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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 2008-2009 school year, 1,998 of the 38,610 students enrolled in grades 9-12 dropped out of school. **The 2008-2009 dropout rate was 5.1 percent** (a decrease compared with the previous year's rate of 5.8 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.

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 2008-2009 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 18th 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 16th 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 16th 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 2008-2009
Summary Statistics
Grades 9-12

(N =1988)

	Annual Dropout Rate (%)	Percent of All Dropouts (%)
TOTAL	5.1	100
SEX		
Male	6.2	61.2
Female	4.1	38.8
RACE / ETHNICITY		
American Indian	5.3	0.4
African American	6.9	43.7
Asian	2.2	1.4
Hispanic	6.6	10.3
White	4.1	44.3
AGE		
Less than 15	0.7	3.2
Age 15	2.6	12.8
Age 16	5.1	25.5
Age 17 and over	12.7	58.6

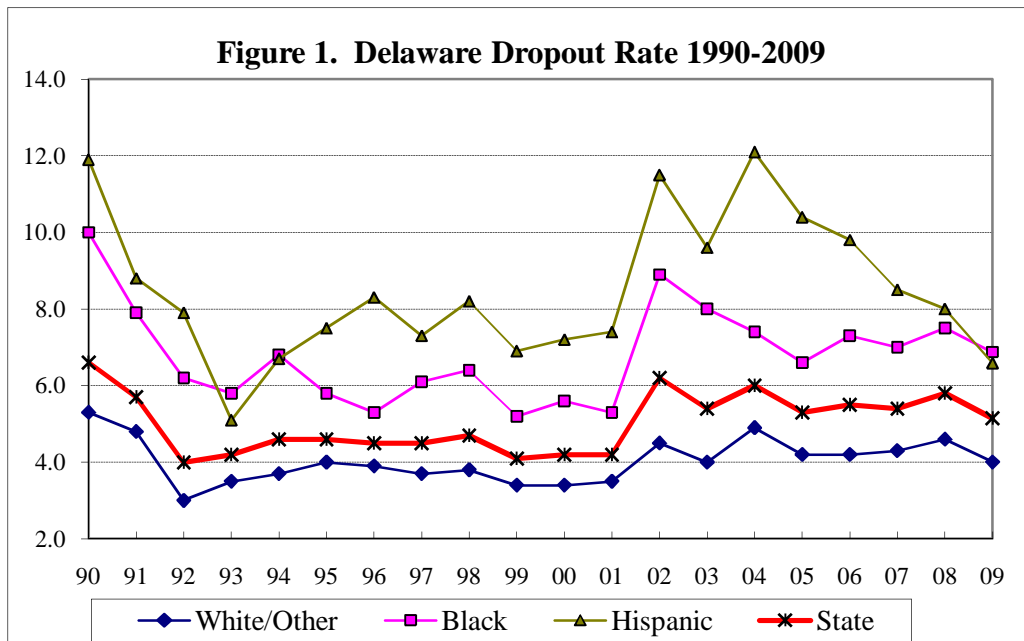


Table 2
Delaware Dropouts and Student Enrollments, 2008-2009
Grade by Race

Grade	<u>Number of Enrolled Students</u>				<u>Number of Dropouts</u>			
	Black	Hispanic	White/Other	All	Black	Hispanic	White/Other	All
9	4,146	1047	6,556	11,749	333	82	302	717
10	3,298	878	5,775	9,951	249	54	223	526
11	2,684	641	5,465	8,790	152	35	197	384
12	2,500	528	5,092	8,120	134	33	194	361
Total	12,628	3,094	22,888	38,610	868	204	916	1,988

Table 3
Dropout Rate and Percent of All Dropouts, 2008-2009
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	8.0%	7.8%	4.6%	6.1%	16.8%	4.1%	15.2%	36.1%
Grade 10	7.6%	6.2%	3.9%	5.3%	12.5%	2.7%	11.2%	26.5%
Grade 11	5.7%	5.5%	3.6%	4.4%	7.6%	1.8%	9.9%	19.3%
Grade 12	5.4%	6.3%	3.8%	4.4%	6.7%	1.7%	9.8%	18.2%
Total	6.9%	6.6%	4.0%	5.1%	43.7%	10.3%	46.1%	100.0%

Figure 2. Percent of Dropouts by Race/Ethnicity, 2008-2009

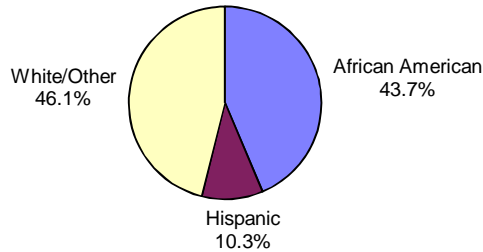
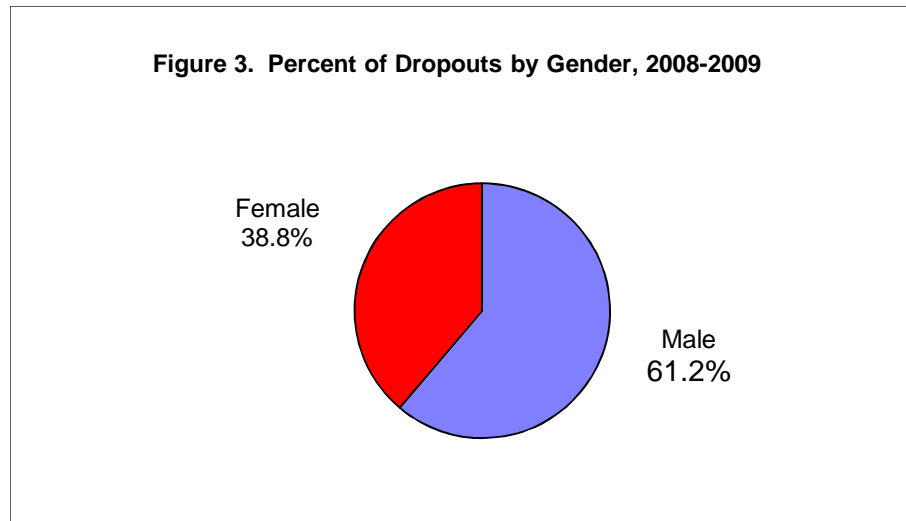


Table 4
Delaware Dropouts and Student Enrollments, 2008-2009
Gender by Race (Grades 9-12)

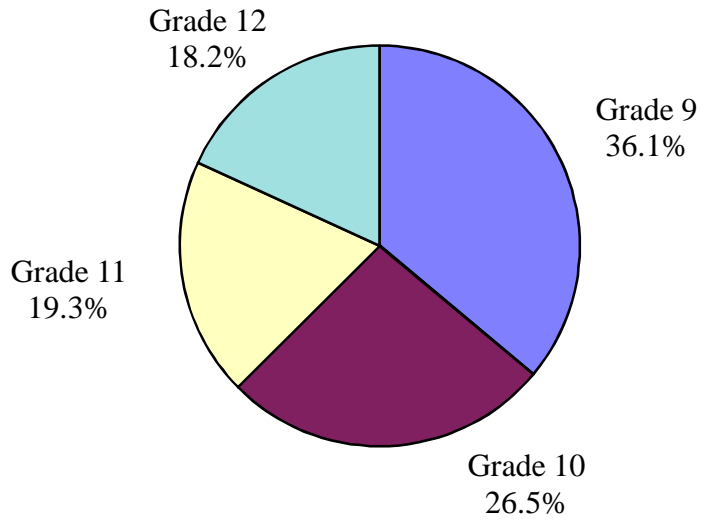
Gender	<u>Number of Enrolled Students</u>				<u>Number of Dropouts</u>			
	Black	Hispanic	White/Other	All	Black	Hispanic	White/Other	All
Male	6,312	1,577	11,785	19,674	529	126	562	1,217
Female	6,316	1,517	11,103	18,936	339	78	354	771
Total	12,628	3,094	22,888	38,610	868	204	916	1,988

Table 5
Dropout Rate and Percent of All Dropouts, 2008-2009
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	8.4%	8.0%	4.8%	6.2%	26.6%	6.3%	28.3%	61.2%
Female	5.4%	5.1%	3.2%	4.1%	17.1%	3.9%	17.8%	38.8%
Total	6.9%	6.6%	4.0%	5.1%	43.7%	10.3%	46.1%	100.0%



**Figure 4. Percent of All Dropouts by Grade
2008-2009**



**Figure 5. Dropout Rate by Gender by Race
2008-2009**

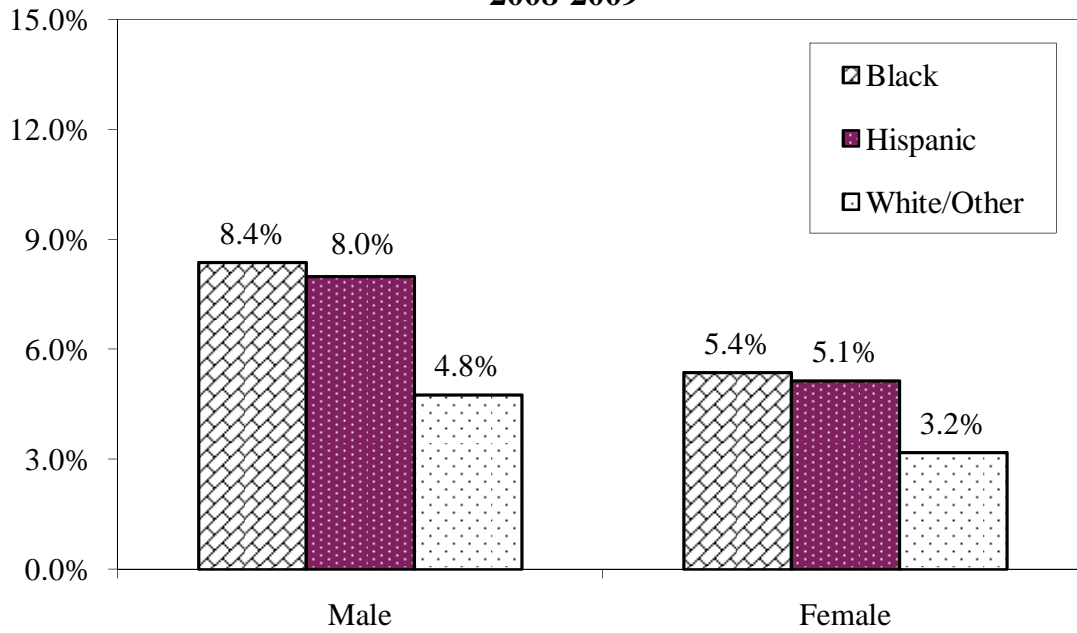


Table 6
Reasons for Dropping Out 2008-2009
Grades 9-12

	Number	Percent
School-Related	306	15.4%
Academic, Behavior, Dislike experience, Curriculum, Substance Abuse		
Economic-Related	25	1.3%
Economic and Employment		
Personal	33	1.7%
Pregnancy, Marriage, Child care, Language, Religion Needed at home, Military, Transportation		
School/District Did Not Report Data	1,624	81.7%
Total	1,988	100%

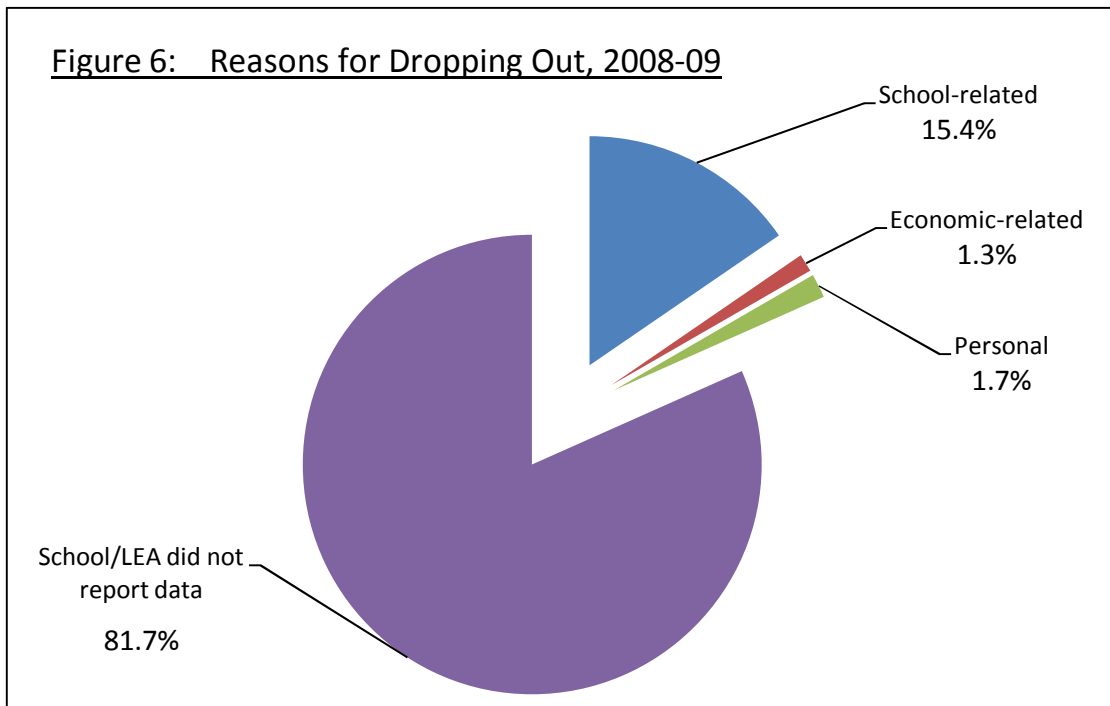


Table 7
Delaware Dropouts, 2008-2009
Grades 7-8

	Grade 7			Grade 8		
	No. of Dropouts	Students Enrolled	Rate	No. of Dropouts	Students Enrolled	Rate
Kent	14	2,277	0.6%	9	2,253	0.4%
New Castle	28	5,410	0.5%	59	5,730	1.0%
Sussex	3	1,849	0.2%	7	1,925	0.4%
State	45	9,536	0.5%	75	9,908	0.8%

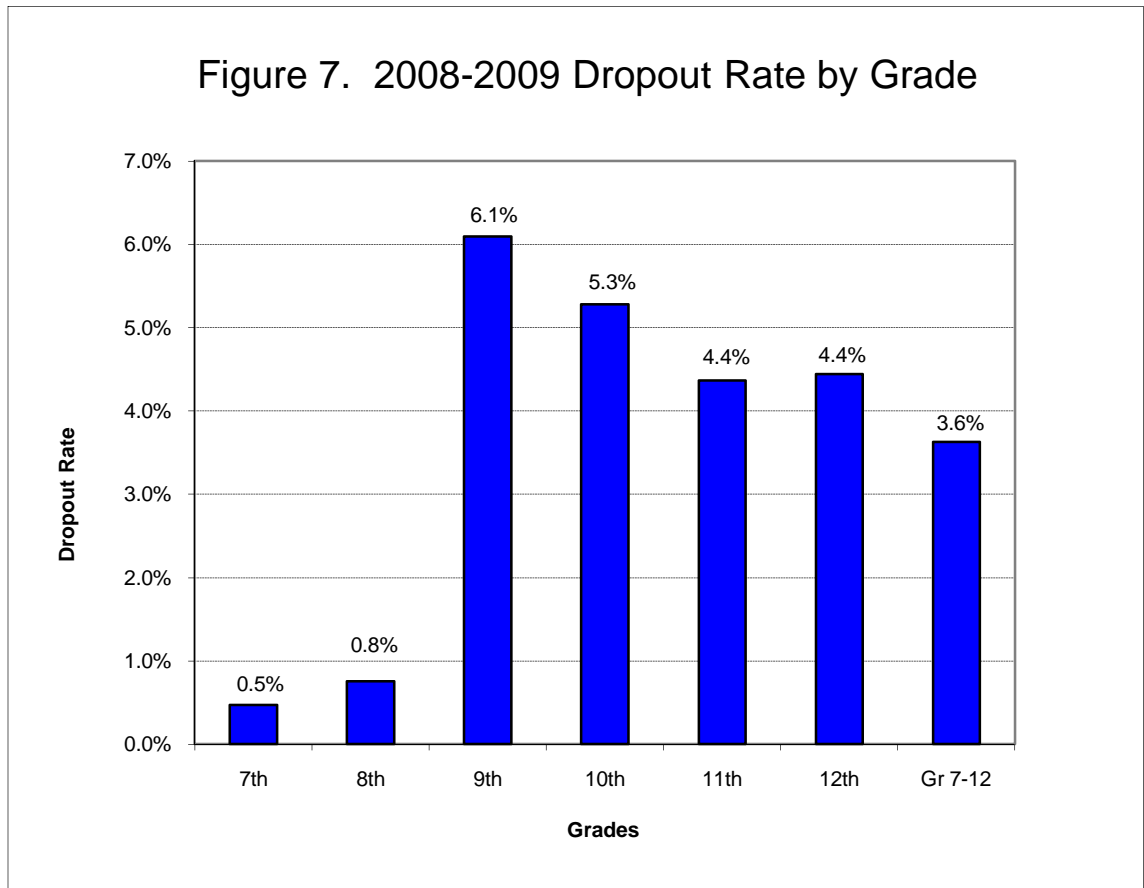


Table 8
Delaware Dropouts and Student Enrollments, 2008-2009
County by Race (Grades 9-12)

County	<u>Number of Enrolled Students</u>				<u>Number of Dropouts</u>			
	Black	Hispanic	White/Other	All	Black	Hispanic	White/Other	All
Kent	2,726	435	5,428	8,589	154	25	216	395
New Castle	8,285	2,120	12,285	22,690	619	161	519	1,299
Sussex	1,617	539	5,175	7,331	95	18	181	294
State	12,628	3,094	22,888	38,610	868	204	916	1,988

Table 9
Dropout Rate and Percent of All Dropouts, 2008-2009
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	5.6%	5.7%	4.0%	4.6%	7.7%	1.3%	10.9%	19.9%
New Castle	7.5%	7.6%	4.2%	5.7%	31.1%	8.1%	26.1%	65.3%
Sussex	5.9%	3.3%	3.5%	4.0%	4.8%	0.9%	9.1%	14.8%
State	6.9%	6.6%	4.0%	5.1%	43.7%	10.3%	46.1%	100.0%

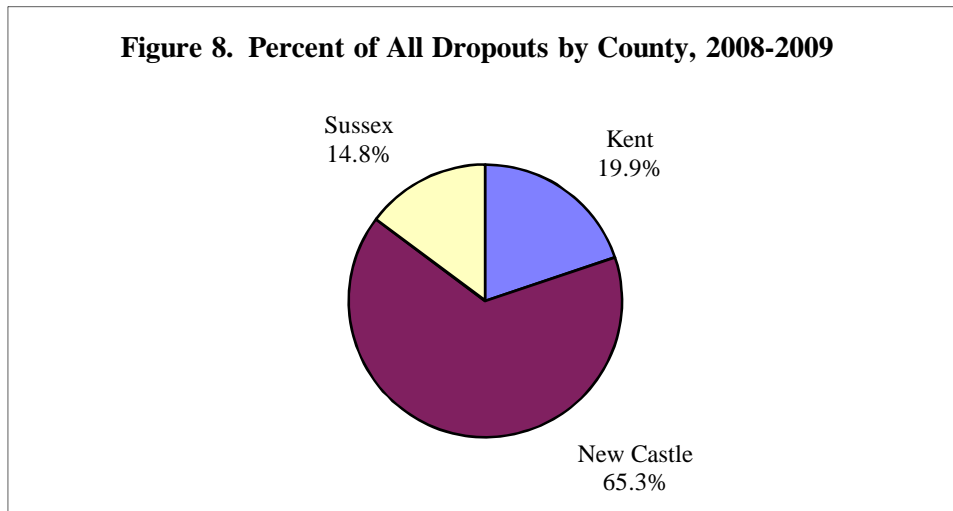


Table 10
Delaware Dropouts and Student Enrollments, 2008-2009
County by Grade

County	Number of Enrolled Students					Number of Dropouts				
	9	10	11	12	All	9	10	11	12	All
Kent	2,810	2,124	1,938	1,719	8,591	170	100	76	49	395
New Castle	6,739	5,908	5,199	4,851	22,697	459	347	245	248	1,299
Sussex	2,206	1,921	1,654	1,550	7,331	88	79	63	64	294
State	11,755	9,953	8,791	8,120	38,619	717	526	384	361	1,988

Table 11
Dropout Rate and Percent of All Dropouts, 2008-2009
County by Grade

County	Annual Dropout rate					Percent of All Dropouts				
	9	10	11	12	All	9	10	11	12	All
Kent	6.0%	4.7%	3.9%	2.9%	4.6%	8.6%	5.0%	3.8%	2.5%	19.9%
New Castle	6.8%	5.9%	4.7%	5.1%	5.7%	23.1%	17.5%	12.3%	12.5%	65.3%
Sussex	4.0%	4.1%	3.8%	4.1%	4.0%	4.4%	4.0%	3.2%	3.2%	14.8%
State	6.1%	5.3%	4.4%	4.4%	5.1%	36.1%	26.5%	19.3%	18.2%	100%

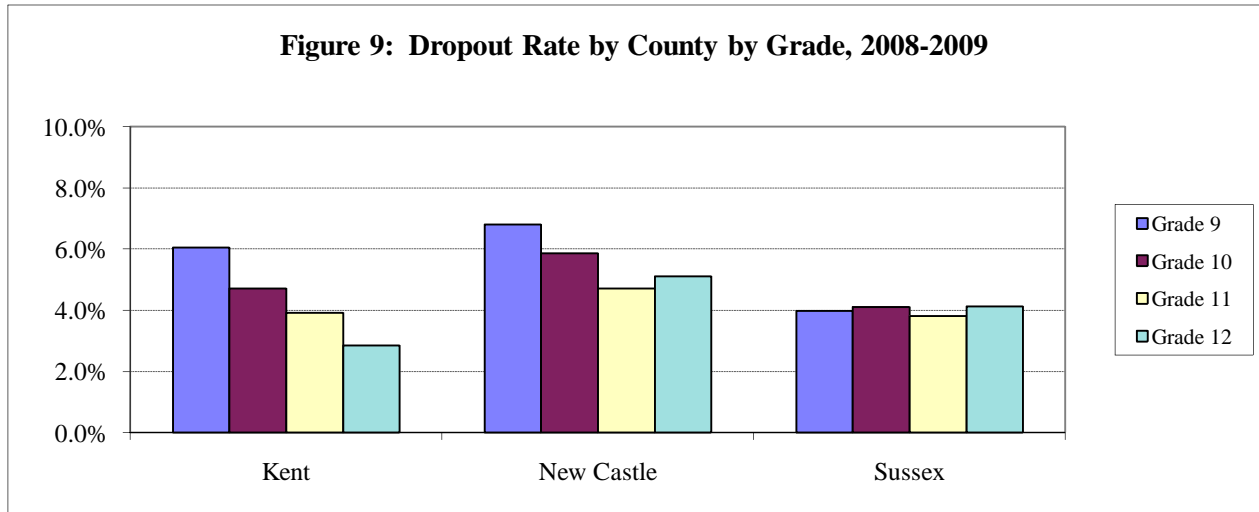


Table 12
ANNUAL DROPOUT RATES BY DISTRICT, 2006-2007 to 2008-2009
Grades 9-12

CODE	DISTRICT/CHARTER	2006-2007			2007-2008			2008-2009			2007-2009
		TOTAL ENROLLMENT	TOTAL DROPOUTS	DROPOUT RATE	TOTAL ENROLLMENT	TOTAL DROPOUTS	DROPOUT RATE	TOTAL ENROLLMENT	TOTAL DROPOUTS	DROPOUT RATE	3-Year Average Dropout Rate
New Castle County		22,176	1,280	5.8	22,307	1,384	6.2	22,697	1,299	5.7	5.9
29	Appoquinimink	2,107	76	3.6	2,243	101	4.5	2,404	60	2.5	3.5
31	Brandywine	3,366	132	3.9	3,307	153	4.6	3,333	193	5.8	4.8
70	Charter School of Wilmington	949	5	0.5	957	0	0.0	960	0	0.0	0.2
33	Christina	4,757	513	10.8	4,427	470	10.6	4,287	441	10.3	10.6
34	Colonial	2,403	179	7.4	2,364	200	8.5	2,317	146	6.3	7.4
79	Delaware Military Academy	518	12	2.3	520	13	2.5	526	13	2.5	2.4
75	M.J. Moyer Academy	70	6	8.6	97	19	19.6	134	11	8.2	12.1
38	NCC Voc Tech	3,792	112	3.0	4,105	165	4.0	4,379	216	4.9	4.0
83	Pencader Charter School	326	7	2.1	435	14	3.2	575	20	3.5	2.9
32	Red Clay	3,888	238	6.1	3,852	249	6.5	3,782	199	5.3	5.9
Kent County		8,230	399	4.8	8,456	469	5.5	8,591	395	4.6	5.0
10	Caesar Rodney	2,011	141	7.0	2,084	95	4.6	2,118	91	4.3	5.3
74	Campus Community	183	13	7.1	206	12	5.8	216	8	3.7	5.5
13	Capital	1,597	73	4.6	1,592	127	8.0	1,584	127	8.0	6.9
15	Lake Forest	939	57	6.1	948	66	7.0	928	48	5.2	6.1
18	Milford	1,101	40	3.6	1,156	74	6.4	1,178	59	5.0	5.0
39	Polytech	1,162	4	0.3	1,147	23	2.0	1,164	8	0.7	1.0
71	Positive Outcomes	82	10	12.2	75	9	12.0	82	6	7.3	10.5
24	Smyrna	1,155	61	5.3	1,248	63	5.0	1,321	48	3.6	4.7
Sussex County		6,852	347	5.1	7,187	354	4.9	7,331	294	4.0	4.7
17	Cape Henlopen	1,172	39	3.3	1,267	77	6.1	1,285	43	3.3	4.3
37	Delmar	563	24	4.3	606	17	2.8	654	18	2.8	3.3
36	Indian River	2,136	97	4.5	2,234	106	4.7	2,291	83	3.6	4.3
16	Laurel	525	50	9.5	542	38	7.0	546	41	7.5	8.0
23	Seaford	770	76	9.9	786	67	8.5	759	61	8.0	8.8
40	Sussex Tech	1,227	15	1.2	1,248	18	1.4	1,245	16	1.3	1.3
35	Woodbridge	459	46	10.0	504	31	6.2	551	32	5.8	7.3
STATE		37,258	2,026	5.4	37,950	2,207	5.8	38,619	1,988	5.1	5.5

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 totaling at least 150 students.

Table 13. Grades 9-12 Annual Dropout Rates by School, 2006-2007 Through 2008-2009

CODE	HIGH SCHOOLS	2006-2007			2007-2008			2008-2009		
		TOTAL ENROLLMENT	TOTAL DROPOUTS	DROPOUT RATE	TOTAL ENROLLMENT	TOTAL DROPOUTS	DROPOUT RATE	TOTAL ENROLLMENT	TOTAL DROPOUTS	DROPOUT RATE
New Castle County		21,626	1,075	5.0	21,569	1,166	5.4	21,866	1,006	4.6
18	Middletown HS	2,107	76	3.6	1,640	98	6.0	1,716	58	3.4
24	Appoquinimink HS				552	3	0.5	633	2	0.3
26	Howard Tech HS	863	9	1.0	863	19	2.2	869	17	2.0
44	St Georges Tech HS	257	1	0.4	517	1	0.2	754	3	0.4
66	Paul M. Hodgson	1,147	2	0.2	1,190	5	0.4	1,230	5	0.4
80	Delcastle Tech HS	1,525	10	0.7	1,500	12	0.8	1,495	14	0.9
190	Brandywine HS	1,238	52	4.2	1,168	62	5.3	1,157	78	6.7
194	Concord HS	1,154	44	3.8	1,180	43	3.6	1,268	60	4.7
196	Mt Pleasant HS	959	36	3.8	959	48	5.0	908	55	6.1
286	Calloway Arts Sch	414	1	0.2	412	3	0.7	414	0	0.0
290	John Dickinson HS	912	88	9.6	847	89	10.5	755	83	11.0
292	A. I. duPont HS	1,361	26	1.9	1,451	35	2.4	1,456	32	2.2
294	Thomas McKean HS	1,044	90	8.6	954	107	11.2	934	70	7.5
295	Charter Sch of Wilm	949	5	0.5	957	0	0.0	960	0	0.0
390	Christiana HS	1,434	181	12.6	1,287	131	10.2	1,179	121	10.3
392	Glasgow HS	1,355	136	10.0	1,193	135	11.3	1,081	100	9.3
394	Newark HS	1,663	124	7.5	1,565	140	8.9	1,578	123	7.8
490	William Penn HS	2,330	169	7.3	2,282	189	8.3	2,244	141	6.3
574	M.J. Moyer Academy	70	6	8.6	97	19	19.6	134	11	8.2
578	Delaware Mil. Acad.	518	12	2.3	520	13	2.5	526	13	2.5
582	Pencader Charter HS	326	7	2.1	435	14	3.2	575	20	3.5
Kent County		8,085	382	4.7	8,206	459	5.6	8,318	376	4.5
570	Positive Outcomes	82	10	12.2	75	9	12.0	82	6	7.3
573	Campus Community	183	13	7.1	206	12	5.8	216	8	3.7
626	Caesar Rodney HS	1,921	137	7.1	1,986	94	4.7	2,007	89	4.4
648	Dover HS	1,547	60	3.9	1,476	120	8.1	1,469	110	7.5
652	Polytech HS	1,162	4	0.3	1,147	23	2.0	1,164	8	0.7
665	Lake Forest HS	934	57	6.1	936	64	6.8	919	48	5.2
678	Milford SR HS	1,101	40	3.6	1,140	74	6.5	1,156	59	5.1
688	Smyrna HS	1,155	61	5.3	1,240	63	5.1	1,305	48	3.7
Sussex County		6,718	329	4.9	6,968	341	4.9	7,092	282	4.0
726	Cape Henlopen HS	1,134	36	3.2	1,198	75	6.3	1,223	39	3.2
730	Delmar Sr HS	563	24	4.3	592	17	2.9	640	18	2.8
746	Indian River HS	801	27	3.4	861	33	3.8	894	38	4.3
748	Sussex Central Sr HS	1,249	59	4.7	1,260	64	5.1	1,289	39	3.0
756	Laurel Sr HS	515	46	8.9	524	36	6.9	538	39	7.2
766	Seaford Sr HS	770	76	9.9	786	67	8.5	714	61	8.5
770	Sussex Tech HS	1,227	15	1.2	1,248	18	1.4	1,245	16	1.3
780	Woodbridge HS	459	46	10.0	499	31	6.2	549	32	5.8

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

Figure 10. Dropout Rate by District, 2008-2009

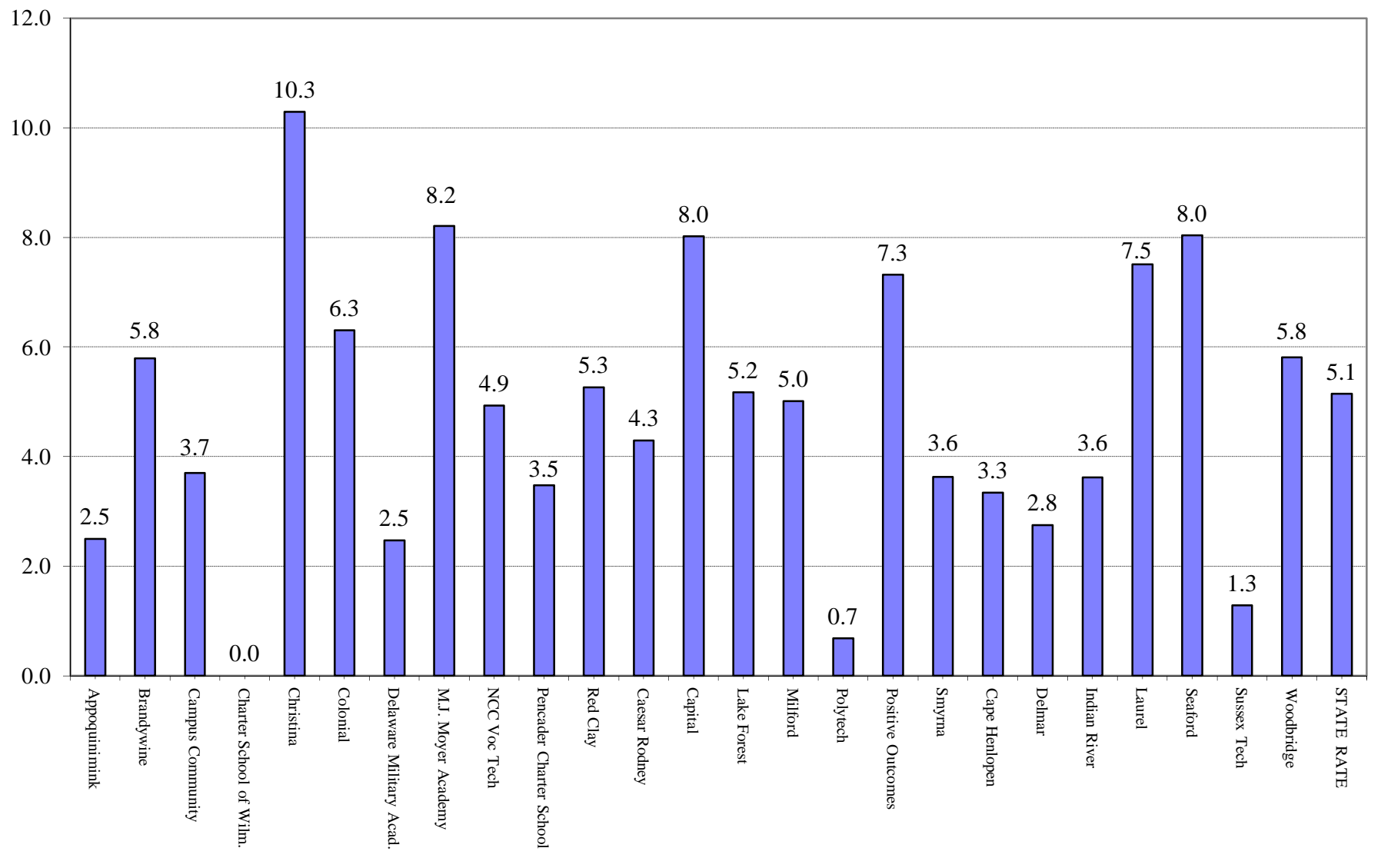


Table 14
Delaware Dropouts and Student Enrollments, 2008-2009
County by Special-Ed (Grades 9-12)

County	<u>Number of Enrolled Students</u>			<u>Number of Dropouts</u>		
	Special-Ed	Regular-Ed	All	Special-Ed	Regular-Ed	All
Kent	1,364	7,227	8,591	51	344	395
New Castle	2,480	20,217	22,697	98	1,201	1,299
Sussex	985	6,346	7,331	30	264	294
Total	4,829	33,790	38,619	179	1,809	1,988

Table 15
Dropout Rate and Percent of All Dropouts, 2008-2009
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	3.7%	4.8%	4.6%	2.6%	17.3%	19.9%
Kent	4.0%	5.9%	5.7%	4.9%	60.4%	65.3%
Sussex	3.0%	4.2%	4.0%	1.5%	13.3%	14.8%
Total	3.7%	5.4%	5.1%	9.0%	91.0%	100.0%

Figure 12. 2008-09 Enrollment and Dropout Percents by Special Ed Status

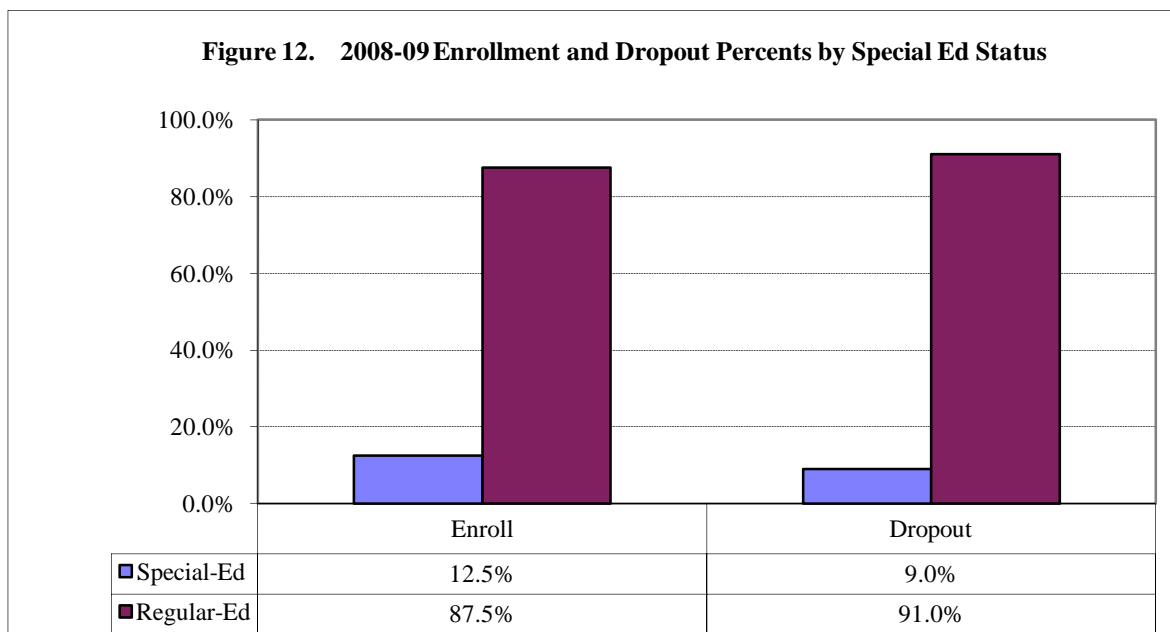


Table 16
Delaware Dropouts and Student Enrollments, 2008-2009
Race by Special-Ed (Grades 9-12)

Group	<u>Number of Enrolled Students</u>				<u>Number of Dropouts</u>			
	Black	Hispanic	White/Other	All	Black	Hispanic	White/Other	All
Special-ED	2,000	406	2,423	4,829	74	21	84	179
Regular-ED	10,626	2,690	20,465	33,781	794	183	832	1,809
Total	12,626	3,096	22,888	38,610	868	204	916	1,988

Table 17
Dropout Rate and Percent of All Dropouts, 2008-2009
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	3.7%	5.2%	3.5%	3.7%	3.7%	1.1%	4.2%	9.0%
Regular-ED	7.5%	6.8%	4.1%	5.4%	39.9%	9.2%	41.9%	91.0%
Total	6.9%	6.6%	4.0%	5.1%	43.7%	10.3%	46.1%	100.0%

Table 18
Delaware Special Education Enrollments and Dropouts by Race, 2005-2009
Grades 9-12

Year		Black	Hispanic	White/Other	All
2005	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%
2006	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%
2007	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%
2008	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	6.4%	0.8%	3.8%	9.3%
2009	Enrolled	2,000	406	2,423	4,829
	Dropouts	74	21	84	179
	Annual Dropout Rate	3.7%	5.2%	3.5%	3.7%
	Percent of All Dropouts	3.7%	1.1%	4.2%	9.0%

Table 19
Annual Delaware Dropout Rates, Grades 9-12
1989-1990 Through 2008-2009

Year	White/Other	Black	Hispanic	State
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
2008-09	4.0	6.9	6.6	5.1

Table 20. Special Education Grade 9-12 Dropouts by School, 2006-2007 through 2008-2009

		2007		2008		2009		2007-2009
CODE	HIGH SCHOOLS	SPECIAL ED ENROLLMENT	SPECIAL ED DROPOUTS	SPECIAL ED ENROLLMENT	SPECIAL ED DROPOUTS	SPECIAL ED ENROLLMENT	SPECIAL ED DROPOUTS	3-Yr Average Dropout Rate*
Delaware Public Schools		5,172	288	4,755	206	4,768	179	4.6%
New Castle County		2,757	169	2,404	105	2,419	98	4.9%
18	Middletown HS	237	16	146	10	159	9	6.5%
24	Appoquinimink HS			52	0	46	1	
26	HowardTech HS	122	0	117	2	108	2	1.2%
44	St. Georges Tech HS	21	0	43	0	67	0	0.0%
66	Paul M. Hodgson	131	0	121	1	116	1	0.5%
80	Delcastle Tech HS	231	3	182	0	180	0	0.5%
190	Brandywine HS	133	8	124	8	112	6	6.0%
194	Concord HS	90	9	91	4	90	9	8.1%
196	Mt Pleasant HS	123	6	128	5	123	7	4.8%
286	Calloway Arts Sch	23	0	21	0	12	0	0.0%
290	John Dickinson HS	127	7	125	9	121	1	4.6%
292	A. I. duPont HS	120	3	129	5	106	3	3.1%
294	Thomas McKean HS	150	17	164	6	156	9	6.8%
354	Sarah Pyle Academy	18	9					
390	Christiana HS	186	14	101	4	123	7	6.1%
392	Glasgow HS	140	11	98	6	100	3	5.9%
394	Newark HS	233	12	116	11	137	7	6.2%
490	William Penn HS	323	23	311	15	326	14	5.4%
514	John G. Leach School	31	0	29	0	29	0	0.0%
522	New Castle/Colonial ILC	42	9	53	7	44	4	14.4%
527	Central School (PACE)	69	11	53	7	70	8	13.5%
530	First State School	5	0	10	0	11	0	
537	Douglass School	15	7	6	0	10	2	
538	Brenen School (The)	91	0	99	0	80	0	0.0%
540	Margaret S. Sterck	42	2	35	0	23	2	4.0%
574	Maurice Moyer Academy	14	0	16	2	33	0	3.2%
578	Delaware Mil. Acad.	20	0	17	2	15	0	3.8%
582	Pencader Charter	20	2	17	1	22	0	5.1%
Kent County		1,369	74	1,356	66	1,364	51	4.7%
570	Positive Outcomes	51	4	50	4	55	2	6.4%
573	Campus Community	21	1	27	2	33	0	3.7%
626	Caesar Rodney HS	261	20	274	13	261	9	5.3%
630	John S. Charlton School	90	2	90	1	92	1	1.5%
648	Dover HS	300	8	263	20	261	20	5.8%
650	Kent Co. Community School			17	0	21	0	
652	Polytech HS	116	1	118	1	118	0	0.6%
655	Kent Secondary ILC	50	9	54	3	56	6	11.3%
659	Lake Forest ILC			12	2	9	0	
665	Lake Forest HS	139	9	130	8	118	2	4.9%
678	Milford SR HS	160	9	142	7	149	6	4.9%
688	Smyrna HS	181	11	179	5	191	5	3.8%
Sussex County		1,046	45	995	35	985	30	3.6%
689	Allen (Richard) School	33	5					
726	Cape Henlopen HS	139	4	137	5	158	2	2.5%
728	Sussex Consortium	38	2	51	0	49	2	2.9%
730	Delmar Sr HS	79	2	76	2	70	3	3.1%
746	Indian River HS	102	2	108	2	112	7	3.4%
748	Sussex Central Sr HS	191	6	176	6	153	0	2.3%
750	Ennis (Howard T) School	53	0	56	0	53	0	0.0%
756	Laurel Sr HS	84	8	83	6	98	3	6.4%
765	Western Sussex Academy	10	4	9	2	8	0	
766	Seaford SR HS	106	4	101	3	73	5	4.3%
770	Sussex Tech HS	151	2	134	2	125	4	2.0%
780	Woodbridge HS	60	6	64	7	86	3	7.6%

* 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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