

# Lafourche Parish Dropout Profile



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### **Social Attitudes, Values and Behaviors**

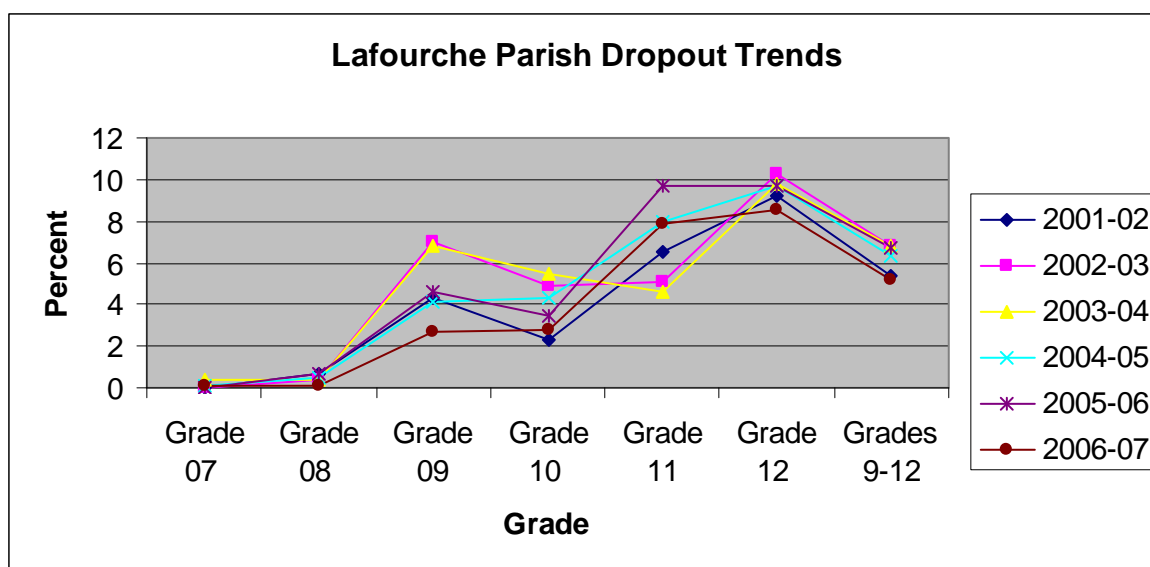
- High-Risk Peer Group
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- Has a Learning Disability or Emotional Disturbance

## Lafourche Parish Dropout Trends (Percentages)

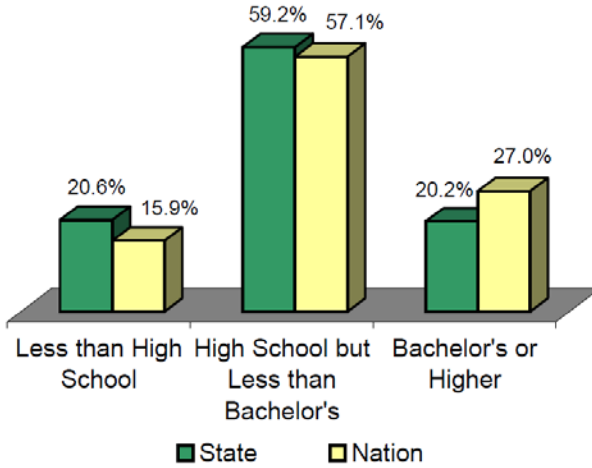
Year	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12	Grades 9-12
2001-02	0	0.7	4.3	2.3	6.5	9.2	5.4
2002-03	0	0.4	7.0	4.9	5.1	10.3	6.8
2003-04	0.4	0.4	6.8	5.5	4.6	9.8	6.8
2004-05	0.1	0.5	4.1	4.3	8.0	9.7	6.3
2005-06	0	0.6	4.6	3.4	9.7	9.7	6.7
2006-07	0.1	0.1	2.7	2.8	7.9	8.5	5.2



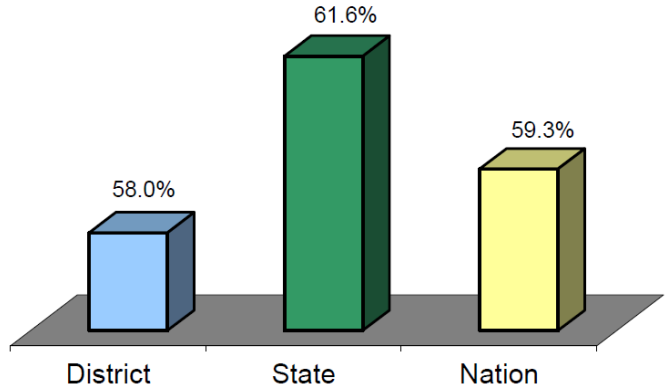
## Louisiana Dropout Trends (Percentages)

	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

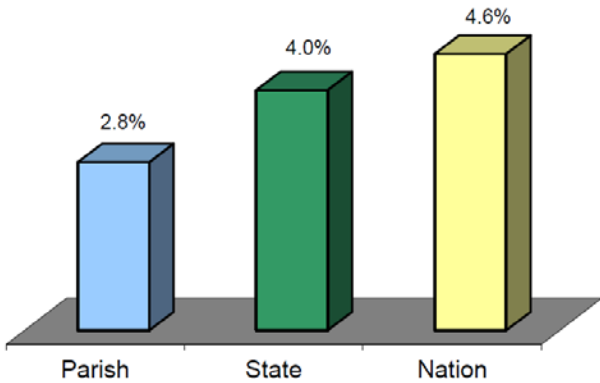
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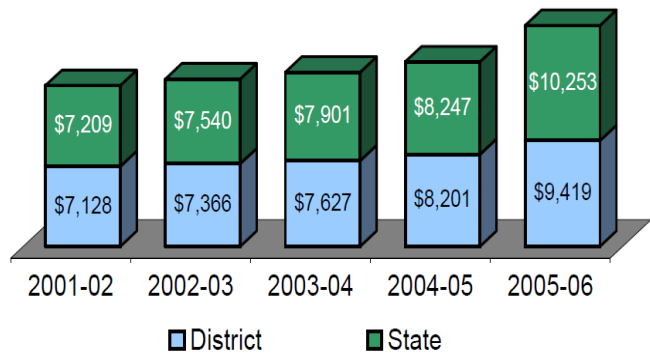
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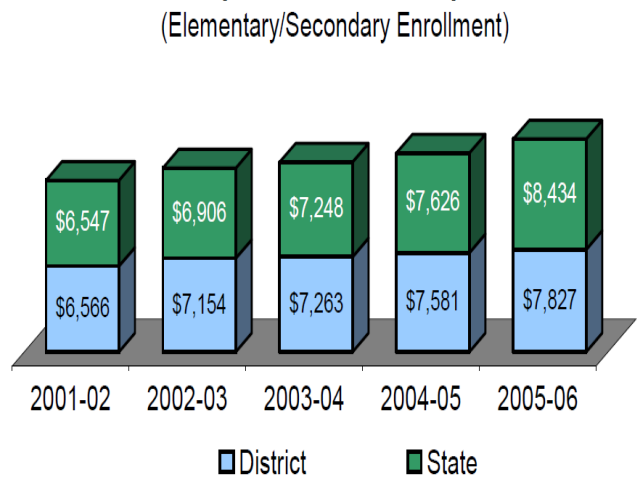
### Revenues Per Pupil (Elementary/Secondary Enrollment)



### Income and Poverty

	Parish	State	Nation
Median Household Income	\$38,437	\$35,216	\$44,334
Persons Below Poverty	16.5%	19.2%	12.7%
Children Below Poverty	21.9%	27.8%	18.3%

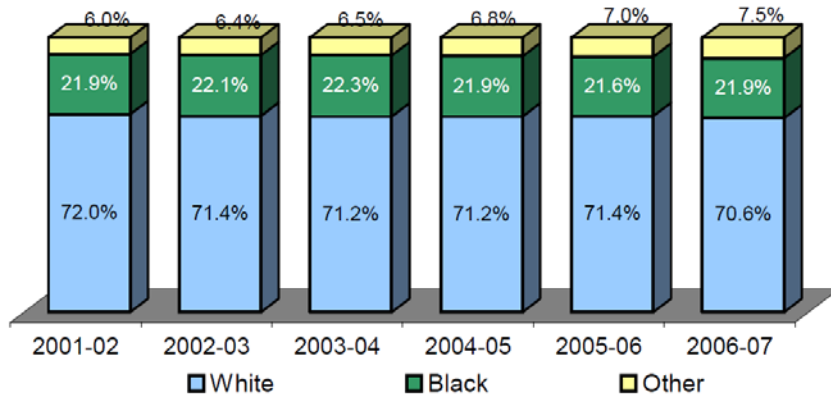
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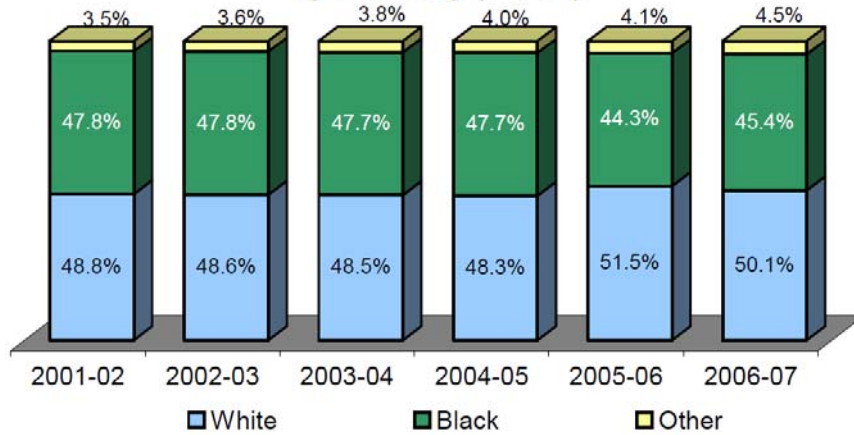
### Teenage Birth and Single Motherhood

	Parish	State	Nation
Teenage Birth Rate	13.9%	14.4%	10.0%
Female Householders	6.9%	16.1%	12.5%

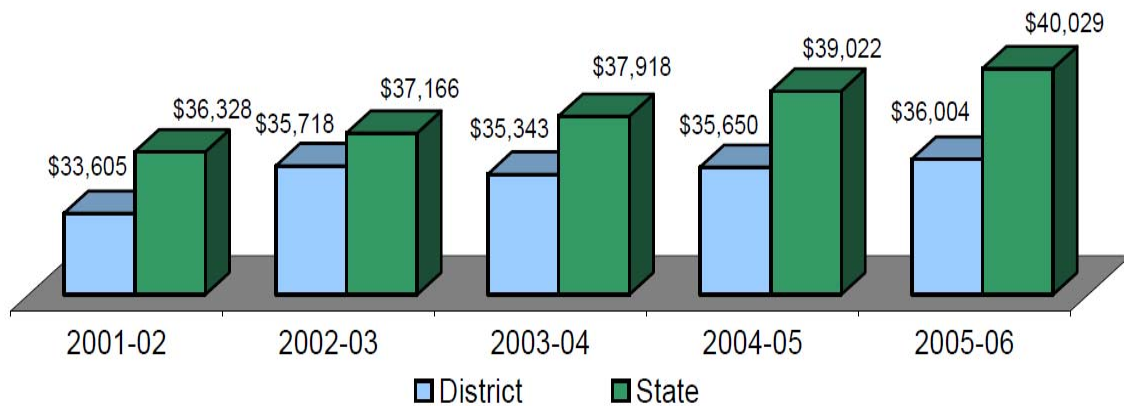
**District's Public Student Population by Ethnicity (PK-12)**



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



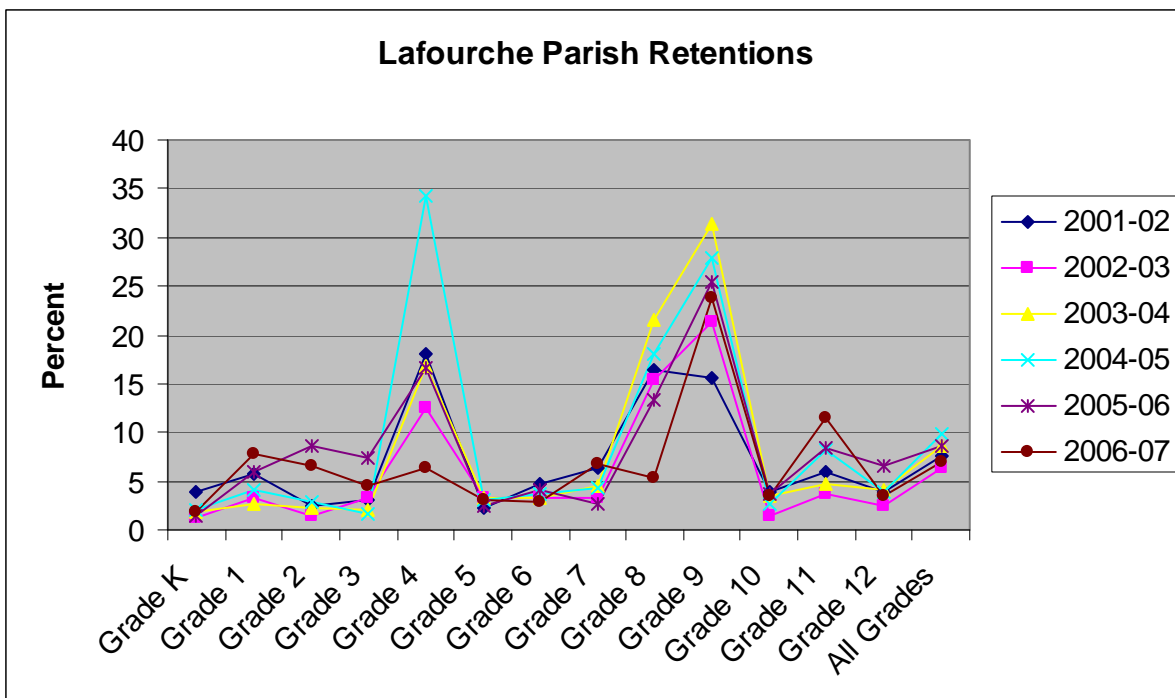
**Average Classroom Teacher Salary**



# Risk Factor: Student Retention

## Lafourche Parish Student Retention

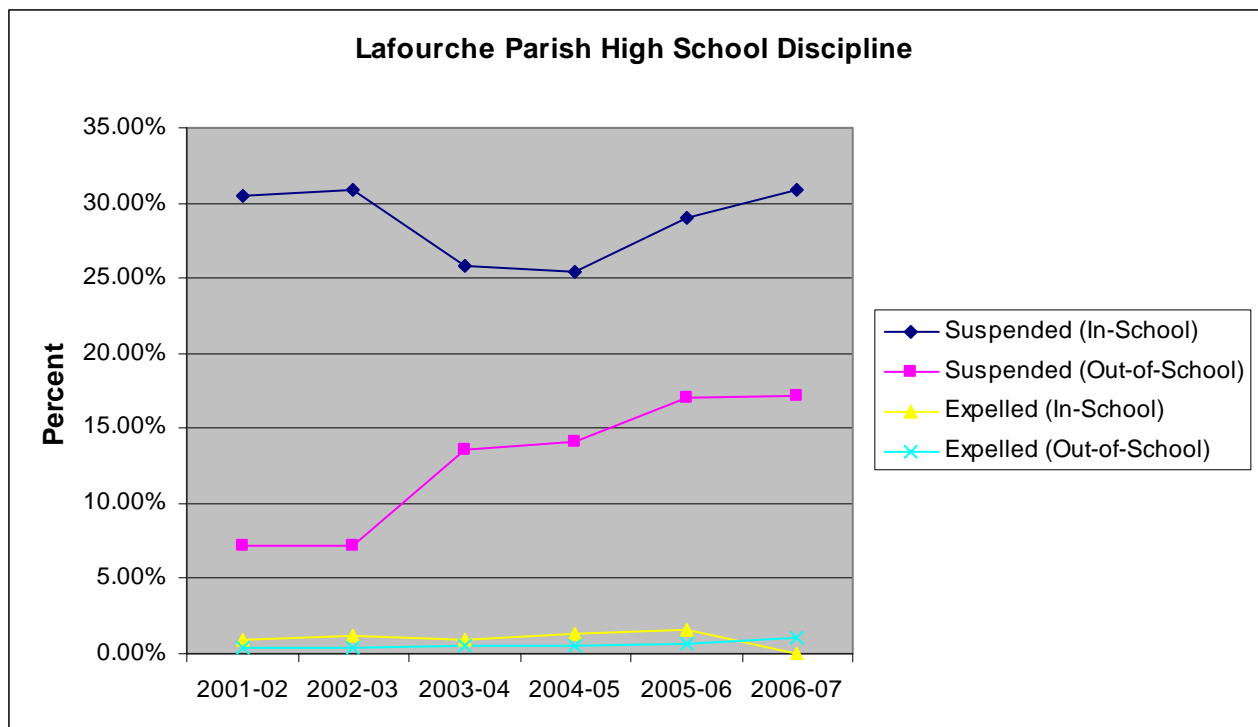
	2001-02		2002-03		2003-04		2004-05		2005-06		2006-07	
	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#
Grade K	3.9	40	1.3	13	1.9	19	2.1	22	1.5	15	1.9	20
Grade 1	5.8	66	3.3	35	2.7	29	4.2	43	5.9	64	7.7	84
Grade 2	2.4	29	1.5	16	2.3	24	2.8	30	8.6	87	6.6	73
Grade 3	3	37	3.2	38	2	23	1.6	16	7.4	77	4.5	46
Grade 4	18	243	12.5	167	16.9	218	34.3	434	16.7	207	6.3	75
Grade 5	2.2	24	3.3	38	3.3	40	3	34	2.5	24	3.1	33
Grade 6	4.7	55	3.3	39	3.3	41	3.6	45	4.2	50	2.9	29
Grade 7	6.4	75	3.2	37	4.6	51	4.3	51	2.7	33	6.8	80
Grade 8	16.4	224	15.3	192	21.6	282	18.1	240	13.4	177	5.4	75
Grade 9	15.5	185	21.3	281	31.4	409	27.8	343	25.5	302	23.8	282
Grade 10	3.9	35	1.5	14	3.5	30	2.7	23	3.6	32	3.4	31
Grade 11	6	59	3.6	31	4.7	46	8.2	75	8.4	75	11.4	112
Grade 12	3.9	38	2.5	21	4.1	33	3.9	38	6.6	58	3.5	30
All	7.5	1,110	6.4	922	8.7	1,245	9.8	1,394	8.6	1,201	6.9	970



## Risk Factor: Student Discipline

### Lafourche Parish—High School **Discipline**

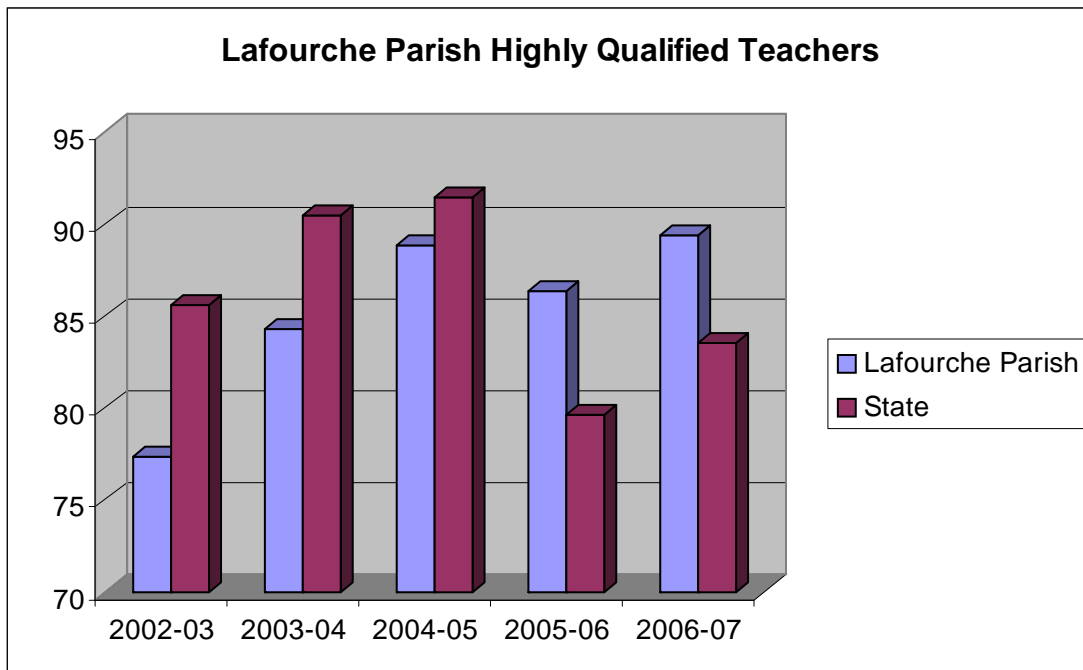
School Year	Suspension (In-School)		Suspension (Out-of-School)		Expulsion (In-School)		Expulsion (Out-of-School)	
	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#
2002-03	30.86	1414	7.14	327	1.18	54	0.46	21
2003-04	25.76	1191	13.52	625	0.89	41	0.58	27
2004-05	25.40	1139	14.12	633	1.32	59	0.49	22
2005-06	29.01	1371	16.97	802	1.57	74	0.72	34
2006-07	30.92	1424	17.13	789	0		1.09%	50



## Teacher Quality

### Highly Qualified Teachers (Percentages)

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Lafourche Parish Core Classes Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers	77.4	84.3	88.8	86.3	89.4
Louisiana Core Classes Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers	85.6	90.5	91.4	79.6	83.5



## Risk Factor: Student Engagement and Family Background

### Lafourche Parish Dropout **Reasons**

	Count	Percent
No Reason Given	265	80.1
Academic Difficulty	3	.9
Behavioral Difficulty	0	0
Dislike of School Experience	33	10.0
Employment	18	5.4
Entered Criminal Justice System	3	.9
Lack of Childcare	1	.3
Military	1	.3
Needed at Home	0	0
Health Problems	3	.9
Pregnancy	2	.6
Other	2	.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>100</b>

### Lafourche Dropout **Truancy**

	Frequency	Percent
Non-Truant	194	58.6
Truant	137	41.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>100</b>
Louisiana Truant-Dropout Total	5,890	36.0

### Lafourche Parish Dropout: Options Program Participation

	Count	Percent
Non-Options Participant	250	75.5
Option 3 (GED Program)	81	24.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Louisiana Dropout Option 3 Participants	1,924	11.7

### Lafourche Dropout **Homelessness**

	Lafourche Counts	Lafourche Percents	Louisiana Dropout Counts	Louisiana Dropout Percents
Non-Homeless	328	99.1	15,834	96.6
Hotels/Motels	1	.3	8	.0
Shelters	0	0	28	.2
Sharing Housing with Others	2	.6	412	2.5
Unsheltered/FEMA	0	0	55	.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>16,383</b>	<b>100</b>

## Risk Factor: Family Characteristics

### Lafourche Parish Dropouts by **Gender**

	Count	Percent
Female	143	43.2
Male	188	56.8
Total	331	100

### Louisiana Dropouts by **Gender**

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

### Lafourche Parish Dropout **Poverty**

	Count	Percent
Paid Lunch	145	43.8
Free Lunch	173	52.3
Reduced Lunch	13	3.9
Total	331	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

### Lafourche Parish Dropouts by **Ethnicity**

	Count	Percent
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	25	7.6
Asian/Pacific Islander	1	.3
African American	116	35.0
Hispanic	6	1.8
Caucasian	183	55.3
Total	331	100

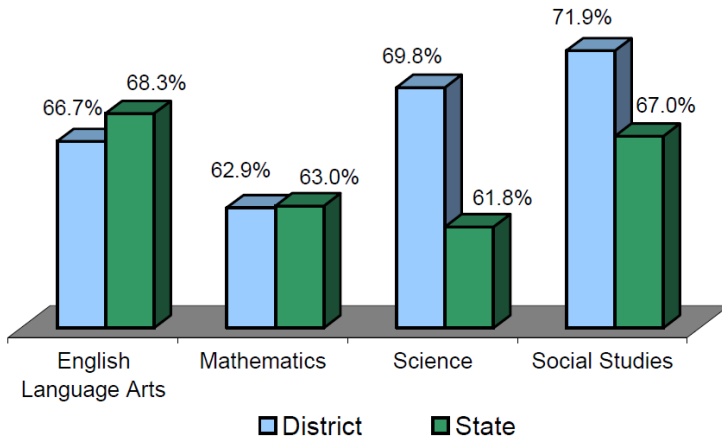
### Louisiana Dropouts by **Ethnicity**

	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

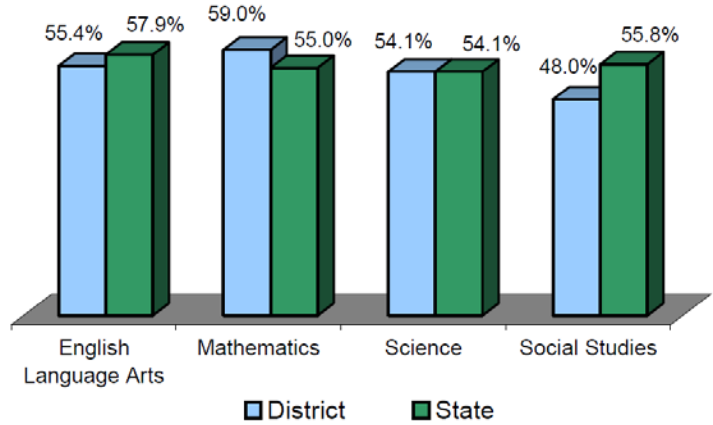
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Percent Scoring at Basic & Above  
(2006-2007)



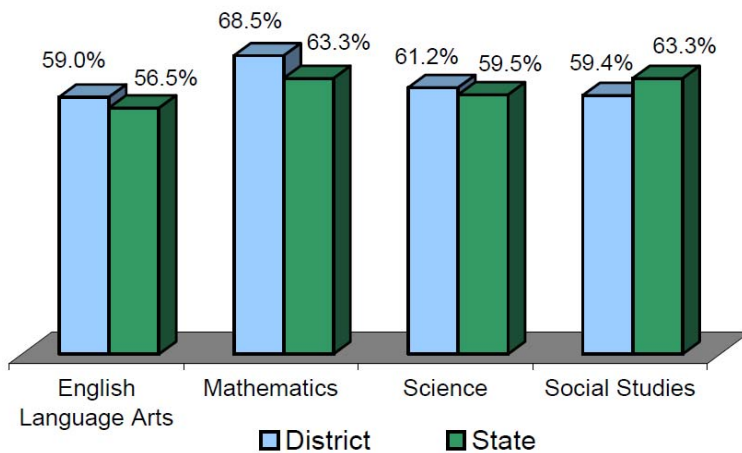
### Grade 8 LEAP Test Results

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
<b>District</b>													
<b>English Language Arts</b>													
Advanced		3.0	40	0.9	11	2.2	28	1.9	24	2.0	23	3.1	32
Mastery*		15.6	211	11.0	142	15.0	190	15.2	190	15.0	177	18.8	196
Basic		34.2	462	41.3	534	35.6	451	39.9	497	46.4	546	44.8	467
Approaching Basic		31.7	428	28.2	365	25.8	327	26.0	324	20.8	245	21.8	227
Unsatisfactory		15.5	209	18.7	242	21.5	272	17.0	212	15.8	186	11.6	121
<b>Mathematics</b>													
Advanced		2.1	28	2.2	29	2.1	26	2.3	29	4.3	51	2.8	29
Mastery*		9.5	128	12.0	155	12.9	164	14.1	177	16.6	195	12.0	125
Basic		34.6	467	40.0	517	34.3	435	40.5	507	39.8	468	48.1	502
Approaching Basic		27.5	371	24.7	320	22.9	291	22.0	275	22.3	262	23.5	245
Unsatisfactory		26.4	356	21.1	273	27.8	352	21.1	264	17.0	200	13.6	142
<b>Science</b>													
Advanced		2.8	38	1.2	15	1.1	14	3.4	42	2.6	31	2.3	24
Mastery*		9.4	127	10.8	140	11.7	148	11.4	143	12.0	141	15.4	160
Basic		43.9	592	40.7	526	43.0	544	46.6	582	46.4	546	52.1	542
Approaching Basic		31.1	420	36.4	470	31.4	397	31.0	388	28.2	332	24.7	257
Unsatisfactory		12.8	172	10.9	141	12.9	163	7.6	95	10.7	126	5.6	58
<b>Social Studies</b>													
Advanced		0.6	8	1.2	16	1.1	14	1.0	12	1.2	14	2.0	21
Mastery*		5.6	75	10.1	131	11.8	149	7.4	92	14.2	167	14.9	155
Basic		45.0	607	46.3	598	42.7	540	47.8	597	51.5	606	55.0	573
Approaching Basic		27.8	375	26.3	340	24.9	315	27.0	338	18.7	220	18.0	188
Unsatisfactory		21.1	284	16.0	207	19.5	247	16.9	211	14.4	169	10.1	105

## 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
<b>District</b>													
<b>English Language Arts</b>													
Advanced	1.2	13	0.6	7	0.8	9	0.6	7	1.5	20	0.7	8	
Mastery*	15.0	170	12.0	146	9.0	107	12.4	152	11.9	154	10.5	121	
Basic	32.7	370	37.2	453	36.8	438	36.1	441	37.2	481	44.2	511	
Approaching Basic	38.7	437	34.4	419	35.9	428	32.1	392	32.9	425	33.3	385	
Unsatisfactory	12.4	140	15.9	194	17.5	209	18.8	230	16.4	212	11.3	131	
<b>Mathematics</b>													
Advanced	0.9	10	2.0	25	1.9	23	2.2	27	2.7	36	5.4	62	
Mastery*	3.1	35	4.1	50	6.3	75	6.3	77	4.5	60	5.2	60	
Basic	36.3	410	39.8	485	48.2	574	46.5	568	45.2	607	48.4	559	
Approaching Basic	28.9	326	25.2	308	21.3	254	21.5	263	22.4	300	22.8	263	
Unsatisfactory	30.8	348	28.9	352	22.2	264	23.5	287	25.3	339	18.3	212	
<b>Science</b>													
Advanced	1.2	14	0.8	10	0.8	10	1.1	14	0.8	10	0.8	9	
Mastery*	14.2	160	10.3	125	14.8	176	17.3	211	10.0	127	12.5	144	
Basic	38.1	430	33.4	406	36.8	438	36.5	445	37.4	473	40.8	470	
Approaching Basic	29.7	336	36.1	439	27.1	322	28.7	350	30.9	390	30.3	349	
Unsatisfactory	16.8	190	19.4	236	20.5	244	16.3	198	20.9	264	15.6	180	
<b>Social Studies</b>													
Advanced	0.6	7	0.2	3	1.1	13	0.6	7	0.4	5	0.3	4	
Mastery*	7.0	79	5.9	72	6.5	77	8.4	102	7.5	95	6.9	79	
Basic	44.7	506	40.4	492	39.1	465	44.2	538	41.4	522	40.8	469	
Approaching Basic	26.0	294	29.3	357	30.8	366	23.3	284	22.2	280	26.7	307	
Unsatisfactory	21.7	245	24.1	293	22.6	269	23.6	287	28.5	360	25.3	291	

## 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
<b>District</b>													
<b>English Language Arts</b>													
Advanced	0.9	8	1.2	11	2.1	19	1.5	14	0.4	4	0.4	4	4
Mastery*	14.5	131	10.4	94	19.0	173	15.3	140	9.4	85	9.9	89	89
Basic	46.6	422	46.3	418	43.1	392	47.3	434	50.0	454	48.7	440	440
Approaching Basic	25.5	231	25.4	229	19.9	181	25.2	231	28.2	256	24.5	221	221
Unsatisfactory	12.5	113	16.6	150	15.9	145	10.8	99	12.0	109	16.5	149	149
<b>Mathematics</b>													
Advanced	5.5	50	5.3	48	5.6	51	7.1	65	7.9	72	6.6	60	60
Mastery*	12.3	112	15.8	144	15.1	137	14.1	129	15.6	142	19.1	173	173
Basic	36.3	330	39.1	356	40.2	365	42.2	387	44.5	404	42.8	387	387
Approaching Basic	18.4	167	20.7	189	18.4	167	16.5	151	16.3	148	15.4	139	139
Unsatisfactory	27.6	251	19.1	174	20.7	188	20.1	184	15.6	142	16.1	146	146
<b>Science</b>													
Advanced	1.5	13	2.1	21	2.8	23	3.4	26	2.4	21	2.5	22	22
Mastery*	11.6	99	9.1	91	16.2	133	16.5	127	10.9	96	13.2	115	115
Basic	31.7	270	42.2	420	44.3	363	45.2	349	42.6	375	45.5	395	395
Approaching Basic	22.4	191	26.8	267	25.0	205	27.7	214	30.6	270	24.4	212	212
Unsatisfactory	32.7	278	19.8	197	11.6	95	7.3	56	13.5	119	14.4	125	125
<b>Social Studies</b>													
Advanced	0.2	2	1.3	13	0.5	4	1.0	8	0.2	2	0.8	7	7
Mastery*	5.2	44	6.9	69	9.2	75	9.1	70	5.5	48	5.8	50	50
Basic	35.3	300	43.1	428	54.3	445	54.5	421	54.1	476	52.8	459	459
Approaching Basic	27.4	233	25.8	256	24.5	201	23.6	182	25.1	221	23.7	206	206
Unsatisfactory	31.9	271	22.9	228	11.5	94	11.8	91	15.1	133	16.9	147	147