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## Executive Summary

The Delaware Department of Education report on secondary schools dropouts is from data collected annually. Delaware collects data from all public schools including grades 7 through 12, but calculates the yearly dropout rate from grades 9 through 12, as is prescribed by the National Center for Educational Statistics (NCES) which provides data to the Federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) reporting system. Information is gathered from families that home school their children as well as from private schools. The data from private and home schools are only used to verify the transfers from public to private and home schools. This report does not contain data reflecting private, parochial or home schooled students in Delaware.

Delaware complies with the National Center for Educational Statistics requirements for reporting and uses the Event Rate method for our reporting. Event Rate reporting is a snapshot which reflects the total number of students (grades 9-12) who dropped out of school in a single year divided by the fall enrollment of the same year.

For the 2007-2008 school year, 2207 of the 37,944 students enrolled in grades 9-12 dropped out of school. **The 2007-2008 dropout rate was 5.8 percent** (a slight increase over the 2006-07 rate of 5.4 percent).

Table 12 shows a three-year average rate which has been calculated in addition to annual district data. We continue to show trend data so that they may be viewed to provide better insight into long term planning for improved student outcomes.

Student enrollment continues to increase in high schools though the state population has not increased significantly. The Delaware Department of Education (DDOE) continues to support school district efforts to lower their numbers of students exiting school prematurely. As schools and districts provide the DDOE with their plans for improved student outcomes, DDOE staff provides guidance and support to explore alternative avenues to dropping out. State leaders from education, government, business, industry and community based programs meet annually with local, regional and national experts to evaluate data and provide support for necessary program changes.

Definition of Dropout: A 2007-2008 dropout is an individual who **either**:

1. Was enrolled at the **end** of the **previous** school year and was expected to be enrolled in the **current** school year but did not attend any days of the **current** school year **and does not meet any of the following exclusionary conditions**:
  - Graduated from high school or completed a state or district-approved educational program; or
  - Transferred to another public school district, private school, or state- or district-approved education program with official documentation on file;
  - Moved out of state with official documentation on file; or
  - Died.

**OR**

2. Was enrolled and attended at the beginning of the **current** school year and was withdrawn by parent, legal guardian or Relative Caregiver at age 16 or older, or was withdrawn by self after 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Criteria for being identified as a dropout in the current school year dropout report:**

1. A student who completed the **previous** school year and who did **not** reach his or her 16<sup>th</sup> birthday by the beginning of the **current** school and did not attend any days of the **current** school year is considered “dropout underage” from the receiving school. This student should be coded in eSchoolPLUS as **Dropout-Underage**. This underage dropout should have a withdrawal date that is the same as the entry date (i.e., first day of school of the reporting year).
2. A student who completed the **previous** school year and who did reach his or her 16<sup>th</sup> birthday by the beginning of the **current** school and did not attend any days of the **current** school year is considered “dropout-truancy” from the receiving school. This student should be coded in eSchoolPLUS as **Dropout-Truancy**. This dropout should have a withdrawal date that is the same as the entry date (i.e., first day of school of the reporting year).
3. If a student has moved and there is no official documentation that he or she has transferred to another school, he or she is counted as a dropout and code in eSchoolPLUS as **Dropout-Underage** or **Dropout-Truancy** depending on age.
4. A student who transfers to James H. Groves Adult High School during the current school year and is not in attendance (enrolled) by **September 30** of the next school year, is counted as **Dropout-Academic** from the home school.
5. A student who transfers to James H. Groves Adult Basic Education (ABE) programs during the current school year is counted as **Dropout-Academic** from the home school.
6. An expelled student is counted as a dropout if he or she does not return at the end of the disciplinary period. This student should be coded in eSchoolPLUS as **Dropout-Behavior**.
7. A school leaver who has joined the military is counted as a dropout. This student should be coded in eSchoolPLUS as **Dropout-Military**.
8. A school leaver who has joined Job Corps is counted as a dropout. This student should be coded in eSchoolPLUS as **Dropout-Employment**.
9. A student withdrawn because of truancy is counted as a dropout. This student shall be coded in eSchoolPLUS as **Dropout-Underage** or **Dropout- Truancy** depending on age. (A student with an **active** truancy case with the Justice of the Peace Court shall not be withdrawn from eSchoolPLUS.)

**Criteria for not being counted as a dropout:**

1. A student who receives a diploma or in the case of a special education student a district or charter school issued “Certificate” should not be reported as a dropout.

2. A student who transfers to another public or private school should not be reported as a dropout. Documentation of transfer needs to be preserved.
3. A student who moves out of state should not be reported as a dropout. Documentation of the move needs to be preserved.
4. A students who dies should not be reported as a dropout.
5. A school leaver who is in a correctional institution or other state agency placement should not be counted as a dropout.
6. A student who leaves the United States is not considered to be a dropout even if the school district cannot document the student’s subsequent enrollment in school.

### **Dropout Reason Codes**

The following dropout reason codes have been incorporated into Exit/Withdrawal codes for eSchoolPLUS:

Dropout-Academic	Dropout-Transportation
Dropout-Behavior	Dropout-Language
Dropout-Dislike experience	Dropout-Marriage
Dropout-Economic	Dropout-Military
Dropout-Employment	Dropout-Needed at home
Dropout-Curriculum	Dropout-Pregnancy
Dropout-Childcare	Dropout-Religion
Dropout-Truancy	Dropout- Underage

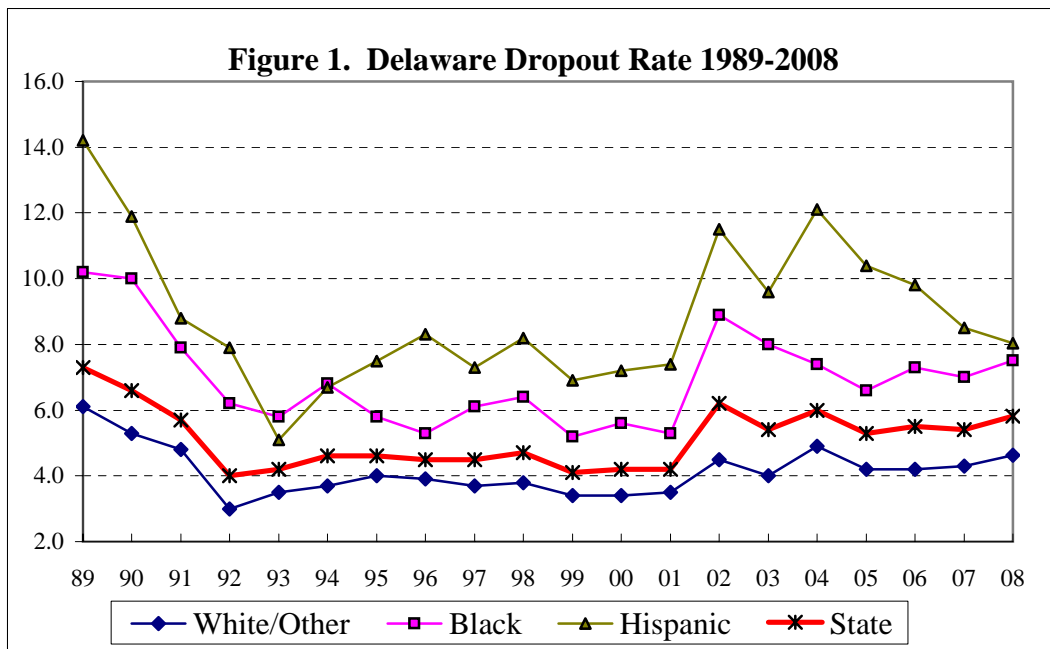
A student can be withdrawn/exited from eSchoolPLUS with the appropriate code provided there is documentation to support the withdrawal and selected code.

Any student withdrawn because of truancy will be considered a dropout and the school shall code the student in eSchoolPLUS as **Dropout-Underage** or **Dropout-Truancy** depending on age.

**Table 1**  
**Delaware Dropouts 2007-2008**  
**Summary Statistics**  
**Grades 9-12**

(N =2207)

	Annual Dropout Rate (%)	Percent of All Dropouts (%)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5.8</b>	100
<b>SEX</b>		
Male	6.7	59.2
Female	4.9	40.8
<b>RACE / ETHNICITY</b>		
American Indian	6.5	0.4
African American	7.5	41.4
Asian	2.6	1.3
Hispanic	8.0	10.5
White	4.7	46.4
<b>AGE</b>		
Less than 15	0.6	2.5
Age 15	2.9	12.9
Age 16	6.4	29.3
Age 17 and over	14.5	55.3

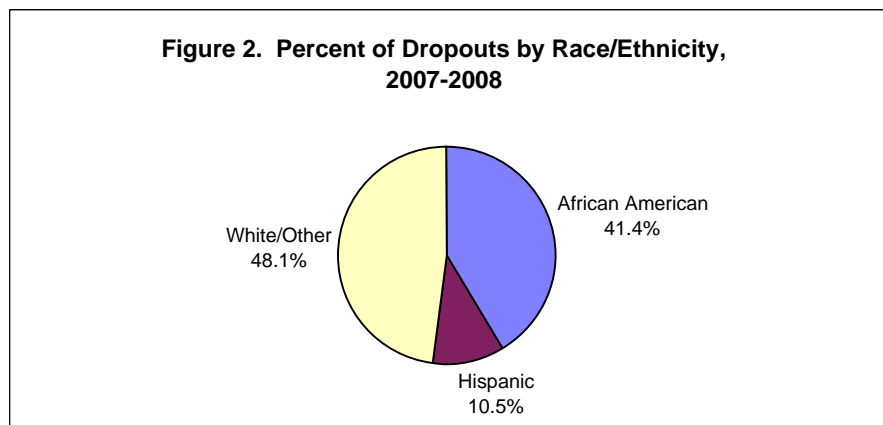


**Table 2**  
**Delaware Dropouts and Student Enrollments, 2007-2008**  
**Grade by Race**

Grade	<u>Number of Enrolled Students</u>				<u>Number of Dropouts</u>			
	Black	Hispanic	White/Other	All	Black	Hispanic	White/Other	All
9	4,060	1063	6,491	11,614	348	84	277	709
10	3,333	787	6,016	10,136	261	67	294	622
11	2,595	572	5,278	8,445	152	36	232	420
12	2,192	462	5,095	7,749	153	45	258	456
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,180</b>	<b>2,884</b>	<b>22,880</b>	<b>37,944</b>	<b>914</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>1061</b>	<b>2207</b>

**Table 3**  
**Dropout Rate and Percent of All Dropouts, 2007-2008**  
**Grade by Race**

Grade	<u>Annual Dropout Rate</u>				<u>Percent of All Dropouts</u>			
	Black	Hispanic	White/Other	All	Black	Hispanic	White/Other	All
Grade 9	8.6%	7.9%	4.3%	6.1%	15.8%	3.8%	12.6%	32.1%
Grade 10	7.8%	8.5%	4.9%	6.1%	11.8%	3.0%	13.3%	28.2%
Grade 11	5.9%	6.3%	4.4%	5.0%	6.9%	1.6%	10.5%	19.0%
Grade 12	7.0%	9.7%	5.1%	5.9%	6.9%	2.0%	11.7%	20.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>7.5%</b>	<b>8.0%</b>	<b>4.6%</b>	<b>5.8%</b>	<b>41.4%</b>	<b>10.5%</b>	<b>48.1%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>



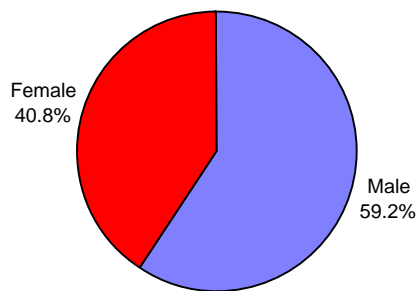
**Table 4**  
**Delaware Dropouts and Student Enrollments, 2007-2008**  
**Gender by Race (Grades 9-12)**

Gender	<u>Number of Enrolled Students</u>				<u>Number of Dropouts</u>			
	Black	Hispanic	White/Other	All	Black	Hispanic	White/Other	All
Male	6,094	1,463	11,894	19,451	552	129	625	1,306
Female	6,086	1,421	10,986	18,493	362	103	436	901
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,180</b>	<b>2,884</b>	<b>22,880</b>	<b>37,944</b>	<b>914</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>1061</b>	<b>2207</b>

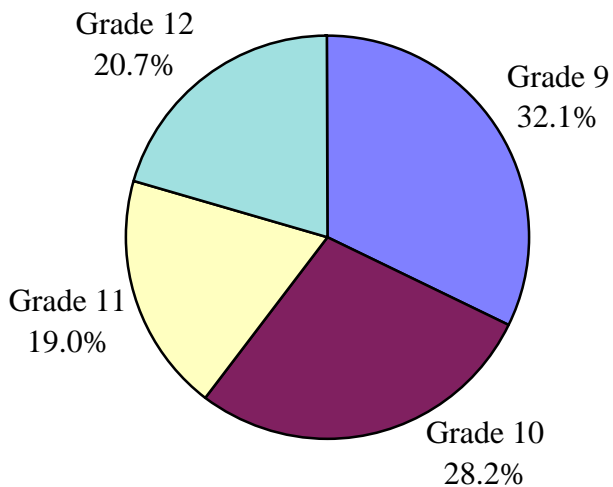
**Table 5**  
**Dropout Rate and Percent of All Dropouts, 2007-2008**  
**Gender by Race (Grades 9-12)**

Gender	<u>Annual Dropout Rate</u>				<u>Percent of All Dropouts</u>			
	Black	Hispanic	White/Other	All	Black	Hispanic	White/Other	All
Male	9.1%	8.8%	5.3%	6.7%	25.0%	5.8%	28.3%	59.2%
Female	5.9%	7.2%	4.0%	4.9%	16.4%	4.7%	19.8%	40.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>7.5%</b>	<b>8.0%</b>	<b>4.6%</b>	<b>5.8%</b>	<b>41.4%</b>	<b>10.5%</b>	<b>48.1%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

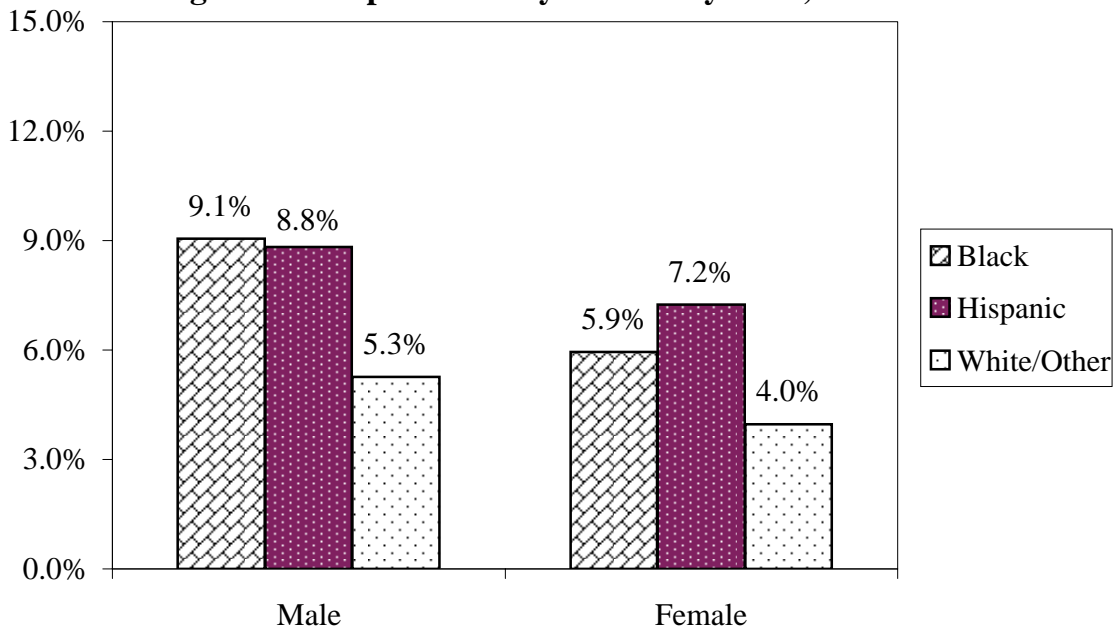
**Figure 3. Percent of Dropouts by Gender, 2007-2008**



**Figure 4. Percent of All Dropouts by Grade  
2007-2008**

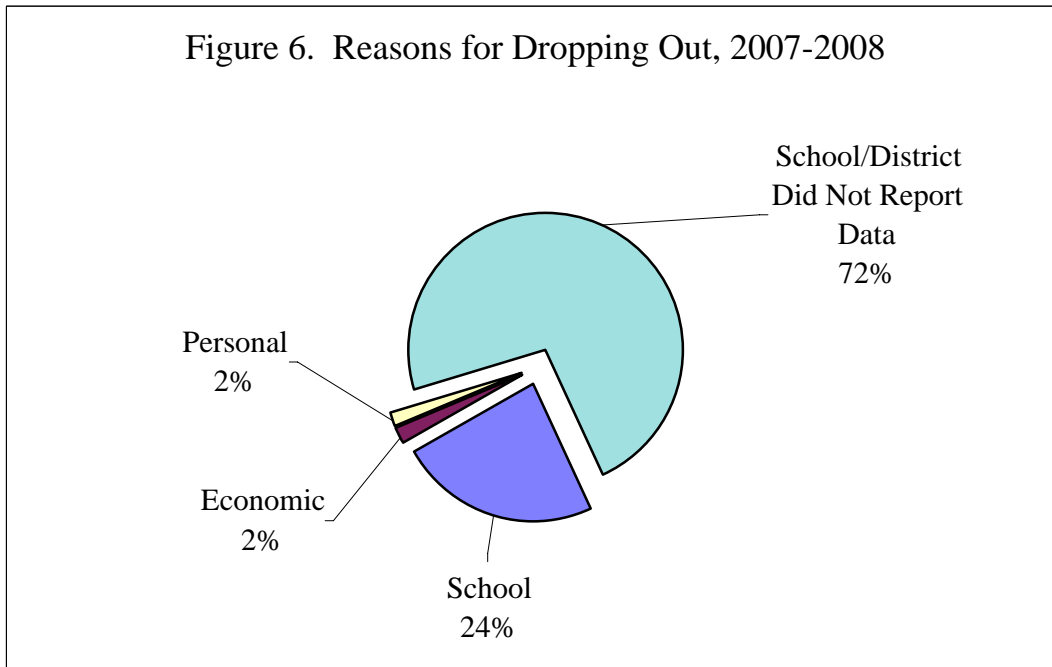


**Figure 5. Dropout Rate by Gender by Race, 2007-2008**



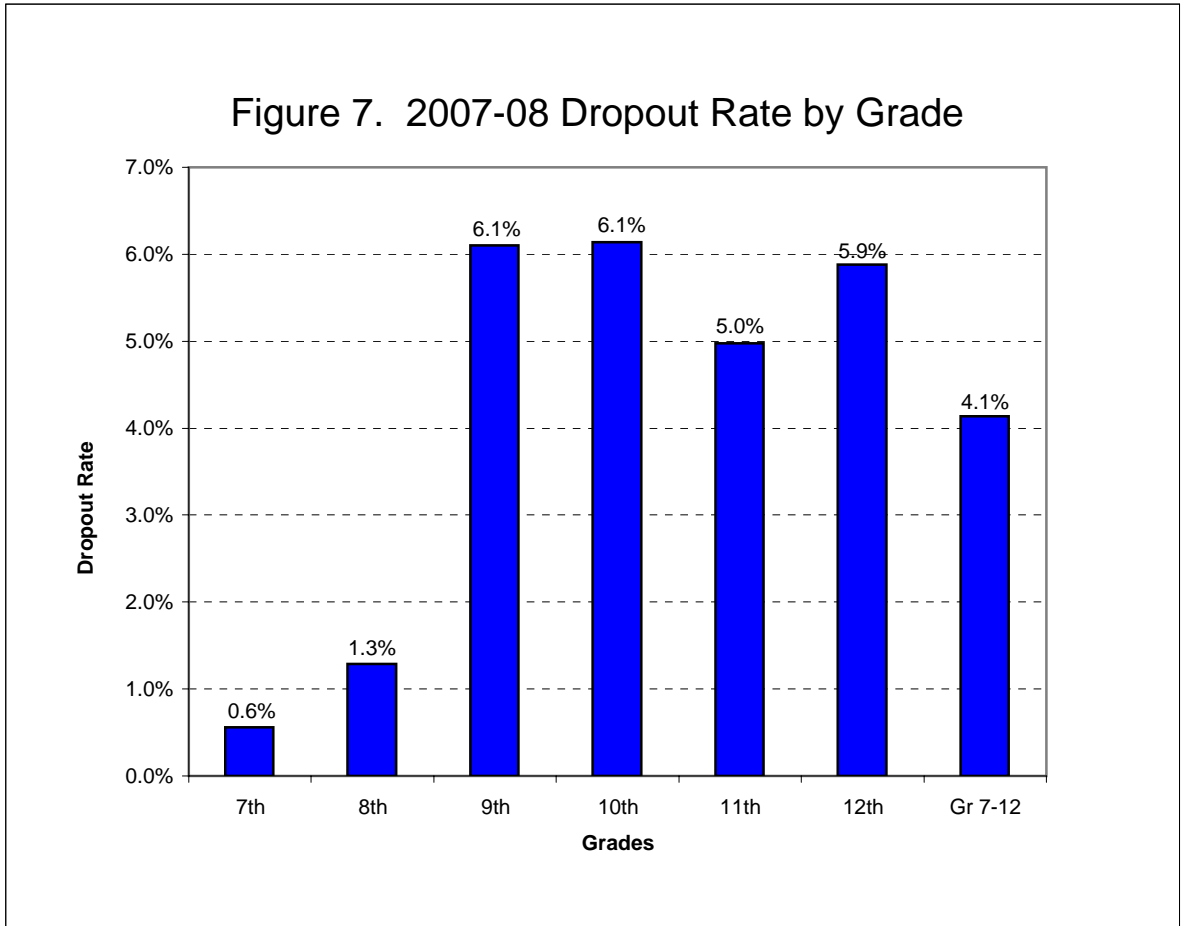
**Table 6**  
**Reasons for Dropping Out 2007-2008**  
**Grades 9-12**

	Number	Percent
<b>School-Related</b> Academic, Behavior, Dislike experience, Curriculum, Substance Abuse,	519	23.5%
<b>Economic-Related</b> Economic and Employment	45	2.0%
<b>Personal</b> Pregnancy, Marriage, Child care, Language, Religion Needed at home, Military, Transportation	36	1.6%
<b>School/District Did Not Report Data</b>	1607	72.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2207</b>	<b>100%</b>



**Table 7**  
**Delaware Dropouts, 2007-2008**  
**Grades 7-8**

	Grade 7			Grade 8		
	No. of Dropouts	Students Enrolled	Rate	No. of Dropouts	Students Enrolled	Rate
Kent	10	2,249	0.4%	39	2,361	1.7%
New Castle	43	5,537	0.8%	72	5,960	1.2%
Sussex	1	1,848	0.1%	22	2,007	1.1%
<b>State</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>9,634</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>10,328</b>	<b>1.3%</b>

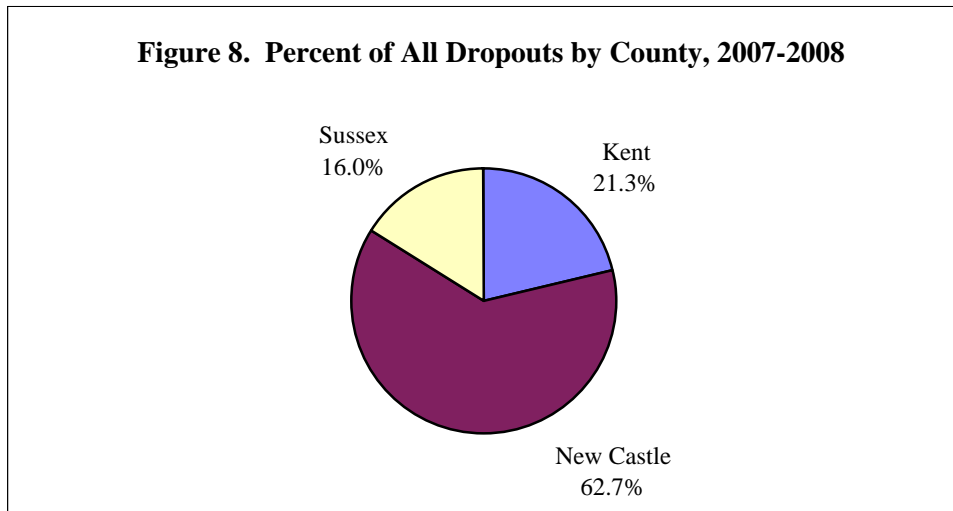


**Table 8**  
**Delaware Dropouts and Student Enrollments, 2007-2008**  
**County by Race (Grades 9-12)**

County	<u>Number of Enrolled Students</u>				<u>Number of Dropouts</u>			
	Black	Hispanic	White/Other	All	Black	Hispanic	White/Other	All
Kent	2,622	432	5,402	8,456	185	20	264	469
New Castle	8,005	1,979	12,317	22,301	623	175	586	1,384
Sussex	1,553	472	5,162	7,187	106	37	211	354
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,180</b>	<b>2,883</b>	<b>22,881</b>	<b>37,944</b>	<b>914</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>1,061</b>	<b>2,207</b>

**Table 9**  
**Dropout Rate and Percent of All Dropouts, 2007-2008**  
**County by Race (Grades 9-12)**

County	<u>Annual Dropout rate</u>				<u>Percent of All Dropouts</u>			
	Black	Hispanic	White/Other	All	Black	Hispanic	White/Other	All
Kent	7.1%	4.6%	4.9%	5.5%	8.4%	0.9%	12.0%	21.3%
New Castle	7.8%	8.8%	4.8%	6.2%	28.2%	7.9%	26.6%	62.7%
Sussex	6.8%	7.8%	4.1%	4.9%	4.8%	1.7%	9.6%	16.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>7.5%</b>	<b>8.0%</b>	<b>4.6%</b>	<b>5.8%</b>	<b>41.4%</b>	<b>10.5%</b>	<b>48.1%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

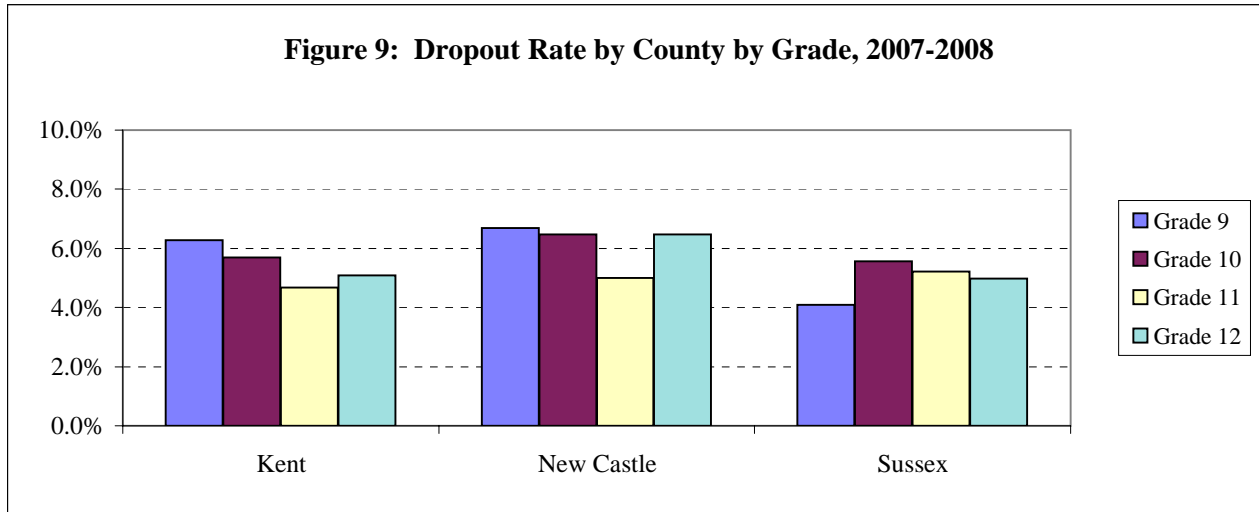


**Table 10**  
**Delaware Dropouts and Student Enrollments, 2007-2008**  
**County by Grade**

County	Number of Enrolled Students					Number of Dropouts				
	9	10	11	12	All	9	10	11	12	All
Kent	2,820	2,110	1,878	1,648	8,456	177	120	88	84	469
New Castle	6,649	6,086	4,979	4,593	22,307	444	394	249	297	1,384
Sussex	2,148	1,942	1,588	1,509	7,187	88	108	83	75	354
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,617</b>	<b>10,138</b>	<b>8,445</b>	<b>7,750</b>	<b>37,950</b>	<b>709</b>	<b>622</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>2,207</b>

**Table 11**  
**Dropout Rate and Percent of All Dropouts, 2007-2008**  
**County by Grade**

County	Annual Dropout rate					Percent of All Dropouts				
	9	10	11	12	All	9	10	11	12	All
Kent	6.3%	5.7%	4.7%	5.1%	5.5%	8.0%	5.4%	4.0%	3.8%	21.3%
New Castle	6.7%	6.5%	5.0%	6.5%	6.2%	20.1%	17.9%	11.3%	13.5%	62.7%
Sussex	4.1%	5.6%	5.2%	5.0%	4.9%	4.0%	4.9%	3.8%	3.4%	16.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>6.1%</b>	<b>6.1%</b>	<b>5.0%</b>	<b>5.9%</b>	<b>5.8%</b>	<b>32.1%</b>	<b>28.2%</b>	<b>19.0%</b>	<b>20.7%</b>	<b>100%</b>



**Table 12**  
**ANNUAL DROPOUT RATES BY DISTRICT, 2005-2006 to 2007-2008**  
**Grades 9-12**

CODE	DISTRICT/CHARTER	2005-2006			2006-2007			2007-2008			2006-2008
		TOTAL ENROLLMENT	TOTAL DROPOUTS	DROPOUT RATE	TOTAL ENROLLMENT	TOTAL DROPOUTS	DROPOUT RATE	TOTAL ENROLLMENT	TOTAL DROPOUTS	DROPOUT RATE	3-Year Average Dropout Rate
<b>New Castle County</b>		<b>21,563</b>	<b>1,189</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>22,176</b>	<b>1,280</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>22,307</b>	<b>1,384</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>5.8</b>
29	Appoquinimint	2,067	27	1.3	2,107	76	3.6	2,243	101	4.5	3.1
31	Brandywine	3,332	131	3.9	3,366	132	3.9	3,307	153	4.6	4.2
70	Charter School of Wilmington	935	3	0.3	949	5	0.5	957	0	0.0	0.3
33	Christina	5,096	476	9.3	4,757	513	10.8	4,427	470	10.6	10.2
34	Colonial	2,400	174	7.3	2,403	179	7.4	2,364	200	8.5	7.7
79	Delaware Military Academy	509	7	1.4	518	12	2.3	520	13	2.5	2.1
75	M.J. Moyer Academy				70	6	8.6	97	19	19.6	
38	NCC Voc Tech	3,375	97	2.9	3,792	112	3.0	4,105	165	4.0	3.3
83	Pencader Charter School				326	7	2.1	435	14	3.2	
32	Red Clay	3,849	274	7.1	3,888	238	6.1	3,852	249	6.5	6.6
<b>Kent County</b>		<b>7,981</b>	<b>389</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>8,230</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>8,456</b>	<b>469</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>5.1</b>
10	Caesar Rodney	1,992	82	4.1	2,011	141	7.0	2,084	95	4.6	5.2
74	Campus Community	210	17	8.1	183	13	7.1	206	12	5.8	7.0
13	Capital	1,612	119	7.4	1,597	73	4.6	1,592	127	8.0	6.6
15	Lake Forest	902	48	5.3	939	57	6.1	948	66	7.0	6.1
18	Milford	1,005	57	5.7	1,101	40	3.6	1,156	74	6.4	5.2
39	Polytech	1,150	5	0.4	1,162	4	0.3	1,147	23	2.0	0.9
71	Positive Outcomes	80	7	8.8	82	10	12.2	75	9	12.0	11.0
24	Smyrna	1,030	54	5.2	1,155	61	5.3	1,248	63	5.0	5.2
<b>Sussex County</b>		<b>6,753</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>6,852</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>7,187</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>5.4</b>
17	Cape Henlopen	1,173	82	7.0	1,172	39	3.3	1,267	77	6.1	5.5
37	Delmar	546	17	3.1	563	24	4.3	606	17	2.8	3.4
36	Indian River	2,047	122	6.0	2,136	97	4.5	2,234	106	4.7	5.1
16	Laurel	529	62	11.7	525	50	9.5	542	38	7.0	9.4
23	Seaford	821	66	8.0	770	76	9.9	786	67	8.5	8.8
40	Sussex Voc Tech	1,185	12	1.0	1,227	15	1.2	1,248	18	1.4	1.2
35	Woodbridge	452	56	12.4	459	46	10.0	504	31	6.2	9.5
<b>STATE</b>		<b>36,297</b>	<b>1,995</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>37,258</b>	<b>2,026</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>37,950</b>	<b>2,207</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>5.6</b>

Note: Special Schools and ILCs are included in district dropout summary statistics.

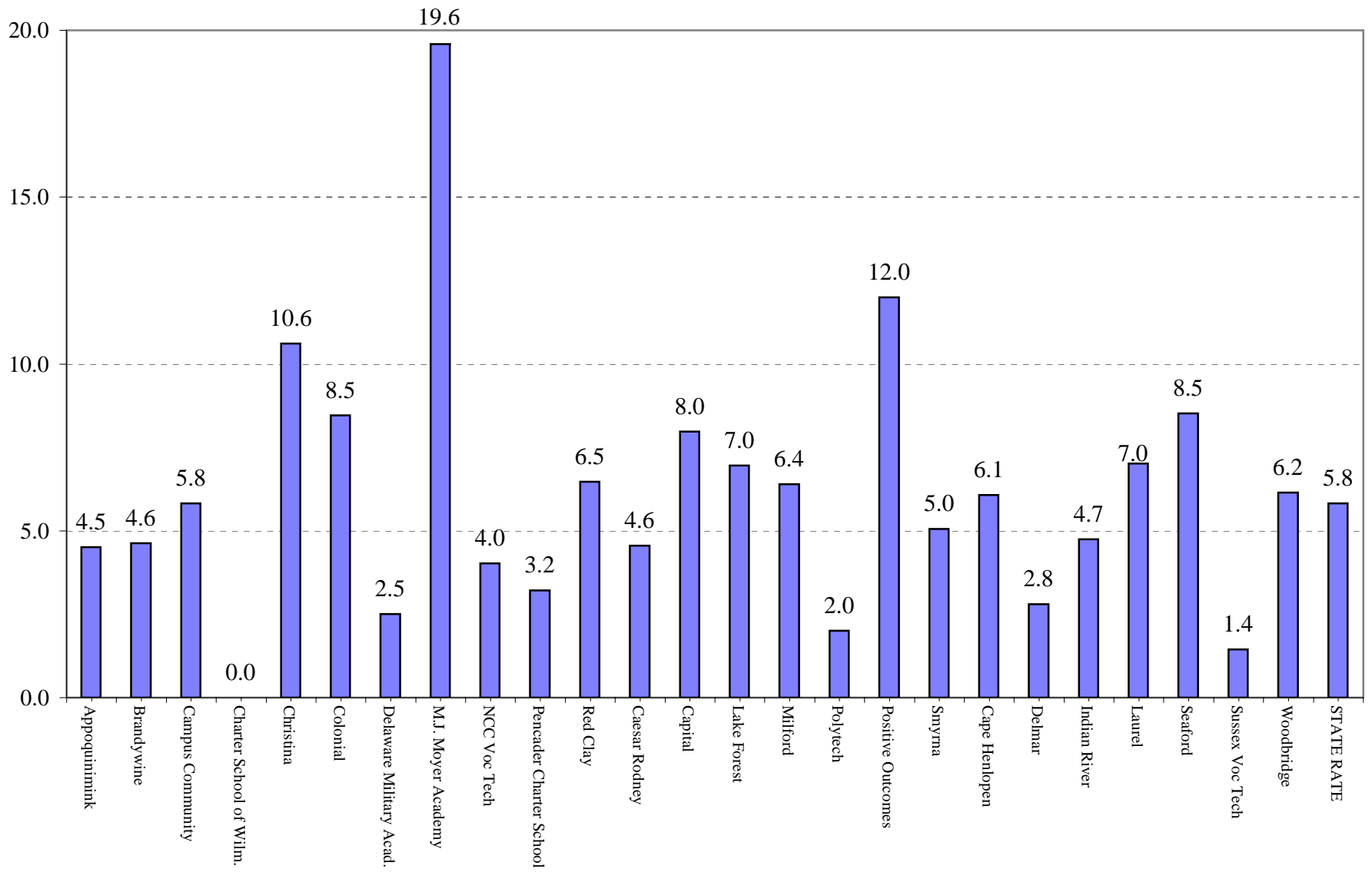
3-Year Dropout Rates are calculated for schools with 3 years of data, and three-year enrollment totalling at least 150 students.

**Table 13. Grades 9-12 Annual Dropout Rates by School, 2005-2006 Through 2007-2008**

CODE	HIGH SCHOOLS	2005-2006			2006-2007			2007-2008		
		TOTAL ENROLLMENT	TOTAL DROPOUTS	DROPOUT RATE	TOTAL ENROLLMENT	TOTAL DROPOUTS	DROPOUT RATE	TOTAL ENROLLMENT	TOTAL DROPOUTS	DROPOUT RATE
<b>New Castle County</b>		<b>20,995</b>	<b>998</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>21,626</b>	<b>1,075</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>21,569</b>	<b>1,166</b>	<b>5.4</b>
18	Middletown HS	2,067	27	1.3	2,107	76	3.6	1,640	98	6.0
24	Appoquinimink HS							552	3	0.5
26	Howard Tech HS	812	7	0.9	863	9	1.0	863	19	2.2
44	St Georges Tech HS				257	1	0.4	517	1	0.2
66	Paul M. Hodgson	1,015	2	0.2	1,147	2	0.2	1,190	5	0.4
80	Delcastle Tech HS	1,476	9	0.6	1,525	10	0.7	1,500	12	0.8
190	Brandywine HS	1,191	57	4.8	1,238	52	4.2	1,168	62	5.3
194	Concord HS	1,158	39	3.4	1,154	44	3.8	1,180	43	3.6
196	Mt Pleasant HS	983	35	3.6	959	36	3.8	959	48	5.0
286	Calloway Arts Sch	388	1	0.3	414	1	0.2	412	3	0.7
290	John Dickinson HS	946	88	9.3	912	88	9.6	847	89	10.5
292	A. I. duPont HS	1,286	51	4.0	1,361	26	1.9	1,451	35	2.4
294	Thomas McKean HS	1,061	115	10.8	1,044	90	8.6	954	107	11.2
295	Charter Sch of Wilm	935	3	0.3	949	5	0.5	957	0	0.0
390	Christiana HS	1,524	106	7.0	1,434	181	12.6	1,287	131	10.2
392	Glasgow HS	1,459	139	9.5	1,355	136	10.0	1,193	135	11.3
394	Newark HS	1,854	147	7.9	1,663	124	7.5	1,565	140	8.9
490	William Penn HS	2,331	165	7.1	2,330	169	7.3	2,282	189	8.3
574	M.J. Moyer Academy				70	6	8.6	97	19	19.6
578	Delaware Mil. Acad.	509	7	1.4	518	12	2.3	520	13	2.5
582	Pencader Charter HS				326	7	2.1	435	14	3.2
<b>Kent County</b>		<b>7,792</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>8,085</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>8,206</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>5.6</b>
570	Positive Outcomes	80	7	8.8	82	10	12.2	75	9	12.0
573	Campus Community	210	17	8.1	183	13	7.1	206	12	5.8
626	Caesar Rodney HS	1,904	81	4.3	1,921	137	7.1	1,986	94	4.7
648	Dover HS	1,511	97	6.4	1,547	60	3.9	1,476	120	8.1
652	POLYTECH HS	1,150	5	0.4	1,162	4	0.3	1,147	23	2.0
665	Lake Forest HS	902	48	5.3	934	57	6.1	936	64	6.8
678	Milford SR HS	1,005	57	5.7	1,101	40	3.6	1,140	74	6.5
688	Smyrna HS	1,030	54	5.2	1,155	61	5.3	1,240	63	5.1
<b>Sussex County</b>		<b>6,619</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>6,718</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>6,968</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>4.9</b>
726	Cape Henlopen HS	1,141	81	7.1	1,134	36	3.2	1,198	75	6.3
730	Delmar Sr HS	546	17	3.1	563	24	4.3	592	17	2.9
746	Indian River HS	771	40	5.2	801	27	3.4	861	33	3.8
748	Sussex Central Sr HS	1,188	78	6.6	1,249	59	4.7	1,260	64	5.1
756	Laurel Sr HS	515	60	11.7	515	46	8.9	524	36	6.9
766	Seaford SR HS	821	66	8.0	770	76	9.9	786	67	8.5
770	Sussex Tech HS	1,185	12	1.0	1,227	15	1.2	1,248	18	1.4
780	Woodbridge HS	452	56	12.4	459	46	10.0	499	31	6.2

Note: Special Schools and ILCs are not included in this table. All schools include grades 9 thru 12.

**Figure 10. Dropout Rate by District, 2007-2008**

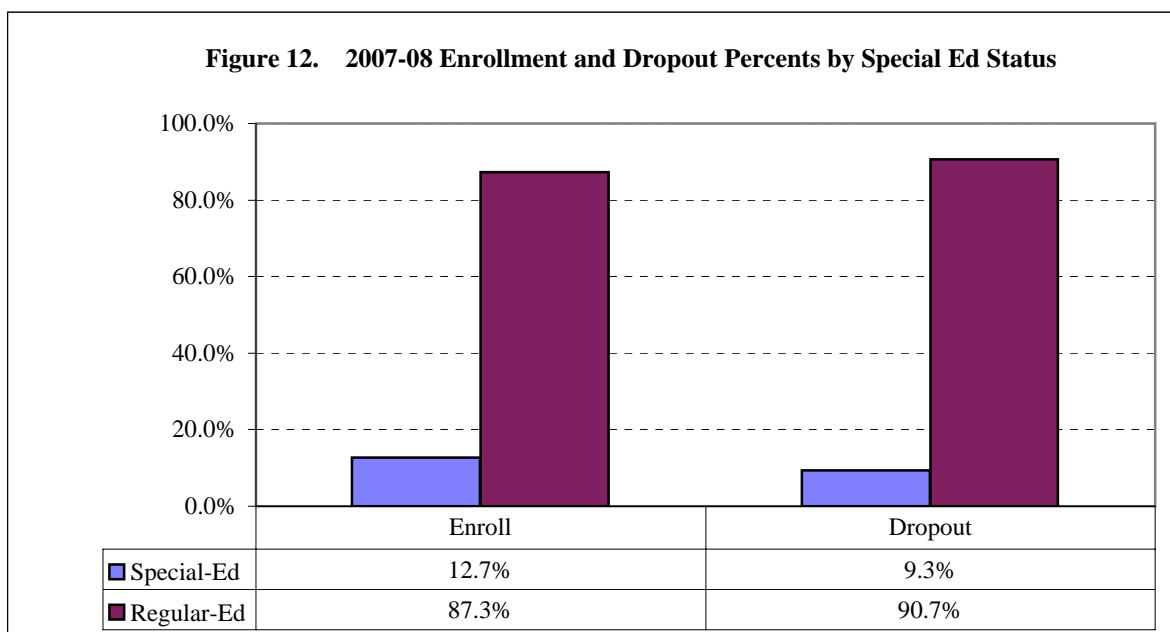


**Table 14**  
**Delaware Dropouts and Student Enrollments, 2007-2008**  
**County by Special-Ed (Grades 9-12)**

County	<u>Number of Enrolled Students</u>			<u>Number of Dropouts</u>		
	Special-Ed	Regular-Ed	All	Special-Ed	Regular-Ed	All
Kent	1,356	7,100	8,456	65	404	469
New Castle	2,465	19,842	22,307	106	1,278	1384
Sussex	995	6,192	7,187	35	319	354
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,816</b>	<b>33,134</b>	<b>37,950</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>2,001</b>	<b>2,207</b>

**Table 15**  
**Dropout Rate and Percent of All Dropouts, 2007-2008**  
**County by Special-Ed (Grades 9-12)**

County	<u>Annual Dropout rate</u>			<u>Percent of All Dropouts</u>		
	Special-Ed	Regular-Ed	All	Special-Ed	Regular-Ed	All
New Castle	4.8%	5.7%	5.5%	2.9%	18.3%	21.3%
Kent	4.3%	6.4%	6.2%	4.8%	57.9%	62.7%
Sussex	3.5%	5.2%	4.9%	1.6%	14.5%	16.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4.3%</b>	<b>6.0%</b>	<b>5.8%</b>	<b>9.3%</b>	<b>90.7%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>



**Table 16**  
**Delaware Dropouts and Student Enrollments, 2007-2008**  
**Race by Special-Ed (Grades 9-12)**

Group	<u>Number of Enrolled Students</u>				<u>Number of Dropouts</u>			
	Black	Hispanic	White/Other	All	Black	Hispanic	White/Other	All
Special-ED	1,990	350	2,476	4,816	106	17	83	206
Regular-ED	10,190	2,533	20,405	33,128	808	215	978	2001
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,180</b>	<b>2,883</b>	<b>22,881</b>	<b>37,944</b>	<b>914</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>1061</b>	<b>2207</b>

**Table 17**  
**Dropout Rate and Percent of All Dropouts, 2007-2008**  
**Race by Special-Ed (Grades 9-12)**

Group	<u>Annual Dropout Rate</u>				<u>Percent of All Dropouts</u>			
	Black	Hispanic	White/Other	All	Black	Hispanic	White/Other	All
Special-ED	5.3%	4.9%	3.4%	4.3%	4.8%	0.8%	3.8%	9.3%
Regular-ED	7.9%	8.5%	4.8%	6.0%	36.6%	9.7%	44.3%	90.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>7.5%</b>	<b>8.0%</b>	<b>4.6%</b>	<b>5.8%</b>	<b>41.4%</b>	<b>10.5%</b>	<b>48.1%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Table 18**  
**Delaware Special Education Enrollments and Dropouts by Race, 2004-2008**  
**Grades 9-12**

<b>Year</b>		<b>Black</b>	<b>Hispanic</b>	<b>White/Other</b>	<b>All</b>
<b>2004</b>	Enrolled	1,951	240	2,412	4,603
	Dropouts	163	34	197	394
	Annual Dropout Rate	8.4%	14.2%	8.2%	7.3%
	Percent of All Dropouts	7.8%	1.6%	9.4%	16.9%
<b>2005</b>	Enrolled	2,131	271	2,532	4,934
	Dropouts	105	19	121	245
	Annual Dropout Rate	4.9%	7.0%	4.8%	8.6%
	Percent of All Dropouts	5.6%	1.0%	6.4%	18.7%
<b>2006</b>	Enrolled	2,152	271	2,532	4,955
	Dropouts	117	19	128	264
	Annual Dropout Rate	5.4%	7.0%	4.8%	5.0%
	Percent of All Dropouts	5.9%	1.0%	6.4%	13.0%
<b>2007</b>	Enrolled	2,223	356	2,668	5,247
	Dropouts	130	18	139	287
	Annual Dropout Rate	5.8%	5.1%	5.2%	5.5%
	Percent of All Dropouts	6.4%	0.9%	6.9%	14.2%
<b>2008</b>	Enrolled	1,990	350	2,476	4,816
	Dropouts	106	17	83	206
	Annual Dropout Rate	5.3%	4.9%	3.4%	4.3%
	Percent of All Dropouts	4.8%	0.8%	3.8%	9.3%

**Table 19**  
**Annual Delaware Dropout Rates, Grades 9-12**  
**1988-89 Through 2007-2008**

<b>Year</b>	<b>White/Other</b>	<b>Black</b>	<b>Hispanic</b>	<b>State</b>
1988-89	6.1	10.2	14.2	7.3
1989-90	5.3	10.0	11.9	6.6
1990-91	4.8	7.9	8.8	5.7
1991-92	3.0	6.2	7.9	4.0
1992-93	3.5	5.8	5.1	4.2
1993-94	3.7	6.8	6.7	4.6
1994-95	4.0	5.8	7.5	4.6
1995-96	3.9	5.3	8.3	4.5
1996-97	3.7	6.1	7.3	4.5
1997-98	3.8	6.4	8.2	4.7
1998-99	3.4	5.2	6.9	4.1
1999-00	3.4	5.6	7.2	4.2
2000-01	3.5	5.3	7.4	4.2
2001-02	4.5	8.9	11.5	6.2
2002-03	4.0	8.0	9.6	5.4
2003-04	4.9	7.4	12.1	6.0
2004-05	4.2	6.6	10.4	5.3
2005-06	4.2	7.3	9.8	5.5
2006-07	4.3	7.0	8.5	5.4
2007-08	4.6	7.5	8.0	5.8

**Table 20. Special Education Grade 9-12 Dropouts by School, 2005-2006 through 2007-2008**

		2006		2007		2008		2006-2008
CODE	HIGH SCHOOLS	SPECIAL ED	SPECIAL ED	SPECIAL ED	SPECIAL ED	SPECIAL ED	SPECIAL ED	3-Yr Average Dropout Rate*
		ENROLLMENT	DROPOUTS	ENROLLMENT	DROPOUTS	ENROLLMENT	DROPOUTS	
<b>Delaware Public Schools</b>		<b>4,841</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>5,172</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>4,808</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>5.2%</b>
<b>New Castle County</b>		<b>2,578</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>2,757</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>2,457</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>5.3%</b>
18	Middletown HS	240	5	237	16	146	10	5.0%
24	Appoquinimink HS					52	0	
26	HowardTech HS	110	1	122	0	117	2	0.9%
44	St. Georges Tech HS			21	0	43	0	
66	Paul M. Hodgson	113	3	131	0	121	1	1.1%
80	Delcastle Tech HS	215	3	231	3	182	0	1.0%
190	Brandywine HS	145	6	133	8	124	8	5.5%
194	Concord HS	121	6	90	9	91	4	6.3%
196	Mt Pleasant HS	121	7	123	6	128	5	4.8%
286	Calloway Arts Sch	25	0	23	0	21	0	0.0%
290	John Dickinson HS	108	4	127	7	125	9	5.6%
292	A. I. duPont HS	85	9	120	3	129	5	5.1%
294	Thomas McKean HS	142	9	150	17	164	6	7.0%
354	Sarah Pyle Academy	12	4	18	9			
390	Christiana HS	207	13	186	14	101	4	6.3%
392	Glasgow HS	152	17	140	11	98	6	8.7%
394	Newark HS	241	13	233	12	116	11	6.1%
490	William Penn HS	303	19	323	23	311	15	6.1%
522	Colonial ILC					53	7	
514	John G. Leach School	29	0	31	0	29	0	0.0%
522	Commodore MacDonough	41	8	42	9	53	0	12.5%
527	Central School (PACE)	67	4	69	11	53	7	11.6%
530	First State School	17	0	5	0	10	0	
537	Douglass Alternative School	29	6	15	7	6	0	26.0%
538	Brenen School (The)			91	0	99	0	
540	Margaret S. Sterck	37	5	42	2	35	0	6.1%
574	Maurice Moyer Academy			14	0	16	2	
578	Delaware Mil. Acad.	18	0	20	0	17	2	3.6%
582	Pencader Charter			20	2	17	1	
<b>Kent County</b>		<b>1,274</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>1,369</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>1,356</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>5.5%</b>
570	Positive Outcomes	41	2	51	4	50	4	7.0%
573	Campus Community	23	5	21	1	27	2	11.3%
626	Caesar Rodney HS	253	8	261	20	274	13	5.2%
630	John S. Charlton School	88	1	90	2	90	1	1.5%
648	Dover HS	248	14	300	8	263	20	5.2%
650	Kent Co. Community School					17	0	
652	Polytech HS	102	1	116	1	118	1	0.9%
655	Kent Secondary ILC	77	17	50	9	54	3	16.0%
659	Lake Forest ILC					12	2	
665	Lake Forest HS	139	9	139	9	130	8	6.4%
678	Milford SR HS	148	12	160	9	142	7	6.2%
688	Smyrna HS	155	10	181	11	179	5	5.0%
<b>Sussex County</b>		<b>989</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>1,046</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>995</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>4.3%</b>
689	Allen (Richard) School	31	3	33	5			
726	Cape Henlopen HS	150	10	139	4	137	5	4.5%
728	Sussex Consortium	32	1	38	2	51	0	2.5%
730	Delmar Sr HS	78	1	79	2	76	2	2.1%
746	Indian River HS	106	4	102	2	108	2	2.5%
748	Sussex Central Sr HS	189	13	191	6	176	6	4.5%
750	Ennis (Howard T) School			53	0	56	0	
756	Laurel Sr HS	79	5	84	8	83	6	7.7%
765	Western Sussex Academy	14	2	10	4	9	2	
766	Seaford SR HS	105	4	106	4	101	3	3.5%
770	Sussex Tech HS	153	2	151	2	134	2	1.4%
780	Woodbridge HS	52	4	60	6	64	7	9.7%

\* Dropout Rates are calculated for schools with 3 years of data, and three-year SPED enrollment of at least 50 students.

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