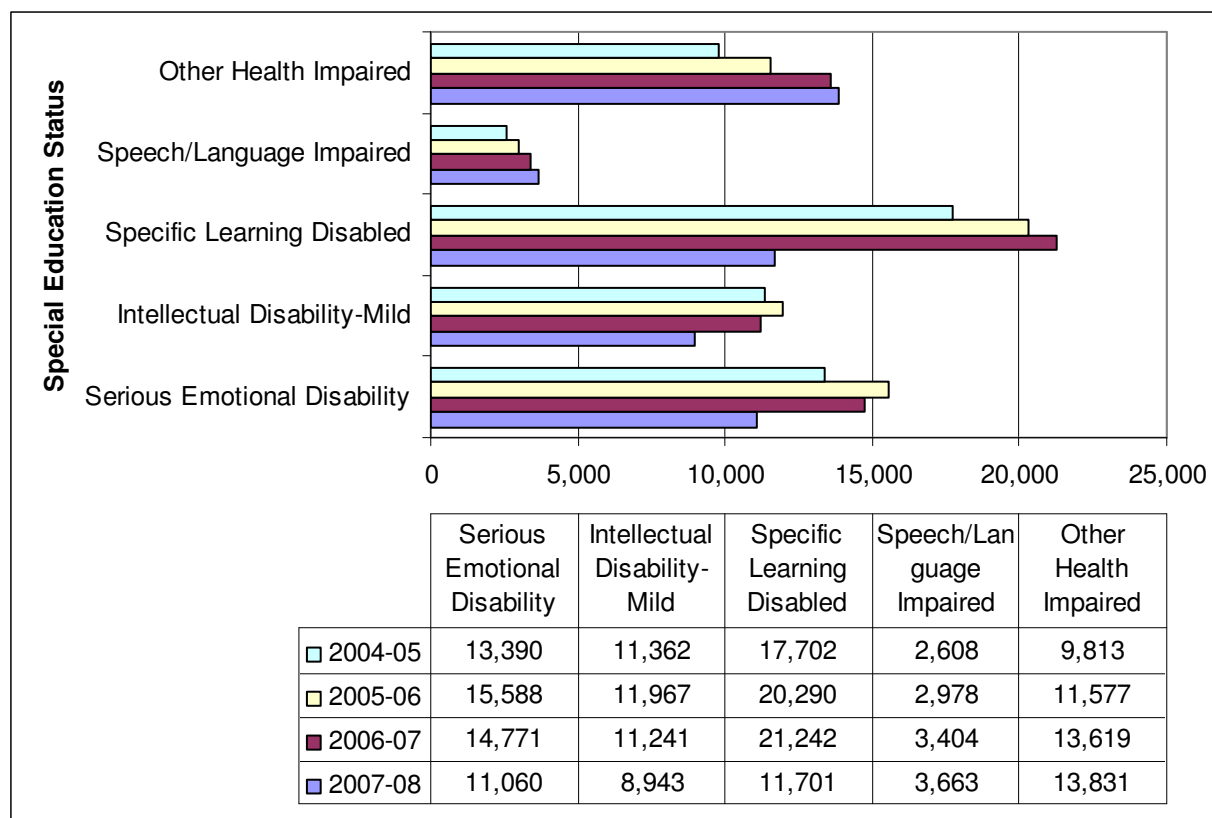


Note: Data includes charter schools for 2006-07 and 2007-08. Grade level was not reported for 1,283 short-term suspensions given in 2004-05 3,766 in 2005-06, 3,140 in 2006-07, and 7,177 in 2007-08.

Figure S6. Number of Short-Term Suspensions by Grade Level.

- As in previous years, ninth graders received by far the largest number of short-term suspensions.

Short-Term Suspensions by Special Education or Exceptional Child (EC) Status



Note: Data includes charter schools for 2006-07 and 2007-08.

Figure S7. Short-Term Suspensions by Largest Categories of EC Status.

- Exceptional children received 52,706, or 17.1% of the 308,107 short-term suspensions in 2007-08, slightly higher than the 14% representation of EC students in the school population.
- The 17.1% is a smaller proportion than in previous years, however the sharp decrease in categories such as Specific Learning Disabilities casts doubt on the data integrity. Unlike the SIMS system, which is being phased out, NC WISE does not import EC data from CECAS, the source system. The EC status data must be entered by hand. The increasing amount of data from NC WISE schools in 2007-08 likely affected the numbers of students with an accurate EC status. It is probable that considerably more than 17.1% of the short-term suspensions were given to EC students. In 2006-07, EC students received 21.8% of the total short-term suspensions.

Section 2. Long-Term Suspensions

This section reports data for students who were suspended for 11 or more days. In 2007-08 there were 5,225 long-term suspensions reported. This is a 10.3% increase from the total of 4,736 long-term suspensions reported in 2006-07. Missing grade data prevented an exact calculation, however it is estimated that high school students received 3,461 long-term suspensions, a 15.4% increase from 2,999 in 2006-07.

The 5,225 long-term suspensions in 2007-08 were given to 4,182 different students (i.e., a number of students were long-term suspended more than once).

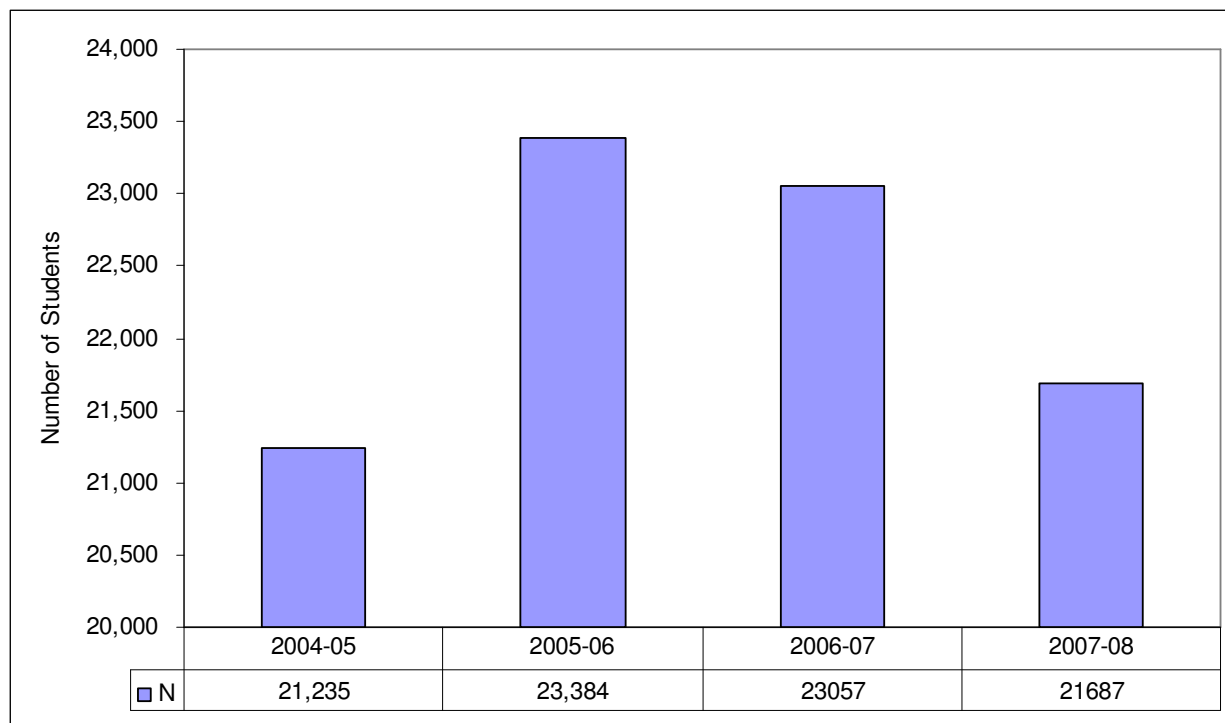
Long-term suspensions in the state in 2007-08 totaled 216,287 school days, or an average of 41.4 school days per suspension, considerably less than in recent years. The average length was 78 days in 2005-06 and 54 days in 2006-07. For 2006-07, guidance was provided for schools to report as suspensions only the time students were not in school and not to include any time spent in alternative programs. Although the decrease from 2005-06 to 2006-07 may have been mostly due to the change in reporting procedures, the decrease in days of long-term suspension from 2006-07 to 2007-08 is likely real and may be attributed to greater use of alternative learning programs when students are long-term suspended.

Demographic data is missing for approximately 20% of the categories in 2007-08. Because demographic trends compiled with such data would be misleading, the trends are omitted for long-term suspensions.

Section 3. Multiple Suspensions

This section reports data for students who were suspended on multiple occasions during the year. Data are shown separately for students receiving multiple short-term suspensions (multiple suspensions of less than 11 days each) and for students receiving multiple long-term suspensions (multiple suspensions of 11 days or more each).

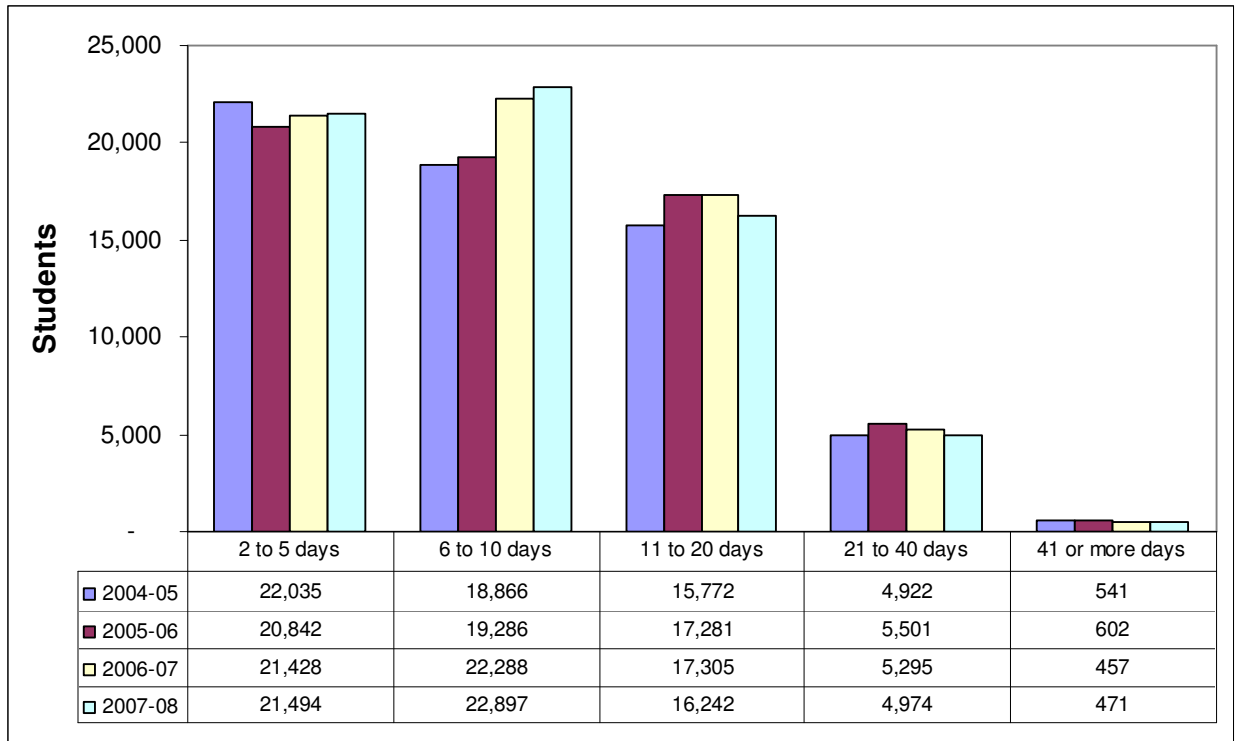
Multiple Short-Term Suspensions



Note: Data includes charter schools for 2006-07 and 2007-08.

**Figure S8. Number of Students with Multiple Short-Term Suspensions
Summing to More than 10 Days.**

- The number of students whose combined lengths of multiple short-term suspensions exceeded ten days decreased 5.9% from 2006-07 to 2007-08.

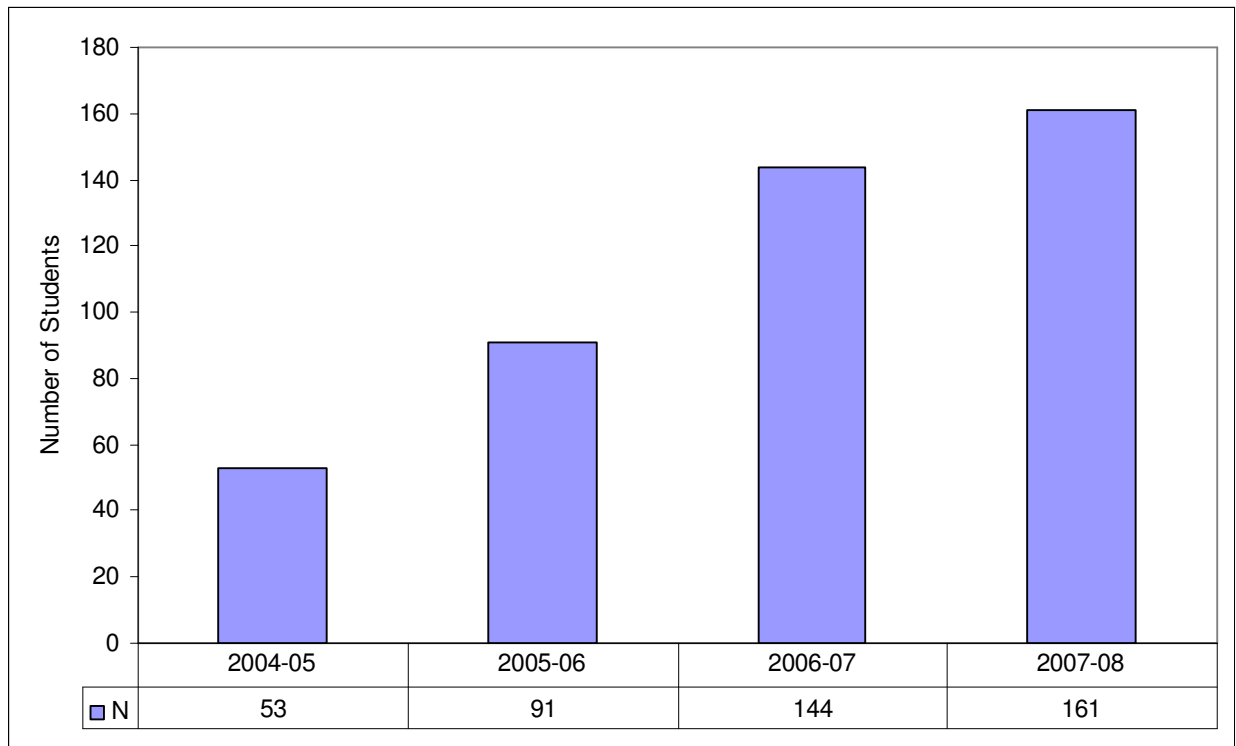


Note: Data includes charter schools for 2006-07 and 2007-08.

Figure S9. Duration of Multiple Short-Term Suspensions Given to Students.

- In 2007-08 the number of students whose short-term suspensions summed to 41 or more days increased 3.1% from 2006-07. The number of students whose short-term suspensions summed to between 21 and 40 days decreased 6.1%, and the number whose short-term suspensions summed to between 11 and 20 days also decreased 6.1%.
- In 2007-08 the number of students whose short-term suspensions summed to between 6 and 10 days increased 2.7% from 2006-07. The number of students whose short-term suspensions summed to between 2 and 5 days increased 0.3%.

Multiple Long-Term Suspensions



Note: Data includes charter schools for 2006-07 and 2007-08.

Figure S10. Number of Students with Multiple Long-Term Suspensions.

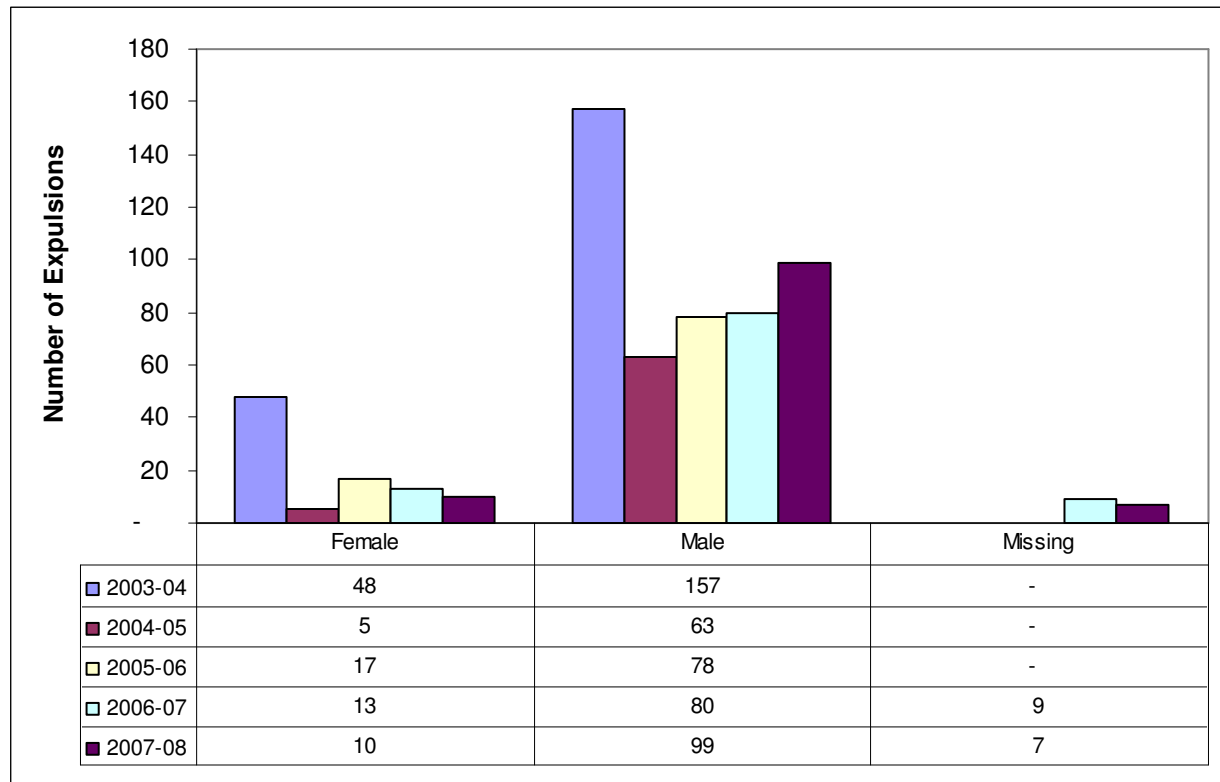
- The number of students receiving multiple long-term suspensions in the LEAs increased 11.8% from 2006-07 to 2007-08.

Section 4. Expulsions

This section reports data for students who were expelled from school during the 2007-08 school year. Students who are expelled from school in a school district are not allowed to return to the district, although some are subsequently served in alternative learning programs, some are allowed to apply for readmission in the district, and some apply for admission in other districts.

In the LEAs there were 116 expulsions in 2006-07, 14 more than in 2006-07. High school students received 93 of these expulsions, and seven expulsions had missing grade data. Because of the large proportion of expulsions given to students in grades 9-12, six of the seven expulsions with missing grade data were assigned to the grades 9-12 group.

Expulsions by Gender

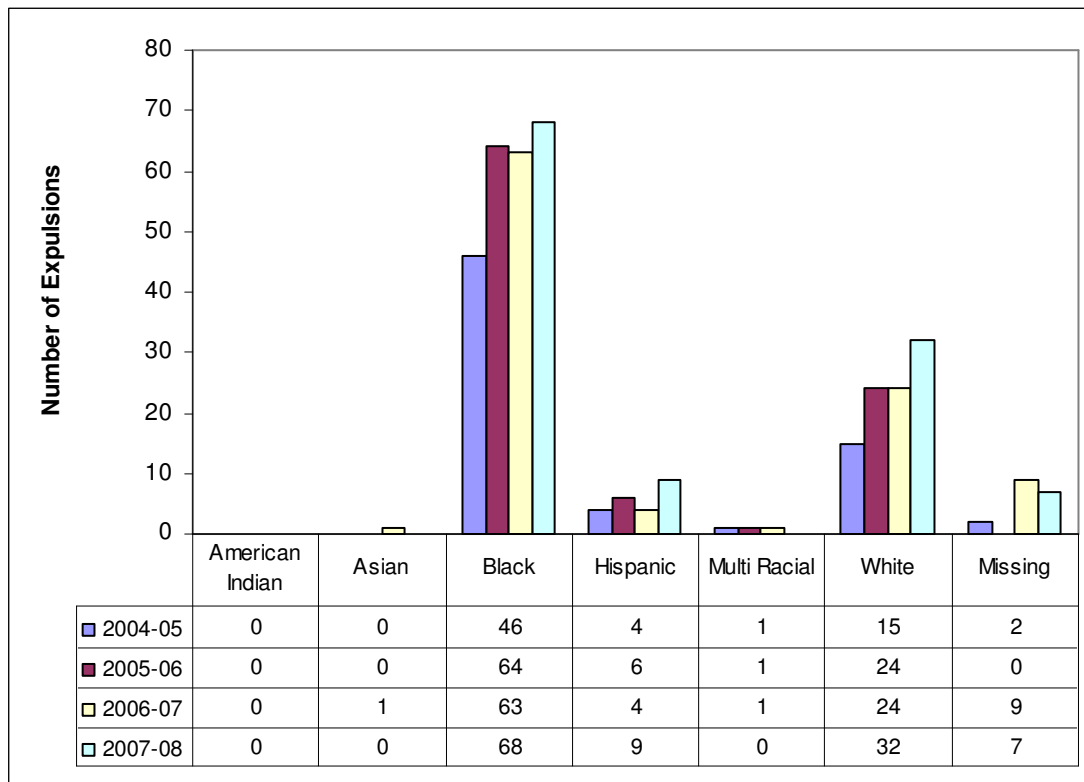


Note: Data includes charter schools for 2006-07 and 2007-08.

Figure S11. Number of Expulsions by Gender.

- As in previous years, males received far more expulsions than did females.

- Expulsions by Ethnicity

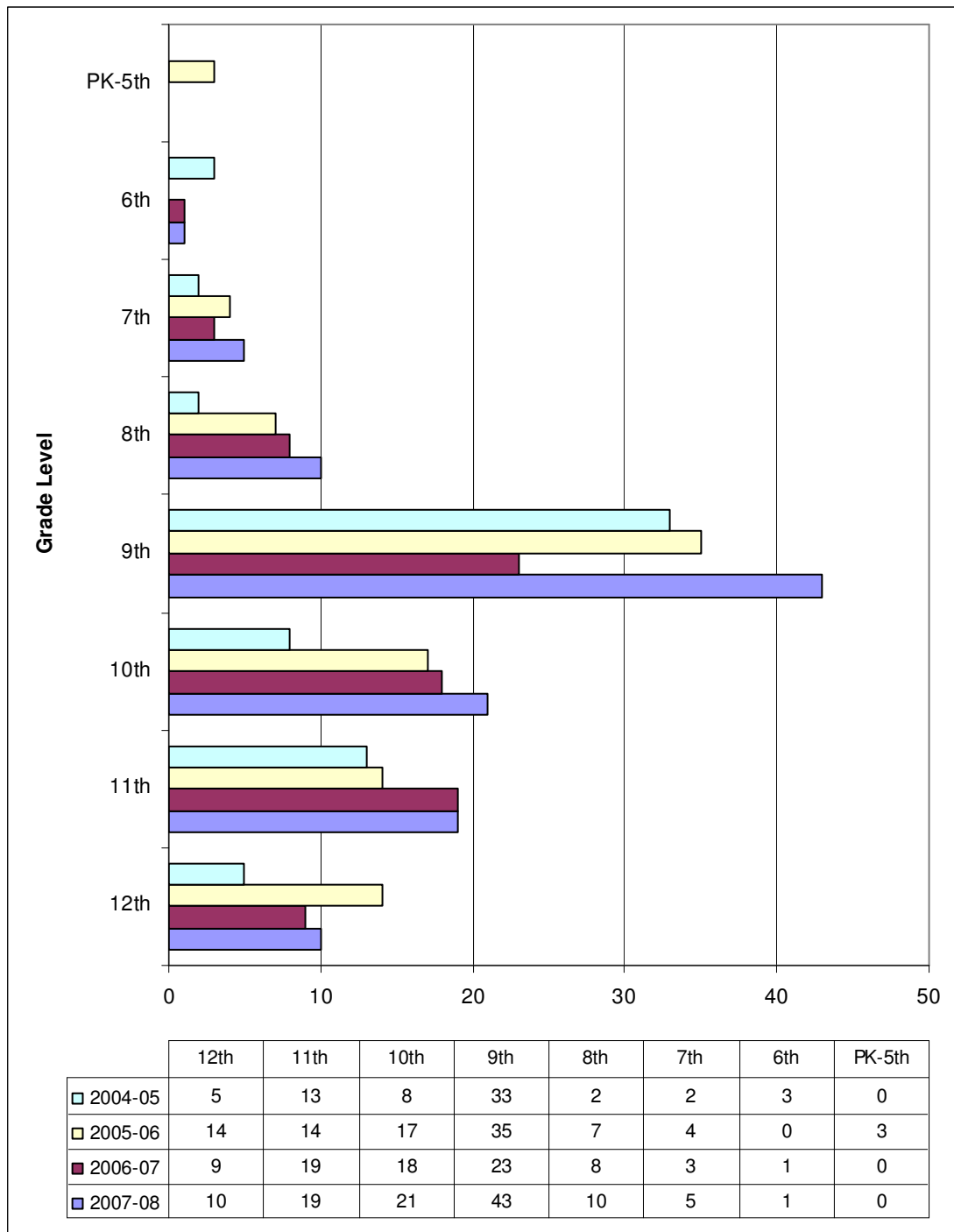


Note: Data includes charter schools for 2006-07 and 2007-08.

Figure S12. Number of Expulsions by Ethnicity.

- Among ethnic groups, Black students received the most expulsions, followed by White students.

Expulsions by Grade Level



Note: Data includes charter schools for 2006-07 and 2007-08. Grade data was missing for 2 expulsions in 2004-05, 1 expulsion in 2005-06, 9 expulsions in 2006-07, and 7 expulsions in 2007-08.

Figure S13. Number of Expulsions by Grade Level.

- As in previous years, ninth graders received the most expulsions.

Expulsions for Students Receiving Special Education Services

Special Education Status	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Intellectual Disability - Moderate	0	0	0	0
Developmentally Delayed	0	1	0	0
Other Health Impaired	0	4	2	2
Serious Emotional Disability	5	4	2	4
Intellectual Disability - Mild	2	4	2	2
Specific Learning Disabled	1	7	7	4
Traumatic Brain Injured	0	0	0	1
Total	8	20	13	13

Note: Data includes charter schools for 2006-07 and 2007-08.

Table S1. Expulsions of Students Receiving Special Education Services.

- 11.2% of all students expelled were EC students (13 of 116).

Section 5. Suspensions and Expulsions by LEA

Table S2 contains counts of short-term suspensions, long-term suspensions, and expulsions in the 115 LEAs for each gender/race combination.

Table S3 contains counts of short-term suspensions, long-term suspensions, and expulsions in the charter schools for each gender/race combination. Charter schools are omitted if no suspensions or expulsions were reported.

Table S4 contains grades 9-12 short-term suspensions and short-term suspension rates for each LEA.

Table S2. Suspensions and Expulsions by LEA, Gender, and Race

LEA	Gender	Ethnicity	# Short-term suspensions 2007-08	# Long-term suspensions 2007-08	# Expulsions 2007-08
Alamance-Burlington (010)	Female	American Indian	5	0	0
	Female	Black	493	15	0
	Female	Hispanic	78	2	0
	Female	Multiracial	34	0	0
	Female	White	287	4	0
	Male	American Indian	8	0	0
	Male	Black	1354	38	0
	Male	Hispanic	304	16	0
	Male	Multiracial	142	4	0
	Male	White	1249	36	0
	Male	Other/Missing	10	0	0
Alexander County (020)	Female	Black	26	0	0
	Female	Hispanic	9	0	0
	Female	Multiracial	2	0	0
	Female	White	145	0	0
	Male	American Indian	1	0	0
	Male	Asian	3	0	0
	Male	Black	42	0	0
	Male	Hispanic	29	0	0
	Male	Multiracial	15	0	0
	Male	White	345	0	0
Alleghany County (030)	Female	White	26	0	0
	Male	Black	2	0	0
	Male	Hispanic	13	2	0
	Male	Multiracial	1	0	0
	Male	White	112	2	0
	Male	Other/Missing	6	0	0
Anson County (040)	Female	American Indian	1	0	0
	Female	Asian	3	0	0
	Female	Black	670	4	0
	Female	Hispanic	7	0	0
	Female	White	51	5	0
	Female	Other/Missing	10	0	0
	Male	American Indian	2	0	0
	Male	Asian	6	0	0
	Male	Black	1300	38	0
	Male	Hispanic	12	0	0
	Male	White	157	7	0
	Male	Other/Missing	25	0	0
Ashe County (050)	Female	Hispanic	1	0	0
	Female	White	29	0	0
	Male	American Indian	4	0	0
	Male	Asian	1	0	0
	Male	Black	1	0	0
	Male	Hispanic	5	0	0
	Male	Multiracial	5	0	0

Table S2. Suspensions and Expulsions by LEA, Gender, and Race

LEA	Gender	Ethnicity	# Short-term suspensions 2007-08	# Long-term suspensions 2007-08	# Expulsions 2007-08
	Male	White	156	0	0
	Missing	Other/Missing	4	0	0
Avery County (060)	Female	Multiracial	1	0	0
	Female	White	19	0	0
	Male	Asian	3	0	0
	Male	Hispanic	5	0	0
	Male	Multiracial	1	0	0
	Male	White	78	1	0
Beaufort County (070)	Female	Asian	1	0	0
	Female	Black	401	0	0
	Female	Hispanic	16	0	0
	Female	Multiracial	13	0	0
	Female	White	106	0	0
	Female	Other/Missing	5	0	0
	Male	Black	1128	6	0
	Male	Hispanic	68	0	0
	Male	Multiracial	58	0	0
	Male	White	468	0	0
	Male	Other/Missing	8	0	0
Bertie County (080)	Female	Black	165	0	0
	Female	Multiracial	1	0	0
	Female	White	6	0	0
	Female	Other/Missing	1	0	0
	Male	Asian	2	0	0
	Male	Black	456	1	0
	Male	Multiracial	1	0	0
	Male	White	27	0	0
Bladen County (090)	Female	American Indian	11	0	0
	Female	Black	376	9	0
	Female	Hispanic	20	0	0
	Female	Multiracial	6	0	0
	Female	White	68	2	0
	Male	American Indian	10	1	0
	Male	Black	897	24	0
	Male	Hispanic	28	0	0
	Male	Multiracial	14	2	0
	Male	White	416	8	0
Brunswick County (100)	Female	American Indian	3	0	0
	Female	Asian	1	0	0
	Female	Black	298	0	0
	Female	Hispanic	44	0	0
	Female	Multiracial	57	0	0
	Female	White	483	1	0
	Female	Other/Missing	2	0	0
	Male	American Indian	10	0	0
	Male	Black	656	2	0

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LEA	Gender	Ethnicity	# Short-term suspensions 2007-08	# Long-term suspensions 2007-08	# Expulsions 2007-08
	Male	Hispanic	98	1	0
	Male	Multiracial	67	0	0
	Male	White	1158	3	0
	Male	Other/Missing	6	0	0
	Missing	Other/Missing	110	0	0
Buncombe County (110)	Female	American Indian	8	0	0
	Female	Asian	10	0	0
	Female	Black	248	2	0
	Female	Hispanic	22	0	0
	Female	Multiracial	98	3	0
	Female	White	684	17	0
	Male	American Indian	24	1	0
	Male	Asian	5	1	0
	Male	Black	449	8	0
	Male	Hispanic	151	8	0
	Male	Multiracial	145	3	0
	Male	White	1866	52	0
	Missing	Other/Missing	11	0	0
	Female	Black	290	0	0
Asheville City (111)	Female	Hispanic	9	0	0
	Female	Multiracial	22	0	0
	Female	White	31	0	0
	Male	Asian	2	0	0
	Male	Black	530	6	0
	Male	Hispanic	21	0	0
	Male	Multiracial	69	1	0
	Male	White	116	0	0
	Missing	Other/Missing	1	0	0
	Female	American Indian	2	0	0
	Female	Asian	18	0	0
Burke County (120)	Female	Black	59	0	0
	Female	Hispanic	15	0	0
	Female	Multiracial	12	0	0
	Female	White	351	0	0
	Male	American Indian	3	0	0
	Male	Asian	57	0	0
	Male	Black	163	0	0
	Male	Hispanic	81	0	0
	Male	Multiracial	91	0	0
	Male	White	853	0	0
	Missing	Other/Missing	4	0	0
	Female	American Indian	5	0	0
	Female	Asian	7	0	0
	Female	Black	424	19	0
Cabarrus County (130)	Female	Hispanic	123	11	0
	Female	Multiracial	55	2	0

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LEA	Gender	Ethnicity	# Short-term suspensions 2007-08	# Long-term suspensions 2007-08	# Expulsions 2007-08
	Female	White	316	40	0
	Male	American Indian	9	1	0
	Male	Asian	12	1	0
	Male	Black	1097	74	0
	Male	Hispanic	292	13	0
	Male	Multiracial	127	9	0
	Male	White	1173	87	0
	Missing	Other/Missing	5	0	0
Kannapolis City (132)	Female	Black	210	0	0
	Female	Hispanic	49	0	0
	Female	Multiracial	11	0	0
	Female	White	109	0	0
	Male	Asian	2	0	0
	Male	Black	555	5	0
	Male	Hispanic	153	1	0
	Male	Multiracial	47	0	0
	Male	White	362	2	0
Caldwell County (140)	Female	Black	47	0	0
	Female	Hispanic	16	0	0
	Female	Multiracial	21	1	0
	Female	White	298	7	0
	Male	Asian	1	0	0
	Male	Black	180	7	0
	Male	Hispanic	66	3	0
	Male	Multiracial	73	2	0
	Male	White	932	16	0
Camden County (150)	Female	Black	12	0	0
	Female	Multiracial	1	0	0
	Female	White	22	0	0
	Male	Asian	1	0	0
	Male	Black	32	0	0
	Male	Hispanic	1	0	0
	Male	Multiracial	3	0	0
	Male	White	113	5	0
Carteret County (160)	Female	American Indian	1	0	0
	Female	Asian	2	0	0
	Female	Black	47	0	0
	Female	Hispanic	16	0	0
	Female	Multiracial	11	0	0
	Female	White	192	2	0
	Male	American Indian	1	0	0
	Male	Asian	7	0	0
	Male	Black	168	1	0
	Male	Hispanic	41	0	0
	Male	Multiracial	68	1	0
	Male	White	932	8	0

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LEA	Gender	Ethnicity	# Short-term suspensions 2007-08	# Long-term suspensions 2007-08	# Expulsions 2007-08
Caswell County (170)	Female	Black	115	0	0
	Female	Hispanic	6	0	0
	Female	Multiracial	3	0	0
	Female	White	52	0	0
	Female	Other/Missing	1	0	0
	Male	American Indian	2	0	0
	Male	Black	301	1	1
	Male	Hispanic	31	0	0
	Male	Multiracial	16	0	0
	Male	White	251	0	0
Catawba County (180)	Female	American Indian	4	0	0
	Female	Asian	3	0	0
	Female	Black	116	0	0
	Female	Hispanic	16	0	0
	Female	Multiracial	26	0	0
	Female	White	366	1	0
	Male	American Indian	9	0	0
	Male	Asian	14	2	0
	Male	Black	231	0	0
	Male	Hispanic	100	0	0
	Male	Multiracial	82	0	0
	Male	White	1024	2	0
	Missing	Other/Missing	6	0	0
Hickory City (181)	Female	Asian	1	0	0
	Female	Black	165	1	0
	Female	Hispanic	23	0	0
	Female	Multiracial	5	0	0
	Female	White	45	3	0
	Male	American Indian	1	0	0
	Male	Asian	5	0	0
	Male	Black	227	3	2
	Male	Hispanic	37	0	0
	Male	Multiracial	27	0	0
	Male	White	167	1	0
Newton Conover City (182)	Female	Black	58	0	0
	Female	Hispanic	16	0	0
	Female	Multiracial	11	0	0
	Female	White	59	0	0
	Female	Other/Missing	1	0	0
	Male	Asian	4	0	0
	Male	Black	120	0	0
	Male	Hispanic	33	0	0
	Male	Multiracial	9	0	0
	Male	White	84	0	0
Chatham County (190)	Female	American Indian	3	0	0
	Female	Black	37	0	0

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LEA	Gender	Ethnicity	# Short-term suspensions 2007-08	# Long-term suspensions 2007-08	# Expulsions 2007-08
	Female	Hispanic	35	0	0
	Female	Multiracial	9	0	0
	Female	White	62	0	0
	Female	Other/Missing	3	0	0
	Male	Asian	1	0	0
	Male	Black	180	2	0
	Male	Hispanic	111	0	0
	Male	Multiracial	15	0	0
	Male	White	219	2	0
Cherokee County (200)	Female	Black	0	1	0
	Female	Hispanic	2	0	0
	Female	Multiracial	3	0	0
	Female	White	52	1	0
	Male	Black	2	0	0
	Male	Hispanic	10	0	0
	Male	Multiracial	4	0	0
	Male	White	144	2	0
Edenton/Chowan (210)	Female	Black	101	0	0
	Female	Hispanic	1	0	0
	Female	White	14	0	0
	Male	Black	181	2	0
	Male	Hispanic	1	0	0
	Male	Multiracial	4	0	0
	Male	White	47	0	0
	Male	Other/Missing	1	0	0
	Missing	Black	1	0	0
Clay County (220)	Female	White	4	0	0
	Male	White	16	0	0
Cleveland County (230)	Female	American Indian	4	0	0
	Female	Black	763	19	1
	Female	Hispanic	19	0	0
	Female	White	498	10	0
	Female	Other/Missing	43	0	0
	Male	American Indian	9	0	0
	Male	Asian	7	0	0
	Male	Black	1465	32	5
	Male	Hispanic	83	5	0
	Male	White	1601	26	4
	Male	Other/Missing	86	1	0
	Missing	Other/Missing	2	11	4
Columbus County (240)	Female	American Indian	14	0	0
	Female	Black	217	0	0
	Female	Hispanic	6	0	0
	Female	Multiracial	6	0	0
	Female	White	64	0	0
	Female	Other/Missing	1	0	0

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LEA	Gender	Ethnicity	# Short-term suspensions 2007-08	# Long-term suspensions 2007-08	# Expulsions 2007-08
	Male	American Indian	35	0	0
	Male	Black	573	1	1
	Male	Hispanic	22	0	0
	Male	Multiracial	19	0	0
	Male	White	236	0	0
Whiteville City (241)	Female	Black	95	0	0
	Female	Hispanic	2	0	0
	Female	Multiracial	6	0	0
	Female	White	17	0	0
	Male	American Indian	2	0	0
	Male	Asian	2	0	0
	Male	Black	227	0	0
	Male	Hispanic	8	0	0
	Male	Multiracial	9	0	0
	Male	White	96	0	0
	Missing	Other/Missing	2	0	0
Craven County (250)	Female	American Indian	20	0	0
	Female	Asian	3	0	0
	Female	Black	814	1	2
	Female	Hispanic	24	1	0
	Female	Multiracial	27	1	0
	Female	White	420	7	0
	Male	American Indian	11	0	0
	Male	Asian	47	0	0
	Male	Black	1766	26	3
	Male	Hispanic	126	2	0
	Male	Multiracial	96	2	0
	Male	White	1200	15	1
	Male	Other/Missing	2	0	0
	Missing	Other/Missing	196	3	0
Cumberland County (260)	Female	American Indian	64	3	0
	Female	Asian	14	0	0
	Female	Black	2650	29	0
	Female	Hispanic	192	4	0
	Female	Multiracial	131	0	0
	Female	White	545	12	0
	Male	American Indian	144	4	0
	Male	Asian	37	0	0
	Male	Black	5971	51	0
	Male	Hispanic	334	3	1
	Male	Multiracial	282	3	0
	Male	White	1798	13	0
Currituck County (270)	Female	Asian	1	0	0
	Female	Black	8	2	0
	Female	Hispanic	8	0	0
	Female	White	163	4	0

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LEA	Gender	Ethnicity	# Short-term suspensions 2007-08	# Long-term suspensions 2007-08	# Expulsions 2007-08
	Female	Other/Missing	1	0	0
	Male	American Indian	1	0	0
	Male	Black	52	0	0
	Male	Hispanic	11	0	0
	Male	Multiracial	18	0	0
	Male	White	421	1	0
	Male	Other/Missing	1	0	0
Dare County (280)	Female	Black	2	0	0
	Female	Hispanic	1	0	0
	Female	White	45	0	0
	Female	Other/Missing	0	1	0
	Male	Black	5	3	0
	Male	Hispanic	11	0	0
	Male	Multiracial	5	1	0
	Male	White	267	1	0
Davidson County (290)	Female	American Indian	7	0	0
	Female	Asian	2	0	0
	Female	Black	55	0	0
	Female	Hispanic	27	0	0
	Female	Multiracial	8	0	0
	Female	White	605	4	0
	Male	American Indian	10	0	0
	Male	Asian	31	0	0
	Male	Black	174	4	0
	Male	Hispanic	73	1	0
	Male	Multiracial	37	1	0
	Male	White	2163	31	0
	Missing	Other/Missing	4	0	0
Lexington City (291)	Female	American Indian	1	0	0
	Female	Asian	1	0	0
	Female	Black	170	2	0
	Female	Hispanic	19	0	0
	Female	White	41	2	0
	Female	Other/Missing	15	0	0
	Male	Asian	11	0	0
	Male	Black	316	3	0
	Male	Hispanic	72	1	0
	Male	White	135	2	0
	Male	Other/Missing	35	1	0
Thomasville City (292)	Female	American Indian	2	0	0
	Female	Black	216	0	0
	Female	Hispanic	32	0	0
	Female	Multiracial	10	0	0
	Female	White	57	0	0
	Male	American Indian	3	0	0
	Male	Asian	3	0	0

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LEA	Gender	Ethnicity	# Short-term suspensions 2007-08	# Long-term suspensions 2007-08	# Expulsions 2007-08
	Male	Black	478	0	0
	Male	Hispanic	99	0	0
	Male	Multiracial	69	0	0
	Male	White	175	0	0
	Missing	Other/Missing	16	1	0
Davie County (300)	Female	Asian	3	0	0
	Female	Black	22	0	0
	Female	Hispanic	7	0	0
	Female	Multiracial	2	0	0
	Female	White	73	0	0
	Male	American Indian	1	0	0
	Male	Asian	2	0	0
	Male	Black	40	1	0
	Male	Hispanic	20	0	0
	Male	Multiracial	19	0	0
	Male	White	323	1	0
	Missing	Hispanic	1	0	0
	Missing	Other/Missing	4	0	0
Duplin County (310)	Female	American Indian	1	0	0
	Female	Black	569	0	0
	Female	Hispanic	114	0	0
	Female	Multiracial	20	0	0
	Female	White	196	0	0
	Male	American Indian	2	0	0
	Male	Asian	2	0	0
	Male	Black	1222	0	0
	Male	Hispanic	432	0	0
	Male	Multiracial	27	0	0
	Male	White	681	0	0
	Missing	Other/Missing	13	0	0
Durham County (320)	Female	American Indian	7	0	0
	Female	Asian	3	1	0
	Female	Black	1623	13	0
	Female	Hispanic	124	1	0
	Female	Multiracial	65	1	0
	Female	White	134	4	0
	Male	American Indian	6	0	0
	Male	Asian	13	0	0
	Male	Black	3900	40	0
	Male	Hispanic	479	11	0
	Male	Multiracial	137	4	0
	Male	White	318	10	0
Edgecombe County (330)	Female	Black	1019	0	0
	Female	Hispanic	5	0	0
	Female	Multiracial	22	0	0
	Female	White	142	0	0

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LEA	Gender	Ethnicity	# Short-term suspensions 2007-08	# Long-term suspensions 2007-08	# Expulsions 2007-08
	Female	Other/Missing	3	0	0
	Male	Black	2307	8	0
	Male	Hispanic	60	0	0
	Male	Multiracial	45	0	0
	Male	White	590	1	0
Forsyth County (340)	Female	American Indian	11	0	0
	Female	Asian	9	0	0
	Female	Black	3342	13	1
	Female	Hispanic	492	2	0
	Female	Multiracial	205	2	0
	Female	White	598	1	2
	Male	American Indian	30	0	0
	Male	Asian	24	0	0
	Male	Black	6810	33	21
	Male	Hispanic	1573	3	4
	Male	Multiracial	300	0	0
	Male	White	1866	12	12
	Male	Other/Missing	1	0	0
	Missing	Other/Missing	17	0	0
Franklin County (350)	Female	Black	364	10	0
	Female	Hispanic	42	2	0
	Female	Multiracial	9	1	0
	Female	White	170	7	0
	Male	American Indian	5	0	0
	Male	Asian	1	0	0
	Male	Black	778	22	0
	Male	Hispanic	123	11	0
	Male	Multiracial	20	2	0
	Male	White	557	30	0
	Missing	Other/Missing	1	0	0
Gaston County (360)	Female	American Indian	2	0	0
	Female	Asian	4	0	0
	Female	Black	1142	5	1
	Female	Hispanic	82	0	0
	Female	Multiracial	53	0	0
	Female	White	1110	7	0
	Male	American Indian	20	0	0
	Male	Asian	22	0	0
	Male	Black	2248	45	3
	Male	Hispanic	269	0	1
	Male	Multiracial	111	0	0
	Male	White	3266	27	0
	Male	Other/Missing	1	0	0
	Missing	Other/Missing	2	0	0
Gates County (370)	Female	Black	73	1	0
	Female	Hispanic	1	0	0

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LEA	Gender	Ethnicity	# Short-term suspensions 2007-08	# Long-term suspensions 2007-08	# Expulsions 2007-08
	Female	Multiracial	0	1	0
	Female	White	48	0	0
	Male	Black	203	7	0
	Male	Multiracial	8	0	0
	Male	White	161	5	0
	Male	Other/Missing	1	0	0
Graham County (380)	Female	American Indian	7	0	0
	Female	White	13	2	0
	Male	American Indian	2	0	0
	Male	Asian	1	0	0
	Male	Multiracial	1	0	0
	Male	White	35	0	0
Granville County (390)	Female	Asian	5	0	0
	Female	Black	239	8	0
	Female	Hispanic	18	0	0
	Female	Multiracial	7	0	0
	Female	White	90	3	0
	Male	American Indian	4	1	0
	Male	Asian	9	0	0
	Male	Black	786	35	0
	Male	Hispanic	74	6	0
	Male	Multiracial	23	2	0
	Male	White	411	11	0
	Missing	Other/Missing	10	0	0
Greene County (400)	Female	Black	287	0	0
	Female	Hispanic	25	0	0
	Female	White	23	0	0
	Female	Other/Missing	1	0	0
	Male	Black	566	0	0
	Male	Hispanic	62	0	0
	Male	Multiracial	6	0	0
	Male	White	70	0	0
Guilford County (410)	Female	American Indian	25	0	0
	Female	Asian	51	0	0
	Female	Black	2648	7	0
	Female	Hispanic	156	0	0
	Female	Multiracial	200	0	0
	Female	White	462	4	0
	Male	American Indian	73	0	0
	Male	Asian	113	2	0
	Male	Black	5939	63	1
	Male	Hispanic	409	5	0
	Male	Multiracial	359	1	0
	Male	White	1577	18	0
	Male	Other/Missing	4	0	0
Halifax County (420)	Female	American Indian	8	0	0

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LEA	Gender	Ethnicity	# Short-term suspensions 2007-08	# Long-term suspensions 2007-08	# Expulsions 2007-08
	Female	Black	462	1	0
	Female	Multiracial	2	0	0
	Female	White	10	0	0
	Female	Other/Missing	1	0	0
	Male	American Indian	57	0	0
	Male	Asian	1	0	0
	Male	Black	1186	16	0
	Male	Hispanic	3	0	0
	Male	Multiracial	5	0	0
	Male	White	28	0	0
Roanoke Rapids City (421)	Female	American Indian	1	0	0
	Female	Black	68	0	0
	Female	Hispanic	1	0	0
	Female	Multiracial	3	0	0
	Female	White	98	0	0
	Male	American Indian	1	0	0
	Male	Black	170	0	0
	Male	Hispanic	12	0	0
	Male	Multiracial	12	0	0
	Male	White	290	0	0
Weldon City (422)	Female	Black	143	1	0
	Male	Asian	1	0	0
	Male	Black	360	9	1
	Male	Hispanic	1	0	0
	Male	White	5	0	0
	Male	Other/Missing	1	0	0
	Missing	Other/Missing	85	0	0
Harnett County (430)	Female	American Indian	3	0	0
	Female	Black	389	0	0
	Female	Hispanic	68	0	0
	Female	Multiracial	28	0	0
	Female	White	204	0	0
	Female	Other/Missing	1	0	0
	Male	American Indian	24	0	0
	Male	Asian	7	0	0
	Male	Black	907	2	0
	Male	Hispanic	182	1	0
	Male	Multiracial	69	1	0
	Male	White	756	5	0
Haywood County (440)	Female	American Indian	4	0	0
	Female	Hispanic	1	0	0
	Female	Multiracial	3	0	0
	Female	White	252	7	0
	Male	American Indian	4	1	0
	Male	Black	2	0	0
	Male	Hispanic	13	1	0

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LEA	Gender	Ethnicity	# Short-term suspensions 2007-08	# Long-term suspensions 2007-08	# Expulsions 2007-08
	Male	Multiracial	10	1	0
	Male	White	602	37	0
	Male	Other/Missing	1	0	0
	Missing	Other/Missing	46	2	0
Henderson County (450)	Female	American Indian	1	0	0
	Female	Asian	1	0	0
	Female	Black	31	0	0
	Female	Hispanic	25	0	0
	Female	Multiracial	23	0	0
	Female	White	100	2	0
	Female	Other/Missing	2	0	0
	Male	American Indian	1	0	0
	Male	Black	71	2	0
	Male	Hispanic	104	0	0
	Male	Multiracial	40	0	0
	Male	White	459	9	0
	Male	Other/Missing	1	0	0
Hertford County (460)	Female	Black	478	4	0
	Female	Hispanic	1	0	0
	Female	White	31	0	0
	Male	American Indian	2	0	0
	Male	Asian	1	0	0
	Male	Black	798	14	0
	Male	Hispanic	3	0	0
	Male	Multiracial	8	0	0
	Male	White	76	1	0
Hoke County (470)	Female	Other/Missing	619	74	0
	Male	Other/Missing	1297	217	0
Hyde County (480)	Female	Black	10	0	0
	Female	White	7	0	0
	Male	Black	26	0	0
	Male	Hispanic	2	0	0
	Male	Multiracial	2	0	0
	Male	White	9	0	0
	Missing	Other/Missing	5	0	0
Iredell-Statesville (490)	Female	American Indian	2	0	0
	Female	Asian	1	0	0
	Female	Black	384	2	0
	Female	Hispanic	68	0	0
	Female	Multiracial	27	0	0
	Female	White	394	1	0
	Male	American Indian	8	0	0
	Male	Asian	14	0	0
	Male	Black	908	2	1
	Male	Hispanic	260	2	0
	Male	Multiracial	61	0	0

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LEA	Gender	Ethnicity	# Short-term suspensions 2007-08	# Long-term suspensions 2007-08	# Expulsions 2007-08
Mooresville City (491)	Male	White	1396	4	0
	Female	Asian	1	0	0
	Female	Black	53	0	0
	Female	Hispanic	8	0	0
	Female	Multiracial	10	0	0
	Female	White	71	1	0
	Male	Asian	3	0	0
	Male	Black	156	3	0
	Male	Hispanic	26	0	0
	Male	Multiracial	10	0	0
	Male	White	202	4	0
Jackson County (500)	Female	American Indian	38	0	0
	Female	Hispanic	2	0	0
	Female	White	90	0	0
	Male	American Indian	28	0	0
	Male	Asian	1	0	0
	Male	Black	1	0	0
	Male	Hispanic	9	0	0
	Male	Multiracial	7	0	0
	Male	White	243	0	0
Johnston County (510)	Female	American Indian	4	2	0
	Female	Asian	3	0	0
	Female	Black	688	7	0
	Female	Hispanic	184	1	0
	Female	White	474	6	0
	Female	Other/Missing	74	1	0
	Male	American Indian	19	0	0
	Male	Asian	5	0	0
	Male	Black	1904	13	0
	Male	Hispanic	747	3	0
	Male	White	1887	26	0
	Male	Other/Missing	198	1	0
	Missing	Other/Missing	72	2	0
	Missing	Other/Missing	72	2	0
Jones County (520)	Female	Black	28	0	0
	Female	White	9	0	0
	Male	American Indian	2	0	0
	Male	Black	70	2	0
	Male	Hispanic	2	0	0
	Male	Multiracial	2	0	0
	Male	White	39	0	0
Lee County (530)	Female	American Indian	2	0	0
	Female	Asian	2	0	0
	Female	Black	318	3	0
	Female	Hispanic	116	2	0
	Female	Multiracial	18	0	0
	Female	White	160	4	0

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LEA	Gender	Ethnicity	# Short-term suspensions 2007-08	# Long-term suspensions 2007-08	# Expulsions 2007-08
	Female	Other/Missing	16	0	0
	Male	American Indian	3	0	0
	Male	Asian	2	0	0
	Male	Black	770	25	0
	Male	Hispanic	407	11	0
	Male	Multiracial	45	0	0
	Male	White	584	19	0
	Male	Other/Missing	16	0	0
Lenoir County (540)	Female	Asian	1	0	0
	Female	Black	793	0	0
	Female	Hispanic	25	0	0
	Female	Multiracial	9	0	0
	Female	White	120	0	0
	Female	Other/Missing	4	0	0
	Male	Asian	10	0	0
	Male	Black	1895	0	0
	Male	Hispanic	86	0	0
	Male	Multiracial	27	0	0
	Male	White	372	0	1
	Male	Other/Missing	2	0	0
Lincoln County (550)	Female	American Indian	1	0	0
	Female	Asian	1	0	0
	Female	Black	87	0	0
	Female	Hispanic	39	0	0
	Female	Multiracial	23	0	0
	Female	White	471	1	0
	Female	Other/Missing	8	1	0
	Male	American Indian	3	0	0
	Male	Asian	4	0	0
	Male	Black	277	0	0
	Male	Hispanic	137	0	0
	Male	Multiracial	51	0	0
	Male	White	1366	0	0
	Male	Other/Missing	1	0	0
Macon County (560)	Female	Asian	16	0	0
	Female	Black	2	0	0
	Female	Hispanic	5	0	0
	Female	White	337	0	0
	Female	Other/Missing	1	0	0
	Male	American Indian	1	0	0
	Male	Asian	1	0	0
	Male	Black	7	0	0
	Male	Hispanic	67	0	0
	Male	Multiracial	4	0	0
	Male	White	506	0	0
Madison County (570)	Female	Hispanic	2	0	0

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LEA	Gender	Ethnicity	# Short-term suspensions 2007-08	# Long-term suspensions 2007-08	# Expulsions 2007-08
	Female	Multiracial	2	0	0
	Female	White	87	0	0
	Male	American Indian	5	0	0
	Male	Asian	1	0	0
	Male	Hispanic	3	0	0
	Male	White	342	2	0
	Missing	Other/Missing	2	0	0
Martin County (580)	Female	Black	298	1	0
	Female	Hispanic	6	0	0
	Female	Multiracial	11	0	0
	Female	White	38	0	0
	Female	Other/Missing	1	0	0
	Male	American Indian	2	0	0
	Male	Asian	1	0	0
	Male	Black	897	2	2
	Male	Hispanic	33	0	0
	Male	Multiracial	16	0	0
	Male	White	160	0	0
	Male	Other/Missing	2	0	0
McDowell County (590)	Female	American Indian	1	0	0
	Female	Asian	3	0	0
	Female	Black	8	0	0
	Female	Hispanic	2	0	0
	Female	Multiracial	3	0	0
	Female	White	201	1	0
	Male	American Indian	2	0	0
	Male	Asian	2	0	0
	Male	Black	15	1	0
	Male	Hispanic	19	1	0
	Male	Multiracial	8	0	0
	Male	White	511	10	0
	Missing	Other/Missing	24	0	0
Charlotte-Mecklenburg (600)	Female	American Indian	55	1	0
	Female	Asian	53	0	0
	Female	Black	6345	12	0
	Female	Hispanic	656	1	0
	Female	Multiracial	190	1	0
	Female	White	593	1	0
	Female	Other/Missing	26	0	0
	Male	American Indian	108	0	0
	Male	Asian	188	0	0
	Male	Black	14713	40	10
	Male	Hispanic	2043	12	0
	Male	Multiracial	440	1	0
	Male	White	2167	6	2
	Male	Other/Missing	138	0	0

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LEA	Gender	Ethnicity	# Short-term suspensions 2007-08	# Long-term suspensions 2007-08	# Expulsions 2007-08
	Missing	Asian	1	0	0
	Missing	Black	7	0	0
	Missing	Hispanic	2	0	0
	Missing	Multiracial	2	0	0
	Missing	White	2	0	0
	Missing	Other/Missing	5807	988	3
Mitchell County (610)	Female	Asian	1	0	0
	Female	Hispanic	4	0	0
	Female	Multiracial	1	0	0
	Female	White	46	0	0
	Male	American Indian	1	0	0
	Male	Black	2	0	0
	Male	Hispanic	2	2	0
	Male	Multiracial	1	0	0
	Male	White	107	3	0
Montgomery County (620)	Female	Black	162	0	0
	Female	Hispanic	22	0	0
	Female	Multiracial	6	0	0
	Female	White	137	0	0
	Female	Other/Missing	2	0	0
	Male	Asian	8	0	0
	Male	Black	296	0	0
	Male	Hispanic	92	0	0
	Male	Multiracial	14	0	0
	Male	White	275	0	0
	Male	Other/Missing	1	0	0
Moore County (630)	Female	American Indian	5	0	0
	Female	Asian	1	0	0
	Female	Black	349	8	0
	Female	Hispanic	29	1	0
	Female	Multiracial	32	2	0
	Female	White	237	4	0
	Male	American Indian	25	0	0
	Male	Asian	7	0	0
	Male	Black	788	19	0
	Male	Hispanic	88	2	0
	Male	Multiracial	63	0	0
	Male	White	794	15	0
Nash-Rocky Mount (640)	Female	American Indian	16	1	0
	Female	Asian	3	0	0
	Female	Black	1093	6	0
	Female	Hispanic	30	0	0
	Female	Multiracial	19	0	0
	Female	White	116	1	0
	Female	Other/Missing	1	0	0
	Male	American Indian	10	0	0

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LEA	Gender	Ethnicity	# Short-term suspensions 2007-08	# Long-term suspensions 2007-08	# Expulsions 2007-08
	Male	Asian	22	1	0
	Male	Black	2778	33	0
	Male	Hispanic	101	2	0
	Male	Multiracial	34	0	0
	Male	White	439	2	0
New Hanover (650)	Female	American Indian	6	0	0
	Female	Asian	11	0	0
	Female	Black	992	1	0
	Female	Hispanic	33	0	0
	Female	Multiracial	55	0	0
	Female	White	351	0	1
	Female	Other/Missing	6	0	0
	Male	American Indian	24	1	0
	Male	Asian	15	0	0
	Male	Black	1999	3	2
	Male	Hispanic	113	0	0
	Male	Multiracial	171	0	0
	Male	White	1211	1	0
	Male	Other/Missing	18	0	0
	Missing	Other/Missing	45	0	0
Northampton County (660)	Female	Black	428	6	0
	Female	Hispanic	1	0	0
	Female	White	19	0	0
	Female	Other/Missing	7	0	0
	Male	Black	992	19	0
	Male	Hispanic	2	0	0
	Male	White	75	2	0
	Male	Other/Missing	8	0	0
Onslow County (670)	Female	American Indian	1	0	0
	Female	Asian	3	0	0
	Female	Black	263	0	0
	Female	Hispanic	36	0	0
	Female	Multiracial	91	1	0
	Female	White	234	0	0
	Female	Other/Missing	26	0	0
	Male	American Indian	10	0	0
	Male	Asian	11	0	0
	Male	Black	730	3	0
	Male	Hispanic	134	0	0
	Male	Multiracial	155	0	0
	Male	White	939	3	0
	Male	Other/Missing	8	0	0
	Missing	Other/Missing	0	1	0
Orange County (680)	Female	Asian	1	0	0
	Female	Black	182	0	0
	Female	Hispanic	6	0	0

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LEA	Gender	Ethnicity	# Short-term suspensions 2007-08	# Long-term suspensions 2007-08	# Expulsions 2007-08
	Female	Multiracial	7	0	0
	Female	White	93	0	0
	Male	Black	309	0	0
	Male	Hispanic	43	0	0
	Male	Multiracial	7	1	0
	Male	White	373	1	0
Chapel Hill-Carrboro (681)	Female	Black	75	0	0
	Female	Hispanic	4	0	0
	Female	Multiracial	3	0	0
	Female	White	6	0	0
	Male	Asian	13	0	0
	Male	Black	186	0	0
	Male	Hispanic	25	1	0
	Male	Multiracial	10	0	0
	Male	White	89	1	0
	Male	Other/Missing	9	0	0
	Missing	Other/Missing	7	0	0
Pamlico County (690)	Female	American Indian	1	0	0
	Female	Black	61	0	0
	Female	Hispanic	1	0	0
	Female	Multiracial	3	0	0
	Female	White	170	0	0
	Male	American Indian	6	0	0
	Male	Black	141	3	0
	Male	Hispanic	3	0	0
	Male	Multiracial	11	0	0
	Male	White	212	2	0
Eliabeth City/Pasquotank (700)	Female	Black	308	3	0
	Female	Hispanic	3	0	0
	Female	Multiracial	9	0	0
	Female	White	135	1	0
	Male	American Indian	1	0	0
	Male	Asian	2	0	0
	Male	Black	696	11	2
	Male	Hispanic	19	0	0
	Male	Multiracial	26	1	0
	Male	White	401	4	0
	Male	Other/Missing	1	0	0
Pender County (710)	Female	American Indian	1	0	0
	Female	Black	215	0	0
	Female	Hispanic	18	0	0
	Female	Multiracial	5	0	0
	Female	White	172	1	0
	Female	Other/Missing	2	0	0
	Male	American Indian	2	0	0
	Male	Asian	1	0	0

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LEA	Gender	Ethnicity	# Short-term suspensions 2007-08	# Long-term suspensions 2007-08	# Expulsions 2007-08
	Male	Black	522	3	0
	Male	Hispanic	87	0	0
	Male	Multiracial	24	0	0
	Male	White	670	2	0
Perquimans County (720)	Female	Black	37	0	0
	Female	White	47	0	0
	Male	American Indian	1	0	0
	Male	Black	106	1	0
	Male	Hispanic	5	0	0
	Male	Multiracial	1	0	0
	Male	White	106	0	0
Person County (730)	Female	American Indian	1	0	0
	Female	Black	159	0	0
	Female	Hispanic	4	0	0
	Female	Multiracial	8	0	0
	Female	White	69	0	0
	Male	American Indian	6	1	0
	Male	Black	446	7	0
	Male	Hispanic	16	0	0
	Male	Multiracial	34	0	0
	Male	White	226	3	0
	Male	Other/Missing	3	0	0
	Male	Other/Missing	3	0	0
Pitt County (740)	Female	American Indian	3	0	0
	Female	Asian	6	0	0
	Female	Black	2369	22	1
	Female	Hispanic	83	0	0
	Female	Multiracial	54	2	0
	Female	White	315	1	0
	Male	American Indian	9	0	0
	Male	Asian	21	0	0
	Male	Black	4978	86	0
	Male	Hispanic	255	4	1
	Male	Multiracial	156	0	0
	Male	White	1026	15	0
	Male	Other/Missing	1	0	0
Polk County (750)	Female	Black	3	0	0
	Female	Hispanic	1	0	0
	Female	Multiracial	4	0	0
	Female	White	9	2	0
	Male	Black	2	0	0
	Male	Hispanic	1	0	0
	Male	White	23	2	0
	Male	Other/Missing	1	0	0
	Missing	Other/Missing	5	0	0
Randolph County (760)	Female	American Indian	2	0	0
	Female	Black	53	2	0
	Female	Hispanic	32	0	0

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LEA	Gender	Ethnicity	# Short-term suspensions 2007-08	# Long-term suspensions 2007-08	# Expulsions 2007-08
	Female	Multiracial	11	1	0
	Female	White	170	3	0
	Male	American Indian	5	3	0
	Male	Asian	3	0	0
	Male	Black	103	6	0
	Male	Hispanic	81	3	0
	Male	Multiracial	20	3	0
	Male	White	563	29	0
Asheboro City (761)	Female	Black	71	0	0
	Female	Hispanic	29	0	0
	Female	Multiracial	7	0	0
	Female	White	54	0	0
	Male	Black	127	0	0
	Male	Hispanic	97	0	0
	Male	Multiracial	21	0	0
	Male	White	118	0	0
	Missing	Other/Missing	2	0	0
Richmond County (770)	Female	American Indian	15	0	0
	Female	Black	282	1	0
	Female	Hispanic	13	0	0
	Female	Multiracial	7	0	0
	Female	White	103	0	0
	Male	American Indian	54	0	0
	Male	Asian	5	0	0
	Male	Black	655	2	0
	Male	Hispanic	28	0	0
	Male	Multiracial	22	0	0
	Male	White	305	0	0
	Missing	Other/Missing	185	1	0
Robeson County (780)	Female	American Indian	1310	3	0
	Female	Asian	7	0	0
	Female	Black	1215	4	0
	Female	Hispanic	138	0	0
	Female	Multiracial	41	0	0
	Female	White	339	2	0
	Female	Other/Missing	4	0	0
	Male	American Indian	3176	22	0
	Male	Asian	22	1	0
	Male	Black	2936	23	0
	Male	Hispanic	201	0	0
	Male	Multiracial	127	2	0
	Male	White	841	5	0
Rockingham County (790)	Female	Black	394	2	0
	Female	Hispanic	42	0	0
	Female	Multiracial	21	0	0
	Female	White	464	2	0

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LEA	Gender	Ethnicity	# Short-term suspensions 2007-08	# Long-term suspensions 2007-08	# Expulsions 2007-08
	Female	Other/Missing	2	0	0
	Male	American Indian	2	0	0
	Male	Asian	2	0	0
	Male	Black	1026	9	0
	Male	Hispanic	129	0	0
	Male	Multiracial	109	1	0
	Male	White	1507	5	0
Rowan-Salisbury (800)	Female	American Indian	4	0	0
	Female	Black	785	2	0
	Female	Hispanic	82	0	0
	Female	Multiracial	40	0	0
	Female	White	615	2	0
	Female	Other/Missing	4	0	0
	Male	American Indian	4	0	0
	Male	Asian	10	0	0
	Male	Black	1681	5	0
	Male	Hispanic	269	1	0
	Male	Multiracial	125	2	0
	Male	White	1853	10	0
Rutherford County (810)	Female	Asian	2	0	0
	Female	Black	138	0	0
	Female	Hispanic	4	0	0
	Female	Multiracial	9	0	0
	Female	White	357	0	0
	Female	Other/Missing	2	0	0
	Male	American Indian	1	0	0
	Male	Asian	2	0	0
	Male	Black	344	6	0
	Male	Hispanic	44	0	0
	Male	Multiracial	42	0	0
	Male	White	972	10	0
Sampson County (820)	Female	American Indian	8	0	0
	Female	Black	186	0	0
	Female	Hispanic	99	0	0
	Female	Multiracial	12	0	0
	Female	White	116	0	0
	Male	American Indian	15	0	0
	Male	Asian	1	0	0
	Male	Black	707	2	0
	Male	Hispanic	255	0	0
	Male	Multiracial	42	0	0
	Male	White	499	1	0
	Missing	Other/Missing	65	0	0
Clinton City (821)	Female	American Indian	2	0	0
	Female	Black	122	0	0
	Female	Hispanic	13	0	0

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LEA	Gender	Ethnicity	# Short-term suspensions 2007-08	# Long-term suspensions 2007-08	# Expulsions 2007-08
	Female	Multiracial	1	0	0
	Female	White	5	0	0
	Male	American Indian	6	0	0
	Male	Asian	2	0	0
	Male	Black	242	1	0
	Male	Hispanic	34	1	0
	Male	Multiracial	14	1	0
	Male	White	77	0	0
	Missing	Other/Missing	4	0	0
Scotland County (830)	Female	American Indian	82	1	0
	Female	Asian	1	0	0
	Female	Black	651	5	0
	Female	Hispanic	4	0	0
	Female	Multiracial	3	0	0
	Female	White	78	3	0
	Female	Other/Missing	19	1	0
	Male	American Indian	267	2	0
	Male	Asian	1	0	0
	Male	Black	1536	17	0
	Male	Hispanic	7	0	0
	Male	Multiracial	27	0	0
	Male	White	345	3	0
	Male	Other/Missing	27	0	0
Stanly County (840)	Female	American Indian	1	0	0
	Female	Asian	1	0	0
	Female	Black	285	0	0
	Female	Hispanic	9	0	0
	Female	Multiracial	9	0	0
	Female	White	239	0	0
	Male	American Indian	8	0	0
	Male	Asian	24	0	0
	Male	Black	671	3	1
	Male	Hispanic	75	0	0
	Male	Multiracial	69	0	0
	Male	White	1338	6	1
Stokes County (850)	Female	American Indian	1	0	0
	Female	Black	10	0	0
	Female	Hispanic	10	0	0
	Female	Multiracial	11	0	0
	Female	White	162	7	0
	Male	American Indian	2	0	0
	Male	Black	62	2	0
	Male	Hispanic	23	0	0
	Male	Multiracial	25	0	0
	Male	White	525	6	0
Surry County (860)	Female	Black	23	0	0

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LEA	Gender	Ethnicity	# Short-term suspensions 2007-08	# Long-term suspensions 2007-08	# Expulsions 2007-08
	Female	Hispanic	20	0	0
	Female	Multiracial	2	0	0
	Female	White	173	6	0
	Female	Other/Missing	1	0	0
	Male	American Indian	0	1	0
	Male	Asian	3	0	0
	Male	Black	52	1	0
	Male	Hispanic	85	2	0
	Male	Multiracial	17	0	0
	Male	White	724	18	0
Elkin City (861)	Female	Black	2	0	0
	Female	Hispanic	2	0	0
	Female	White	5	0	0
	Male	Asian	1	0	0
	Male	Black	9	0	0
	Male	Hispanic	8	0	0
	Male	Multiracial	1	0	0
	Male	White	39	1	0
Mount Airy City (862)	Female	Black	1	0	0
	Female	White	4	0	0
	Male	Black	13	0	0
	Male	Hispanic	4	0	1
	Male	White	29	0	1
Swain County (870)	Female	American Indian	24	0	0
	Female	White	23	0	0
	Male	American Indian	40	0	0
	Male	Black	1	0	0
	Male	Multiracial	3	0	0
	Male	White	87	0	0
Transylvania County (880)	Female	Black	17	0	0
	Female	Hispanic	1	0	0
	Female	Multiracial	11	0	0
	Female	White	70	2	0
	Male	American Indian	3	0	0
	Male	Asian	3	0	0
	Male	Black	32	1	0
	Male	Hispanic	4	0	0
	Male	Multiracial	23	0	0
	Male	White	272	8	0
Tyrrell County (890)	Female	Black	12	4	0
	Female	Hispanic	3	0	0
	Female	Multiracial	0	2	0
	Female	White	3	2	0
	Male	Black	55	4	0
	Male	Hispanic	3	1	0
	Male	Multiracial	1	2	0

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LEA	Gender	Ethnicity	# Short-term suspensions 2007-08	# Long-term suspensions 2007-08	# Expulsions 2007-08
Union County (900)	Male	White	23	2	0
	Female	American Indian	13	1	0
	Female	Asian	4	0	0
	Female	Black	793	9	0
	Female	Hispanic	170	3	0
	Female	White	518	15	0
	Female	Other/Missing	50	0	0
	Male	American Indian	22	0	0
	Male	Asian	15	0	0
	Male	Black	1997	31	0
	Male	Hispanic	511	19	0
	Male	White	2142	27	0
	Male	Other/Missing	139	4	0
Vance County (910)	Female	American Indian	2	0	0
	Female	Black	1112	8	0
	Female	Hispanic	41	1	0
	Female	White	111	1	0
	Female	Other/Missing	1	0	0
	Male	American Indian	1	0	0
	Male	Asian	1	0	0
	Male	Black	2407	23	1
	Male	Hispanic	138	1	0
	Male	White	361	3	0
	Male	Other/Missing	21	0	0
Wake County (920)	Female	American Indian	26	0	0
	Female	Asian	29	2	0
	Female	Black	4358	172	0
	Female	Hispanic	630	14	0
	Female	Multiracial	212	11	0
	Female	White	967	41	0
	Male	American Indian	45	3	0
	Male	Asian	176	3	0
	Male	Black	10167	626	1
	Male	Hispanic	1846	65	0
	Male	Multiracial	621	29	0
	Male	White	3630	137	0
Warren County (930)	Female	American Indian	5	0	0
	Female	Black	174	0	0
	Female	Hispanic	19	0	0
	Female	Multiracial	6	0	0
	Female	White	19	0	0
	Male	American Indian	15	0	0
	Male	Asian	2	0	0
	Male	Black	527	3	0
	Male	Hispanic	13	1	0
	Male	Multiracial	11	0	0

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LEA	Gender	Ethnicity	# Short-term suspensions 2007-08	# Long-term suspensions 2007-08	# Expulsions 2007-08
Washington County (940)	Male	White	43	0	0
	Female	Black	86	0	0
	Female	Hispanic	1	0	0
	Female	Multiracial	3	0	0
	Female	White	14	0	0
	Male	Black	144	2	0
	Male	Hispanic	3	0	0
	Male	Multiracial	2	0	0
Watauga County (950)	Male	White	42	0	0
	Female	Asian	1	0	0
	Female	Black	1	0	0
	Female	Hispanic	2	0	0
	Female	White	34	0	0
	Male	Hispanic	4	0	0
	Male	Multiracial	5	0	0
	Male	White	189	3	0
Wayne County (960)	Female	American Indian	1	0	0
	Female	Asian	2	0	0
	Female	Black	1515	6	0
	Female	Hispanic	85	0	0
	Female	White	401	2	0
	Female	Other/Missing	54	0	0
	Male	American Indian	4	0	0
	Male	Asian	11	0	0
	Male	Black	3512	30	0
	Male	Hispanic	360	2	0
	Male	White	1470	10	0
	Male	Other/Missing	128	0	0
Wilkes County (970)	Female	Black	13	1	0
	Female	Hispanic	9	0	0
	Female	Multiracial	5	0	0
	Female	White	151	9	0
	Female	Other/Missing	0	1	0
	Male	American Indian	2	0	0
	Male	Black	42	2	0
	Male	Hispanic	42	1	0
	Male	Multiracial	15	1	0
	Male	White	518	10	0
	Male	Other/Missing	0	4	0
	Missing	Other/Missing	6	0	0
Wilson County (980)	Female	American Indian	1	0	0
	Female	Black	1047	5	0
	Female	Hispanic	58	0	0
	Female	White	154	1	0
	Female	Other/Missing	14	0	0
	Male	American Indian	8	0	0

Table S2. Suspensions and Expulsions by LEA, Gender, and Race

LEA	Gender	Ethnicity	# Short-term suspensions 2007-08	# Long-term suspensions 2007-08	# Expulsions 2007-08
	Male	Asian	18	0	0
	Male	Black	2785	8	0
	Male	Hispanic	176	1	0
	Male	White	556	2	0
	Male	Other/Missing	34	0	0
Yadkin County (990)	Female	Black	4	0	0
	Female	Hispanic	10	0	0
	Female	White	34	0	0
	Male	American Indian	2	0	0
	Male	Black	7	0	0
	Male	Hispanic	36	0	0
	Male	Multiracial	2	0	0
	Male	White	197	3	0
Yancey County (995)	Female	Multiracial	1	0	0
	Female	White	22	0	0
	Male	Black	1	0	0
	Male	Hispanic	8	0	0
	Male	White	90	1	0
	Missing	Other/Missing	46	0	0

Table S3. Suspensions and Expulsions by Charter School, Gender, and Race.

LEA	Gender	Ethnicity	# Short-term suspensions 2007-08	# Long-term suspensions 2007-08	# Expulsions 2007-08
River Mill Academy (01B)	Female	Black	4	0	0
	Female	White	4	0	0
	Male	Hispanic	1	0	0
	Male	Multiracial	1	0	0
	Male	White	9	1	0
Clover Garden (01C)	Female	White	11	0	0
	Male	Black	2	0	0
	Male	Multiracial	3	0	0
	Male	White	32	1	0
	Male	Other/Missing	1	0	0
The Hawbridge School (01D)	Female	White	6	0	0
	Male	White	19	2	0
Crossnore Academy (06B)	Female	Multiracial	1	0	0
	Female	White	1	0	0
	Male	Black	1	0	0
	Male	White	7	0	0
Washington Montessori (07A)	Female	Black	5	0	0
	Female	Hispanic	2	0	0
	Female	White	8	0	0
	Male	Black	22	0	0
	Male	Hispanic	3	0	0
	Male	Multiracial	2	0	0
	Male	White	25	0	0
Charter Day School (10A)	Female	Black	2	0	0
	Female	Multiracial	1	0	0
	Female	White	5	0	0
	Male	American Indian	2	0	0
	Male	Black	6	0	0
	Male	Multiracial	2	0	0
	Male	White	13	0	0
	Male	Other/Missing	1	0	0
Evergreen Community Charter School (11A)	Female	White	3	0	0
	Male	Hispanic	3	0	0
	Male	White	27	0	0
ArtSpace Charter School (11B)	Female	Hispanic	1	0	0
	Female	White	1	0	0
	Male	Multiracial	1	0	0
	Male	White	7	0	0
	Male	Other/Missing	1	0	0
Francine Delany (11K)	Female	White	2	0	0
The New Dimensions School (12A)	Male	Black	2	0	0
	Male	Multiracial	1	0	0
Carolina International School (13A)	Male	Black	3	0	0
	Male	White	5	0	0
	Missing	Other/Missing	1	0	0

Table S3. Suspensions and Expulsions by Charter School, Gender, and Race.

LEA	Gender	Ethnicity	# Short-term suspensions 2007-08	# Long-term suspensions 2007-08	# Expulsions 2007-08
Cape Lookout Marine Science High School (16A)	Female	Black	3	0	0
	Female	White	5	0	0
	Female	Other/Missing	1	0	0
	Male	Black	7	0	1
	Male	Hispanic	1	0	1
	Male	Multiracial	6	0	0
	Male	White	29	0	4
Tiller School (16B)	Female	White	4	0	0
	Male	White	6	0	0
Chatham Charter School (19A)	Female	Hispanic	1	0	0
	Female	White	1	0	0
	Male	Black	7	0	0
	Male	White	1	0	0
The Woods Charter School (19B)	Female	White	4	0	0
	Male	Asian	1	0	0
	Male	White	15	0	1
Learning Center (20A)	Male	White	8	0	0
Alpha Academy (26B)	Male	Black	4	0	0
	Male	White	1	0	0
Maureen Joy Charter School (32A)	Female	Black	53	0	0
	Male	Black	49	0	0
Healthy Start Academy Charter Elementary School (32B)	Female	Black	10	0	0
	Male	Black	10	0	0
Carter Community School (32C)	Female	Black	3	0	0
	Male	Black	2	0	0
Kestrel Heights School (32D)	Female	Black	15	0	0
	Female	Multiracial	6	0	0
	Female	White	1	0	0
	Male	Black	24	1	0
	Male	Hispanic	4	0	0
	Male	Multiracial	10	0	0
	Male	White	3	0	0
Omuteko Gwamaziima (32G)	Female	Black	28	0	0
	Male	Black	17	0	0
Research Triangle Charter Academy (32H)	Female	Black	13	1	0
	Female	White	2	0	0
	Male	Asian	2	0	0
	Male	Black	47	1	0
	Male	Hispanic	0	1	0
	Male	White	1	0	0
Voyager Academy (32L)	Female	Multiracial	1	0	0
	Male	Black	5	0	0
	Male	Multiracial	4	0	0
	Male	White	12	0	0
Quality Education Academy (34B)	Female	Black	3	0	0
	Female	Hispanic	1	0	0

Table S3. Suspensions and Expulsions by Charter School, Gender, and Race.

LEA	Gender	Ethnicity	# Short-term suspensions 2007-08	# Long-term suspensions 2007-08	# Expulsions 2007-08
The Downtown Middle School (34C)	Male	Black	9	0	0
	Female	Black	70	0	0
	Female	Multiracial	2	0	0
	Male	Black	96	1	0
	Male	Hispanic	2	0	0
	Male	White	1	0	0
Carter G. Woodson (34D)	Male	Black	1	0	0
Forsyth Academies (34F)	Female	Black	31	0	0
	Female	Hispanic	2	0	0
	Female	Multiracial	3	0	0
	Female	White	8	0	0
	Male	Black	64	0	0
	Male	Hispanic	2	0	0
	Male	Multiracial	1	0	0
	Male	White	8	1	0
Arts Based Elementary (34G)	Female	White	2	0	0
	Male	White	1	0	0
Crosscreek Charter (35A)	Female	White	2	0	0
	Male	Black	11	1	0
	Male	White	10	1	0
Piedmont Community School (36B)	Female	Black	1	0	0
	Female	Hispanic	2	0	0
	Female	White	13	0	0
	Male	American Indian	1	0	0
	Male	Black	13	0	0
	Male	Hispanic	7	0	0
	Male	Multiracial	1	0	0
	Male	White	25	0	0
Greensboro Academy (41B)	Female	Black	4	0	0
	Female	White	1	0	0
	Male	Black	1	0	0
	Male	White	11	0	0
Guilford Prep Academy (41C)	Female	Black	3	0	0
	Female	Multiracial	1	0	0
	Male	Black	20	0	0
	Male	White	2	0	0
Phoenix Academy (41D)	Male	Black	2	0	0
American Renaissance School (49B)	Female	Black	3	0	0
	Female	Multiracial	1	0	0
	Female	White	7	0	0
	Male	Black	4	0	0
	Male	Multiracial	2	0	0
	Male	White	24	0	0
Neuse Charter School (51A)	Male	Black	4	0	0
Provisions Academy (53A)	Female	Black	21	5	0
	Female	White	3	0	0

Table S3. Suspensions and Expulsions by Charter School, Gender, and Race.

LEA	Gender	Ethnicity	# Short-term suspensions 2007-08	# Long-term suspensions 2007-08	# Expulsions 2007-08
	Male	Black	26	12	0
	Male	White	7	2	0
The Children's Village Academy (54A)	Female	Black	1	0	0
	Male	Black	13	0	0
Kinston Charter Academy (54B)	Female	Black	6	0	0
	Male	Black	14	1	0
	Male	Multiracial	1	0	0
	Male	White	1	0	0
Lincoln Charter School (55A)	Female	Black	2	0	0
	Female	White	38	0	1
	Male	Black	2	0	0
	Male	Multiracial	2	0	0
	Male	White	76	0	0
The Community Charter School (60A)	Female	Black	2	0	0
	Male	Black	10	0	0
	Male	White	3	0	0
Sugar Creek Charter School (60B)	Female	Black	62	0	0
	Female	Hispanic	1	0	0
	Female	Multiracial	1	0	0
	Male	Black	186	0	0
Kennedy School (60C)	Female	Black	4	0	0
	Male	Black	8	0	3
Lake Norman Charter School (60D)	Female	Black	9	0	0
	Female	White	11	0	0
	Male	Asian	1	0	0
	Male	Black	8	0	0
	Male	Hispanic	1	0	0
	Male	Multiracial	3	0	0
	Male	White	30	0	0
Metrolina Regional (60F)	Male	White	0	0	1
Queen's Grant Community Schools (60G)	Female	Black	3	0	0
	Female	White	8	0	0
	Male	Black	10	0	0
	Male	White	44	4	0
Crossroads Charter High (60H)	Female	Black	110	2	0
	Female	Hispanic	2	0	0
	Female	White	1	0	0
	Male	Asian	2	0	0
	Male	Black	107	7	0
	Male	Hispanic	1	0	0
Socrates Academy (60J)	Male	White	2	0	0
Charlotte Secondary School (60K)	Female	Black	1	0	0
	Male	White	1	0	0
KIPP: Charlotte (60L)	Male	Black	10	1	0
The Academy of Moore County (63A)	Female	Black	2	0	0
	Female	Other/Missing	7	0	0

Table S3. Suspensions and Expulsions by Charter School, Gender, and Race.

LEA	Gender	Ethnicity	# Short-term suspensions 2007-08	# Long-term suspensions 2007-08	# Expulsions 2007-08
	Male	Black	3	0	0
	Male	Other/Missing	5	0	0
Rocky Mount Preparatory School (64A)	Female	Black	9	0	0
	Female	White	5	0	0
	Male	Asian	1	0	0
	Male	Black	23	0	0
	Male	White	7	0	0
	Missing	Other/Missing	51	0	0
Cape Fear Center for Inquiry (65A)	Female	White	6	0	0
	Male	Black	12	0	0
	Male	Hispanic	1	0	0
	Male	Multiracial	2	0	0
	Male	White	11	0	0
	Missing	Other/Missing	1	0	0
Gaston College Preparatory (66A)	Female	Black	16	2	0
	Female	White	1	0	0
	Male	Black	20	2	0
	Male	Hispanic	1	0	0
	Missing	Other/Missing	2	0	0
PACE Academy (68N)	Female	Black	1	0	0
	Female	White	1	0	0
	Male	Black	1	1	0
	Male	White	4	1	0
	Missing	Other/Missing	19	5	0
Arapahoe Charter School (69A)	Male	White	7	0	0
CIS Academy (78A)	Female	American Indian	11	0	0
	Female	Black	4	0	0
	Male	American Indian	25	0	0
	Male	Black	3	0	0
Bethany Community (79A)	Male	White	12	2	0
Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy (81A)	Female	Black	2	0	0
	Female	Hispanic	1	0	0
	Female	White	17	0	0
	Male	Black	2	0	0
	Male	Multiracial	1	0	0
	Male	White	26	0	0
	Missing	Other/Missing	15	0	0
The Laurinburg Homework Center Charter School (83B)	Female	American Indian	3	0	0
	Female	Black	23	1	0
	Female	White	3	0	0
	Male	American Indian	6	0	0
	Male	Black	29	0	0
	Male	White	3	0	0
Gray Stone Day School (84B)	Female	Black	0	1	0
	Male	White	5	0	0
Millennium Charter	Female	White	1	0	0

Table S3. Suspensions and Expulsions by Charter School, Gender, and Race.

LEA	Gender	Ethnicity	# Short-term suspensions 2007-08	# Long-term suspensions 2007-08	# Expulsions 2007-08
Academy (86T)	Male	Black	7	0	0
	Male	White	7	0	0
Mountain Discovery (87A)	Male	White	2	0	0
Brevard Academy (88A)	Female	Black	1	0	0
	Female	White	1	0	0
	Male	Black	1	0	0
Union Academy (90A)	Female	Black	1	0	0
	Female	Hispanic	1	0	0
	Female	White	1	0	0
	Male	Hispanic	2	0	0
	Male	White	10	0	0
Vance Charter School (91A)	Female	White	5	0	0
	Male	Multiracial	1	0	0
	Male	White	13	0	0
The Franklin Academy (92F)	Female	Black	1	0	0
	Female	White	16	0	0
	Male	Black	2	0	0
	Male	Multiracial	1	0	0
	Male	White	51	0	0
East Wake Academy (92G)	Female	Black	1	0	0
	Female	White	1	0	0
	Male	Black	11	0	0
	Male	Hispanic	2	0	0
	Male	White	16	0	0
SPARC Academy (92I)	Female	Black	3	0	0
	Male	Black	9	0	0
Raleigh Charter High School (92K)	Female	Asian	1	0	0
	Female	Black	3	0	0
	Female	White	10	0	0
	Female	Other/Missing	2	0	0
	Male	Black	1	0	0
	Male	White	14	0	0
Torchlight Academy (92L)	Female	Black	7	0	0
	Male	Black	15	0	0
	Male	Hispanic	1	0	0
	Male	Multiracial	1	0	0
PreEminent Charter School (92M)	Female	Black	53	1	0
	Female	Hispanic	1	0	0
	Male	Black	78	2	0
Hope Elementary School (92Q)	Female	Black	28	0	0
	Male	Black	46	0	0
Casa Esperanza Montessori (92R)	Male	Black	3	0	0
	Male	Hispanic	2	0	0
	Male	Multiracial	3	0	0
	Male	White	1	0	0
Haliwa-Saponi Tribal (93A)	Female	American Indian	12	0	0

Table S3. Suspensions and Expulsions by Charter School, Gender, and Race.

LEA	Gender	Ethnicity	# Short-term suspensions 2007-08	# Long-term suspensions 2007-08	# Expulsions 2007-08
	Female	Black	3	0	0
	Female	White	1	0	0
	Male	American Indian	30	0	0
	Male	Black	1	0	0
	Missing	Other/Missing	46	0	0
Two Rivers Community School (95A)	Male	White	1	0	0
	Male	Other/Missing	5	0	0
Dillard Academy (96C)	Female	Black	19	0	0
	Male	Black	54	0	0
	Male	Hispanic	1	0	0
Bridges (97D)	Male	White	3	0	0
	Male	Other/Missing	1	0	0
Sallie B. Howard School (98A)	Female	Black	23	1	0
	Female	Hispanic	3	0	0
	Female	White	1	0	0
	Male	Black	44	4	0
	Male	Hispanic	9	1	0
	Male	Multiracial	1	1	0

Table S4. Grades 9-12 Short-Term Suspensions and Suspension Rates.

LEA #	LEA Name	# Short-Term Suspensions	Short-Term Suspension Rate (per 100 Students)
10	ALAMANCE-BURLINGTON	1795	27.4
20	ALEXANDER COUNTY	240	15.3
30	ALLEGHANY COUNTY	125	25.4
40	ANSON COUNTY	747	62.0
50	ASHE COUNTY	163	17.4
60	AVERY COUNTY	66	10.0
70	BEAUFORT COUNTY	1215	58.3
80	BERTIE COUNTY	311	34.9
90	BLADEN COUNTY	416	26.9
100	BRUNSWICK COUNTY	2064	59.7
110	BUNCOMBE COUNTY	2150	28.3
111	ASHEVILLE CITY	559	48.7
120	BURKE COUNTY	855	20.1
130	CABARRUS COUNTY	1907	25.2
132	KANNAPOLIS CITY	455	37.3
140	CALDWELL COUNTY	673	17.7
150	CAMDEN COUNTY	92	16.2
160	CARTERET COUNTY	971	37.8
170	CASWELL COUNTY	320	33.1
180	CATAWBA COUNTY	1076	20.1
181	HICKORY CITY	260	20.3
182	NEWTON-CONOVER	197	22.7
190	CHATHAM COUNTY	383	17.6
200	CHEROKEE COUNTY	79	7.0
210	EDENTON/CHOWAN	152	21.0
220	CLAY COUNTY	4	1.0
230	CLEVELAND COUNTY	2183	43.5
240	COLUMBUS COUNTY	448	23.1
241	WHITEVILLE CITY	175	23.8
250	CRAVEN COUNTY	2582	62.0
260	CUMBERLAND COUNTY	5388	34.1
270	CURRITUCK COUNTY	468	37.5
280	DARE COUNTY	174	11.4
290	DAVIDSON COUNTY	1977	32.9
291	LEXINGTON CITY	318	41.1
292	THOMASVILLE CITY	529	73.6
300	DAVIE COUNTY	221	11.8
310	DUPLIN COUNTY	1620	69.3
320	DURHAM COUNTY	3532	37.2
330	EDGECOMBE COUNTY	1534	68.9
340	FORSYTH COUNTY	8513	57.0
350	FRANKLIN COUNTY	1073	45.1
360	GASTON COUNTY	4112	42.3
370	GATES COUNTY	179	29.2
380	GRAHAM COUNTY	26	8.1
390	GRANVILLE COUNTY	892	33.2

Table S4. Grades 9-12 Short-Term Suspensions and Suspension Rates.

LEA #	LEA Name	# Short-Term Suspensions	Short-Term Suspension Rate (per 100 Students)
400	GREENE COUNTY	674	75.3
410	GUILFORD COUNTY	6139	28.5
420	HALIFAX COUNTY	1069	75.1
421	ROANOKE RAPIDS CITY	315	36.8
422	WELDON CITY	359	106.8
430	HARNETT COUNTY	1556	30.2
440	HAYWOOD COUNTY	434	18.9
450	HENDERSON COUNTY	454	12.3
460	HERTFORD COUNTY	958	92.5
470	HOKE COUNTY	947	55.2
480	HYDE COUNTY	31	14.9
490	IREDELL-STATESVILLE	1856	29.2
491	MOORESVILLE CITY	289	18.1
500	JACKSON COUNTY	188	18.2
510	JOHNSTON COUNTY	2624	33.5
520	JONES COUNTY	55	14.6
530	LEE COUNTY	805	29.6
540	LENOIR COUNTY	1587	52.7
550	LINCOLN COUNTY	1123	30.1
560	MACON COUNTY	684	54.4
570	MADISON COUNTY	185	25.6
580	MARTIN COUNTY	471	43.1
590	MCDOWELL COUNTY	470	25.7
600	MECKLENBURG COUNTY	13206	36.9
610	MITCHELL COUNTY	120	18.5
620	MONTGOMERY COUNTY	528	41.2
630	MOORE COUNTY	1017	26.9
640	NASH-ROCKY MOUNT	2134	41.2
650	NEW HANOVER COUNTY	2083	29.2
660	NORTHAMPTON COUNTY	541	66.6
670	ONSLOW COUNTY	1074	16.6
680	ORANGE COUNTY	603	28.3
681	CHAPEL HILL-CARRBORO	227	6.3
690	PAMLICO COUNTY	461	80.5
700	PASQUOTANK COUNTY	726	40.0
710	PENDER COUNTY	659	27.8
720	PERQUIMANS COUNTY	244	46.4
730	PERSON COUNTY	382	22.8
740	PITT COUNTY	4198	62.8
750	POLK COUNTY	20	2.7
760	RANDOLPH COUNTY	534	10.1
761	ASHEBORO CITY	168	13.4
770	RICHMOND COUNTY	243	11.1
780	ROBESON COUNTY	5231	79.9
790	ROCKINGHAM COUNTY	1804	43.0
800	ROWAN-SALISBURY	2583	41.4
810	RUTHERFORD COUNTY	864	29.5

Table S4. Grades 9-12 Short-Term Suspensions and Suspension Rates.

LEA #	LEA Name	# Short-Term Suspensions	Short-Term Suspension Rate (per 100 Students)
820	SAMPSON COUNTY	768	34.8
821	CLINTON CITY	96	12.1
830	SCOTLAND COUNTY	1116	59.0
840	STANLY COUNTY	1430	50.0
850	STOKES COUNTY	377	17.2
860	SURRY COUNTY	691	27.1
861	ELKIN CITY	30	7.7
862	MOUNT AIRY CITY	7	1.3
870	SWAIN COUNTY	112	19.3
880	TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY	245	20.5
890	TYRRELL COUNTY	66	38.8
900	UNION COUNTY	2800	28.9
910	VANCE COUNTY	667	28.8
920	WAKE COUNTY	11294	30.4
930	WARREN COUNTY	330	36.8
940	WASHINGTON COUNTY	110	17.2
950	WATAUGA COUNTY	172	12.2
960	WAYNE COUNTY	3030	54.7
970	WILKES COUNTY	336	12.0
980	WILSON COUNTY	1790	52.4
990	YADKIN COUNTY	100	5.5
995	YANCEY COUNTY	13	1.7
	State, Grades 9-12		34.56

Alternative Learning Program Placements

2007-08



Alternative Learning Program Placements

Introduction

This report delivers disaggregated data on Alternative Learning Program and Alternative School enrollments per G.S. 115C-12(27).

Alternative Learning Programs

Alternative learning programs (ALPs) operate with a range of missions and primary target populations. In addition to students who are enrolled because of academic, attendance, and life problems (pregnancy, parenting, work), some ALPs also enroll students with mild, moderate, or severe discipline problems, including suspended or expelled students, on a case-by-case basis. Some ALPs are programs within a regular school and some are actual schools. Usually, both alternative schools and alternative programs serve students from other regular schools in the school district.

Suspended and expelled students in North Carolina are sometimes placed in ALPs on a case-by-case basis, based on processes and procedures developed by each of the 115 LEAs and the nearly 100 charter schools.

The State Board of Education, as required by GS 115C-12(24) amended by HB 168 of the 1999 Session of the General Assembly, adopted a definition of what constitutes an alternative school or program. Basic differences between an alternative school and an alternative program usually have to do with size, management, and accountability. The following definition is described in SBE policy HSP-Q-001, in the broader policy having to do with school dropouts:

Alternative Learning Programs - Alternative Learning Programs are defined as services for students at risk of truancy, academic failure, behavior problems, and/or dropping out of school. These services should be designed to better meet the needs of students who have not been successful in the regular public school setting. Alternative learning programs serve students at any level who:

- *are suspended and/or expelled,*
- *are at risk of participation in juvenile crime,*
- *have dropped out and desire to return to school,*
- *have a history of truancy,*
- *are returning from juvenile justice settings or psychiatric hospitals, or*
- *have learning styles that are better served in an alternative setting.*

Alternative learning programs provide individualized programs outside of a standard classroom setting in a caring atmosphere in which students learn the skills necessary to redirect their lives. An alternative learning program must:

- *provide the primary instruction for selected at-risk students,*
- *enroll students for a designated period of time, usually a minimum of one academic grading period,*
- *offer course credit or grade-level promotion credit in core academic areas, and*
- *provide transition support to and from/between the school of origin and alternative learning program.*

Alternative learning programs may also:

- *address behavioral or emotional problems that interfere with adjustment to or benefiting from the regular education classroom,*
- *provide smaller classes and/or student/teacher ratios,*
- *provide instruction beyond regular school hours,*
- *provide flexible scheduling, and/or*
- *assist students in meeting graduation requirements other than course credits.*

Alternative learning programs for at-risk students typically serve students in an alternative school or alternative program within the regular school.

An alternative school is one option for an alternative learning program. It serves at-risk students and has an organizational designation based on the NCDPI assignment of an official school code. An alternative school is different from a regular public school and provides choices of routes to completion of school. For the majority of students, the goal is to return to the regular public school. Alternative schools may vary from other schools in such areas as teaching methods, hours, curriculum, or sites, and they are intended to meet particular learning needs.

More information about alternative schools and the kinds of alternative learning programs aimed at addressing the needs of students is available on the NCDPI website: www.ncpublicschools.org/alp/.

General Findings

Alternative schools and programs (ALPs) reported 15,769 student placements in 2007-08, a decrease of 4.3% from 2006-07. There were 14,414 individual students placed in ALPs over the course of the 2007-08 school year.

Males were placed in ALPs at higher rates than females, and black students were placed at higher rates than other ethnic groups. The grade level most frequently placed was ninth.

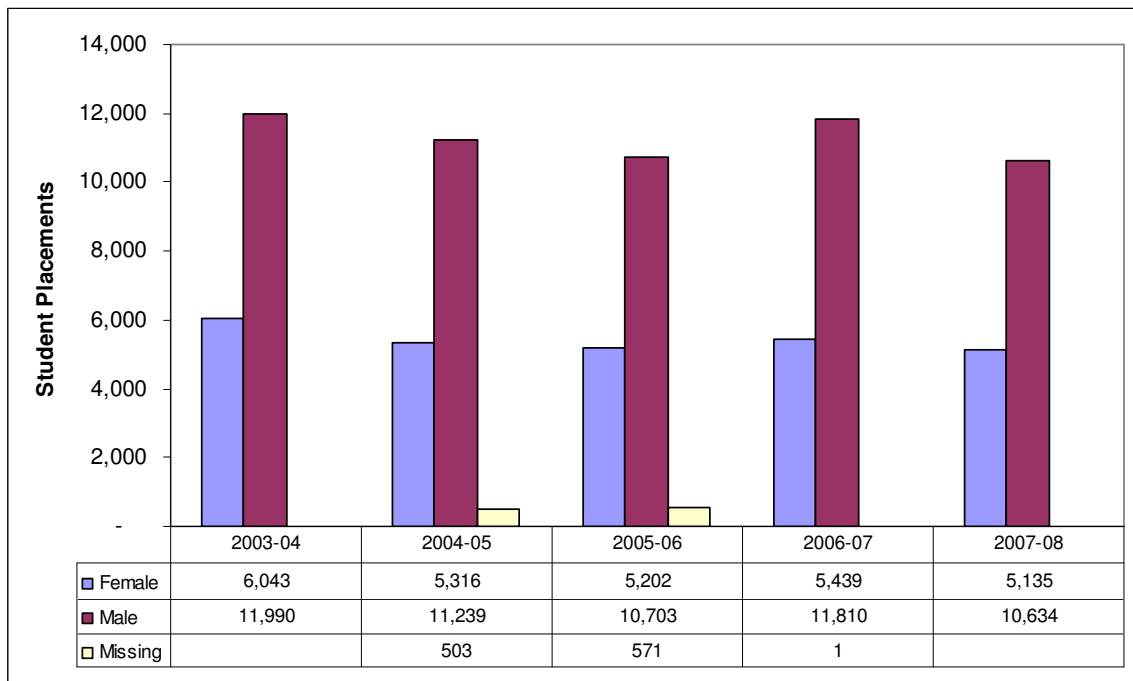


Figure A1. ALP Placements by Gender.

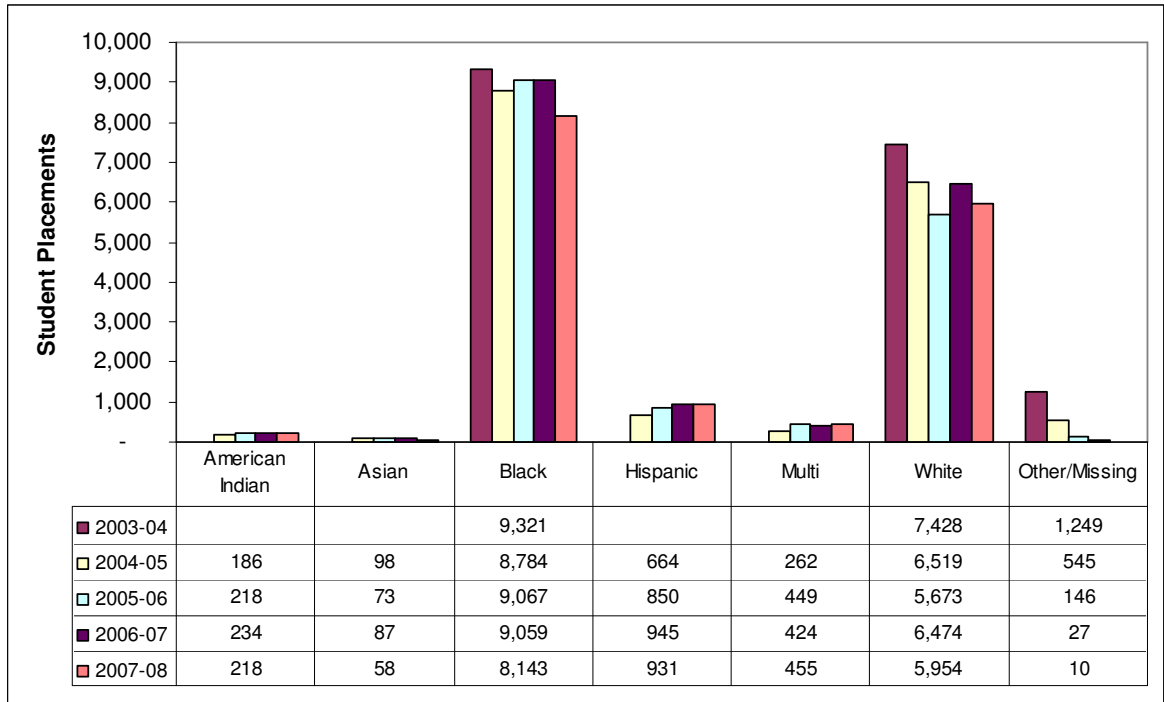


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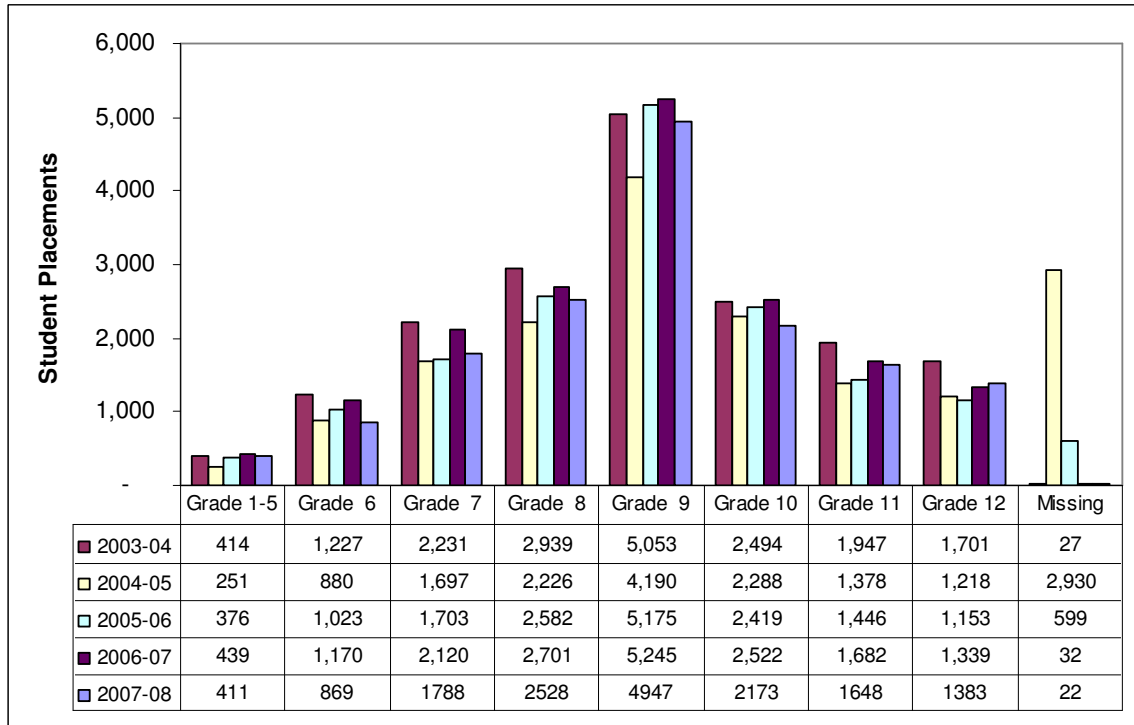


Figure A3. ALP Placements by Grade Level.

Dropout Rates and Counts

2007-08



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.

The Program Monitoring and Support Division in the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction collected and compiled dropout 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 grades 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 Iredell-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 grades 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.

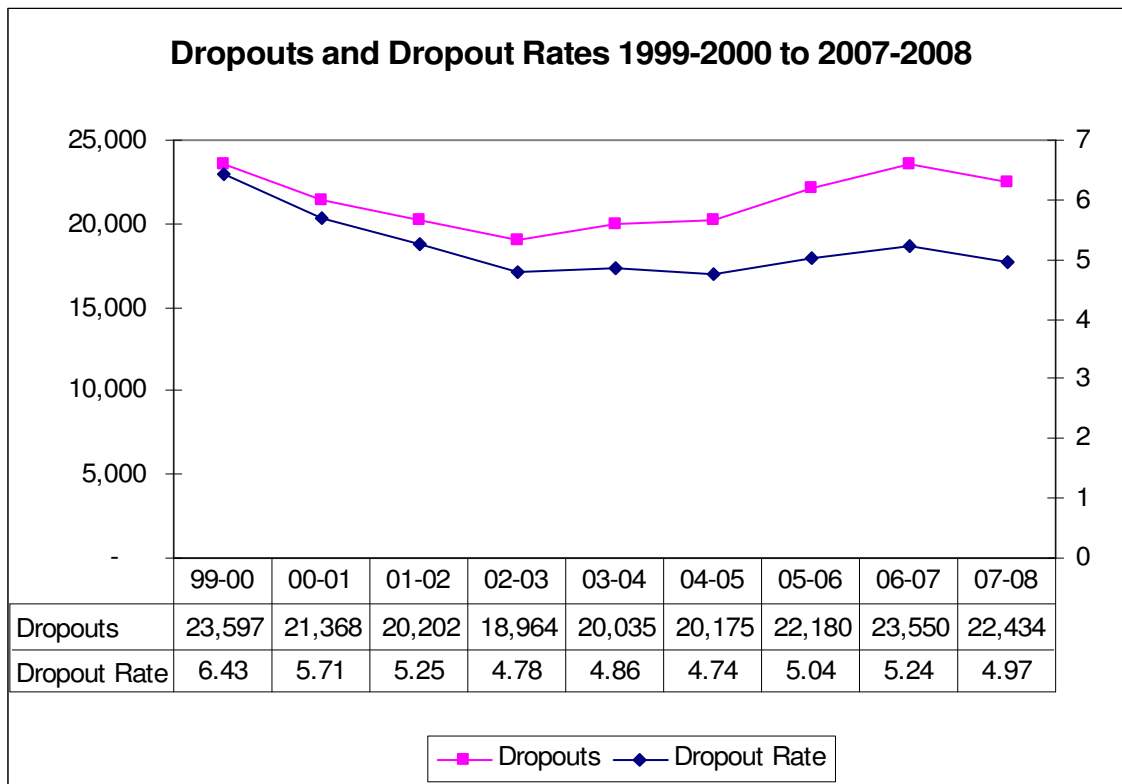


Figure 1. Grades 9-12 dropouts and dropout rates from 1999-2000 to 2007-08.

The dropout rate is calculated as follows:

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

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.

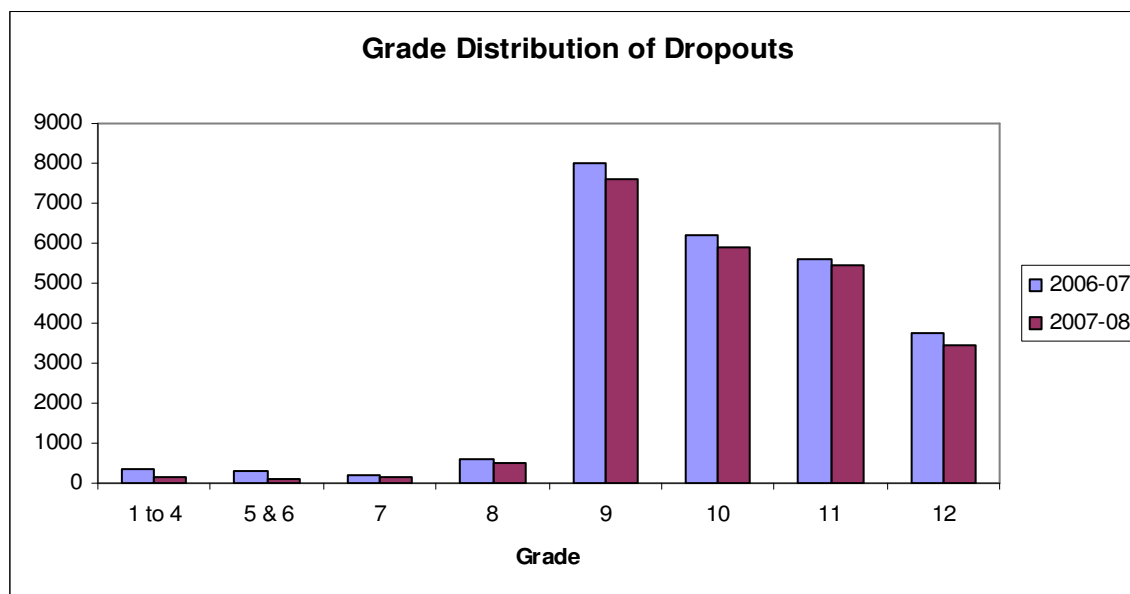


Figure 2. Frequency distribution of 2006-07 and 2007-08 dropouts by grade.

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.

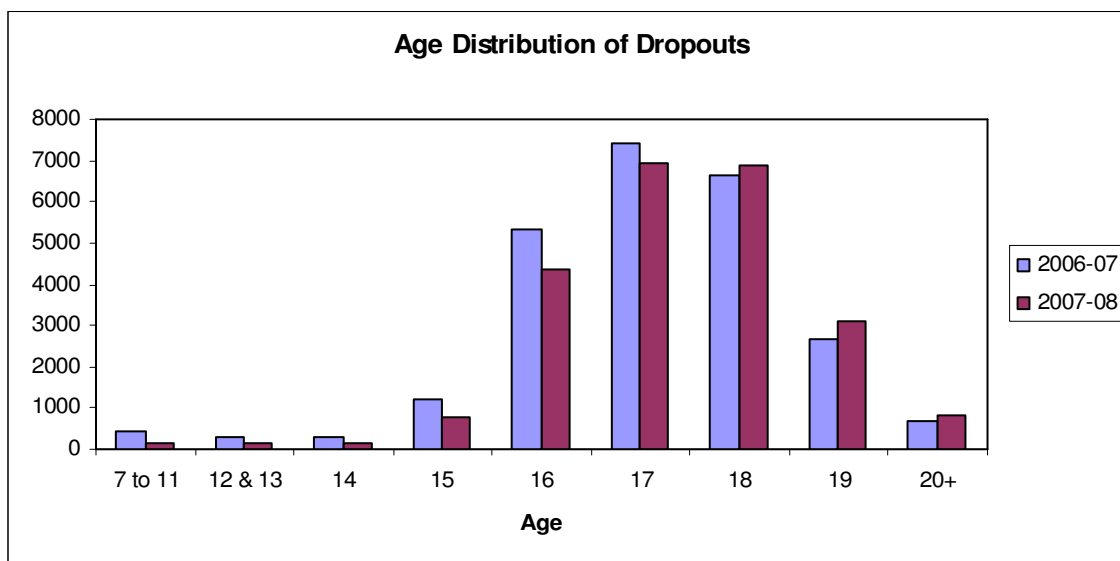


Figure 3. Frequency distribution of 2006-07 and 2007-08 dropouts by age.

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. Grades 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 grades 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 grades 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.

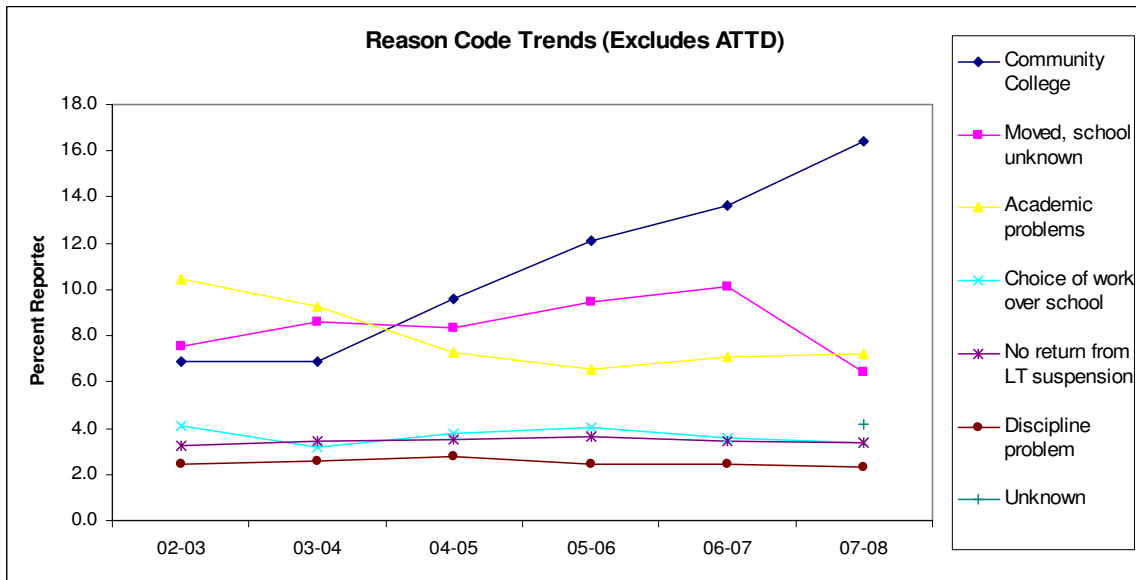


Figure 4. Proportions of grades 9-12 dropout reason codes reported.

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 grades 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 grades 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 grades 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 %.

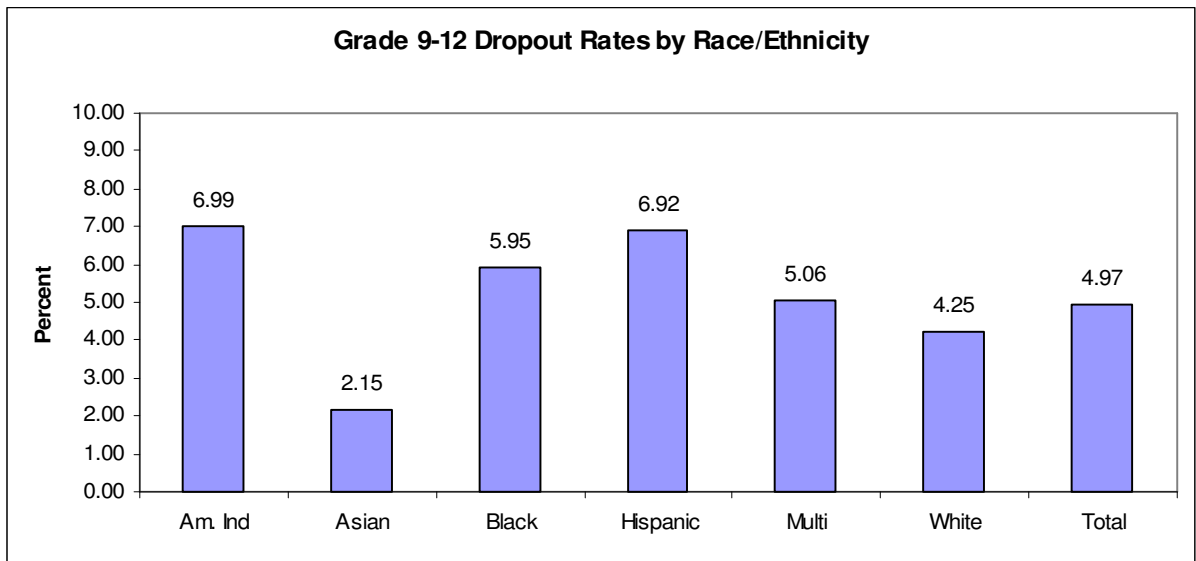


Figure 5. 2007-2008 grades 9-12 dropout rates by ethnicity.

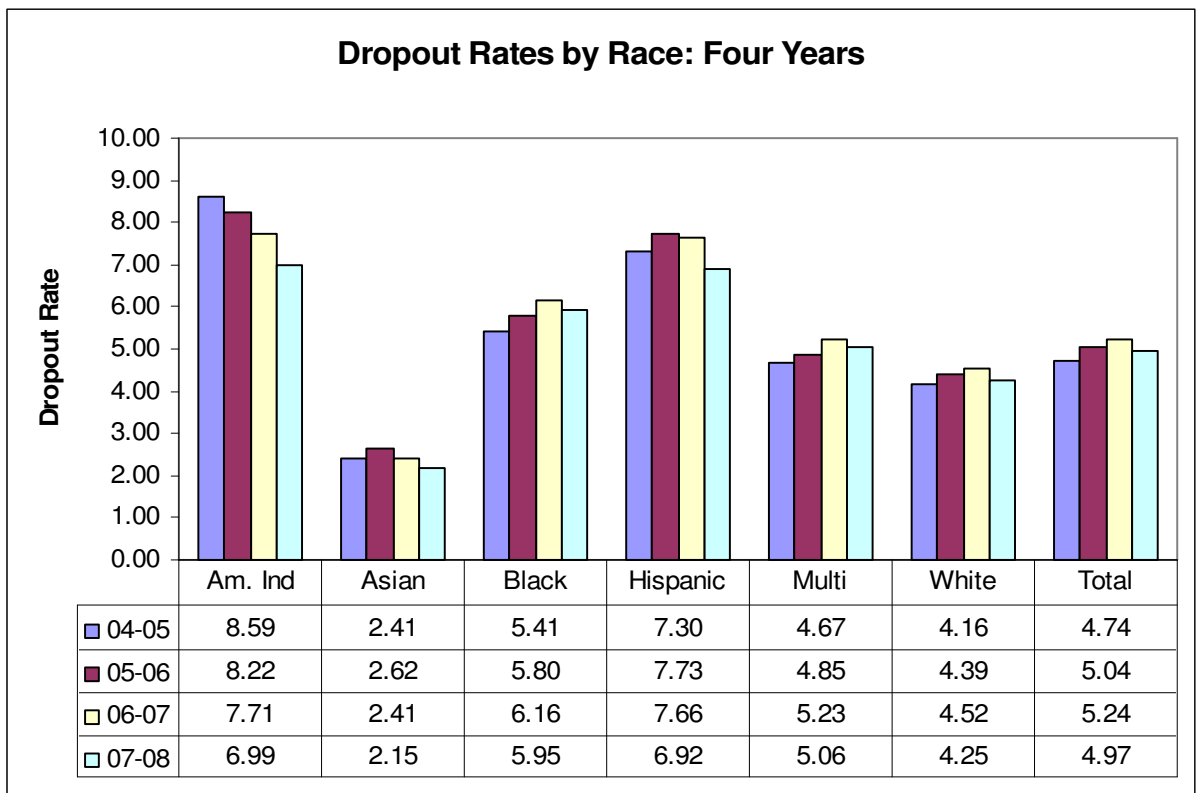


Figure 6. Grades 9-12 dropout rates among ethnic groups, 2004-05 to 2007-08.

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 grades 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 %).

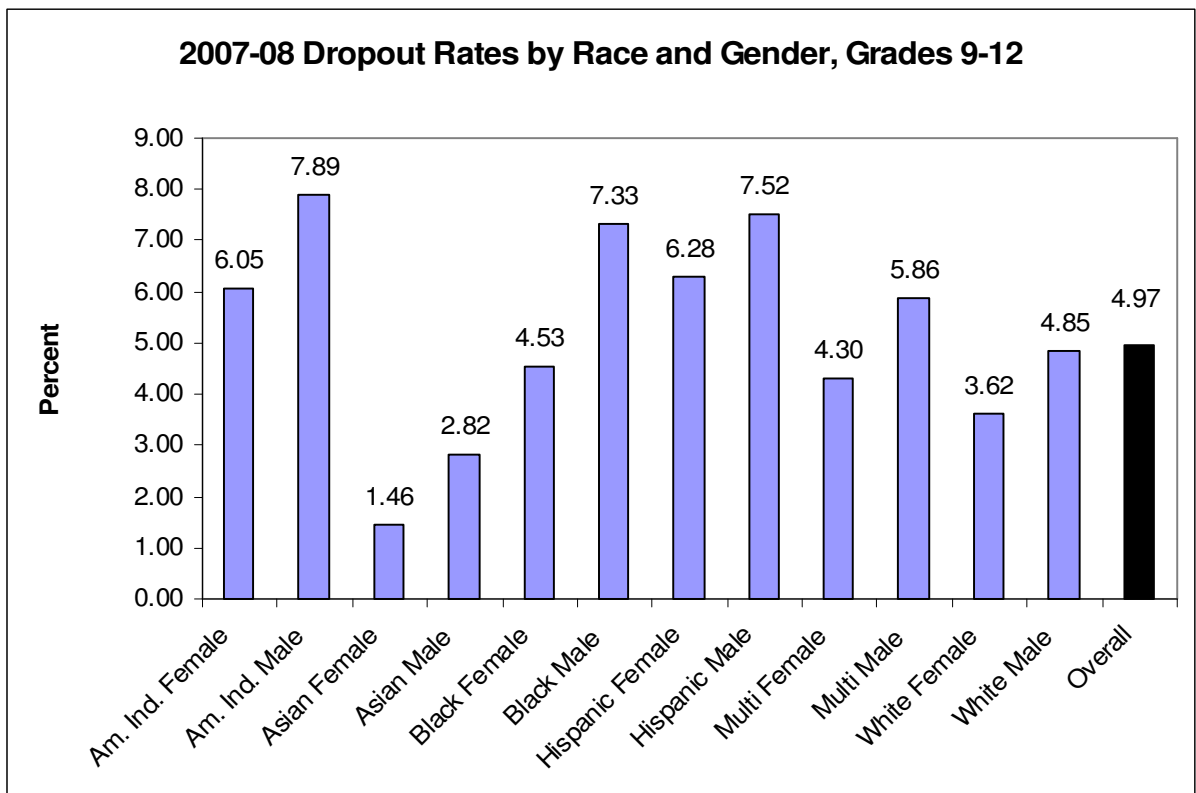


Figure 7. Grades 9-12 dropout rates among ethnic/gender groups for 2007-08.

Figure 8 shows the changes in grades 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 %).

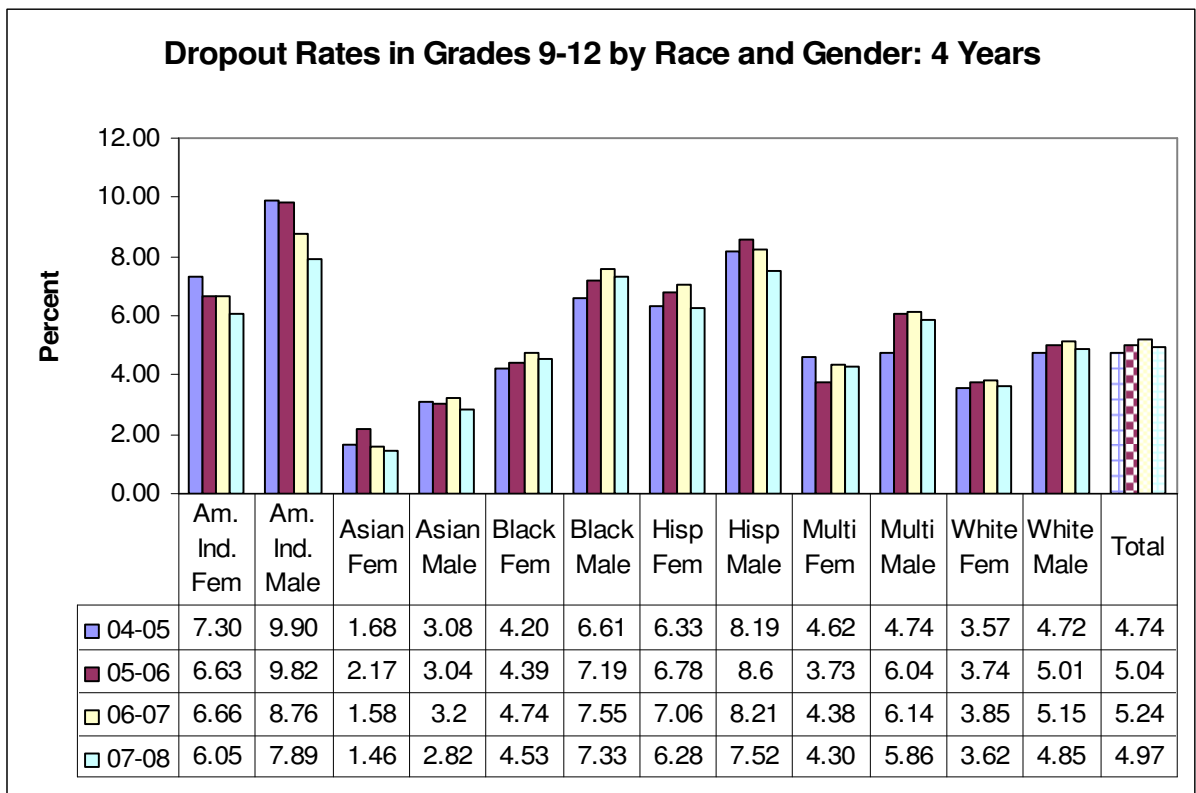


Figure 8. Grades 9-12 dropout rates for ethnic/gender groups, 2004-05 to 2007-08.

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 %).

Dropout Report Appendix – LEA Dropout Data

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

Table 6 shows grades 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 grades 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

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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

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
45A	The Mountain Community Sch	0	0		0.00	0.00
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

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
65A	Cape Fear Center For Inquiry	0	0		0.00	0.00
65B	Wilmington Preparatory Academy	na	0		na	0.00
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

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LEA #	LEA or Charter School	Count			Rate	
		2006-07	2007-08	% Change	2006-07	2007-08
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
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	5.24	4.97

Table 6. Grades 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
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	145	5.21	97	3.48	127	4.46	140	4.93	108	3.86

Table 6. Grades 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
	Schools										
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	0	0.00	na	na	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00

Table 6. Grades 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
	Charter										
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

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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
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
490	Iredell-Statesville Schools	273	4.67	260	4.29	257	4.00	307	4.52	242	3.52
491	Mooresville 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

Table 6. Grades 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
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
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	341	6.27	313	5.57	342	5.89	379	6.41	346	5.95

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LEA #	LEA or Charter School	2003-04		2004-05		2005-06		2006-07		2007-08	
		#	Rate	#	Rate	#	Rate	#	Rate	#	Rate
	Schools										
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
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

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LEA #	LEA or Charter School	2003-04		2004-05		2005-06		2006-07		2007-08	
		#	Rate	#	Rate	#	Rate	#	Rate	#	Rate
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
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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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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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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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

Table 7. 2007-2008 Grades 9-12 Dropout Events by LEA, Gender and Ethnicity.

LEA #	LEA or Charter School	All	Male	Female	White	Black	Am. Indian	Hispanic	Asian	Other
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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LEA #	LEA or Charter School	All	Male	Female	White	Black	Am. Indian	Hispanic	Asian	Other
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

Appendices

Appendix I

General Statutes

The following General Statutes are relevant to the reporting of dropout, crime, discipline, and alternative program enrollments.

Chapter 115C. Elementary and Secondary Education.

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

The general supervision and administration of the free public school system shall be vested in the State Board of Education. The State Board of Education shall establish policy for the system of free public schools, subject to laws enacted by the General Assembly. The powers and duties of the State Board of Education are defined as follows:

(21) **Duty to Monitor Acts of School Violence.** – The State Board of Education shall monitor and compile an annual report on acts of violence in the public schools. The State Board shall adopt standard definitions for acts of school violence and shall require local boards of education to report them to the State Board in a standard format adopted by the State Board.

(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.

Appendix II

SBE Policies

Policy Identification

Priority: Healthy Students in Safe, Orderly & Caring Schools

Category: Safe Schools Program Guidelines

Policy ID Number: SS-A-006

Policy Title: Policy defining persistently dangerous schools

Current Policy Date: 06/06/2002

Other Historical Information:

Statutory Reference: 20 USCS 7912 (2002)

Administrative Procedures Act (APA) Reference Number and Category:

(This policy addresses Certification of Compliance with Unsafe School Choice Option Requirements as required in the Consolidated Plan for No Child Left Behind.)

1. The following definitions apply to this policy.
 - a. Violent criminal offenses are the following crimes as reported in the *"Report on School Crime and Violence"*:
 - Homicide
 - Assault Resulting in Serious Bodily Injury
 - Assault Involving Use of a Weapon
 - Rape
 - Sexual Offense
 - Sexual Assault
 - Kidnapping
 - Robbery with a Dangerous Weapon
 - Robbery
 - Taking Indecent Liberties with a Minor
 - b. A persistently dangerous school is a public elementary, middle or secondary school or a charter school in which a total of five or more violent criminal offenses were committed per 1000 students (0.5 or more per 100 students) during each of the two most recent school years and in which the conditions that contributed to the commission of those offenses are likely to continue into another school year.
2. Along with the annual Report on School Crime and Violence, the Superintendent for each LEA shall write and inform the State Board of Education of:
 - a. All the public schools within that LEA that have reported a total of five or more violent criminal offenses were committed per 1000 students (0.5 or more per 100 students) during the most recent school year; and
 - b. All the public schools within that LEA that have reported a total of five or more violent criminal offenses were committed per 1000 students (0.5 or more per 100 students) during each of the two most recent school years.

3. No later than June 30 of any year, the chairman of the board of directors of the nonprofit corporation that holds the charter for a charter school shall notify the State Board of Education:
 - a. Whether five or more violent criminal offenses were committed per 1000 students (0.5 or more per 100 students) in a charter school during the most recent school year; and
 - b. Whether five or more violent criminal offenses were committed per 1000 students (0.5 or more per 100 students) in a charter school during each of the two most recent school years.
4. Whenever the State Board of Education has information that five or more violent criminal offenses were committed per 1000 students (0.5 or more per 100 students) in a public elementary, middle or secondary school or a charter school during each of the two most recent school years, the State Board of Education shall provide the local board of education or the nonprofit corporation that holds the charter for the school the opportunity to report on conditions in the school and any plans it may have to eliminate the conditions that contributed to the commission of the violent criminal offenses.
5. After consideration of that report and consultation with a representative sample of local educational agencies or charter schools, the State Board of Education shall determine whether the school is a persistently dangerous school, whether the school should be placed on probation, or whether no additional interventions are necessary to protect students from violent crimes.
6. During the probationary year, the school shall implement additional strategies to protect students from violent criminal offenses and incorporate them into the Safe Schools Plan.
7. If at any time during the probationary year, the State Board of Education determines that conditions that contributed to the commission of the violent criminal offenses in the school have not been eliminated, then the State Board of Education may determine that the school is a persistently dangerous school.
8. Once the State Board has determined that a school is a persistently dangerous school, the school shall retain that designation for at least one full school year.
9. Students assigned to a school which the State Board of Education has determined to be persistently dangerous shall be allowed to attend another school in the LEA which is not designated a persistently dangerous school, provided there is such a school in the LEA which offers instruction at the student's grade level.
10. Any student who is the victim of a violent criminal offense committed against him or her while he or she was in or on the grounds of a public elementary, middle or secondary school or charter school that he or she attends shall be allowed to attend another school in the LEA, provided there is such a school in the LEA which offers instruction at the student's grade level and provided the student's choice shall not be limited to persistently dangerous schools.

11. Local school systems shall establish a process for assuring any student who has the right to transfer from a school under this policy is allowed to transfer to a school in the LEA which is not persistently dangerous. The process must be included in the system's Safe School Plan.
12. The LEA shall report each student transfer effected pursuant to this policy to the State Board of Education in its "Report on School Crime and Violence."
13. Nothing in this policy shall be construed to grant any student the right to attend a charter school, grant any student a preference in admission to a charter school or limit a student's right to transfer from a charter school.

Appendix III

Reportable Offenses

1. Assault Resulting in Serious Injury. An intentional physical attack causing the victim obvious severe or aggravated bodily injury involving (a) broken bones, loss of teeth, possible internal injuries; severe lacerations and bleeding; or loss of consciousness; and/or (b) requiring emergency medical services by trained school personnel or other health professionals (e.g. EMS) and/or hospitalization. If the offender used a weapon in an assault resulting in serious injury, report both Assault Resulting in Serious Injury and Assault Involving Use of a Weapon. Fights or affrays, where no weapon was used, resulting in no apparent or serious injuries are not required by state law to be reported, even if the incident resulted in suspensions or expulsion for the student. Local School Board policy may require reporting of fights or affrays to law enforcement. (State law G.S. 115C-391 requires that local boards of education remove to an alternative educational setting any student who is at least 13 and who physically assaults and seriously injures a teacher or other school personnel. If no appropriate alternative education setting is available, then the board shall suspend for no less than 300 days but no more than 365 days any student who is at least 13 and who physically assaults and seriously injures a teacher or other school personnel.)

2. Assault Involving Use of a Weapon. An assault by one person against another where the attacker either uses a weapon or displays a weapon in a threatening manner. Weapon is defined as: Any firearm or explosive device; force-impacting device; knife or sharp-edged or sharp-pointed utensil, device or tool; or any article, instrument or substance which can or is likely to produce death or great bodily harm. If a firearm or other weapon is used in the commission of any offense, the type of weapon must be identified in the WEAPON field of the USDDC.

3. Assault on School Personnel. An assault is an intentional physical attack by one person on another. An assault is either the actual intentional striking of another person, or an attempt to physically strike another by an intentional show of force or menace of violence sufficient to put a reasonable person in fear of immediate physical injury. This offense includes assaults on school personnel that do not involve use of a weapon and do not result in apparent serious injury. If apparent serious injury to school personnel results from the assault, report as Assault Resulting in Serious Injury. If the assault involves use of a weapon, report as Assault Involving Use of a Weapon. Victims included in this category are school administrators, education professionals (e.g. teachers), classified staff members (e.g. custodial, clerical), and adult volunteers. Acts which would not be reported are things such as unintentional pushing and jostling, as in a crowd; a school staff member who is accidentally struck while attempting to break up a fight or affray; or a volunteer who is knocked down by a student carelessly rushing through a door. Verbal threats to physically attack are not included unless they are accompanied by an act that is an intentional show of force or menace of violence sufficient to put a reasonable person in fear of immediate physical injury.

4. Bomb Threat⁴ (See G.S. 14-69.1 and 14-69.2). Making or communicating a false bomb threat in any form, including a computer message; or perpetrating a bomb threat hoax by bringing a fake explosive device, whether openly or concealed, onto school property or to

school-sponsored events (both are considered Class H felonies by G.S. 14-69.1 and G.S. 14-69.2).

5. Burning of a School Building (See G.S. 14-60). Any person who maliciously and willfully sets fire to, burns or causes to be burned (i.e. aids, directs or procures the burning of) any school building owned, leased or used by the public schools (considered a Class F felony by G.S. 14-60).

6. Death By Other Than Natural Causes. The killing of a living person, done either by another or by suicide. Acts to be reported under this category include murder, manslaughter, death by vehicle, killing in self-defense, killing done by an insane person, accidental killing and suicide. Killing is to be reported if either the death or the act causing it occurred on school property, and regardless of whether the victim is associated with the school. Examples of incidents to be reported are the accidental death of a child in a school bus accident, or a victim on school property shot by someone located on or off school property.

7. Kidnapping. Confining, restraining or removing from one place to another a person, without his/her or the victim's or a minor victim's parents' consent, for the purpose of committing a felony; or holding a victim as hostage or for ransom, or for use as a shield. A parent taking a child in violation of a court order, although it may be a crime, is not kidnapping for this purpose.

8. Possession of Alcoholic Beverage⁵ (See G.S. 18B-300 to 302). Any underage person who purchases, provides or sells to another, possesses or has in his/her immediate custody or control, or consumes malt beverages, fortified or unfortified wine, or spirituous liquor, in any amount or form, on school property owned or leased by the local board of education, or at school-sponsored events (comparable to a misdemeanor violation by G.S. 18B-102 and G.S. 18B-300, 301 and 302).

9. Possession of Controlled Substance in Violation of Law. Possession of narcotic drugs on or in the immediate control of the person. Narcotic drugs include any form of cocaine, marijuana, heroin, LSD, methamphetamine, and all drugs listed in the North Carolina Controlled Substances Act. Possession of any amount in any form must be reported. Unauthorized possession of a prescription drug (e.g., Ritalin) is included in this category. The principal should confer with law enforcement personnel when in doubt as to whether a drug is a controlled substance. Alcohol possession should be reported as Possession of Alcoholic Beverage.

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10. Possession of a Firearm or Powerful Explosive.⁶ Any unauthorized person possessing on their person or within their custody or control, or storing, or carrying, whether openly or concealed, locked or unlocked, any firearm or powerful explosive, whether operable or inoperable, on school property; or bringing such a device onto school property. Persons authorized to carry weapons on school property are law enforcement officers, firefighters, and emergency service personnel *when discharging their official duties* (State law G.S. 115C-391 requires that local boards of education suspend for 365 days any student who brings a “weapon” onto school property. Weapons are defined as any gun, rifle, pistol, or other firearm of any kind, or any dynamite cartridge, bomb, grenade, mine or other powerful explosive, as defined in G.S. 14-284.1; and this does not apply to fireworks. Superintendents may modify the suspension on a case-by-case basis, but a written explanation for the decision must be included with the school’s Annual Report on School Crime and Violence). The type of any firearm(s) that is/are involved must be identified in the WEAPON field of the USDDC.

11. Possession of a Weapon. Possessing on their person or within their custody or control, storing, or carrying, by any unauthorized person, whether openly or concealed, a weapon, excluding firearms and powerful explosives, defined as follows: Any BB gun, stun gun, air rifle, air pistol, bowie knife, dirk, dagger, slungshot, leaded cane, switchblade knife, blackjack, metallic knuckles, razors and razor blades, any sharp pointed or edged instrument except instructional supplies, unaltered nail files and clips and tools used solely for preparation of food, instruction and maintenance. This category covers possession of all weapons, other than firearms and powerful explosives, which the law prohibits on educational property (N.C.G.S. § 14-269.2). Persons authorized to possess such weapons are law enforcement officers, firefighters and emergency service personnel when discharging their official duties. Report type of weapon unlawfully possessed in the WEAPON field of the USDDC.

12. Rape. Rape may be statutory or forcible. Forcible Rape is vaginal intercourse committed by force and without the consent of the victim, regardless of age. Statutory Rape is vaginal intercourse committed on a child under the age of 16 by a person who is at least 12 years old and at least 4 years older than the victim, regardless of whether the victim consented. Consensual vaginal intercourse between a 13, 14 or 15 year old girl or boy and a 16 year old girl or boy is not a crime; statutory rape requires at least four years between birthdays of the victim and perpetrator. Some examples of incidents which must be reported under this category are consensual intercourse between a 19-year old and a 15-year old; consensual intercourse with a person who is mentally handicapped or incapacitated, or physically helpless, regardless of whether the victim consented; or intercourse with an intoxicated or drugged victim who is too incapacitated to give consent.

⁶Because “Bomb Possession” involves the G.S. 14-269.2 definition of a bomb or “powerful explosive” as a **felony-level weapon** (G.S. 14-269.2 (b1)), as differentiated from a felony “firearm” weapon (G.S. 14-269.2 (b)), former definitions of “possession of a firearm” and “possession of a (misdemeanor) weapon” have been revised.

13. Robbery With a Dangerous Weapon (Armed Robbery). Theft or attempted theft of anything of value from the person of another, or from the area under the immediate bodily control of the other, by using a dangerous weapon or by an act threatening use of a dangerous weapon. A dangerous weapon is any article, instrument or substance that is likely to produce death or great bodily harm. Forcible theft or attempted theft from a person without the use of a dangerous weapon should be reported under Robbery Without a Dangerous Weapon. Report type of weapon used in the WEAPON field of the USDDC.

14. Robbery Without a Dangerous Weapon. The taking or attempting to take anything of value from another's person, by force, or by an act threatening force or violence, which puts a victim in fear, without the use of a weapon. The stealing of someone's property without the use of force or from a source other than the victim's person is not included in this offense. If the taking from the person involves use of a dangerous weapon the incident is reported under Robbery With a Dangerous Weapon.

15. Sexual Assault (Not Involving Rape or Sexual Offense). An assault of a sexual nature. An unauthorized and unwanted, intentional, or forcible touching of a sex organ of a person of the opposite sex. Sex organs are the breasts of females and genital areas of males and females. This category includes forcibly and intentionally grabbing the clothed or unclothed breast or genitals of a person of the opposite sex, without the consent of the victim. Report attempted rape and attempted sexual offense under this category. The difference between Sexual Assault and Sexual Offense is that Sexual Assault involves forcible and intentional touching without penetration of a sex organ, and Sexual Offense involves penetration of a sex organ or anus by any object, or touching another's mouth or anus by the male sex organ.

16. Sexual Offense. Sexual Offense may be forcible or statutory. Forcible Sexual Offense is actual oral-genital contact, or penile-anal penetration, or insertion of any object, including a finger, into the genital or anal opening of another person's body, committed by force and without the consent of the victim. Statutory Sexual Offense is any of the above acts committed on a child under the age of 16 by a person who is at least 12 years old and at least 4 years older than the victim, regardless of whether the victim consented. Statutory Sexual Offense is also any of the above acts committed on a person who is mentally handicapped or incapacitated or physically helpless, regardless of whether the victim consented. The difference between Rape and Sexual Offense is that Rape involves vaginal intercourse only, and Sexual Offense involves oral-genital contact, penile-anal penetration, or genital or anal penetration by any object.

17. Taking Indecent Liberties With A Minor. Committing a sexual act with or in the presence of a child under the age of 16 years, by a person at least age 16 and at least five years older than the child, for sexual gratification, regardless of whether force was used, or whether the victim consented. Examples of acts to be reported under this category are intentional exposure of genitals in front of a child; showing a child pornography, secretly or in the child's presence; or photographing girls changing clothes or using toilets, if these acts are done for sexual gratification.