

Executive Summary of Delaware Dropouts, 2000-2001

- During the 2000-2001 school year, 1,420 out of 33,945 students enrolled in grades 9 through 12 dropped out of school.
- The statewide annual dropout rate for the 2000-2001 school year is 4.2 percent, remaining the same as the previous year's dropout rate.
- Of the 1,420 dropouts, 58.6% were male and 41.4% were female.
- Dropout rates were higher for minorities. African American/Black students dropped out at the rate of 5.3 percent, Hispanic students at the rate of 7.4 percent and White/Other students at the rate of 3.5 percent.
- In terms of absolute numbers, the majority of the state's dropouts were White/Other (56.2 percent).
- Most dropouts left school in either the 9th or 10th grade (65.7%).
- Most dropouts left school when they were 16 years of age or older (79.7 percent), a reflection of the compulsory school attendance law requiring attendance at school between 5 and 16 years of age.

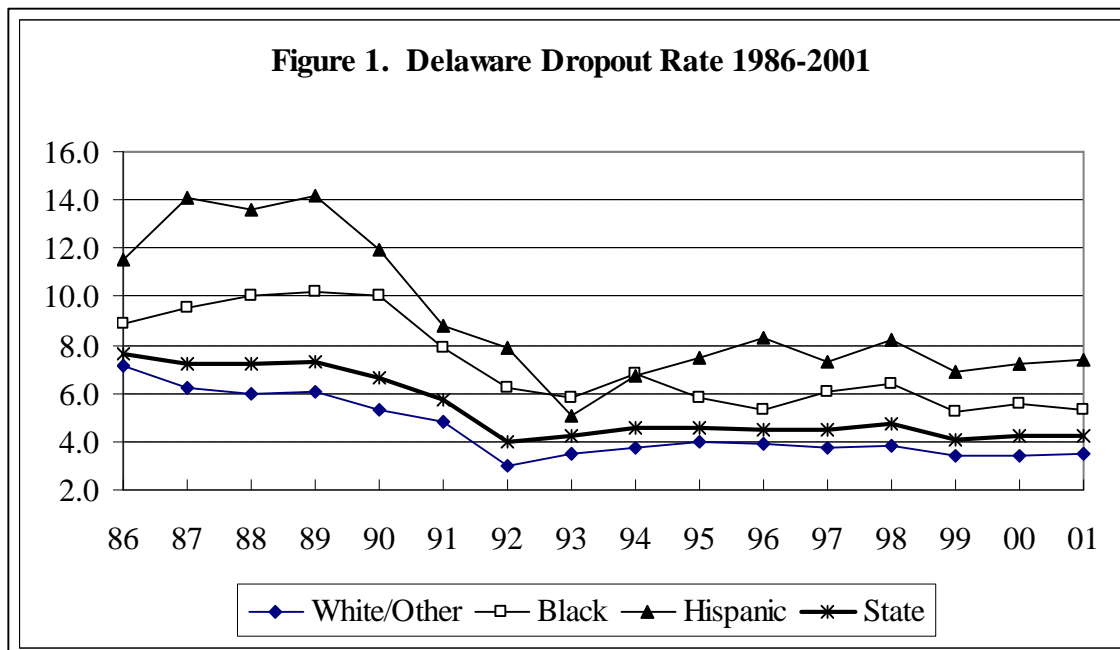


Table 1
Delaware Dropouts 2000-2001
Summary Statistics
Grades 9-12

(N=1,420)

	Annual Dropout Rate (%)	Percent of All Dropouts (%)
TOTAL	4.2	100
SEX		
Male	4.8	58.6
Female	3.5	41.4
RACE / ETHNICITY		
American Indian	2.4	0.1
African American	5.3	36.2
Asian	2.2	1.3
Hispanic	7.4	7.6
White	3.6	54.8
AGE		
Less than 15	0.5	3.1
Age 15	2.8	17.2
Age 16	5.0	28.6
Greater than 16	9.2	51.1

Figure 2. Percent of Dropouts by Race/Ethnicity, 2000-2001

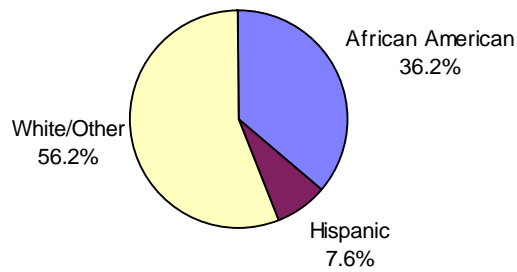


Figure 3. Percent of Dropouts by Gender, 2000-2001

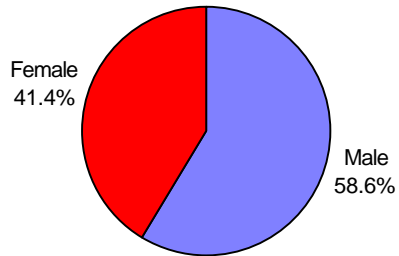


Figure 4. Percent of Dropouts by Age, 2000-2001

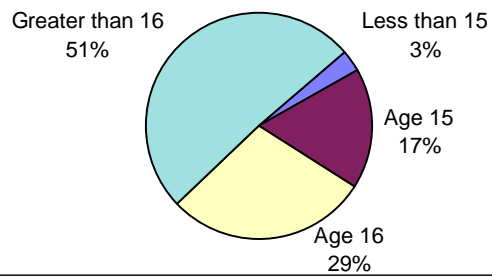


Table 2
Delaware Dropouts and Student Enrollments, 2000-2001
Grade by Race

Grade	<u>Number of Enrolled Students</u>				<u>Number of Dropouts</u>			
	Black	Hispanic	White/Other	All	Black	Hispanic	White/Other	All
9	3,414	527	6,721	10,662	222	45	255	522
10	2,533	402	5,956	8,891	141	29	240	410
11	1,935	284	5,058	7,277	74	25	166	265
12	1,894	240	4,981	7,115	77	9	137	223
Total	9,776	1,453	22,716	33,945	514	108	798	1420

Table 3
Dropout Rate and Percent of All Dropouts, 2000-2001
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	6.5%	8.5%	3.8%	4.9%	15.6%	3.2%	18.0%	36.8%
Grade 10	5.6%	7.2%	4.0%	4.6%	9.9%	2.0%	16.9%	28.9%
Grade 11	3.8%	8.8%	3.3%	3.6%	5.2%	1.8%	11.7%	18.7%
Grade 12	4.1%	3.8%	2.8%	3.1%	5.4%	0.6%	9.6%	15.7%
Total	5.3%	7.4%	3.5%	4.2%	36.2%	7.6%	56.2%	100.0%

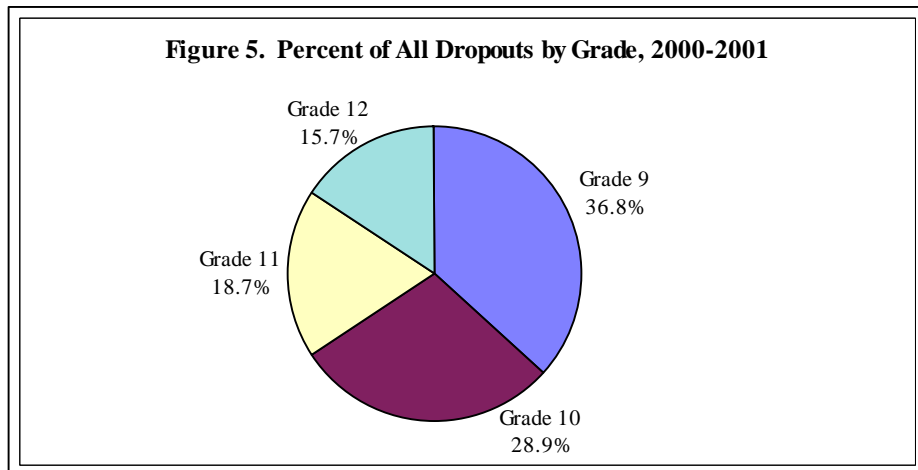


Table 4

Delaware Dropouts and Student Enrollments, 2000-2001

Gender by Race

Gender	<u>Number of Enrolled Students</u>				<u>Number of Dropouts</u>			
	Black	Hispanic	White/Other	All	Black	Hispanic	White/Other	All
Male	4,845	725	11,731	17,301	287	62	483	832
Female	4,931	728	10,985	16,644	227	46	315	588
Total	9,776	1,453	22,716	33,945	514	108	798	1420

Table 5

Dropout Rate and Percent of All Dropouts, 2000-2001

Gender by Race

Gender	<u>Annual Dropout Rate</u>				<u>Percent of All Dropouts</u>			
	Black	Hispanic	White/Other	All	Black	Hispanic	White/Other	All
Male	5.9%	8.6%	4.1%	4.8%	20.2%	4.4%	34.0%	58.6%
Female	4.6%	6.3%	2.9%	3.5%	16.0%	3.2%	22.2%	41.4%
Total	5.3%	7.4%	3.5%	4.2%	36.2%	7.6%	56.2%	100.0%

Figure 6. Dropout Rate by Gender by Race, 2000-2001

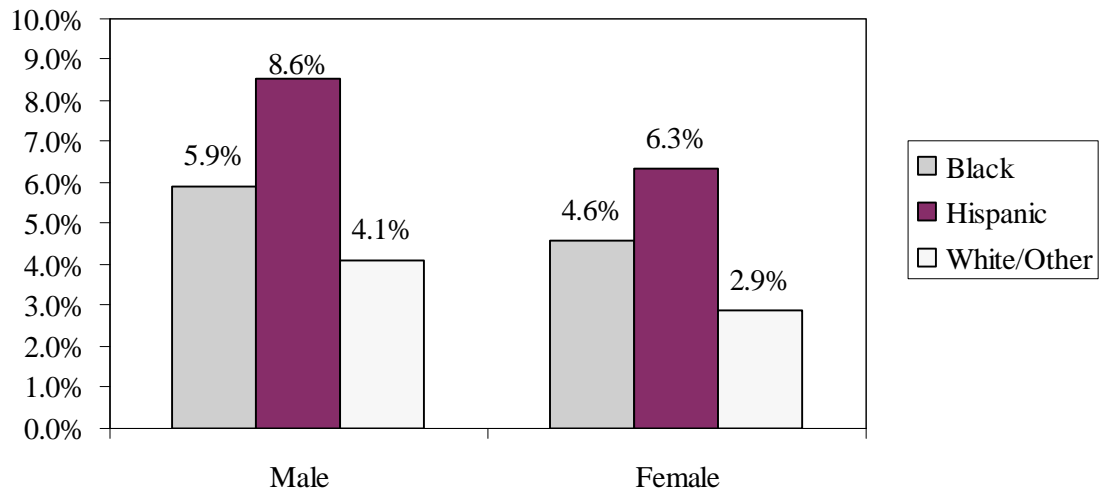


Table 6
Over-Age, Age-Appropriate, or Under-Age Dropouts, 2000-2001
By Grade Level

Age	Grade 9		Grade 10		Grade 11		Grade 12		All Grades	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Over-Age	483	92.5%	344	83.9%	196	74.0%	122	54.7%	1,145	80.6%
Age-Appropriate	34	6.5%	61	14.9%	58	21.9%	88	39.5%	241	17.0%
Under Age	5	1.0%	5	1.2%	11	4.2%	13	5.8%	34	2.4%
Total	522	100%	410	100%	265	100%	223	100%	1,420	100%

Table 7
Reasons for Dropping Out 2000-2001
Grades 9-12

Reason	Number	Percent
School-Related Academic, disciplinary, poor attendance	620	43.7%
Economic-Related Acquired employment, needed at home	28	2.0%
Personal Illness, pregnancy, marriage, child care, over compulsory age	5	0.4%
Failed to Enroll in Groves Adult High School after Withdrawal	580	40.8%
Unknown	187	13.2%
Total	1420	100%

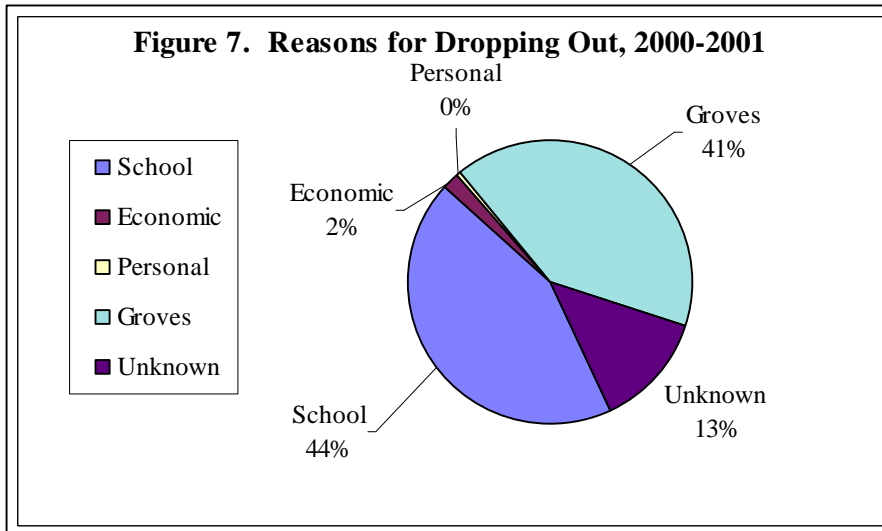


Table 8
Delaware Dropouts, 2000-2001
Grades 7-8

	Grade 7			Grade 8		
	No. of Dropouts	Students Enrolled	Rate per 1000 Pupils	No. of Dropouts	Students Enrolled	Rate per 1000 Pupils
New Castle	11	5,570	2.0	6	5,161	1.2
Kent	21	2,202	9.5	17	2,062	8.2
Sussex	17	1,770	9.6	17	1,855	9.2
State	49	9,542	5.1	40	9,078	4.4

Table 9
Delaware Dropouts and Student Enrollments, 2000-2001
County by Race

County	<u>Number of Enrolled Students</u>				<u>Number of Dropouts</u>			
	Black	Hispanic	White/Other	All	Black	Hispanic	White/Other	All
New Castle	6178	1042	12638	19,858	335	82	428	845
Kent	1878	205	5158	7,241	76	11	158	245
Sussex	1720	206	4920	6,846	103	15	212	330
Total	9,776	1,453	22,716	33,945	514	108	798	1420

Table 10
Dropout Rate and Percent of All Dropouts, 2000-2001
County by Race

County	<u>Annual Dropout rate</u>				<u>Percent of All Dropouts</u>			
	Black	Hispanic	White/Other	All	Black	Hispanic	White/Other	All
New Castle	5.4%	7.9%	3.4%	4.3%	23.6%	5.8%	30.1%	59.5%
Kent	4.0%	5.4%	3.1%	3.4%	5.4%	0.8%	11.1%	17.3%
Sussex	6.0%	7.3%	4.3%	4.8%	7.3%	1.1%	14.9%	23.2%
Total	5.3%	7.4%	3.5%	4.2%	36.2%	7.6%	56.2%	100.0%

Table 11

**Delaware Dropouts and Student Enrollments, 2000-2001
County by Grade**

County	Number of Enrolled Students					Number of Dropouts				
	9	10	11	12	All	9	10	11	12	All
New Castle	6183	5181	4325	4169	19,858	324	244	150	127	845
Kent	2330	1910	1493	1508	7,241	90	72	49	34	245
Sussex	2149	1800	1459	1438	6,846	108	94	66	62	330
Total	10,662	8,891	7,277	7,115	33,945	522	410	265	223	1420

Table 12

**Dropout Rate and Percent of All Dropouts, 2000-2001
County by Grade**

County	Annual Dropout rate					Percent of All Dropouts				
	9	10	11	12	All	9	10	11	12	All
New Castle	5.2%	4.7%	3.5%	3.0%	4.3%	22.8%	17.2%	10.6%	8.9%	59.5%
Kent	3.9%	3.8%	3.3%	2.3%	3.4%	6.3%	5.1%	3.5%	2.4%	17.3%
Sussex	5.0%	5.2%	4.5%	4.3%	4.8%	7.6%	6.6%	4.6%	4.4%	23.2%
Total	4.9%	4.6%	3.6%	3.1%	4.2%	36.8%	28.9%	18.7%	15.7%	100%

Figure 8. Percent of All Dropouts by County, 2000-2001

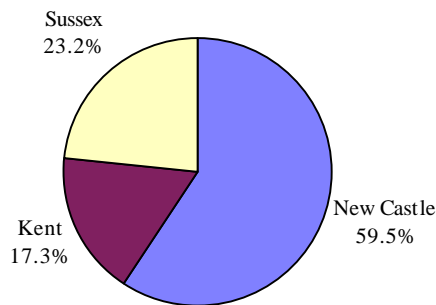


Figure 9. Dropout Rate by County by Grade, 2000-2001

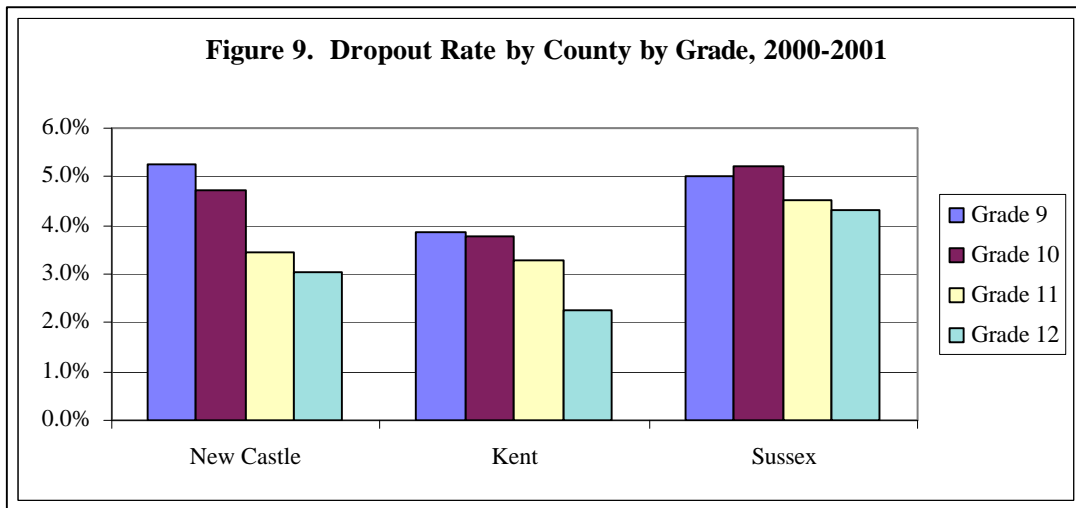


Figure 10. Dropout Rate by District, 2000-2001

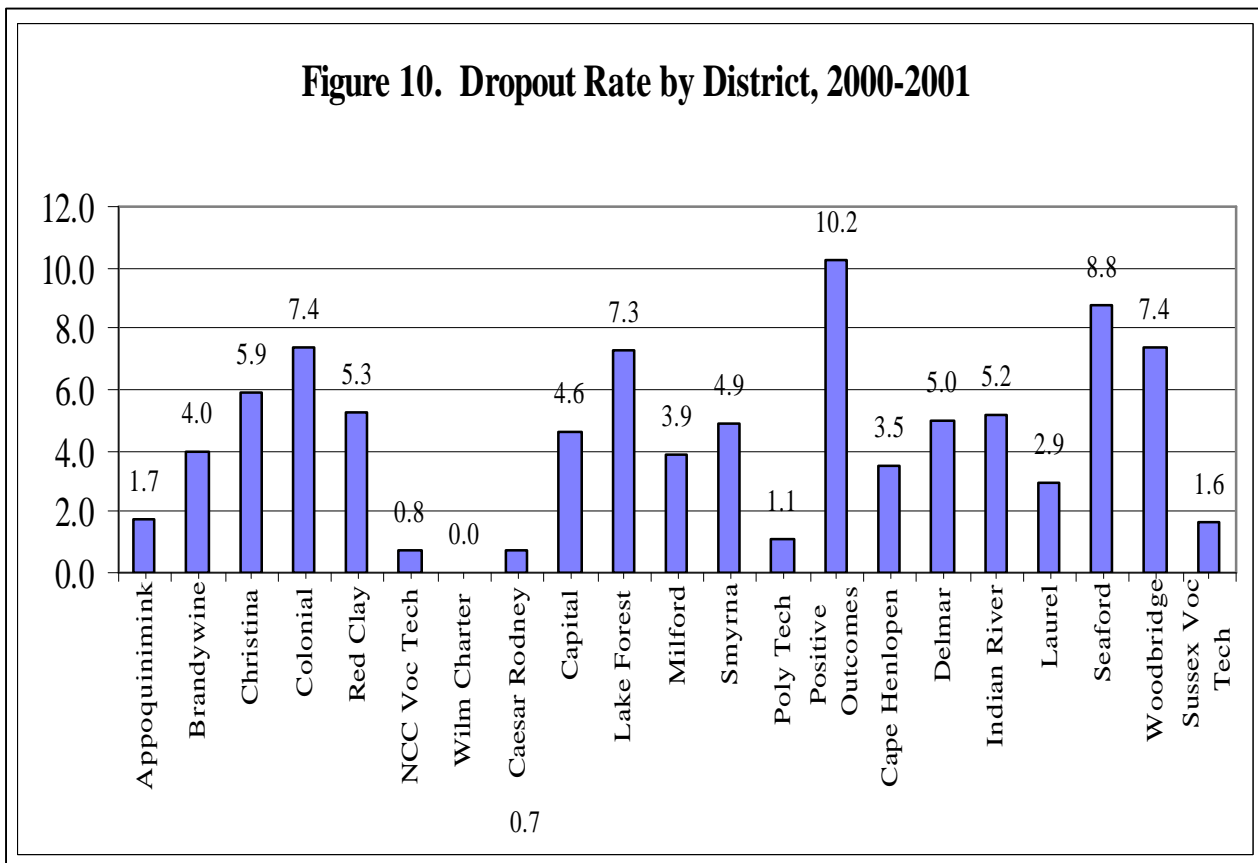


Table 13

ANNUAL DROPOUT RATES BY DISTRICT, 1996-97 THRU 2000-2001

Grades 9-12

CODE	DISTRICT	97-98			98-99			99-00			00-01		
		TOTAL ENROLLMEN	TOTAL DROPOUTS	DROPOUT RATE	TOTAL ENROLLMEN	TOTAL DROPOUTS	DROPOUT RATE	TOTAL ENROLLMEN	TOTAL DROPOUTS	DROPOUT RATE	TOTAL ENROLLMEN	TOTAL DROPOUTS	DROPOUT RATE
New Castle County		19,512	964	4.9	19,666	808	4.1	19,676	798	4.1	19,858	845	4.3
29	Appoquinimint	988	50	5.1	1,062	43	4.0	1163	11	0.9	1,287	22	1.7
31	Brandywine	3,322	142	4.3	3,397	124	3.7	3,294	129	3.9	3,400	135	4.0
33	Christina	5,093	396	7.8	4,922	306	6.2	4,786	235	4.9	4,687	276	5.9
34	Colonial	2,269	166	7.3	2,273	126	5.5	2,290	150	6.6	2,333	172	7.4
32	Red Clay	3,986	193	4.8	3,975	185	4.7	3,969	186	4.7	4,064	215	5.3
38	NCC Voc Tech	3,458	14	0.4	3485	24	0.5	3388	11	0.3	3,289	25	0.8
70	Wilmington Cf	396	3	0.8	552	0	0.0	686	0	0.0	798	0	0.0
78	Richard Milburn Academy*							100	76	76.0			
Kent County		7,045	265	3.8	7,088	257	3.6	7,145	336	4.7	7,241	245	3.4
10	Caesar Rodney	1,807	73	4.0	1,800	65	3.6	1791	94	5.2	1,860	13	0.7
13	Capital	1,441	62	4.3	1,450	65	4.5	1433	66	4.6	1,498	69	4.6
15	Lake Forest	818	35	4.3	835	43	5.1	827	51	6.2	862	63	7.3
18	Milford	960	48	5.0	988	37	3.7	1021	42	4.1	1,031	40	3.9
24	Smyrna	890	30	3.4	907	31	3.4	910	51	5.6	879	43	4.9
39	POLYTECH	1,095	13	1.2	1,071	14	1.3	1122	31	2.8	1,062	12	1.1
71	Positive Outcom	34	4	11.8	37	2	5.4	41	1	2.4	49	5	10.2
Sussex County		6,631	333	5.0	6,563	296	4.5	6,720	279	4.2	6,846	330	4.8
17	Cape Henlopen	1,067	47	4.4	1,038	55	5.3	1104	53	4.8	1,152	40	3.5
37	Delmar	473	27	5.7	455	17	3.7	491	18	3.7	522	26	5.0
36	Indian River	1,899	79	4.2	1,932	105	5.4	1922	72	3.7	1,926	100	5.2
16	Laurel	527	66	12.5	512	19	3.7	541	30	5.5	544	16	2.9
23	Seaford	1,071	62	5.8	1,035	65	6.3	1063	42	4.0	1,070	94	8.8
35	Woodbridge	416	35	8.4	420	22	5.2	415	38	9.2	474	35	7.4
40	Sussex Voc Te	1,178	17	1.4	1,171	13	1.1	1184	26	2.2	1,158	19	1.6
STATE		33,188	1,562	4.7	33,317	1,361	4.1	33,541	1,413	4.2	33,945	1,420	4.2

Note: Special Schools and ILC's are included in district dropout sum

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Table 14. GRADE 9-12 ANNUAL DROPOUT RATES BY SCHOOL, 1997-98 THRU 2000-2001

CODE	HIGH SCHOOLS	97-98			98-99			99-00			00-01		
		TOTAL ENROLLMENT	TOTAL DROPOUTS	DROPOUT RATE	TOTAL ENROLLMENT	TOTAL DROPOUTS	DROPOUT RATE	TOTAL ENROLLMENT	TOTAL DROPOUTS	DROPOUT RATE	TOTAL ENROLLMENT	TOTAL DROPOUTS	DROPOUT RATE
New Castle County		19,078	937	4.9	19,571	776	4.0	18,535	644	3.5	19,145	754	3.9
18	Middletown I	980	50	5.1	1037	43	4.1	1,163	11	0.9	1287	22	1.7
26	Howard Care	1017	3	0.3	715	5	0.7	762	4	0.5	808	4	0.5
66	Paul M. Hodg	966	6	0.6	1316	13	1.0	1,039	5	0.5	1000	13	1.3
80	Delcastle Tec	1435	5	0.3	1414	6	0.4	1,587	2	0.1	1422	8	0.6
190	Brandywine I	1230	41	3.3	1262	40	3.2	1,210	43	3.6	1285	33	2.6
194	Concord HS	1024	39	3.8	1084	43	4.0	1,089	35	3.2	1098	47	4.3
196	Mt Pleasant F	1040	62	6.0	1008	40	4.0	993	51	5.1	1014	55	5.4
286	Calloway Art	78	1	1.3	514	1	0.2	220	6	2.7			
290	John Dickins	1115	59	5.3	1048	26	2.5	1,042	26	2.5	1044	54	5.2
292	A. I. duPont I	1237	65	5.3	1255	54	4.3	1,255	45	3.6	1267	33	2.6
294	Thomas McK	1276	56	4.4	1359	87	6.4	1,301	55	4.2	1300	75	5.8
296	Wilmington I	184	6	3.3	62	4	6.5						
390	Christiana HS	1668	130	7.8	1639	77	4.7	1,574	51	3.2	1484	67	4.5
392	Glasgow HS	1808	160	8.8	1635	170	10.4	1,499	111	7.4	1365	79	5.8
394	Newark HS	1417	85	6.0	1461	53	3.6	1,575	54	3.4	1706	97	5.7
490	William Penn	2207	166	7.5	2210	114	5.2	2,226	145	6.5	2267	167	7.4
295	Wilmington C	396	3	0.8	552	0	0.0				798	0	0.0
577	Richard Milburn Acad							100	76	76.0			
Kent County		6,800	264	3.9	6,836	255	3.7	6,976	334	4.8	7,094	239	3.4
626	Caesar Rodne	1617	72	4.5	1612	65	4.0	1,723	94	5.5	1785	13	0.7
648	Dover HS	1424	62	4.4	1435	65	4.5	1,419	66	4.7	1497	69	4.6
652	POLYTECH	1060	13	1.2	1025	12	1.2	1,076	30	2.8	1040	12	1.2
665	Lake Forest F	815	35	4.3	832	43	5.2	827	51	6.2	862	62	7.2
678	Milford SR H	960	48	5.0	988	37	3.7	1,021	42	4.1	1031	40	3.9
688	Smyrna HS	890	30	3.4	907	31	3.4	910	51	5.6	879	43	4.9
570	Positive Outc	34	4	11.8	37	2	5.4	41	1	2.4	49	5	10.2
Sussex County		6,401	332	5.2	6,345	295	4.6	6,510	273	4.2	6,640	323	4.9
726	Cape Henlope	1034	46	4.4	993	54	5.4	1,054	50	4.7	1096	37	3.4
730	Delmar Sr HS	468	27	5.8	452	17	3.8	491	18	3.7	522	26	5.0
746	Indian River	722	46	6.4	723	30	4.1	737	22	3.0	737	54	7.3
748	Sussex Centr	1062	33	3.1	1076	75	7.0	1,077	50	4.6	1079	45	4.2
756	Laurel Sr HS	520	66	12.7	505	19	3.8	531	27	5.1	527	13	2.5
766	Seaford SR H	1045	62	5.9	1005	65	6.5	1,048	42	4.0	1047	94	9.0
770	Sussex Tech	1141	17	1.5	1171	13	1.1	1,157	26	2.2	1158	19	1.6
780	Woodbridge	409	35	8.6	420	22	5.2	415	38	9.2	474	35	7.4

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

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Table 15

**Delaware Dropouts and Student Enrollments, 2000-2001
County by Special-Ed**

County	<u>Number of Enrolled Students</u>			<u>Number of Dropouts</u>		
	Special-Ed	Regular-Ed	All	Special-Ed	Regular-Ed	All
New Castle	2205	17653	19,858	121	724	845
Kent	829	6412	7,241	39	206	245
Sussex	898	5948	6,846	42	288	330
Total	3,932	30,013	33,945	202	1218	1420

Table 16

**Dropout Rate and Percent of All Dropouts, 2000-2001
County by Special-Ed**

County	<u>Annual Dropout rate</u>			<u>Percent of All Dropouts</u>		
	Special-Ed	Regular-Ed	All	Special-Ed	Regular-Ed	All
New Castle	5.5%	4.1%	4.3%	8.5%	51.0%	59.5%
Kent	4.7%	3.2%	3.4%	2.7%	14.5%	17.3%
Sussex	4.7%	4.8%	4.8%	3.0%	20.3%	23.2%
Total	5.1%	4.1%	4.2%	14.2%	85.8%	100.0%

Table 17

Delaware Dropouts and Student Enrollments, 2000-2001

Race by Special-Ed

Group	<u>Number of Enrolled Students</u>				<u>Number of Dropouts</u>			
	Black	Hispanic	White/Other	All	Black	Hispanic	White/Other	All
Special-ED	1,615	173	2,144	3,932	76	13	113	202
Regular-ED	8,161	1,280	20,572	30,013	438	95	685	1218
Total	9,776	1,453	22,716	33,945	514	108	798	1420

Table 18

Dropout Rate and Percent of All Dropouts, 2000-2001

Race by Special-Ed

Group	<u>Annual Dropout Rate</u>				<u>Percent of All Dropouts</u>			
	Black	Hispanic	White/Other	All	Black	Hispanic	White/Other	All
Special-ED	4.7%	7.5%	5.3%	5.1%	5.4%	0.9%	8.0%	14.2%
Regular-ED	5.4%	7.4%	3.3%	4.1%	30.8%	6.7%	48.2%	85.8%
Total	5.3%	7.4%	3.5%	4.2%	36.2%	7.6%	56.2%	100.0%

Table 19
Delaware Dropout Rates Annual Trend
1979-80 Through 2000-2001

Year	White/Other	Black	Hispanic	State
1979-80	7.0	12.1	14.6	7.9
1980-81	6.9	10.7	13.7	7.8
1981-82	8.1	10.8	22.0	8.1
1982-83	6.2	9.2	15.5	6.9
1983-84	6.2	9.2	17.2	7.2
1984-85	7.3	8.7	12.3	7.6
1985-86	7.1	8.9	11.5	7.6
1986-87	6.2	9.5	14.1	7.2
1987-88	6.0	10.0	13.6	7.2
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	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	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