

# Union Parish Dropout Profile



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- High Family Mobility
- Low Education Level of Parents
- Large Number of Siblings
- Not Living with Both Natural Parents
- Family Disruption

### **Family Engagement/Commitment to Education**

- Low Education Expectation (page 10)
- Sibling Has Dropped Out
- Low Contact with School
- Lack of Conversation About School

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

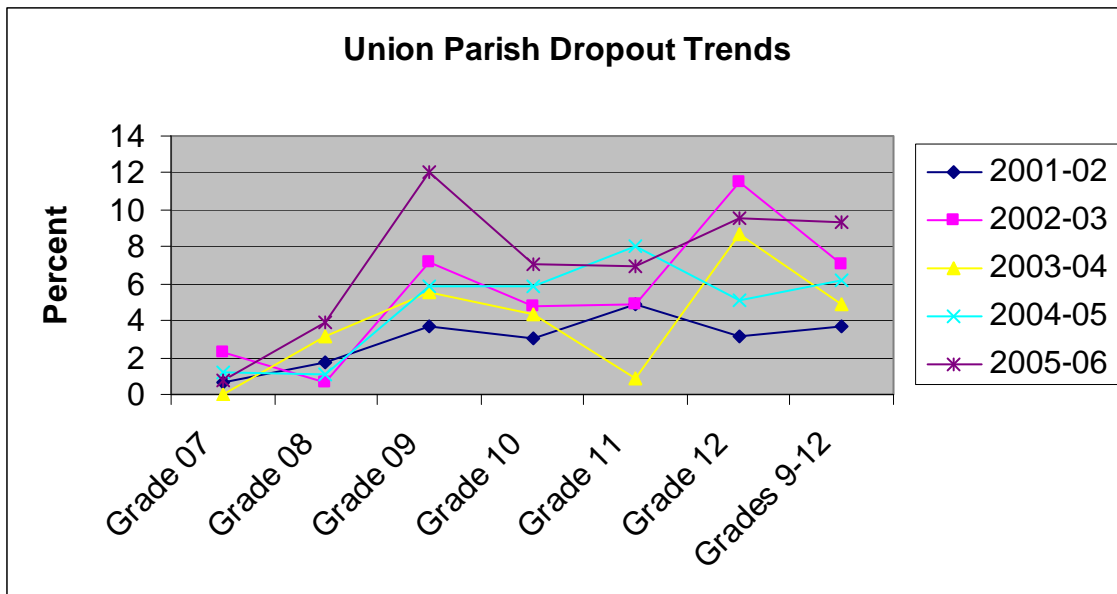
- High-Risk Peer Group
- High-Risk Social Behavior
- Highly Active Outside of School

### **Individual Background Characteristics**

- Has a Learning Disability or Emotional Disturbance

## Union Parish Dropout Trends (Percentages)

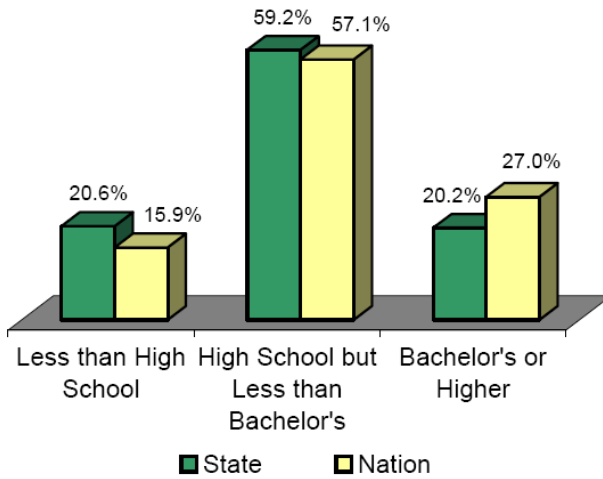
Year	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12	Grades 9-12
2001-02	0.6	1.7	3.7	3	4.9	3.2	3.7
2002-03	2.3	0.6	7.2	4.8	4.9	11.5	7.1
2003-04	0	3.1	5.5	4.3	0.9	8.7	4.9
2004-05	1.2	1.1	5.9	5.9	8	5.1	6.2
2005-06	0.8	3.9	12.1	7.1	6.9	9.6	9.3
2006-07	0.8	1.5	10.2	7.3	5.6	6	7.9



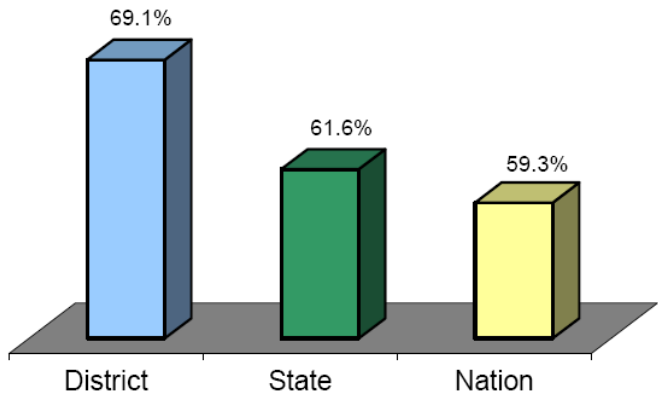
## Louisiana Dropout Trends (Percentages)

	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

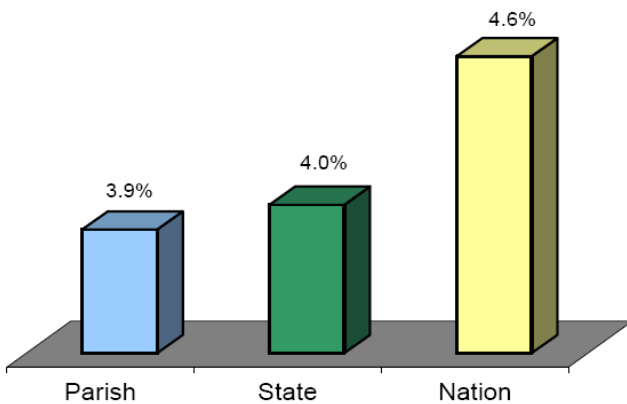
### Educational Attainment at State and National Levels



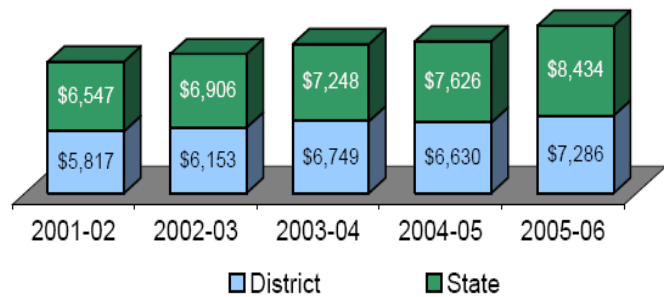
### Student Participation in the Federal Free or Reduced Price Lunch Program



### Unemployment Rate



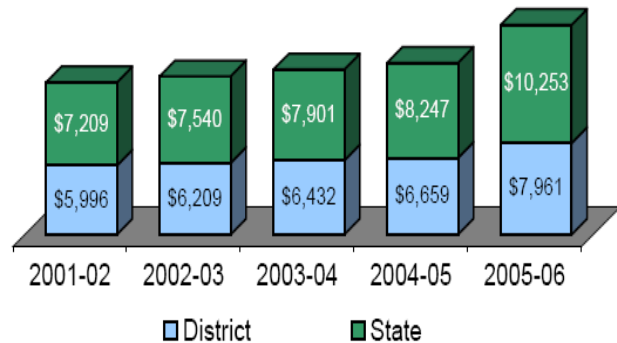
### Expenditures Per Pupil (Elementary/Secondary Enrollment)



### Income and Poverty

	Parish	State	Nation
Median Household Income	\$30,697	\$35,216	\$44,334
Persons Below Poverty	18.7%	19.2%	12.7%
Children Below Poverty	25.6%	27.8%	18.3%

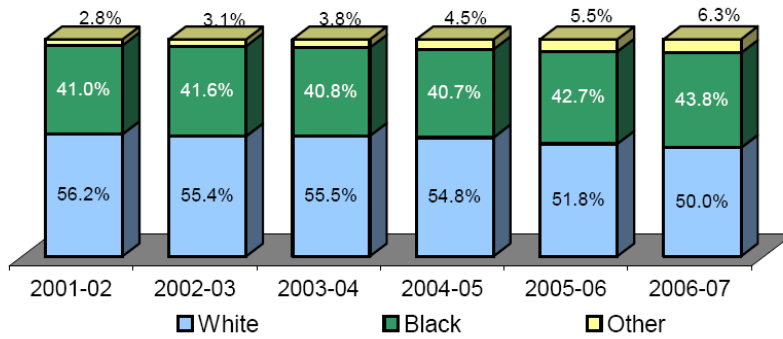
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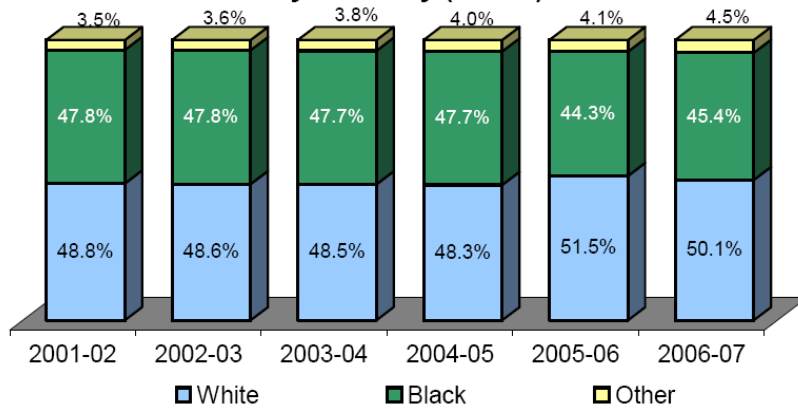
### Teenage Birth and Single Motherhood

	Parish	State	Nation
Teenage Birth Rate	16.7%	14.4%	10.0%
Female Householders	7.1%	16.1%	12.5%

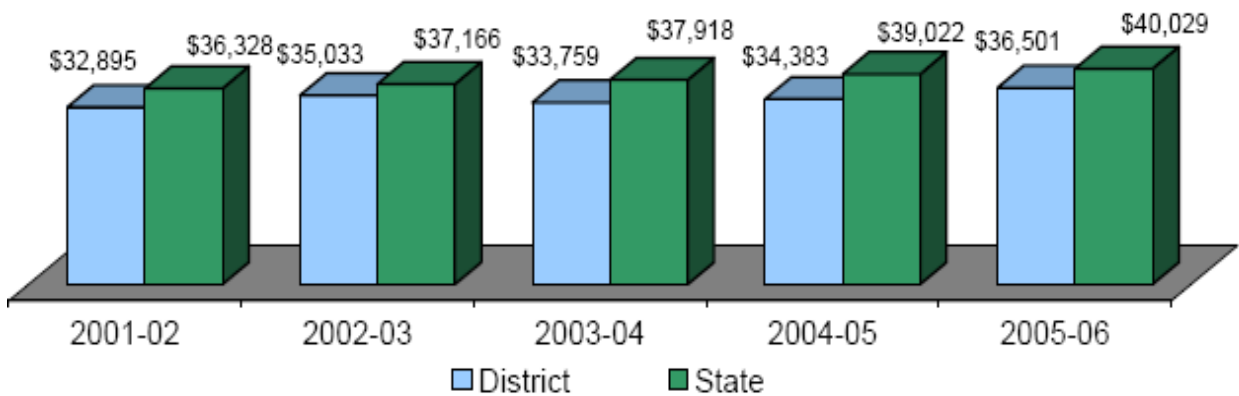
**District's Public Student Population by Ethnicity (PK-12)**



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



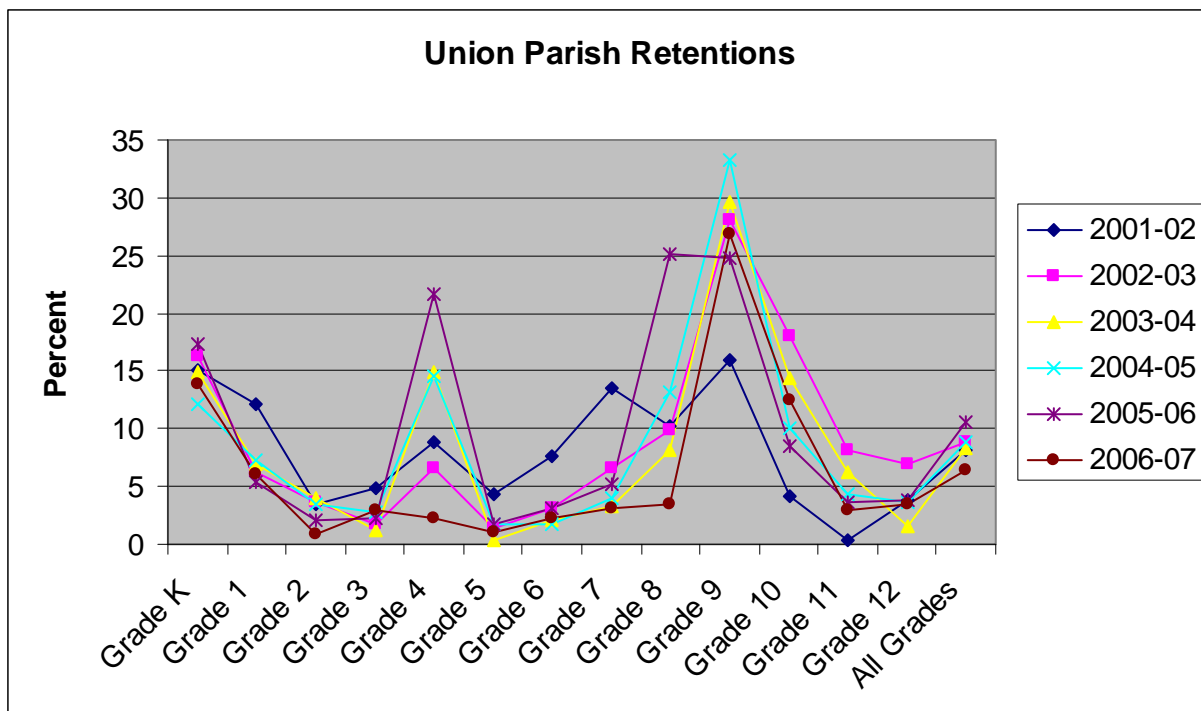
**Average Classroom Teacher Salary**



## Risk Factor: Student Retention

### Union Parish Student Retention

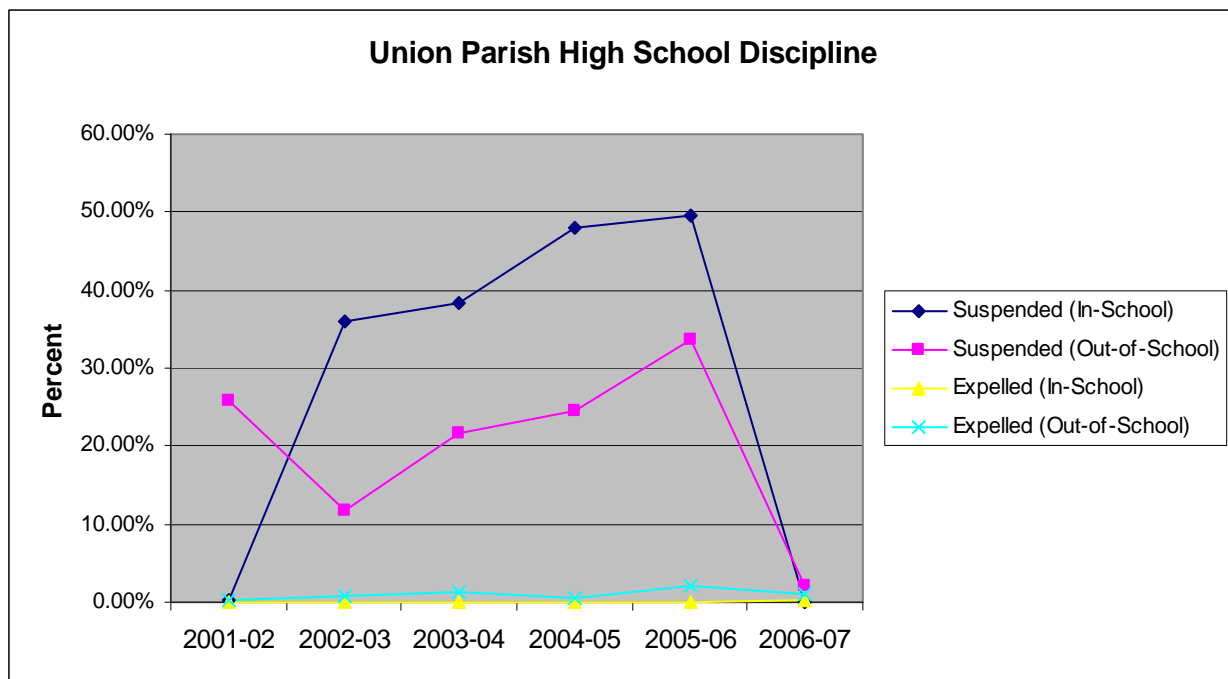
	2001-02		2002-03		2003-04		2004-05		2005-06		2006-07	
	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#
Grade K	15.1	45	16.3	45	14.9	41	12.1	33	17.3	47	13.9	41
Grade 1	12.1	34	6.2	18	6.9	17	7.3	18	5.4	13	6	13
Grade 2	3.4	10	3.7	9	4	11	3.4	8	2.1	5	0.8	2
Grade 3	4.8	15	1.7	5	1.2	3	2.8	7	2.3	5	2.9	6
Grade 4	8.9	27	6.6	20	14.9	44	14.5	40	21.7	60	2.3	6
Grade 5	4.3	11	1.4	4	0.3	1	1.7	4	1.7	4	1	2
Grade 6	7.7	20	3.1	8	2.1	6	1.7	5	3.2	7	2.2	5
Grade 7	13.6	39	6.6	18	3.3	9	4	12	5.2	15	3.2	7
Grade 8	10.3	28	9.9	27	8.1	23	13.1	36	25.2	77	3.5	11
Grade 9	16	37	28.1	76	29.7	82	33.3	90	24.8	65	26.8	63
Grade 10	4.1	9	18.1	37	14.3	30	10.1	22	8.5	17	12.4	22
Grade 11	0.4	1	8.2	16	6.3	11	4.4	8	3.7	7	3	5
Grade 12	3.8	8	7	16	1.6	3	3.7	7	3.8	7	3.4	6
All	8.2	284	8.8	299	8.4	281	8.9	290	10.5	329	6.4	189



## Risk Factor: Student Discipline

### Union Parish- High School **Discipline**

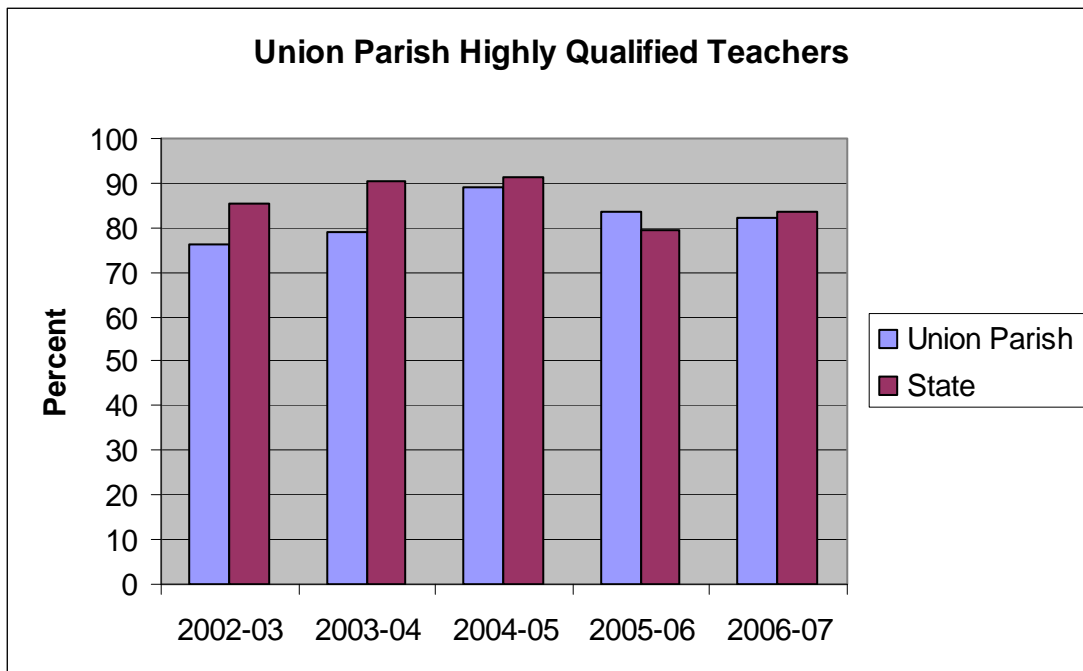
School Year	Suspension In-School		Suspension Out-of-School		Expulsion In-School		Expulsion Out-of-School	
	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#
2002-03	35.90%	163	11.67%	53	0.00%		0.66%	3
2003-04	38.41%	169	21.59%	95	0.00%		1.36%	6
2004-05	48.01%	205	24.59%	105	0.00%		0.47%	2
2005-06	49.46%	227	33.55%	154	0.00%		1.96%	9
2006-07	0.00%		2.09%	9	0.23%	1	0.93%	4



## Teacher Quality

### Highly Qualified Teachers (Percentages)

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Union Parish Core Classes Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers	76.1	78.8	88.9	83.4	82.4
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

### Union Parish **Dropout Reasons**

	Count	Percent
No Reason Given	99	69.7
Academic Difficulty	1	.7
Behavioral Difficulty	0	0
Dislike of School Experience	1	.7
Employment	4	2.8
Entered Criminal Justice System	2	1.4
Failed Required Test	0	0
Military	0	0
Needed at Home	1	.7
Parent/Guardian Influence	1	.7
Health Problems	1	.7
Reason Unknown	32	22.5
Total	142	100

### Union Dropout **Truancy**

	Frequency	Percent
Non-Truant	87	61.3
Truant	55	38.7
Total	142	100
Louisiana Truant-Dropout Total	4,736	28.9

### Union Parish Dropout: **Options Program Participation**

	Count	Percent
Non-Options Participant	105	73.9
Option 3 (GED Program)	36	25.4
Total	141	100
Louisiana Dropout Option 3 Participants	1274	7.8

### Union Dropout **Homelessness**

	Union Counts	Union Percent	Louisiana Dropout Counts	Louisiana Dropout Percents
Non-Homeless	140	98.6	15,734	96.0
Hotels/Motels	0	0	6	.0
Shelters	0	0	47	.3
Sharing Housing with Others	2	1.4	385	2.3
Unsheltered/FEMA	0	0	72	.4
Total	142	100	16,383	100

## Risk Factor: Family Characteristics

### Union Parish Dropouts by **Gender**

	Count	Percent
Female	47	33.1
Male	95	66.9
Total	142	100

### Louisiana Dropouts by **Gender**

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

### Union Parish Dropout **Poverty**

	Count	Percent
Paid Lunch	95	66.9
Free Lunch	47	33.1
Reduced Lunch	0	0
Total	142	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

### Union Parish Dropouts by **Ethnicity**

	Count	Percent
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	0	0
Asian/Pacific Islander	1	.7
African American	64	45.1
Hispanic	6	4.2
Caucasian	71	50.0
Total	142	100

### Louisiana Dropouts by **Ethnicity**

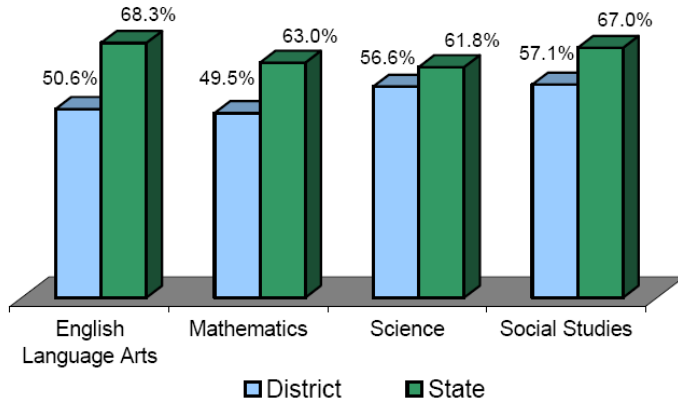
	Count	Percent
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	120	.7
Asian/Pacific Islander	164	1.0
African American	10,439	63.7
Hispanic	452	2.8
Caucasian	5,208	31.8
Total	16,383	100

# Risk Factor: School Performance

## Grade 4 LEAP Test Results

Percent Scoring at Basic & Above

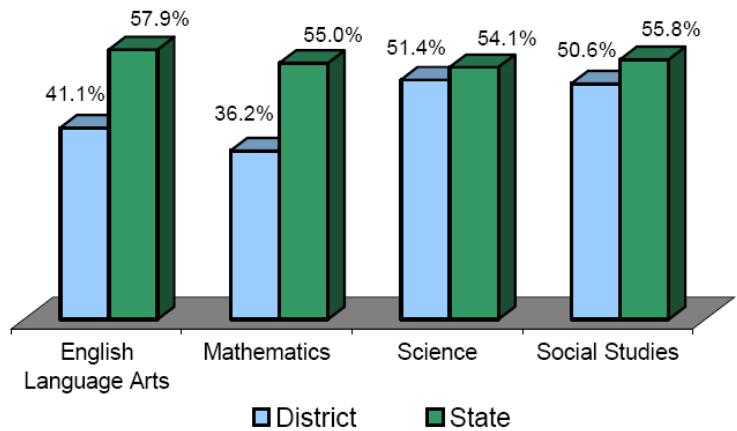
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## Grade 8 LEAP Test Results

Percent Scoring at Basic & Above

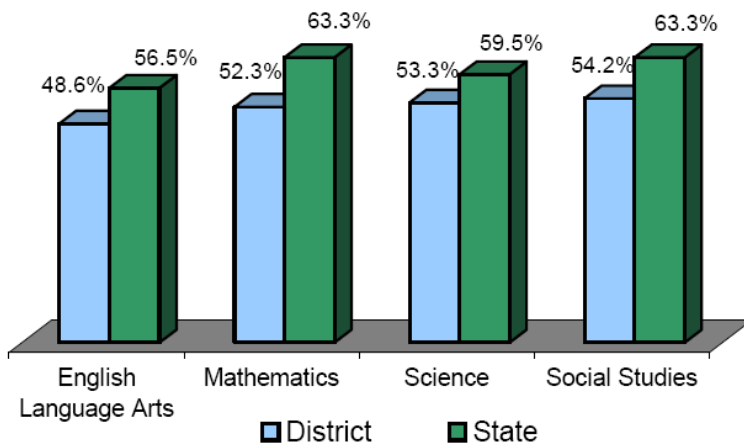
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## GEE Test Results

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	1.8	6	0.0	0	1.4	4	0.4	1	0.4	1	1.1	2	2
Mastery*	6.7	22	6.8	20	12.5	35	11.4	32	9.3	24	14.2	27	27
Basic	40.9	134	39.1	115	42.3	118	40.2	113	32.7	84	35.3	67	67
Approaching Basic	33.2	109	29.9	88	23.7	66	25.6	72	23.3	60	25.8	49	49
Unsatisfactory	17.4	57	24.1	71	20.1	56	22.4	63	34.2	88	23.7	45	45
<b>Mathematics</b>													
Advanced	1.5	5	0.7	2	0.4	1	1.1	3	0.8	2	1.1	2	2
Mastery*	9.1	30	7.5	22	11.1	31	9.3	26	9.3	24	8.4	16	16
Basic	33.8	111	39.5	116	37.3	104	41.1	115	31.9	82	40.0	76	76
Approaching Basic	27.1	89	28.2	83	31.5	88	21.8	61	19.5	50	24.7	47	47
Unsatisfactory	28.4	93	24.1	71	19.7	55	26.8	75	38.5	99	25.8	49	49
<b>Science</b>													
Advanced	2.2	7	0.7	2	1.8	5	2.9	8	1.6	4	0.0	0	0
Mastery*	8.4	27	7.5	22	10.4	29	9.3	26	5.8	15	8.4	16	16
Basic	40.2	130	31.3	92	49.3	138	46.4	130	35.0	90	48.2	92	92
Approaching Basic	31.3	101	43.2	127	28.9	81	28.9	81	33.1	85	27.7	53	53
Unsatisfactory	18.0	58	17.3	51	9.6	27	12.5	35	24.5	63	15.7	30	30
<b>Social Studies</b>													
Advanced	0.9	3	0.3	1	1.4	4	1.4	4	0.8	2	0.0	0	0
Mastery*	5.3	17	7.8	23	8.2	23	3.2	9	4.3	11	6.3	12	12
Basic	36.8	119	43.2	127	47.7	133	45.7	128	38.5	99	50.8	97	97
Approaching Basic	31.3	101	30.3	89	25.4	71	25.7	72	28.4	73	18.3	35	35
Unsatisfactory	25.7	83	18.4	54	17.2	48	23.9	67	28.0	72	24.6	47	47

## 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	0.4	1	1.1	3	0.0	0	0.0	0	1.7	5	0.4	1
	Mastery*	13.3	34	7.5	20	10.6	28	11.1	32	4.2	12	7.9	20
	Basic	36.9	94	37.4	99	35.4	93	32.6	94	36.5	105	32.8	83
	Approaching Basic	34.9	89	39.2	104	36.5	96	31.9	92	44.1	127	34.8	88
	Unsatisfactory	14.5	37	14.7	39	17.5	46	24.3	70	13.5	39	24.1	61
	<b>Mathematics</b>												
	Advanced	0.8	2	1.5	4	1.9	5	1.4	4	1.3	4	1.9	5
	Mastery*	2.7	7	2.6	7	4.6	12	4.5	13	1.3	4	3.0	8
	Basic	42.4	108	41.7	111	53.2	140	43.1	124	38.0	117	31.3	83
	Approaching Basic	25.9	66	18.8	50	18.3	48	19.4	56	24.4	75	26.4	70
	Unsatisfactory	28.2	72	35.3	94	22.1	58	31.6	91	35.1	108	37.4	99
	<b>Science</b>												
	Advanced	0.4	1	1.1	3	1.1	3	0.3	1	0.0	0	2.1	5
	Mastery*	11.2	28	11.7	31	9.5	25	12.9	37	7.1	19	9.5	23
	Basic	40.4	101	33.0	87	34.2	90	26.5	76	30.1	81	39.8	96
	Approaching Basic	30.4	76	31.8	84	31.9	84	32.8	94	40.1	108	27.0	65
	Unsatisfactory	17.6	44	22.3	59	23.2	61	27.5	79	22.7	61	21.6	52
	<b>Social Studies</b>												
	Advanced	0.0	0	0.8	2	0.8	2	0.7	2	0.4	1	0.8	2
	Mastery*	8.4	21	7.6	20	7.2	19	7.0	20	5.2	14	7.9	19
	Basic	47.2	118	35.4	93	47.5	125	37.6	108	40.5	109	41.9	101
	Approaching Basic	22.4	56	35.4	93	26.6	70	23.3	67	25.3	68	22.8	55
	Unsatisfactory	22.0	55	20.9	55	17.9	47	31.4	90	28.6	77	26.6	64

## 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	0.5	1	0.9	2	1.9	4	0.5	1	0.0	0	1.1	2	
Mastery*	12.4	24	9.4	21	16.0	33	7.4	15	7.6	15	3.9	7	
Basic	50.3	97	38.6	86	44.2	91	45.0	91	44.9	89	43.6	78	
Approaching Basic	21.8	42	30.0	67	22.3	46	23.3	47	29.8	59	31.8	57	
Unsatisfactory	15.0	29	21.1	47	15.5	32	23.8	48	17.7	35	19.6	35	
<b>Mathematics</b>													
Advanced	2.6	5	5.9	13	6.3	13	2.5	5	4.0	8	5.1	9	
Mastery*	13.0	25	12.7	28	9.8	20	12.4	25	12.5	25	9.1	16	
Basic	41.5	80	38.5	85	42.0	86	39.1	79	43.5	87	38.1	67	
Approaching Basic	17.6	34	19.5	43	21.5	44	17.3	35	19.0	38	23.9	42	
Unsatisfactory	25.4	49	23.5	52	20.5	42	28.7	58	21.0	42	23.9	42	
<b>Science</b>													
Advanced	1.6	3	0.6	1	1.7	3	2.0	4	0.6	1	2.4	4	
Mastery*	13.5	26	11.3	20	13.4	23	8.5	17	5.3	9	8.4	14	
Basic	38.5	74	39.0	69	43.6	75	49.7	99	34.7	59	42.5	71	
Approaching Basic	22.9	44	29.4	52	28.5	49	25.6	51	32.9	56	28.7	48	
Unsatisfactory	23.4	45	19.8	35	12.8	22	14.1	28	26.5	45	18.0	30	
<b>Social Studies</b>													
Advanced	0.0	0	2.3	4	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Mastery*	5.2	10	10.2	18	8.7	15	4.5	9	1.2	2	3.0	5	
Basic	51.6	99	40.3	71	50.6	87	54.5	109	48.8	83	51.2	85	
Approaching Basic	28.1	54	28.4	50	27.3	47	27.5	55	25.3	43	25.9	43	
Unsatisfactory	15.1	29	18.8	33	13.4	23	13.5	27	24.7	42	19.9	33	