

# Morehouse Parish Dropout Profile



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- Family Disruption

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- Low Education Expectation (page 10)
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### **Social Attitudes, Values and Behaviors**

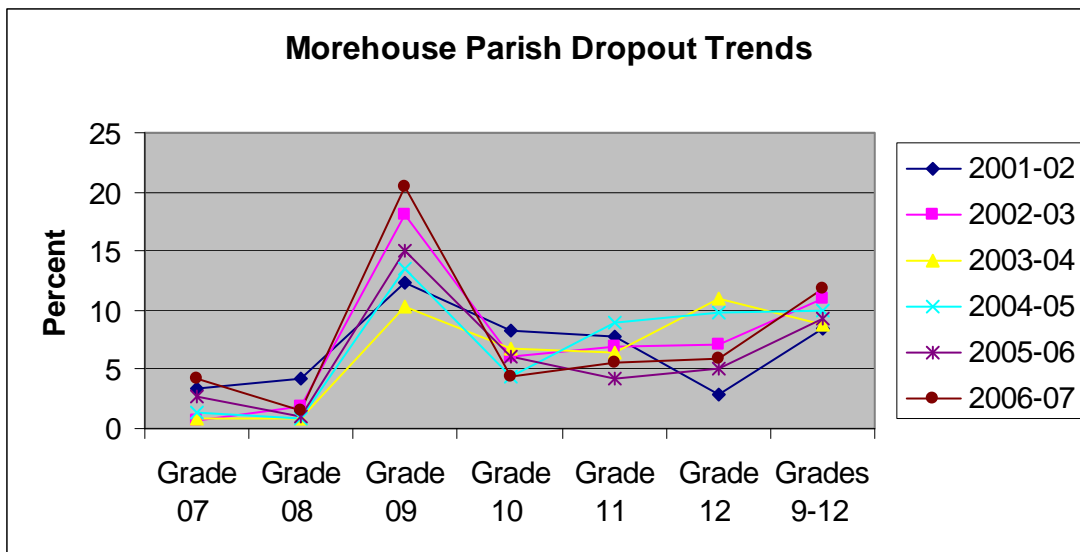
- High-Risk Peer Group
- High-Risk Social Behavior
- Highly Active Outside of School

### **Individual Background Characteristics**

- Has a Learning Disability or Emotional Disturbance

### Morehouse Parish Dropout Trends (Percentages)

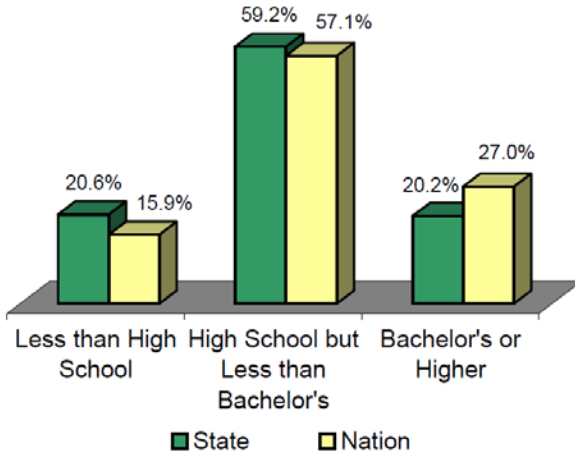
Year	Grade 07	Grade 08	Grade 09	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12	Grades 9-12
2001-02	3.3	4.2	12.4	8.3	7.7	2.8	8.5
2002-03	0.7	1.8	18	6	6.9	7.1	10.9
2003-04	0.8	0.8	10.3	6.7	6.4	10.9	8.7
2004-05	1.4	0.8	13.5	4.4	9	9.8	10
2005-06	2.7	1	15.1	6	4.3	5.1	9.3
2006-07	4.2	1.6	20.4	4.4	5.6	5.9	11.8



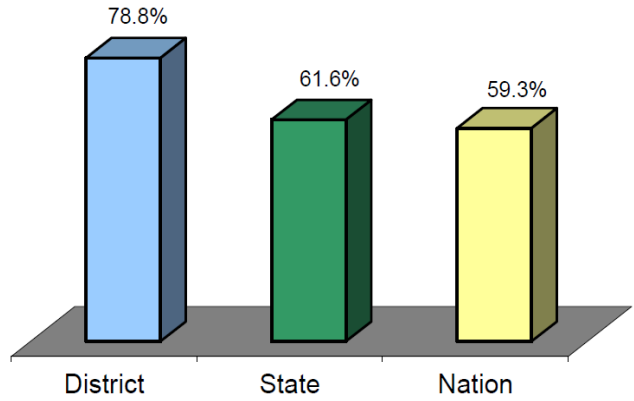
### Louisiana Dropout Trends (Percentages)

	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

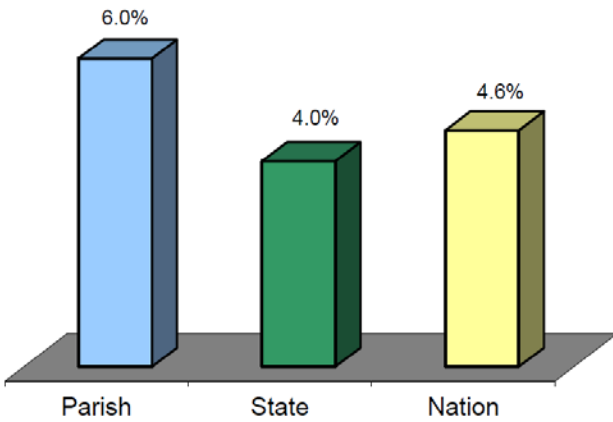
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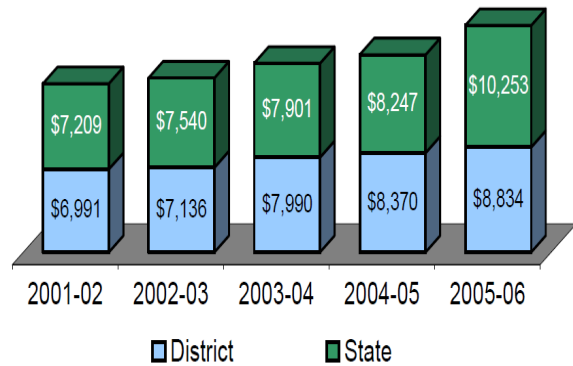
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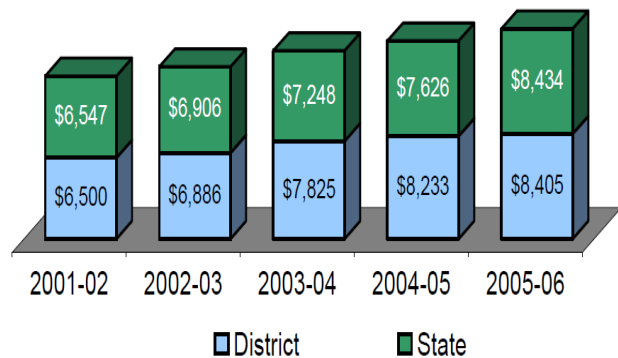
**Revenues Per Pupil (Elementary/Secondary Enrollment)**



**Income and Poverty**

	Parish	State	Nation
Median Household Income	\$26,354	\$35,216	\$44,334
Persons Below Poverty	25.0%	19.2%	12.7%
Children Below Poverty	35.9%	27.8%	18.3%

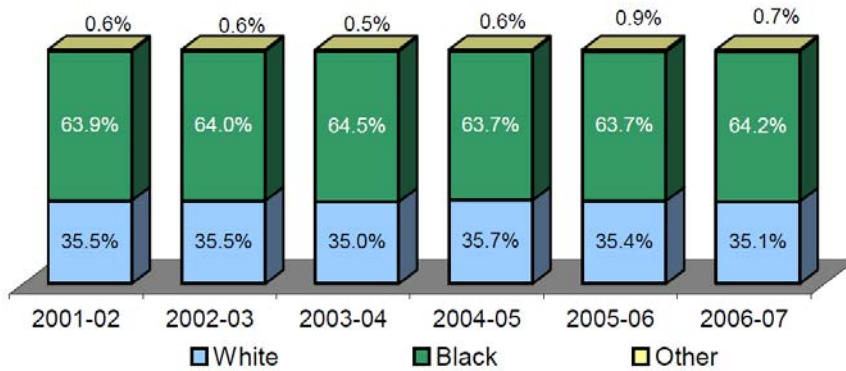
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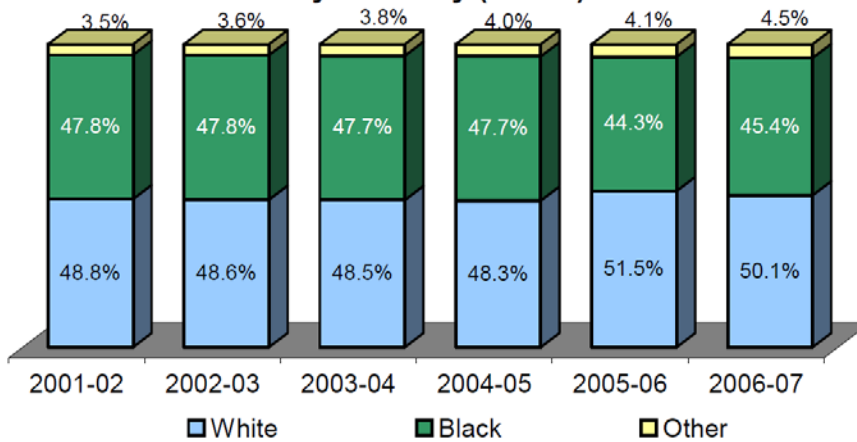
**Teenage Birth and Single Motherhood**

	Parish	State	Nation
Teenage Birth Rate	17.4%	14.4%	10.0%
Female Householders	13.6%	16.1%	12.5%

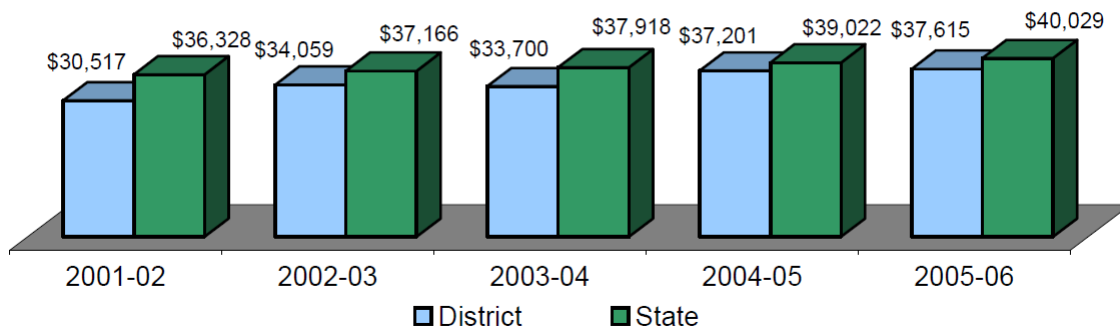
**District's Public Student Population by Ethnicity (PK-12)**



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



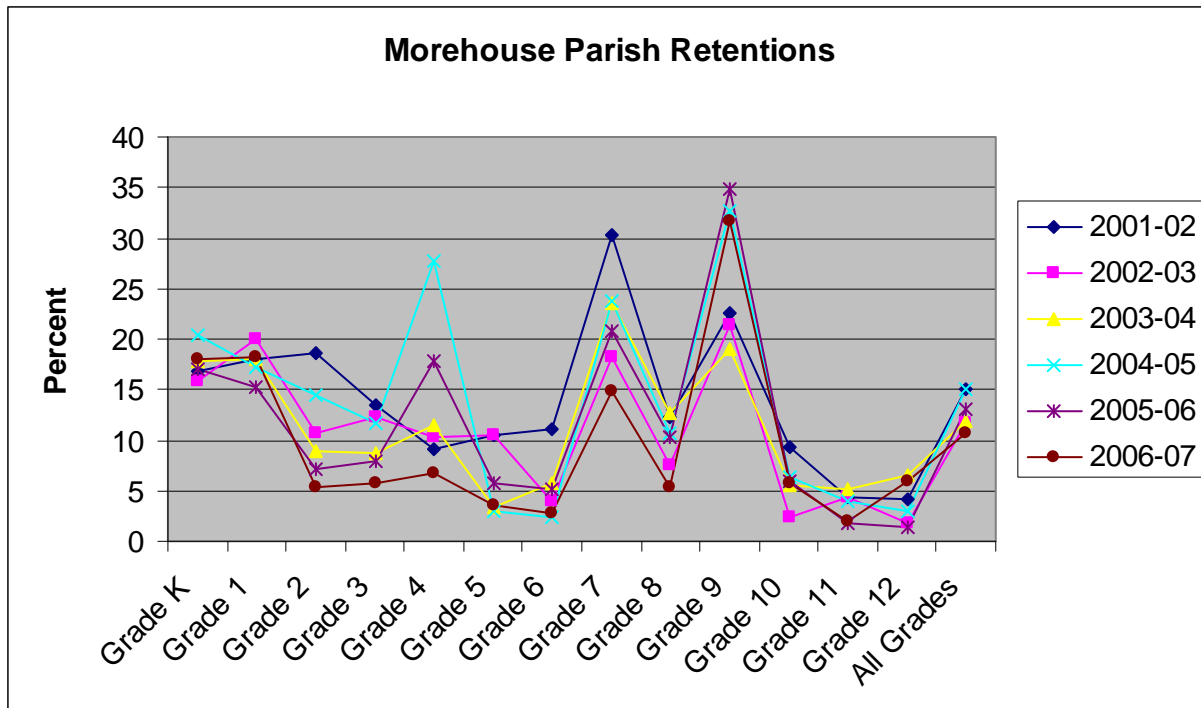
**Average Classroom Teacher Salary**



# Risk Factor: Student Retention

## Morehouse Parish Student Retention

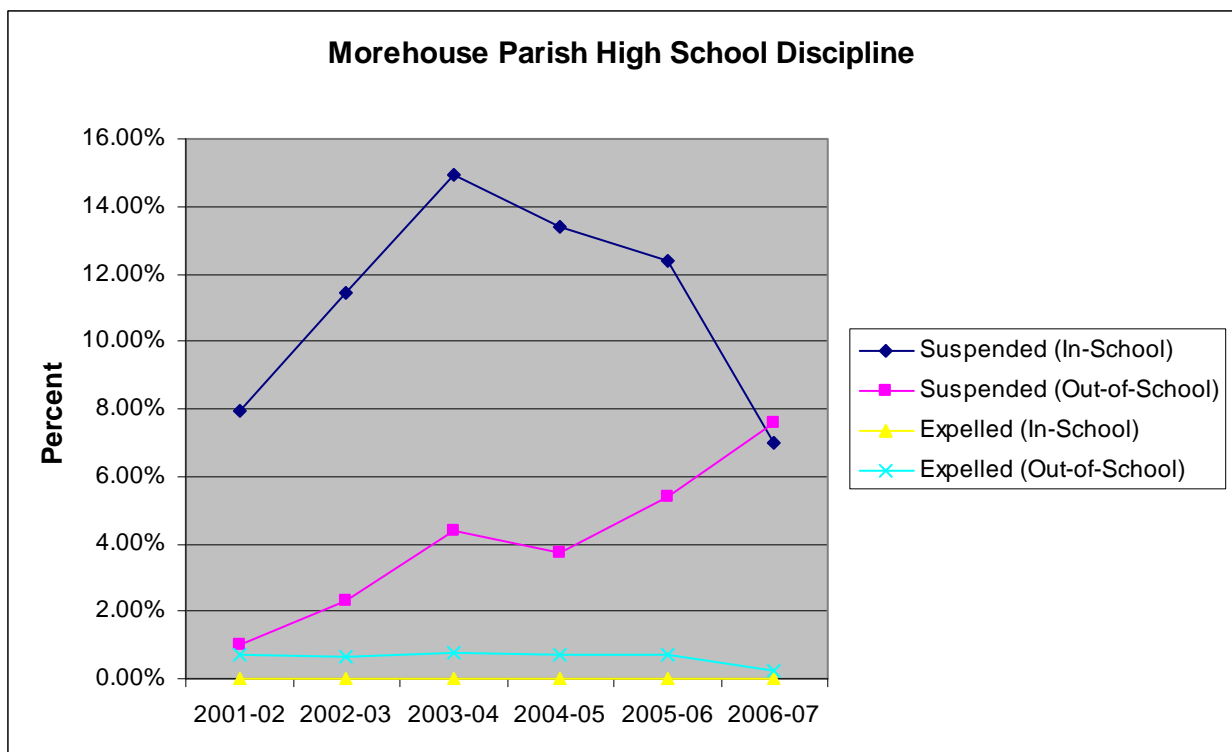
	2001-02		2002-03		2003-04		2004-05		2005-06		2006-07	
	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#
Grade K	16.9	73	15.9	66	17.9	79	20.3	94	17.1	79	18	83
Grade 1	18	90	20	92	18.1	80	17.3	80	15.3	70	18.2	83
Grade 2	18.6	88	10.7	52	9	37	14.5	56	7.2	31	5.3	22
Grade 3	13.5	55	12.2	54	8.7	41	11.7	47	7.9	29	5.8	25
Grade 4	9.2	39	10.3	41	11.5	50	27.8	130	17.8	82	6.7	27
Grade 5	10.5	39	10.4	43	3.3	13	3	11	5.7	19	3.6	14
Grade 6	11	39	4	14	5.7	21	2.4	9	5.2	19	2.7	8
Grade 7	30.3	142	18.3	82	23.5	100	23.8	108	20.7	91	14.8	62
Grade 8	12.3	43	7.6	27	12.6	43	10.7	34	10.3	33	5.3	18
Grade 9	22.6	65	21.4	78	19	70	32.6	115	34.9	139	31.7	121
Grade 10	9.3	25	2.4	6	5.6	15	6.4	18	5.9	13	5.7	14
Grade 11	4.4	10	4.3	11	5.1	11	3.9	9	1.8	4	2	4
Grade 12	4.2	10	1.7	4	6.6	16	2.9	6	1.4	3	6	14
<b>All Grades</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>718</b>	<b>11.7</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>717</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>612</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>495</b>



## Risk Factor: Student Discipline

### Morehouse Parish- High School **Discipline**

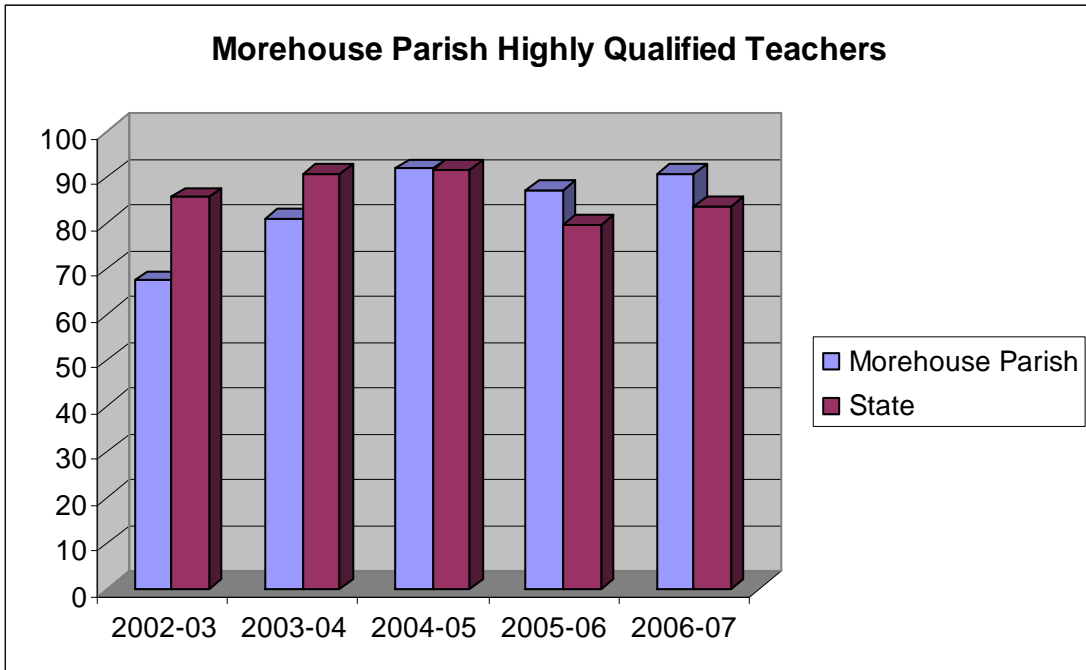
School Year	Suspension In-School		Suspension Out-of-School		Expulsion In-School		Expulsion Out-of-School	
	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#
2002-03	11.43%	176	2.34%	36	0.00%		0.65%	10
2003-04	14.96%	217	4.41%	64	0.00%		0.76%	11
2004-05	13.42%	188	3.71%	52	0.00%		0.71%	10
2005-06	12.36%	177	5.38%	77	0.00%		0.70%	10
2006-07	6.98%	117	7.57%	127	0.00%		0.24%	4



# Teacher Quality

## Highly Qualified Teachers (Percentages)

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Morehouse Parish Core Classes Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers	67.3	81	91.8	87.3	90.7
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

### Morehouse Parish Dropout Reasons

	Count	Percent
No Reason Given	180	75.9
Academic Difficulty	8	3.4
Behavioral Difficulty	16	6.8
Dislike of School Experience	5	2.1
Economic Reasons	1	.4
Employment	6	2.5
Entered Criminal Justice System	1	.4
Marriage	2	.8
Military	1	.4
Needed at Home	5	2.1
Parent/Guardian Influence	4	1.7
Pregnancy	4	1.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>100</b>

### Morehouse Dropout Truancy

	Frequency	Percent
Non-Truant	133	56.1
Truant	104	43.9
Total	237	100
Louisiana Truant-Dropout Total	5,890	36.0

### Morehouse Parish Dropout: Options Program Participation

	Count	Percent
Non-Options Participant	150	63.3
Option 3 (GED Program)	87	36.7
Total	237	100
Louisiana Dropout Option 3 Participants	1,924	11.7

### Morehouse Dropout Homelessness

	Morehouse Counts	Morehouse Percent	Louisiana Dropout Counts	Louisiana Dropout Percents
Non-Homeless	232	96.2	15,834	96.6
Hotels/Motels	0	0	8	.0
Shelters	0	0	28	.2
Sharing Housing with Others	5	2.1	412	2.5
Unsheltered/FEMA	0	0	55	.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>16,383</b>	<b>100</b>

## Risk Factor: Family Characteristics

### Morehouse Parish Dropouts by **Gender**

	Count	Percent
Female	104	43.9
Male	133	56.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>100</b>

### Louisiana Dropouts by **Gender**

	Count	Percent
Female	6,686	40.8
Male	9,697	59.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,383</b>	<b>100</b>

### Morehouse Parish Dropout **Poverty**

	Count	Percent
Paid Lunch	36	15.2
Free Lunch	189	79.7
Reduced Lunch	12	5.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>100</b>

### Louisiana Dropout **Poverty**

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

### Morehouse Parish Dropouts by **Ethnicity**

	Count	Percent
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	1	.4
Asian/Pacific Islander	0	0
African American	150	63.3
Hispanic	86	36.3
Caucasian	86	36.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>100</b>

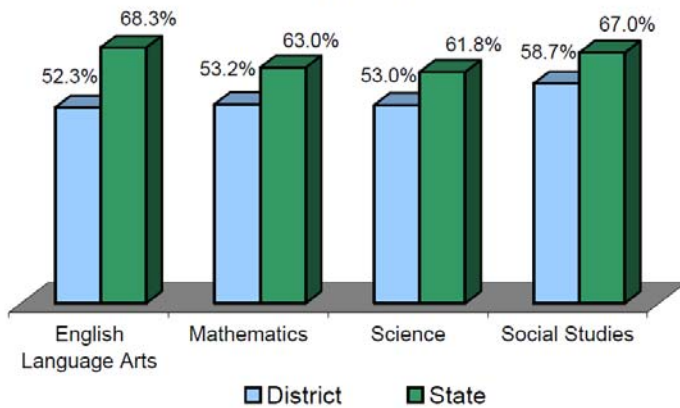
### Louisiana Dropouts by **Ethnicity**

	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
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,383</b>	<b>100</b>

## Risk Factor: School Performance

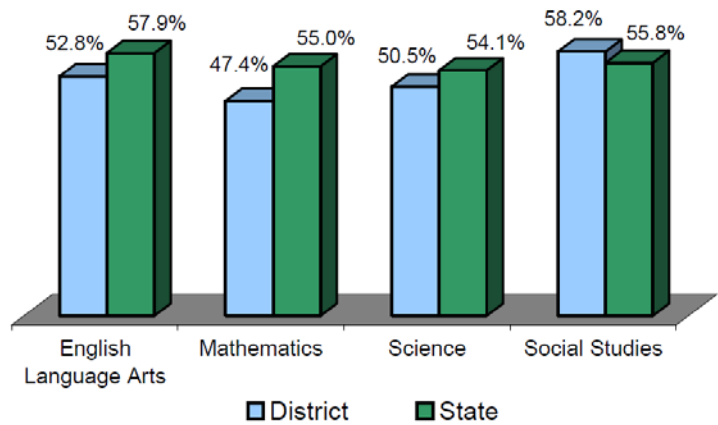
### Grade 4 LEAP Test Results

Percent Scoring at Basic & Above  
(2006-2007)



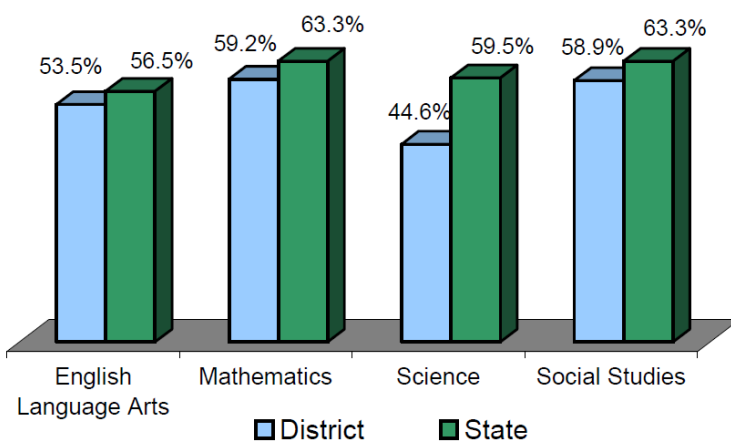
### Grade 8 LEAP Test Results

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
<b>District</b>													
<b>English Language Arts</b>													
	Advanced	0.7	3	0.2	1	1.3	6	0.6	3	1.5	6	2.7	12
	Mastery*	10.1	41	9.0	39	9.9	47	12.3	59	7.5	31	11.0	48
	Basic	45.3	184	46.8	202	36.3	173	49.6	237	43.6	179	38.6	169
	Approaching Basic	37.9	154	31.3	135	29.1	139	28.2	135	31.9	131	29.0	127
	Unsatisfactory	5.9	24	12.7	55	23.5	112	9.2	44	15.6	64	18.7	82
<b>Mathematics</b>													
	Advanced	0.7	3	1.9	8	0.6	3	2.1	10	1.2	5	3.2	14
	Mastery*	6.6	27	11.3	49	9.0	43	11.9	57	12.7	52	6.6	29
	Basic	42.3	172	44.4	192	37.3	178	50.1	239	39.2	161	43.4	190
	Approaching Basic	33.7	137	28.5	123	25.8	123	22.9	109	29.0	119	24.7	108
	Unsatisfactory	16.7	68	13.9	60	27.3	130	13.0	62	18.0	74	22.1	97
<b>Science</b>													
	Advanced	1.7	7	1.2	5	1.1	5	1.7	8	2.2	9	1.6	7
	Mastery*	8.9	36	9.7	42	9.0	43	9.0	43	6.1	25	11.4	50
	Basic	44.8	182	32.4	140	36.3	173	44.4	212	38.2	157	40.0	175
	Approaching Basic	34.2	139	44.7	193	38.7	184	38.6	184	39.7	163	31.3	137
	Unsatisfactory	10.3	42	12.0	52	14.9	71	6.3	30	13.9	57	15.8	69
<b>Social Studies</b>													
	Advanced	0.2	1	0.7	3	0.2	1	0.2	1	0.5	2	2.1	9
	Mastery*	3.7	15	5.6	24	7.8	37	4.2	20	6.3	26	10.5	46
	Basic	50.5	205	49.8	215	37.4	178	42.3	202	44.0	181	46.1	202
	Approaching Basic	30.5	124	29.4	127	29.2	139	34.6	165	29.4	121	24.4	107
	Unsatisfactory	15.0	61	14.6	63	25.4	121	18.7	89	19.7	81	16.9	74

## 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	0.6	2	0.6	2	0.3	1	0.6	2	0.3	1	0.6	2
Mastery*	16.4	55	9.7	33	9.3	29	11.7	38	7.3	23	11.2	39
Basic	32.7	110	33.1	113	41.0	128	42.6	138	41.7	131	41.0	143
Approaching Basic	41.4	139	39.3	134	36.2	113	31.2	101	40.4	127	37.0	129
Unsatisfactory	8.9	30	17.3	59	13.1	41	13.9	45	10.2	32	10.3	36
<b>Mathematics</b>												
Advanced	0.6	2	1.8	6	1.9	6	1.2	4	1.6	5	1.7	6
Mastery*	2.7	9	3.2	11	3.2	10	4.3	14	2.2	7	4.3	15
Basic	34.7	117	41.3	141	52.6	164	44.1	143	47.8	150	41.4	144
Approaching Basic	35.0	118	24.6	84	25.3	79	27.8	90	26.4	83	27.6	96
Unsatisfactory	27.0	91	29.0	99	17.0	53	22.5	73	22.0	69	25.0	87
<b>Science</b>												
Advanced	0.3	1	0.6	2	1.0	3	0.9	3	0.3	1	0.9	3
Mastery*	10.4	35	9.6	33	8.0	25	11.8	38	9.3	29	13.0	45
Basic	36.5	123	29.7	102	28.8	90	41.6	134	34.5	108	36.6	127
Approaching Basic	37.1	125	34.4	118	38.5	120	30.4	98	33.2	104	31.1	108
Unsatisfactory	15.7	53	25.7	88	23.7	74	15.2	49	22.7	71	18.4	64
<b>Social Studies</b>												
Advanced	0.6	2	0.6	2	0.3	1	0.6	2	1.3	4	0.6	2
Mastery*	8.6	29	4.4	15	7.4	23	10.9	35	8.3	26	12.4	43
Basic	48.4	163	37.0	127	46.2	144	43.8	141	36.4	114	45.2	157
Approaching Basic	26.1	88	30.9	106	31.4	98	25.2	81	28.4	89	25.9	90
Unsatisfactory	16.3	55	27.1	93	14.7	46	19.6	63	25.6	80	15.9	55

## 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	0.4	1	1.4	4	1.8	5	2.3	5	0.4	1	0.9	2	
Mastery*	6.7	16	7.5	21	18.8	51	15.1	33	9.3	21	9.9	21	
Basic	43.8	105	43.0	120	39.3	107	52.5	115	54.7	123	42.7	91	
Approaching Basic	19.6	47	28.7	80	22.4	61	21.9	48	25.3	57	32.9	70	
Unsatisfactory	29.6	71	19.4	54	17.6	48	8.2	18	10.2	23	13.6	29	
<b>Mathematics</b>													
Advanced	3.3	8	3.2	9	5.5	15	3.2	7	3.6	8	4.2	9	
Mastery*	8.3	20	17.1	48	12.1	33	9.1	20	13.8	31	12.7	27	
Basic	33.5	81	40.0	112	44.1	120	52.5	115	47.8	107	42.3	90	
Approaching Basic	16.1	39	15.0	42	16.9	46	16.4	36	17.9	40	22.1	47	
Unsatisfactory	38.8	94	24.6	69	21.3	58	18.7	41	17.0	38	18.8	40	
<b>Science</b>													
Advanced	0.4	1	2.3	5	1.8	4	2.9	6	1.0	2	1.5	3	
Mastery*	10.3	25	11.5	25	11.5	25	14.3	30	3.5	7	8.9	18	
Basic	26.3	64	35.0	76	37.3	81	42.9	90	36.8	74	34.2	69	
Approaching Basic	31.7	77	22.6	49	30.0	65	29.0	61	34.8	70	35.1	71	
Unsatisfactory	31.3	76	28.6	62	19.4	42	11.0	23	23.9	48	20.3	41	
<b>Social Studies</b>													
Advanced	1.2	3	4.1	9	0.5	1	3.3	7	0.5	1	0.5	1	
Mastery*	9.1	22	12.9	28	0.5	1	12.9	27	11.9	24	8.4	17	
Basic	39.9	97	43.8	95	4.6	10	51.4	108	48.3	97	50.0	101	
Approaching Basic	25.1	61	19.4	42	5.1	11	24.3	51	22.9	46	22.8	46	
Unsatisfactory	24.7	60	19.8	43	89.4	194	8.1	17	16.4	33	18.3	37	