

Ascension Parish Dropout Profile



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Social Attitudes, Values and Behaviors

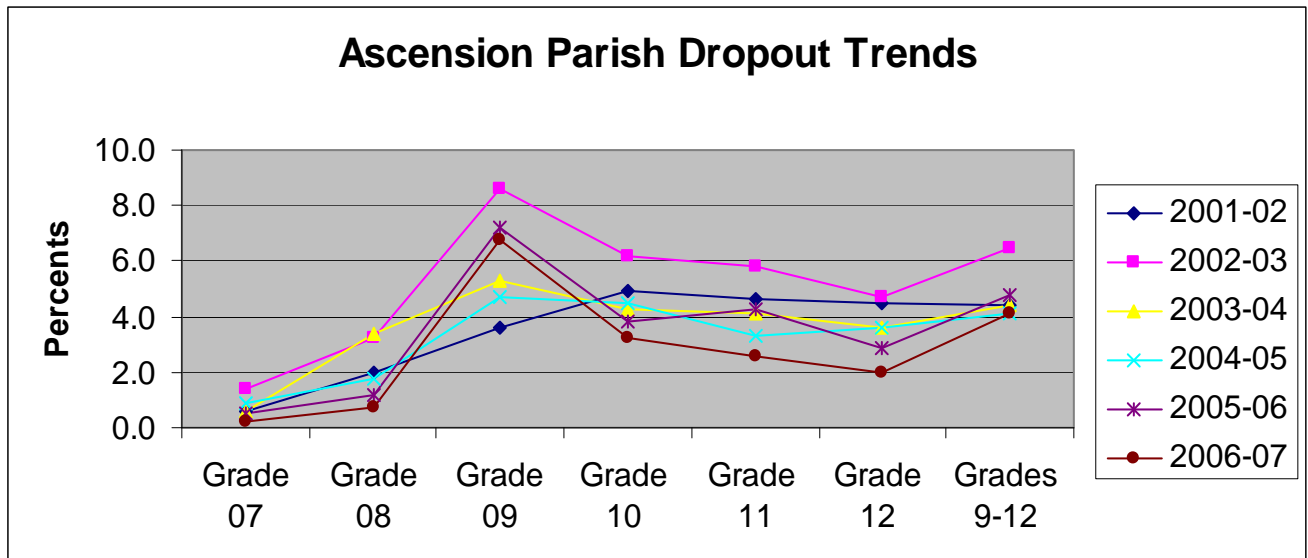
- High-Risk Peer Group
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Individual Background Characteristics

- Has a Learning Disability or Emotional Disturbance

Ascension Parish Dropout Trends (Percentages)

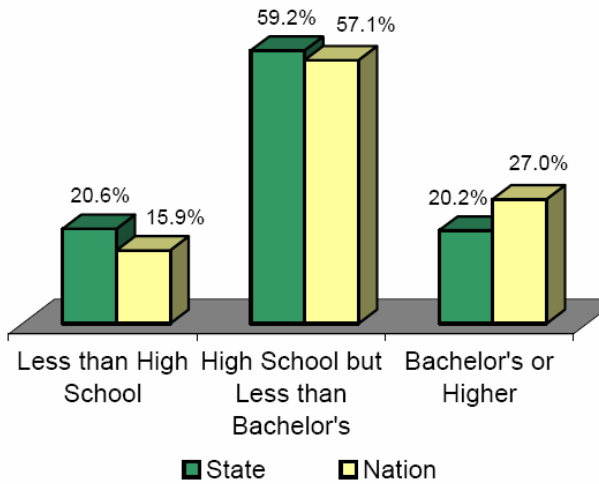
	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12	Grades 9-12
2001-02	0.6	2.0	3.6	4.9	4.6	4.5	4.4
2002-03	1.4	3.2	8.6	6.2	5.8	4.7	6.5
2003-04	0.6	3.4	5.3	4.3	4.1	3.6	4.4
2004-05	0.9	1.8	4.7	4.5	3.3	3.6	4.1
2005-06	0.5	1.2	7.2	3.8	4.3	2.9	4.8
2006-07	0.2	0.7	6.8	3.2	2.6	2.0	4.1



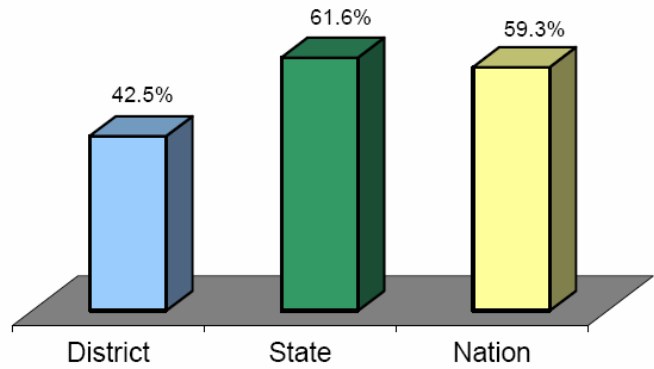
Louisiana Dropout Trends (Percents)

	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Grade 7	1.5	1.7	1.4	1.5	2.6	1.6
Grade 8	3.3	3.6	3.4	3.3	4.2	4.2
Grade 9	6.3	7.6	7.7	7.6	7.8	7.8
Grade 10	6.8	6.5	6.6	6.2	6.2	6.2
Grade 11	6.4	6.3	6.3	6.4	6.4	6.4
Grade 12	7.0	7.5	9.0	7.6	7.1	7.1
Louisiana State Total (All Grades)	6.6	7.0	7.4	7.0	6.9	6.9

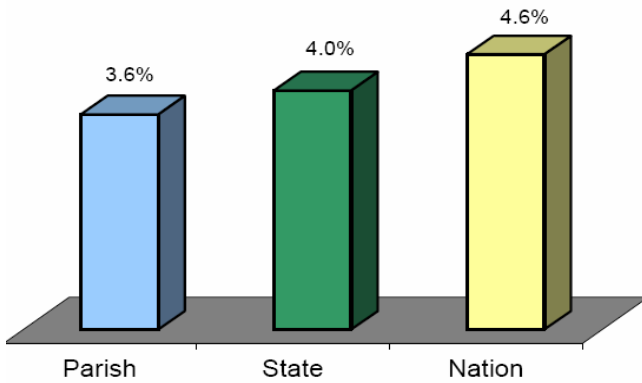
Educational Attainment at State and National Levels



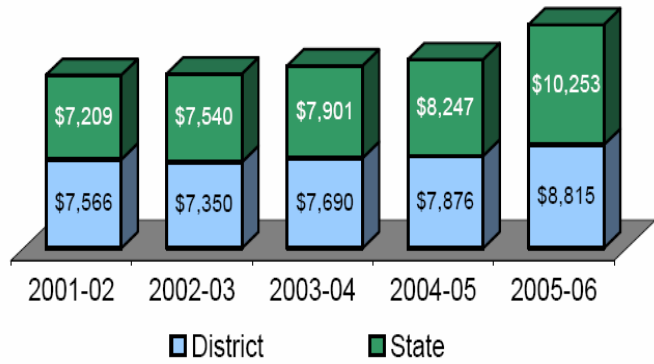
Student Participation in the Federal Free or Reduced Price Lunch Program



Unemployment Rate



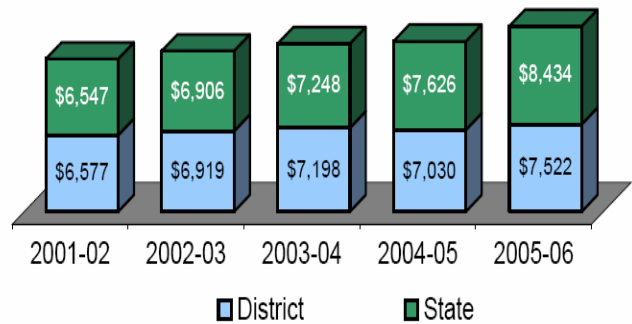
Revenues Per Pupil (Elementary/Secondary Enrollment)



Income and Poverty

	Parish	State	Nation
Median Household Income	\$48,789	\$35,216	\$44,334
Persons Below Poverty	12.0%	19.2%	12.7%
Children Below Poverty	16.3%	27.8%	18.3%

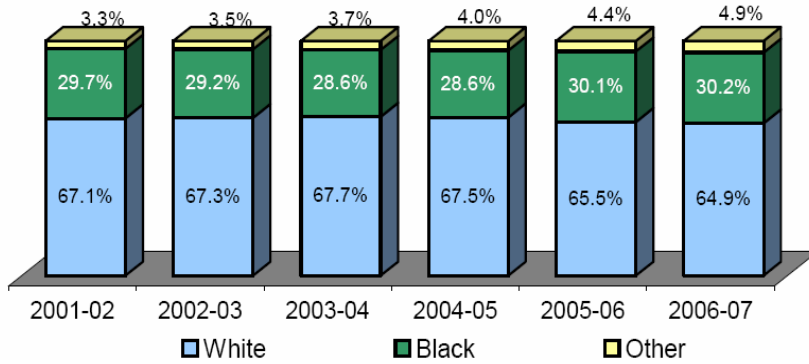
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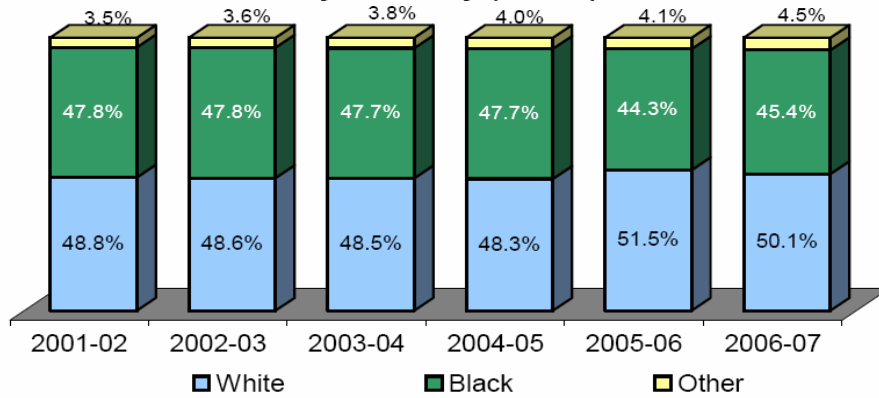
Teenage Birth and Single Motherhood

	Parish	State	Nation
Teenage Birth Rate	9.0%	14.4%	10.0%
Female Householders	6.2%	16.1%	12.5%

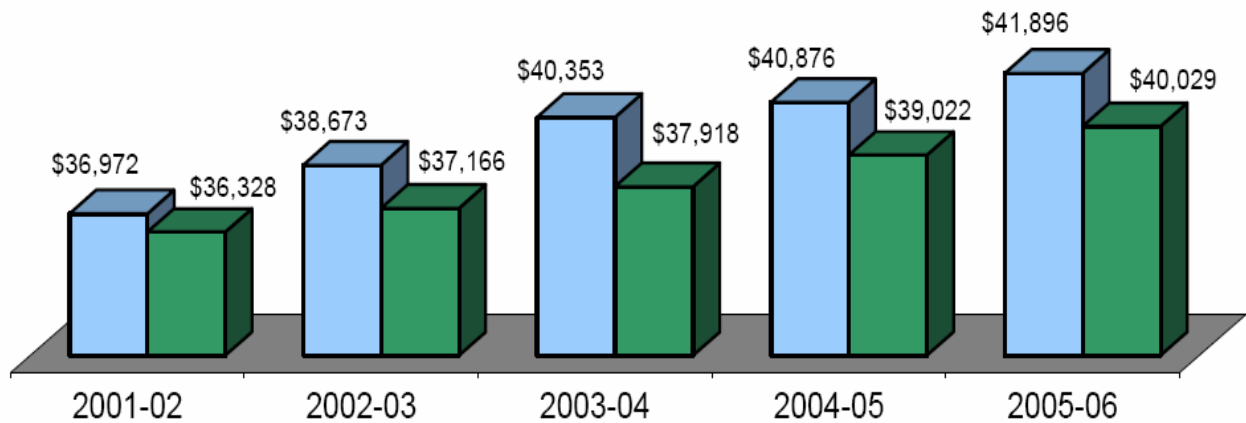
District's Public Student Population by Ethnicity (PK-12)



State's Public Student Population by Ethnicity (PK-12)



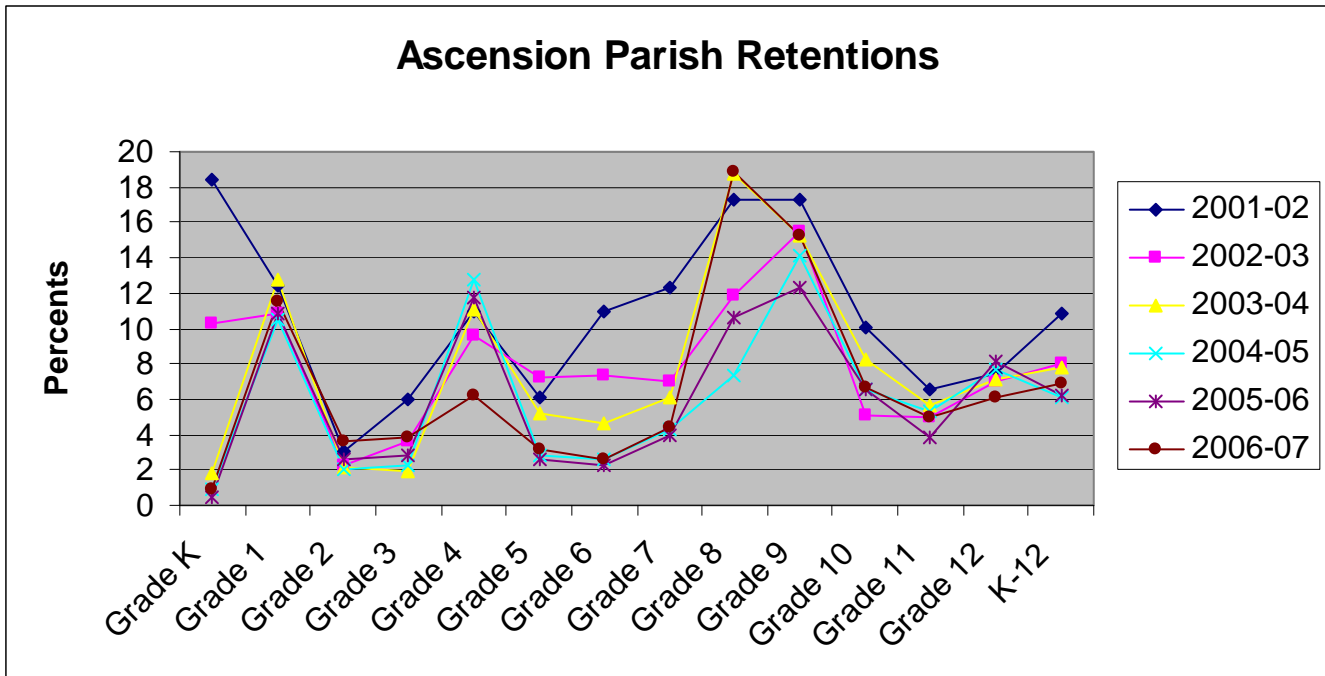
Average Classroom Teacher Salary



Risk Factor: Student Retention

Ascension Parish Student Retention

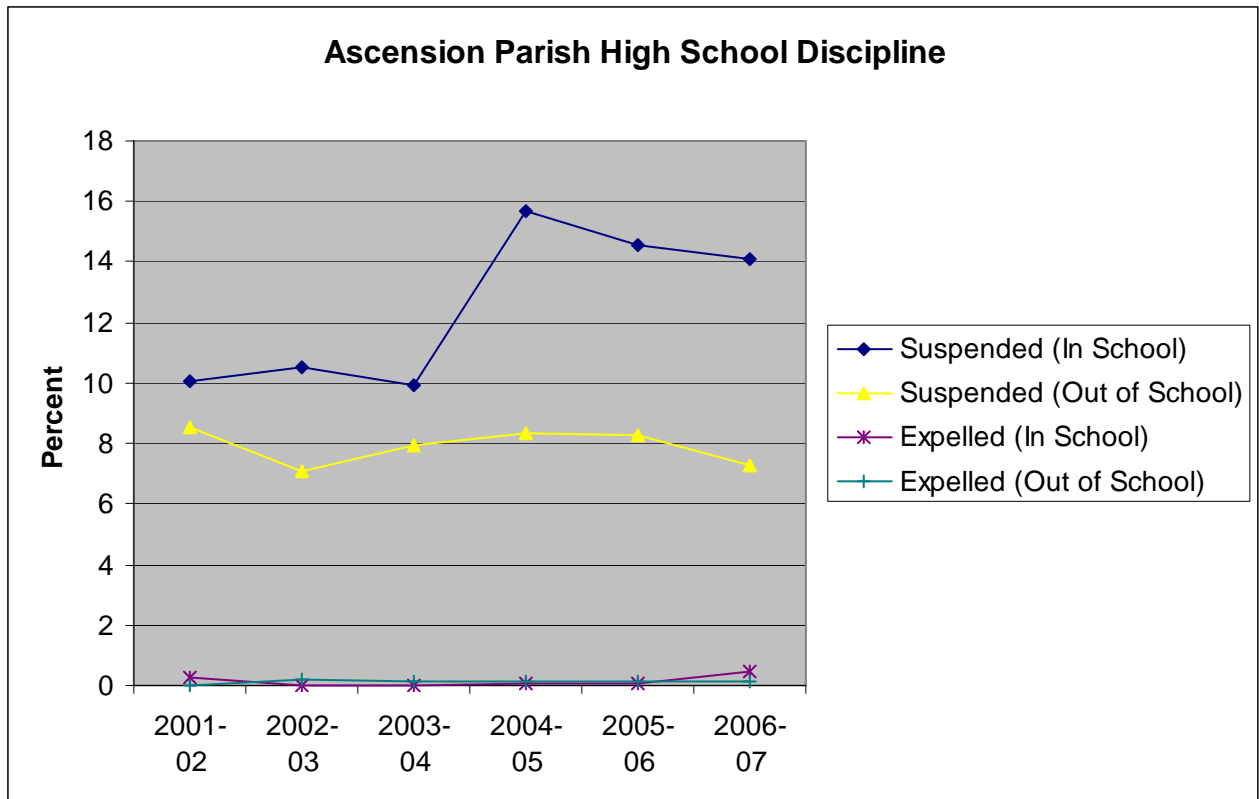
	2001-02		2002-03		2003-04		2004-05		2005-06		2006-07	
	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#
Grade K	18.4	242	10.3	135	1.8	22	0.9	11	0.5	7	0.9	13
Grade 1	12.4	158	10.9	140	12.8	172	10.5	151	10.8	150	11.5	178
Grade 2	3	37	2.3	27	2.2	26	2	25	2.6	35	3.6	49
Grade 3	6	70	3.6	47	1.9	23	2.3	29	2.8	36	3.8	55
Grade 4	11	143	9.6	117	11.1	149	12.8	176	11.8	178	6.2	94
Grade 5	6.1	66	7.2	90	5.2	64	2.8	36	2.6	32	3.2	44
Grade 6	11	125	7.4	85	4.6	57	2.6	33	2.3	31	2.6	38
Grade 7	12.3	142	7	81	6.1	69	4.3	55	3.9	49	4.4	61
Grade 8	17.3	178	11.9	135	18.8	217	7.3	88	10.6	144	18.9	264
Grade 9	17.3	184	15.5	163	15.3	176	14.1	163	12.3	156	15.2	229
Grade 10	10.1	101	5.1	46	8.2	74	6.6	67	6.6	69	6.7	74
Grade 11	6.6	60	5	45	5.7	50	5.3	44	3.8	36	5	49
Grade 12	7.5	66	7	59	7.1	62	7.7	66	8.1	69	6.1	58
K-12	10.8	1,572	8	1,170	7.8	1,161	6.1	944	6.2	992	6.9	1,206



Risk Factor: Student Discipline

Ascension Parish—High School **Discipline**

	2001-02		2002-03		2003-04		2004-05		2005-06		2006-07	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Suspended (In School)	420	10.09	451	10.5	426	9.93	755	15.66	852	14.59	746	14.09
Suspended (Out of School)	354	8.51	303	7.05	339	7.91	402	8.34	481	8.24	385	7.27
Expelled (In School)	10	0.24	0	0	0	0	2	0.04	4	0.07	24	0.45
Expelled (Out of School)	1	0.02	8	0.19	5	0.12	7	0.15	6	0.1	7	0.13

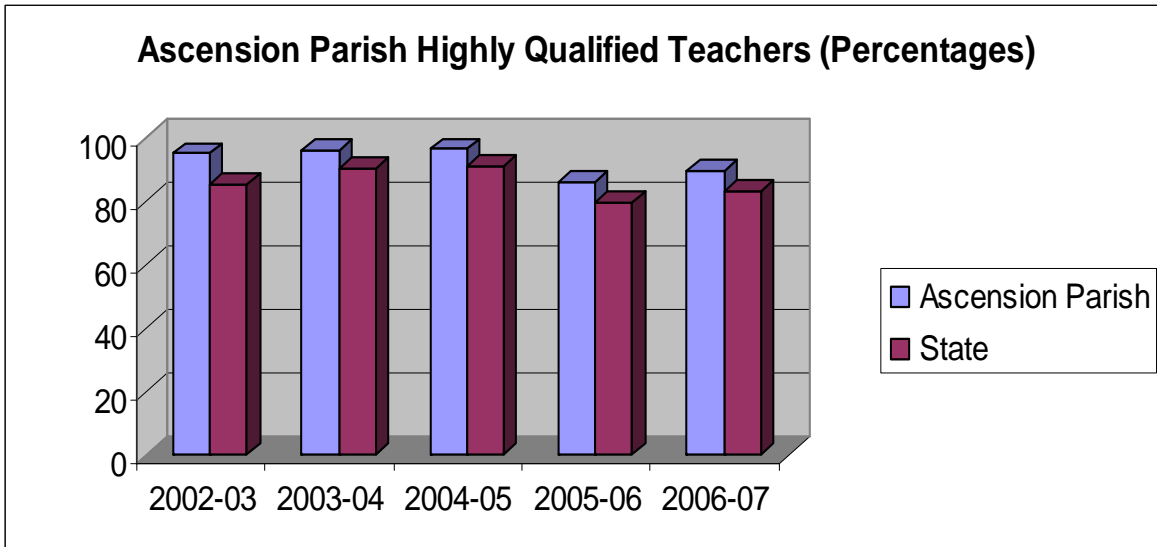


Teacher Quality

Highly Qualified Teachers (Percentages)

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Ascension Parish Core Classes Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers	95.2	96.4	96.6	86.5	89.9
Louisiana Core Classes Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers	85.6	90.5	91.4	79.6	83.5

Ascension Parish Highly Qualified Teachers (Percentages)



Risk Factor: Student Engagement

Ascension Parish **Dropout Reasons**

	Count	Percent
No Reason Given	293	90.2
Dislike of School Experience	6	1.8
Economic Reasons	14	4.3
Employment	1	.3
Entered Criminal Justice System	1	.3
Failed Required Test	8	2.5
Pregnancy	1	.3
Substance Abuse	1	.3
Total	325	100

Ascension Dropout **Truancy**

	Frequency	Percent
Non-Truant	300	92.3
Truant	25	7.7
Total	325	100
Louisiana Truant-Dropout Total	5,890	36.0

Ascension Parish Dropout: **Options Program Participation**

	Count	Percent
Non-Options Participant	252	77.5
Option 3 (GED Program)	3	.9
Total	325	100
Louisiana Dropout Option 3 Participants	1,924	11.7

Ascension Dropout **Homelessness**

	Ascension Counts	Ascension Percent	Louisiana Dropout Counts	Louisiana Dropout Percents
Non-Homeless	323	99.4	15,834	96.6
Hotels/Motels	0	0	8	.0
Shelters	0	0	412	2.5
Sharing Housing with Others	1	.3	385	2.3
Unsheltered/FEMA	1	.3	55	.3
Total	325	100	16,383	100

Risk Factor: Family Characteristics

Ascension Parish Dropouts by **Gender**

	Count	Percent
Female	139	42.8
Male	186	57.2
Total	325	100

Louisiana Dropouts by **Gender**

	Count	Percent
Female	6,686	40.8
Male	9,697	59.2
Total	16,383	100

Ascension Parish Dropout **Poverty**

	Count	Percent
Paid Lunch	142	43.7
Free Lunch	159	48.9
Reduced Lunch	24	7.4
Total	325	100

Louisiana Dropout **Poverty**

	Count	Percent
Paid Lunch	6,883	42.0
Free Lunch	8,954	54.7
Reduced Lunch	546	3.3
Total	16,383	100

Ascension Parish Dropouts by **Ethnicity**

	Count	Percent
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	1	.3
Asian/Pacific Islander	0	0.0
African American	140	43.1
Hispanic	8	2.5
Caucasian	176	54.2
Total	325	100

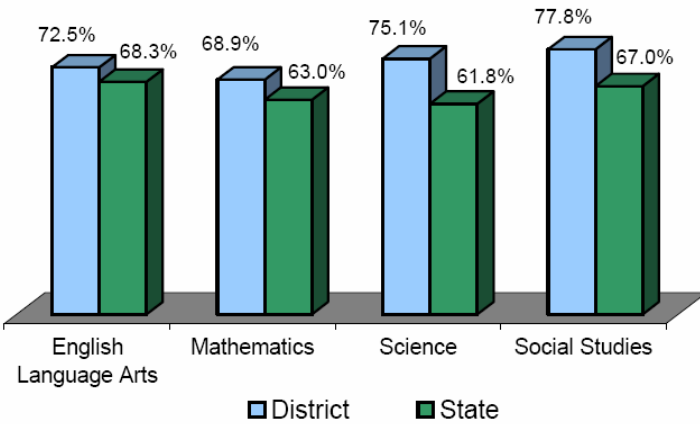
Louisiana Dropouts by **Ethnicity**

	Count	Percent
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	120	.7
Asian/Pacific Islander	164	1.0
African American	10,439	63.7
Hispanic	452	2.8
Caucasian	5,208	31.8
Total	16,383	100

Risk Factor: School Performance

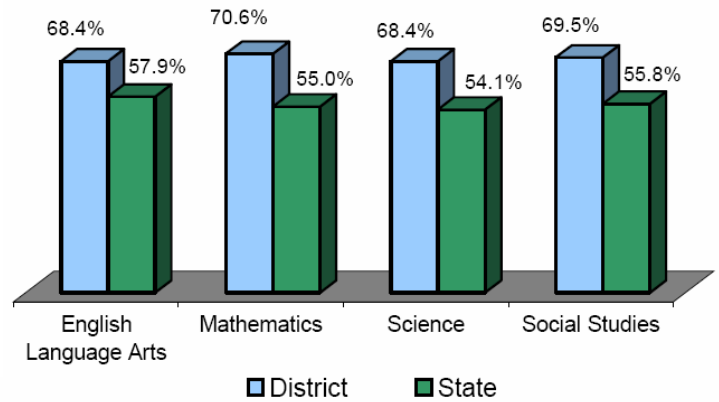
Grade 4 LEAP Test Results

Percent Scoring at Basic & Above
(2006-2007)



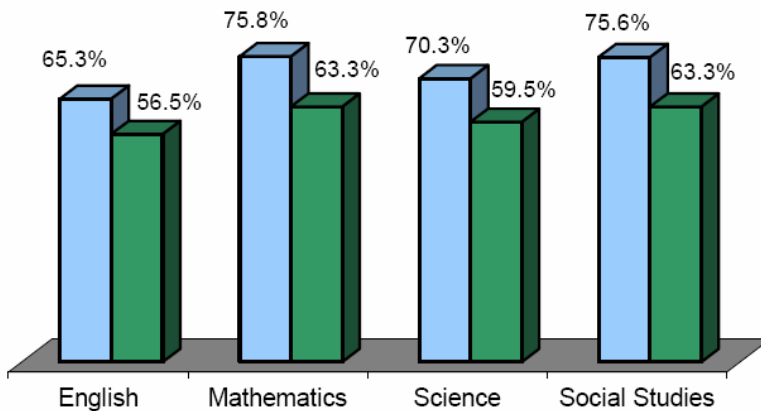
Grade 8 LEAP Test Results

Percent Scoring at Basic & Above
(2006-2007)



GEE Test Results

Percent Scoring at Basic & Above
(2006-2007)



District Indicator Results *Student Achievement*

Grade 4 LEAP Test Results													
		2001-02		2002-03		2003-04		2004-05		2005-06		2006-07	
		Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number
District													
English Language Arts													
Advanced	4.3	51	1.9	25	5.0	68	4.5	68	7.3	109	3.7	53	
Mastery*	21.4	256	17.5	233	21.5	293	21.4	321	21.5	320	23.1	336	
Basic	41.6	497	47.5	631	40.4	551	42.8	641	38.6	574	45.7	664	
Approaching Basic	25.0	299	21.7	288	19.1	261	21.1	317	18.3	272	18.3	266	
Unsatisfactory	7.7	92	11.4	152	14.1	192	10.1	152	14.3	213	9.2	134	
Mathematics													
Advanced	2.7	32	4.0	53	3.5	48	6.4	96	6.9	102	4.8	70	
Mastery*	14.2	170	18.0	239	18.5	253	22.1	331	22.7	337	16.4	239	
Basic	43.2	516	45.1	599	40.2	549	40.8	612	37.6	559	47.7	693	
Approaching Basic	23.4	280	20.7	275	19.0	260	17.0	255	17.5	260	18.2	265	
Unsatisfactory	16.5	197	12.3	163	18.7	255	13.7	205	15.3	228	12.8	186	
Science													
Advanced	4.3	51	3.8	50	2.4	33	8.5	128	6.1	90	5.4	78	
Mastery*	16.1	192	19.7	262	20.4	278	19.1	287	18.2	270	21.2	308	
Basic	50.8	607	45.0	598	47.1	643	47.0	705	43.8	651	48.5	704	
Approaching Basic	21.8	260	24.7	328	22.8	312	20.6	309	22.7	337	19.3	280	
Unsatisfactory	7.1	85	6.8	91	7.3	100	4.7	71	9.3	138	5.7	83	
Social Studies													
Advanced	2.0	24	4.0	53	2.9	40	4.1	62	4.5	66	4.3	63	
Mastery*	14.7	176	19.8	263	22.8	312	16.8	251	23.2	344	16.8	243	
Basic	52.8	631	50.9	676	46.0	629	53.2	797	46.4	689	56.7	822	
Approaching Basic	20.0	239	16.5	219	16.0	219	16.5	247	14.1	209	13.0	188	
Unsatisfactory	10.5	125	8.9	118	12.2	166	9.4	140	11.9	176	9.2	134	

District Indicator Results *Student Achievement*

Grade 8 LEAP Test Results													
		2001-02		2002-03		2003-04		2004-05		2005-06		2006-07	
		Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number
District													
English Language Arts													
Advanced	2.5	25	1.5	16	1.1	12	1.1	14	4.9	66	1.3	17	
Mastery*	23.7	239	19.8	209	13.0	143	22.4	288	18.4	247	17.0	228	
Basic	40.5	409	43.0	454	52.0	573	42.2	542	40.6	544	50.1	672	
Approaching Basic	28.7	290	26.1	276	28.5	314	25.3	325	29.2	391	26.4	354	
Unsatisfactory	4.7	47	9.6	102	5.4	60	9.0	115	6.9	92	5.3	71	
Mathematics													
Advanced	2.5	25	4.4	46	2.3	25	2.5	63	4.8	66	12.2	164	
Mastery*	5.2	53	7.8	82	10.5	116	8.7	112	6.6	91	9.1	122	
Basic	58.9	595	51.2	541	63.6	700	56.7	728	53.4	740	49.3	662	
Approaching Basic	22.8	230	18.9	200	16.1	177	17.1	220	19.5	270	18.7	251	
Unsatisfactory	10.6	107	17.8	188	7.5	83	12.5	161	15.8	219	10.7	143	
Science													
Advanced	1.6	16	0.8	8	1.6	18	2.5	32	3.1	41	3.2	43	
Mastery*	27.8	281	19.7	208	23.6	260	25.2	323	17.4	228	22.8	305	
Basic	41.3	418	41.5	439	41.5	457	41.3	530	41.4	541	42.4	568	
Approaching Basic	20.2	204	26.5	280	23.6	260	21.7	278	27.5	359	21.8	292	
Unsatisfactory	9.1	92	11.5	122	9.6	106	9.4	121	10.6	138	9.9	132	
Social Studies													
Advanced	0.5	5	0.6	6	1.1	12	1.2	15	1.4	18	1.5	20	
Mastery*	15.5	157	10.8	114	15.7	173	19.5	250	13.9	182	16.4	219	
Basic	56.1	567	50.2	530	52.5	578	51.2	657	48.9	638	51.6	691	
Approaching Basic	17.8	180	23.3	246	22.9	252	18.0	231	22.1	288	20.0	267	
Unsatisfactory	10.1	102	15.2	160	7.8	86	10.2	131	13.8	180	10.5	141	

District Indicator Results *Student Achievement*

		Graduation Exit Examination (GEE) Results											
		2001-02		2002-03		2003-04		2004-05		2005-06		2006-07	
		Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number
District													
English Language Arts													
Advanced		1.4	13	0.8	7	3.3	31	1.4	14	1.7	18	2.2	27
Mastery*		17.2	155	13.7	124	25.2	237	21.4	214	17.8	194	14.3	175
Basic		49.3	443	50.2	455	49.8	468	47.5	475	58.0	631	48.8	599
Approaching Basic		20.4	183	22.1	200	16.4	154	20.8	208	15.0	163	23.4	287
Unsatisfactory		11.7	105	13.2	120	5.2	49	9.0	90	7.5	81	11.4	140
Mathematics													
Advanced		9.3	84	8.5	77	11.3	106	10.2	102	11.6	126	9.4	116
Mastery*		19.7	177	21.3	193	23.0	216	20.6	206	23.6	256	21.2	260
Basic		43.3	389	43.5	394	45.2	424	42.6	426	43.6	474	45.2	555
Approaching Basic		14.2	128	13.1	119	10.6	100	14.0	140	11.1	121	13.1	161
Unsatisfactory		13.5	121	13.6	123	9.9	93	12.6	126	10.1	110	11.1	137
Science													
Advanced		3.4	31	1.7	15	3.9	31	5.1	46	3.2	30	4.8	49
Mastery*		13.9	125	16.1	140	21.0	165	20.2	183	15.5	147	21.5	221
Basic		37.7	340	49.6	432	41.9	330	45.0	407	45.7	434	44.0	452
Approaching Basic		24.4	220	21.7	189	23.9	188	22.0	199	23.6	224	21.0	216
Unsatisfactory		20.5	185	10.9	95	9.3	73	7.6	69	12.0	114	8.7	89
Social Studies													
Advanced		1.2	11	2.5	22	0.9	7	1.7	15	1.1	10	1.8	18
Mastery*		10.7	96	14.2	124	14.4	113	12.9	117	9.6	91	13.3	137
Basic		50.4	454	55.6	484	63.5	500	61.1	552	62.4	591	60.5	621
Approaching Basic		21.0	189	18.9	165	15.5	122	16.9	153	17.1	162	16.0	164
Unsatisfactory		16.7	150	8.7	76	5.7	45	7.4	67	9.8	93	8.5	87