

St. Mary Parish Dropout Profile



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Family Engagement/Commitment to Education

- Low Education Expectation (page 10)
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- Low Contact with School
- Lack of Conversation About School

Social Attitudes, Values and Behaviors

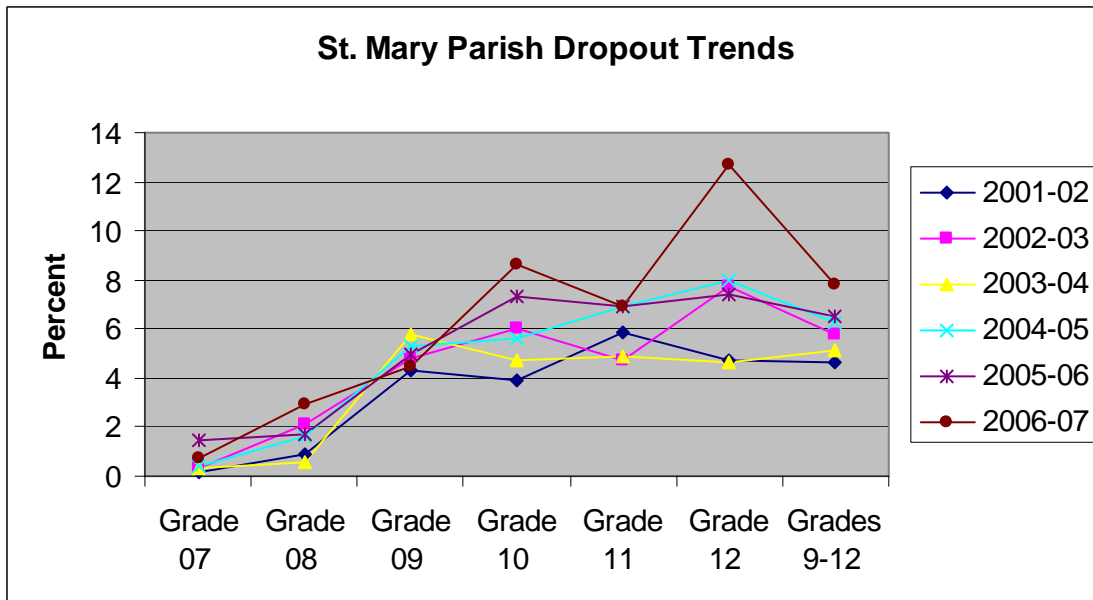
- High-Risk Peer Group
- High-Risk Social Behavior
- Highly Active Outside of School

Individual Background Characteristics

- Has a Learning Disability or Emotional Disturbance

St. Mary Parish Dropout Trends (Percentages)

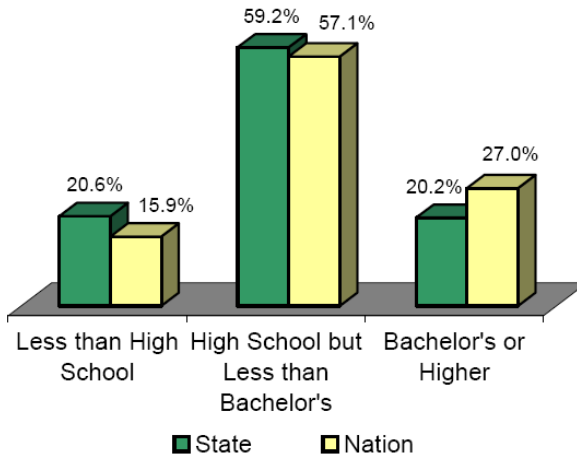
Year	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12	Grades 9-12
2001-02	0.2	0.9	4.3	3.9	5.9	4.7	4.6
2002-03	0.3	2.1	4.8	6	4.7	7.7	5.8
2003-04	0.3	0.6	5.8	4.7	4.9	4.6	5.1
2004-05	0.4	1.6	5.3	5.6	6.9	8	6.3
2005-06	1.5	1.7	5	7.3	6.9	7.4	6.5
2006-07	0.7	2.9	4.5	8.6	6.9	12.7	7.8



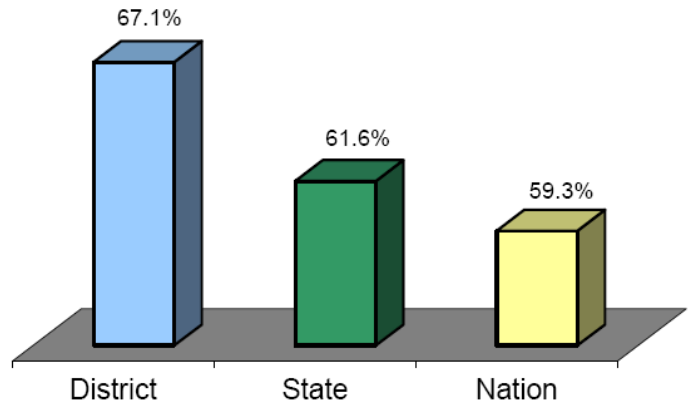
Louisiana Dropout Trends (Percentages)

	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

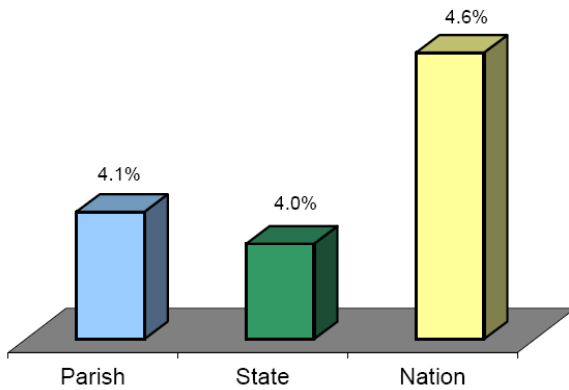
Educational Attainment at State and National Levels



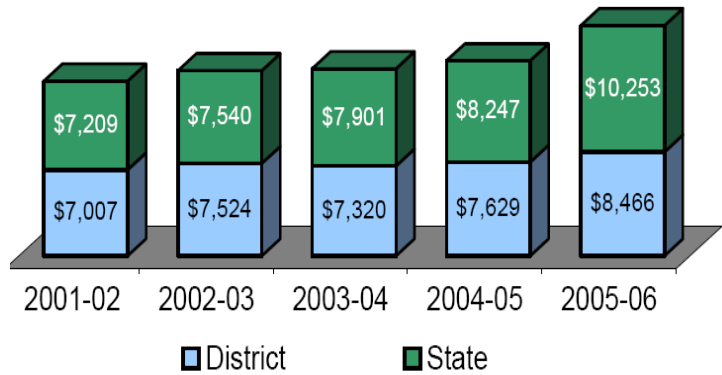
Student Participation in the Federal Free or Reduced Price Lunch Program



Unemployment Rate



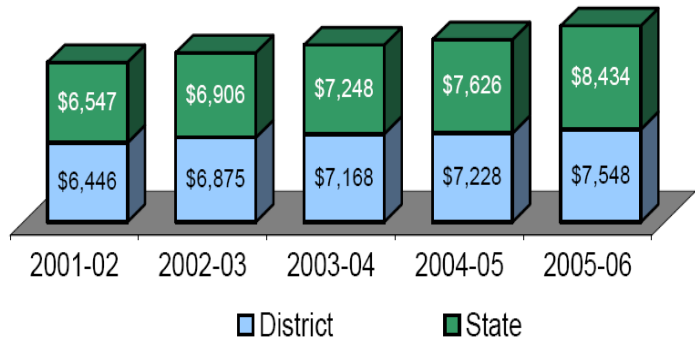
Revenues Per Pupil (Elementary/Secondary Enrollment)



Income and Poverty

	Parish	State	Nation
Median Household Income	\$31,628	\$35,216	\$44,334
Persons Below Poverty	21.8%	19.2%	12.7%
Children Below Poverty	31.3%	27.8%	18.3%

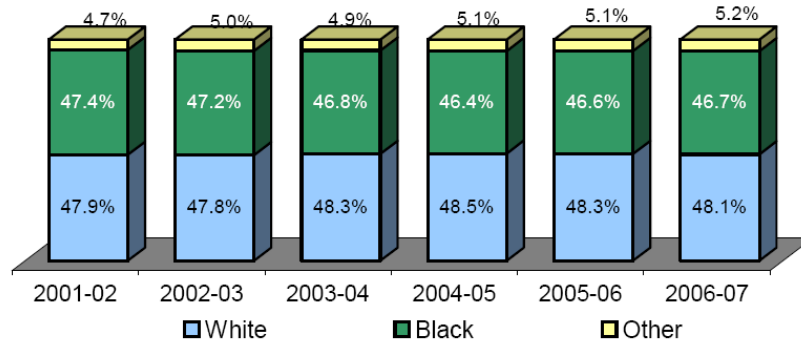
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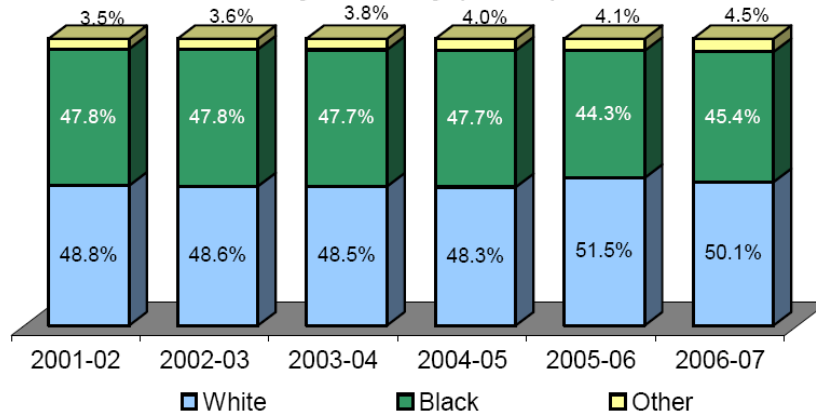
Teenage Birth and Single Motherhood

	Parish	State	Nation
Teenage Birth Rate	17.6%	14.4%	10.0%
Female Householders	11.8%	16.1%	12.5%

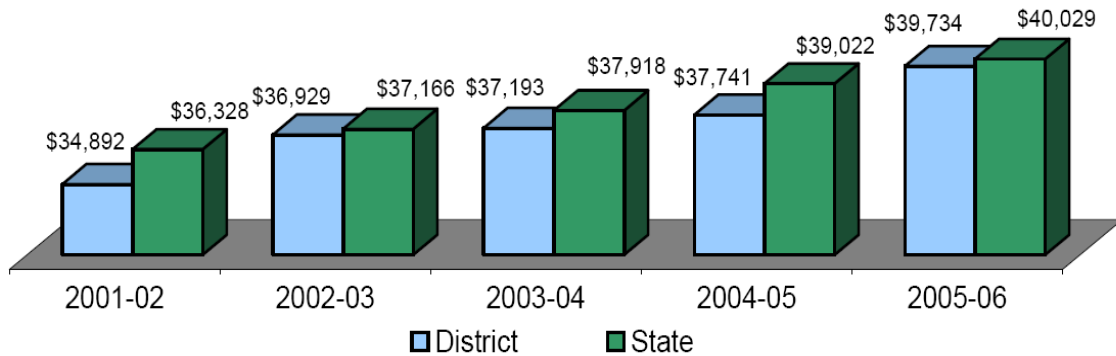
District's Public Student Population by Ethnicity (PK-12)



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



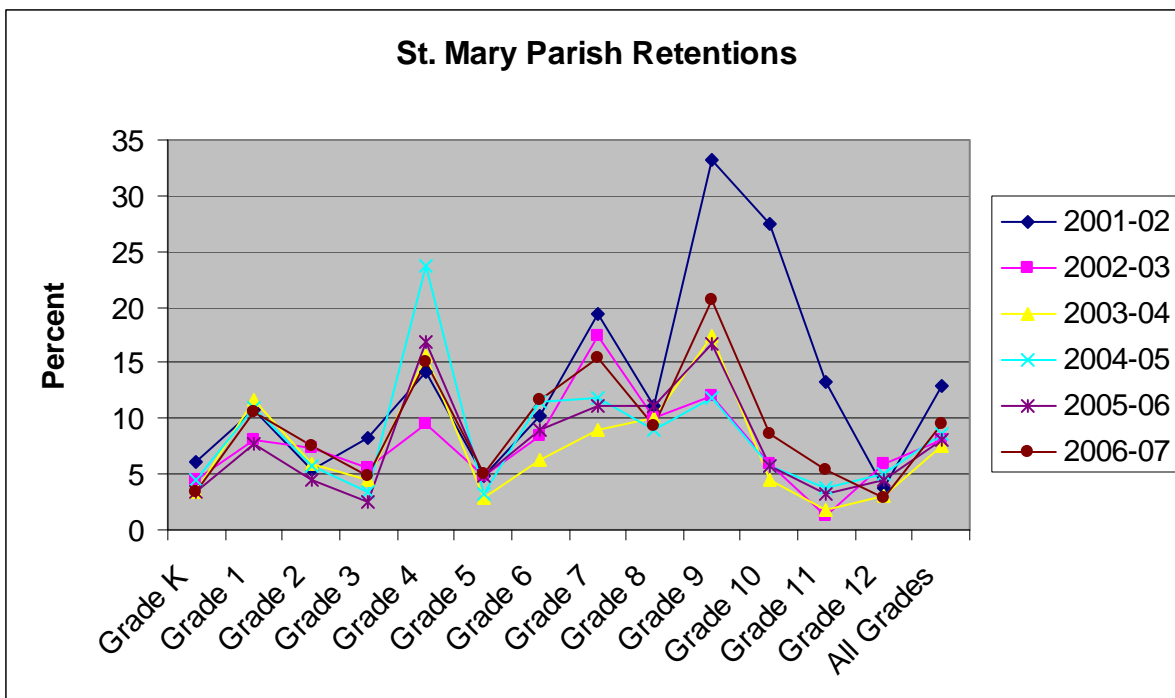
Average Classroom Teacher Salary



Risk Factor: Student Retention

St. Mary Parish Student Retention

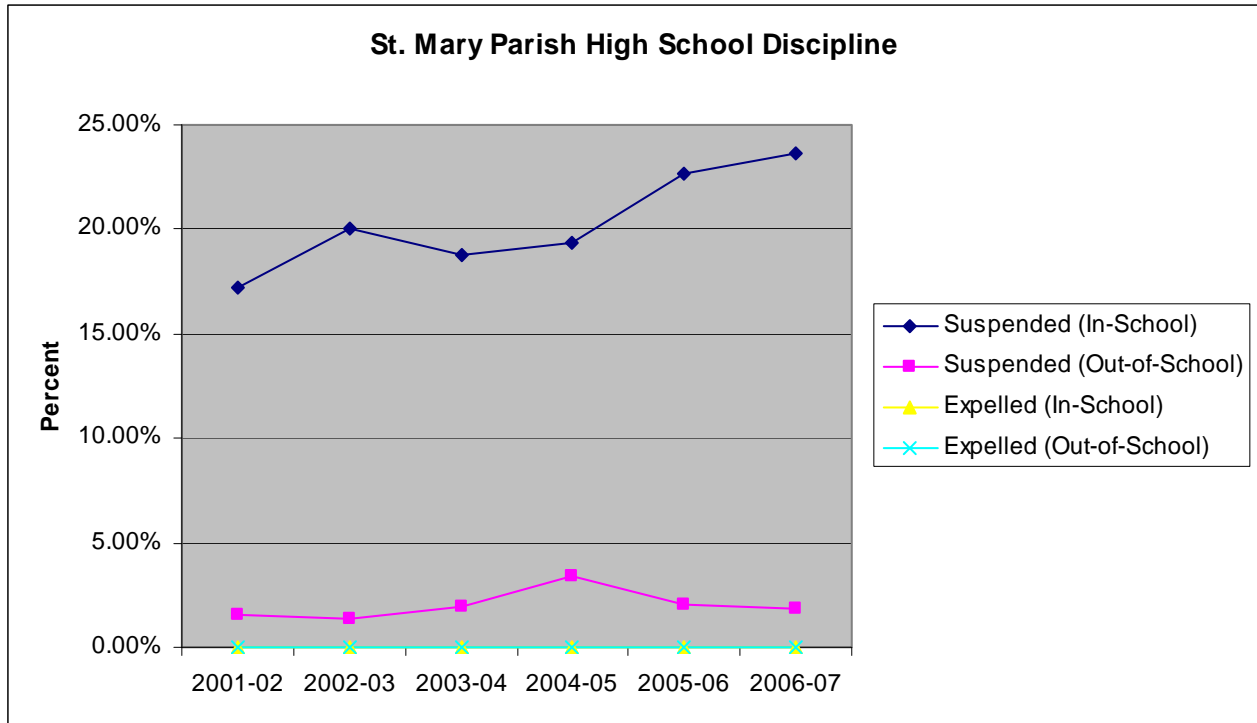
	2001-02		2002-03		2003-04		2004-05		2005-06		2006-07	
	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#
Grade K	6.1	44	4.4	30	3.4	24	4.4	30	3.4	24	3.4	24
Grade 1	10.7	88	8	61	11.6	83	10.9	83	7.7	57	10.6	80
Grade 2	5.4	45	7.4	57	5.9	45	5.7	38	4.4	32	7.6	57
Grade 3	8.2	72	5.5	47	4.4	33	3.4	25	2.6	17	4.9	35
Grade 4	14.2	125	9.6	88	15.6	131	23.7	181	16.9	130	15	104
Grade 5	4.8	36	4.8	36	2.8	23	3.2	25	4.9	34	5.1	37
Grade 6	10.3	91	8.4	67	6.2	49	11.4	98	8.9	74	11.6	87
Grade 7	19.3	168	17.4	153	8.9	71	11.9	89	11.1	89	15.4	126
Grade 8	11.2	98	10	83	10.1	88	9	84	11.1	91	9.3	78
Grade 9	33.2	251	12	98	17.4	134	11.8	97	16.7	135	20.7	167
Grade 10	27.4	185	5.9	38	4.4	30	5.8	39	5.7	41	8.6	59
Grade 11	13.3	88	1.3	8	1.8	11	3.7	24	3.3	21	5.3	36
Grade 12	3.7	22	6	39	3.1	19	5.1	32	4.5	28	2.9	19
All Grades	12.9	1,313	8.1	805	7.6	741	8.7	845	8.1	773	9.5	909



Risk Factor: Student Discipline

St. Mary Parish- High School **Discipline**

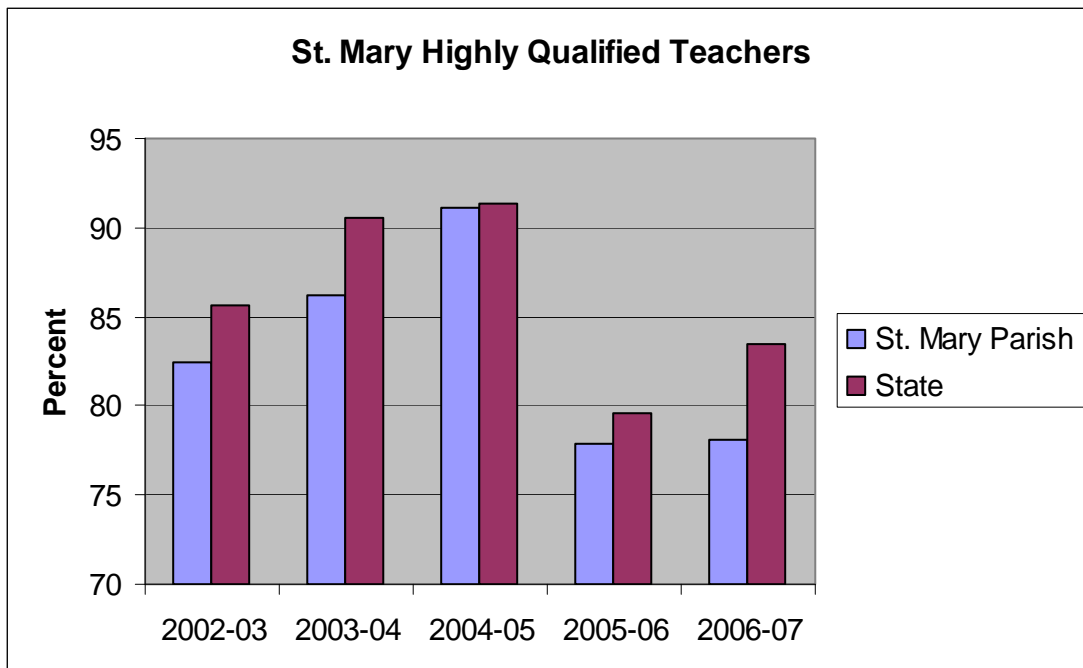
School Year	Suspension In-School		Suspension Out-of-School		Expulsion In-School		Expulsion Out-of-School	
	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#
2002-03	20.06%	580	1.38%	40	0.00%		0.03%	1
2003-04	18.76%	559	1.98%	59	0.03%	1	0.00%	
2004-05	19.39%	599	3.43%	106	0.03%	1	0.03%	1
2005-06	22.63%	723	2.07%	66	0.03%	1	0.00%	
2006-07	23.59%	702	1.85%	55	0.03%	1	0.03%	1



Teacher Quality

Highly Qualified Teachers (Percentages)

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
St. Mary Parish Core Classes Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers	82.4	86.2	91.1	77.9	78.1
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

St. Mary Parish Dropout Reasons

	Count	Percent
No Reason Given	224	79.7
Substance Abuse	1	.4
Behavioral Difficulty	3	1.1
Dislike of School Experience	3	1.1
Employment	5	1.8
Entered Criminal Justice System	4	1.4
Marriage	1	.4
Military	1	.4
Needed at Home	1	.4
Health Reasons	2	.7
Pregnancy	4	1.4
Reason Unknown	24	9.0
Total	281	100

St. Mary Dropout Truancy

	Frequency	Percent
Non-Truant	119	42.3
Truant	162	57.7
Total	281	100
Louisiana Truant-Dropout Total	4,736	28.9

St. Mary Parish Dropout: Options Program Participation

	Count	Percent
Non-Options Participant	165	58.7
Option 3 (GED Program)	116	41.3
Total	281	100
Louisiana Dropout Option 3 Participants	1,274	7.8

St. Mary Dropout Homelessness

	St. Mary Counts	St. Mary Percent	Louisiana Dropout Counts	Louisiana Dropout Percents
Non-Homeless	279	99.3	15,734	96.0
Hotels/Motels	0	0	6	.0
Shelters	1	.4	47	.3
Sharing Housing with Others	2	.4	385	2.3
Unsheltered/FEMA	0	0	72	.4
Total	281	100	16,383	100

Risk Factor: Family Characteristics

St. Mary Parish Dropouts by **Gender**

	Count	Percent
Female	120	42.7
Male	161	57.3
Total	281	100

Louisiana Dropouts by **Gender**

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

St. Mary Parish Dropout **Poverty**

	Count	Percent
Paid Lunch	161	57.3
Free Lunch	114	40.6
Reduced Lunch	6	2.1
Total	281	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

St. Mary Parish Dropouts by **Ethnicity**

	Count	Percent
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	1	.4
Asian/Pacific Islander	1	.4
African American	143	50.9
Hispanic	12	4.3
Caucasian	124	44.1
Total	281	100

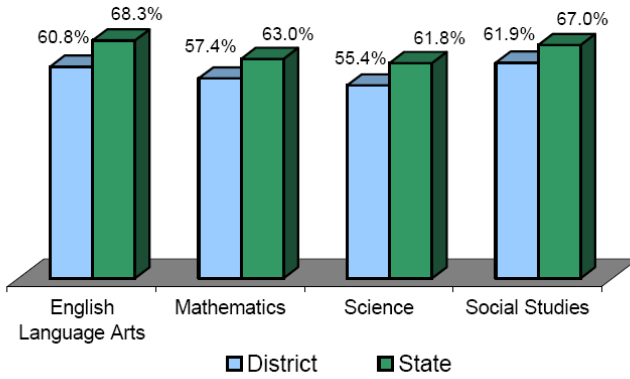
Louisiana Dropouts by **Ethnicity**

	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

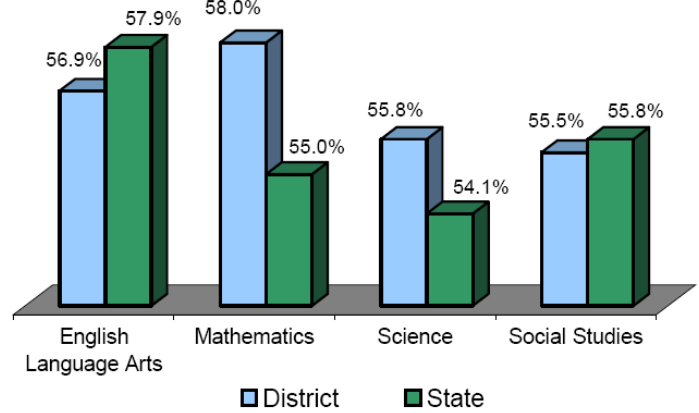
Grade 4 LEAP Test Results

Percent Scoring at Basic & Above
(2006-2007)



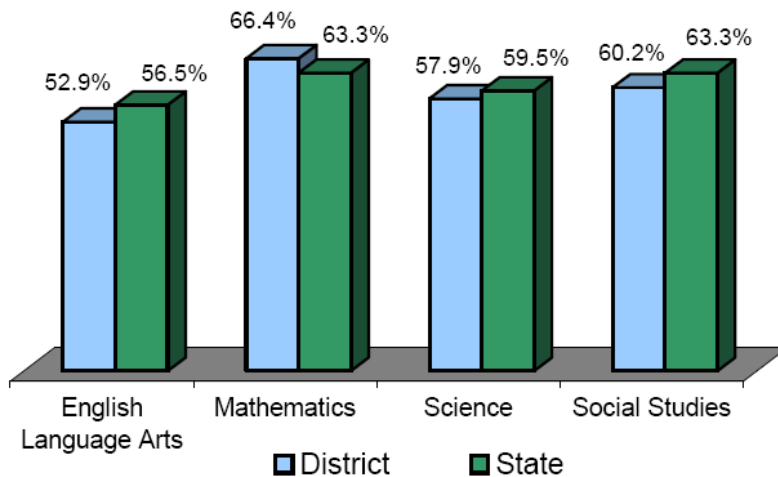
Grade 8 LEAP Test Results

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	2.1	19	1.0	9	1.2	10	1.6	14	0.9	7	2.8	23	
Mastery*	11.4	105	9.4	83	11.5	94	14.5	128	11.0	86	14.6	119	
Basic	37.9	349	40.0	352	37.1	304	39.9	352	39.1	305	43.4	353	
Approaching Basic	35.0	322	30.5	269	26.0	213	26.3	232	26.0	203	21.0	171	
Unsatisfactory	13.6	125	19.1	168	24.3	199	17.7	156	22.9	179	18.1	147	
Mathematics													
Advanced	0.8	7	2.4	21	1.7	14	1.7	15	2.7	21	3.2	26	
Mastery*	8.2	75	11.0	97	11.3	93	13.3	117	14.2	111	8.0	65	
Basic	33.3	306	39.0	343	36.3	298	42.7	376	39.7	309	46.2	376	
Approaching Basic	29.1	267	28.1	247	26.5	217	23.0	203	25.7	200	24.7	201	
Unsatisfactory	28.7	264	19.5	172	24.1	198	19.3	170	17.7	138	17.8	145	
Science													
Advanced	1.7	16	1.3	11	0.4	3	2.0	18	0.9	7	2.0	16	
Mastery*	7.1	65	8.2	72	11.1	91	9.0	79	8.2	64	10.8	88	
Basic	39.8	365	33.3	293	41.5	340	43.5	384	40.0	311	42.6	346	
Approaching Basic	35.1	322	41.9	368	31.5	258	35.1	310	31.4	244	31.5	256	
Unsatisfactory	16.3	150	15.4	135	15.5	127	10.3	91	19.4	151	13.2	107	
Social Studies													
Advanced	0.4	4	1.4	12	1.5	12	1.0	9	0.8	6	1.7	14	
Mastery*	5.2	48	7.6	67	9.6	79	6.1	54	8.1	63	12.2	99	
Basic	41.3	379	44.6	392	42.2	346	42.6	376	44.7	347	48.0	390	
Approaching Basic	28.5	262	25.6	225	24.2	198	29.3	258	25.5	198	19.2	156	
Unsatisfactory	24.5	225	20.8	183	22.5	184	21.0	185	21.0	163	18.9	154	

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	1.2	9	1.2	10	0.7	6	0.5	4	1.8	14	1.0	7	
Mastery*	13.8	104	14.3	120	7.8	68	10.7	84	8.6	67	9.5	67	
Basic	31.5	237	35.7	300	34.2	300	34.8	272	41.0	320	46.4	327	
Approaching Basic	43.2	325	33.5	281	38.1	334	37.0	289	38.1	297	34.8	245	
Unsatisfactory	10.4	78	15.4	129	19.2	168	17.0	133	10.5	82	8.2	58	
Mathematics													
Advanced	1.9	14	2.7	23	2.4	21	2.9	23	2.3	19	5.1	36	
Mastery*	4.0	30	7.5	63	5.6	49	5.5	43	4.1	33	5.3	37	
Basic	45.2	340	41.7	350	48.7	426	50.8	398	44.8	364	47.6	334	
Approaching Basic	28.3	213	21.4	180	20.9	183	19.9	156	26.1	212	27.5	193	
Unsatisfactory	20.7	156	26.7	224	22.4	196	20.8	163	22.7	184	14.5	102	
Science													
Advanced	0.5	4	1.0	8	0.5	4	1.0	8	1.2	9	2.0	14	
Mastery*	13.2	99	12.7	106	12.4	108	13.3	104	8.9	68	14.4	101	
Basic	37.6	283	31.6	264	31.0	270	35.4	277	36.0	275	39.4	276	
Approaching Basic	28.9	217	31.1	260	27.4	239	29.2	229	34.2	261	29.1	204	
Unsatisfactory	19.8	149	23.6	197	28.8	251	21.1	165	19.7	150	15.0	105	
Social Studies													
Advanced	0.1	1	0.2	2	0.5	4	0.8	6	0.4	3	1.3	9	
Mastery*	6.1	46	7.7	64	5.6	49	6.9	54	6.7	51	11.7	82	
Basic	46.9	353	36.4	304	41.0	357	38.5	303	43.7	333	42.5	297	
Approaching Basic	26.7	201	27.7	231	27.2	237	26.6	209	26.5	202	26.2	183	
Unsatisfactory	20.1	151	28.0	234	25.7	224	27.3	215	22.7	173	18.3	128	

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	0.8	5	0.4	3	1.8	12	0.7	5	0.2	1	0.6	4
	Mastery*	14.7	94	9.1	65	15.0	101	14.3	100	9.8	63	8.8	58
	Basic	45.2	289	43.2	310	43.6	293	49.2	343	47.0	301	43.5	287
	Approaching Basic	23.0	147	24.3	174	23.7	159	22.5	157	29.3	188	29.5	195
	Unsatisfactory	16.4	105	23.0	165	15.9	107	13.2	92	13.7	88	17.6	116
	Mathematics												
	Advanced	5.6	36	6.9	50	6.8	46	9.0	63	7.3	47	8.7	57
	Mastery*	13.1	84	14.9	107	16.8	113	19.2	134	19.2	123	17.7	116
	Basic	37.9	242	38.2	275	44.6	300	39.7	277	45.1	289	40.0	263
	Approaching Basic	18.3	117	17.8	128	15.0	101	14.9	104	17.2	110	16.9	111
	Unsatisfactory	25.0	160	22.2	160	16.7	112	17.1	119	11.2	72	16.7	110
	Science												
	Advanced	2.0	12	0.5	3	2.1	13	2.2	13	3.6	23	2.7	16
	Mastery*	14.7	90	9.5	59	16.2	98	15.6	91	10.6	67	10.2	60
	Basic	36.7	224	40.1	248	40.6	246	45.2	263	37.3	236	45.0	264
	Approaching Basic	22.4	137	26.5	164	23.9	145	26.6	155	32.4	205	26.2	154
	Unsatisfactory	24.2	148	23.4	145	17.2	104	10.3	60	16.0	101	15.8	93
	Social Studies												
	Advanced	0.5	3	0.3	2	0.3	2	0.5	3	0.2	1	0.3	2
	Mastery*	9.0	55	7.4	46	8.3	50	5.5	32	5.1	32	7.8	46
	Basic	40.9	250	45.2	280	52.3	317	56.6	329	50.6	320	52.1	306
	Approaching Basic	23.9	146	26.7	165	24.9	151	24.3	141	25.3	160	25.6	150
	Unsatisfactory	25.7	157	20.4	126	14.2	86	13.1	76	18.8	119	14.1	83