

Vernon Parish Dropout Profile



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- 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

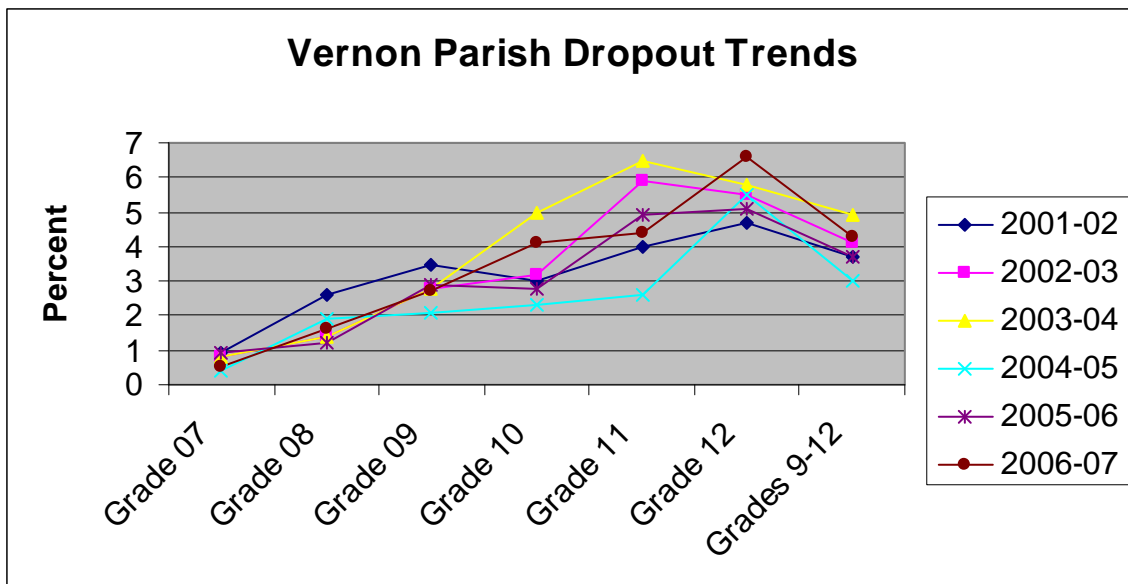
- High-Risk Peer Group
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- Highly Active Outside of School

Individual Background Characteristics

- Has a Learning Disability or Emotional Disturbance

Vernon Parish Dropout Trends (Percentages)

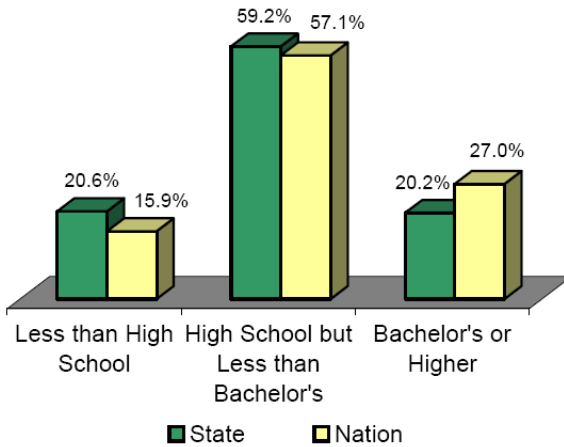
Year	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12	Grades 9-12
2001-02	0.9	2.6	3.5	3	4	4.7	3.7
2002-03	0.8	1.4	2.8	3.2	5.9	5.5	4.1
2003-04	0.8	1.4	2.8	5	6.5	5.8	4.9
2004-05	0.4	1.9	2.1	2.3	2.6	5.5	3
2005-06	0.9	1.2	2.9	2.8	4.9	5.1	3.7
2006-07	0.5	1.6	2.7	4.1	4.4	6.6	4.3



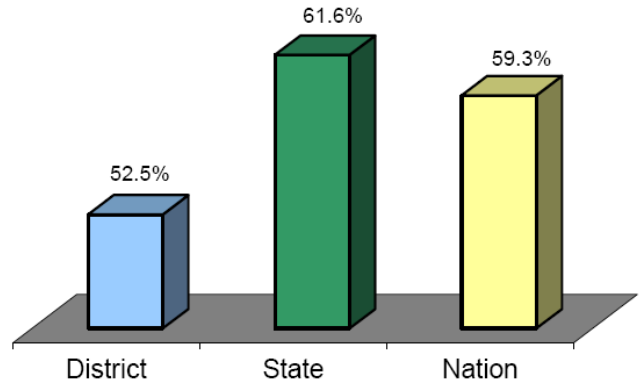
Louisiana Dropout Trends (Percentages)

	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

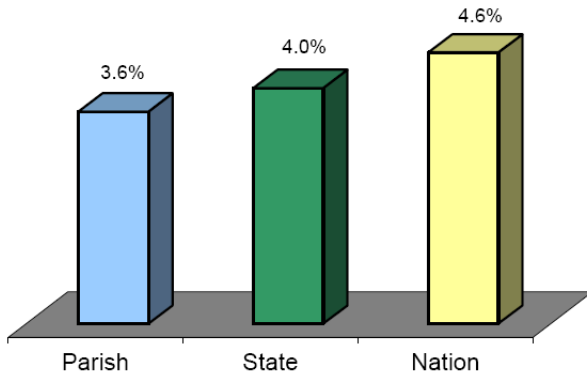
Educational Attainment at State and National Levels



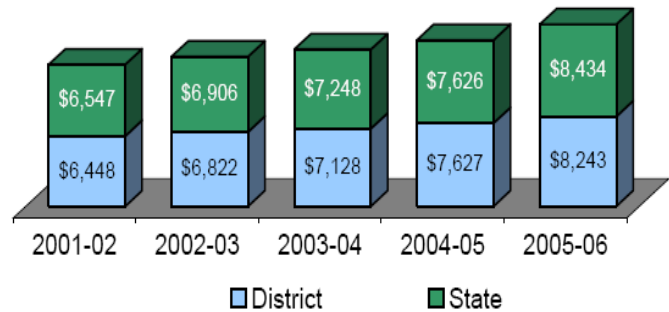
Student Participation in the Federal Free or Reduced Price Lunch Program



Unemployment Rate



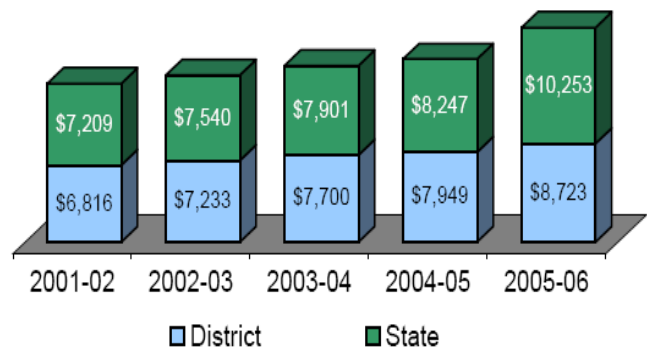
Expenditures Per Pupil (Elementary/Secondary Enrollment)



Income and Poverty

	Parish	State	Nation
Median Household Income	\$35,486	\$35,216	\$44,334
Persons Below Poverty	16.4%	19.2%	12.7%
Children Below Poverty	18.6%	27.8%	18.3%

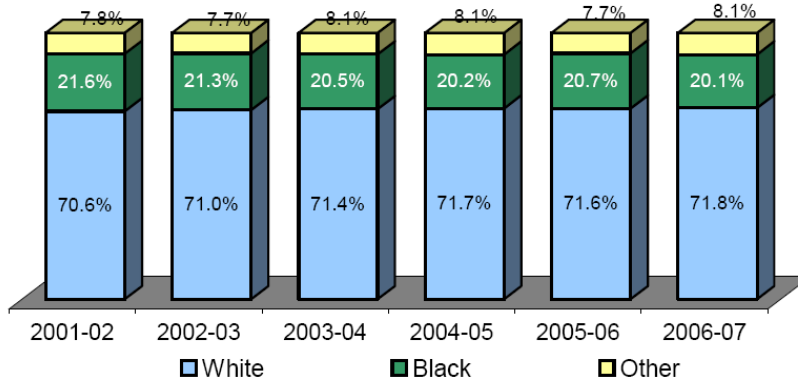
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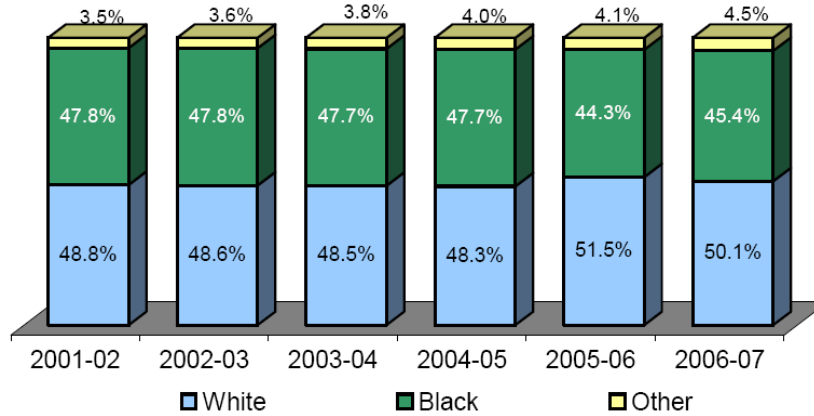
Teenage Birth and Single Motherhood

	Parish	State	Nation
Teenage Birth Rate	10.6%	14.4%	10.0%
Female Householders	5.4%	16.1%	12.5%

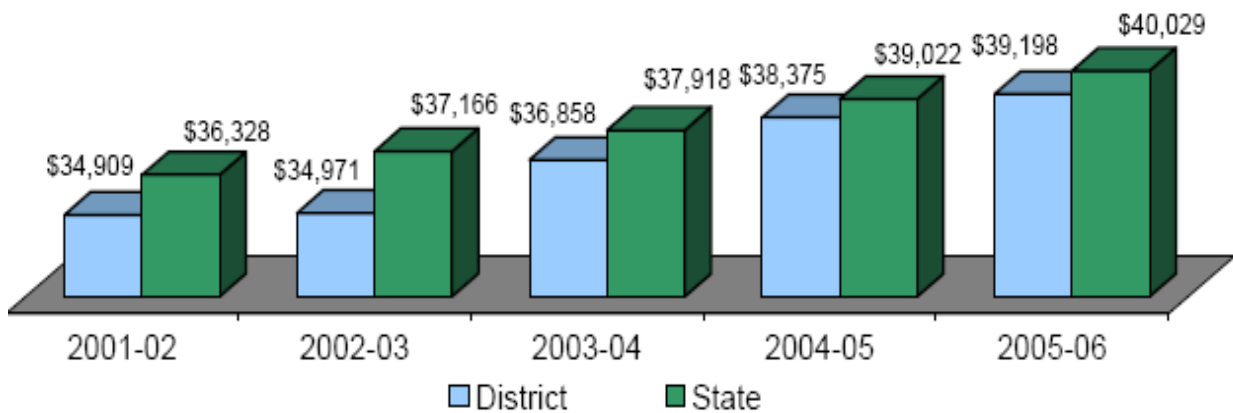
District's Public Student Population by Ethnicity (PK-12)



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



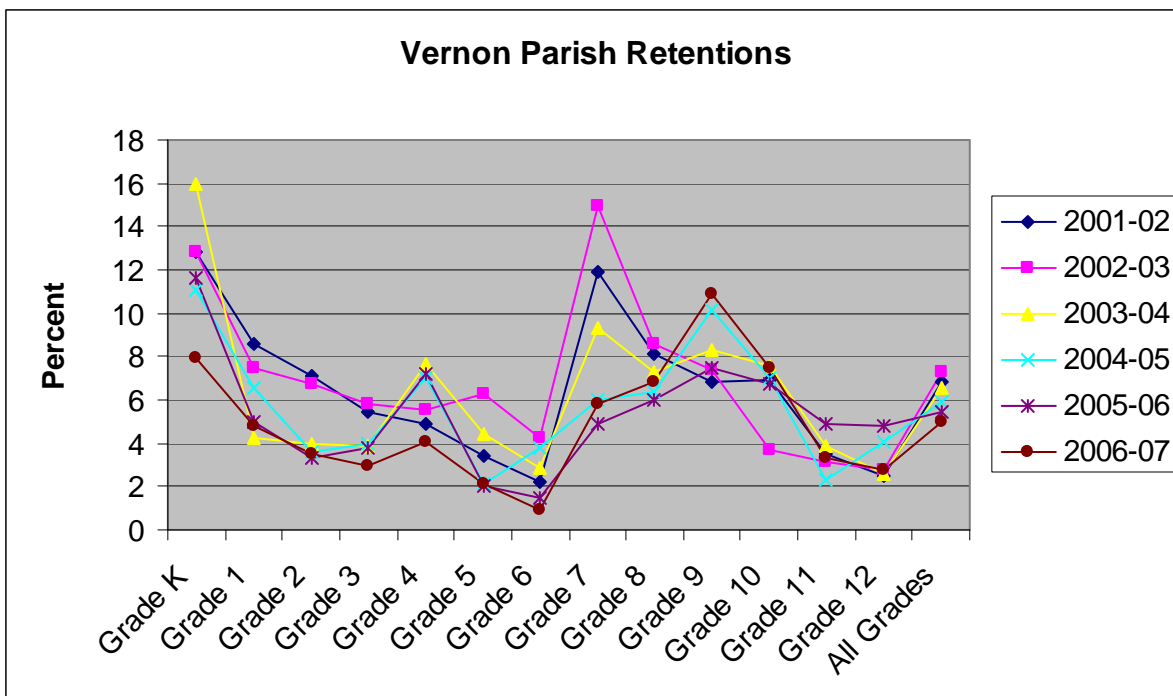
Average Classroom Teacher Salary



Risk Factor: Student Retention

Vernon Parish Student Retention

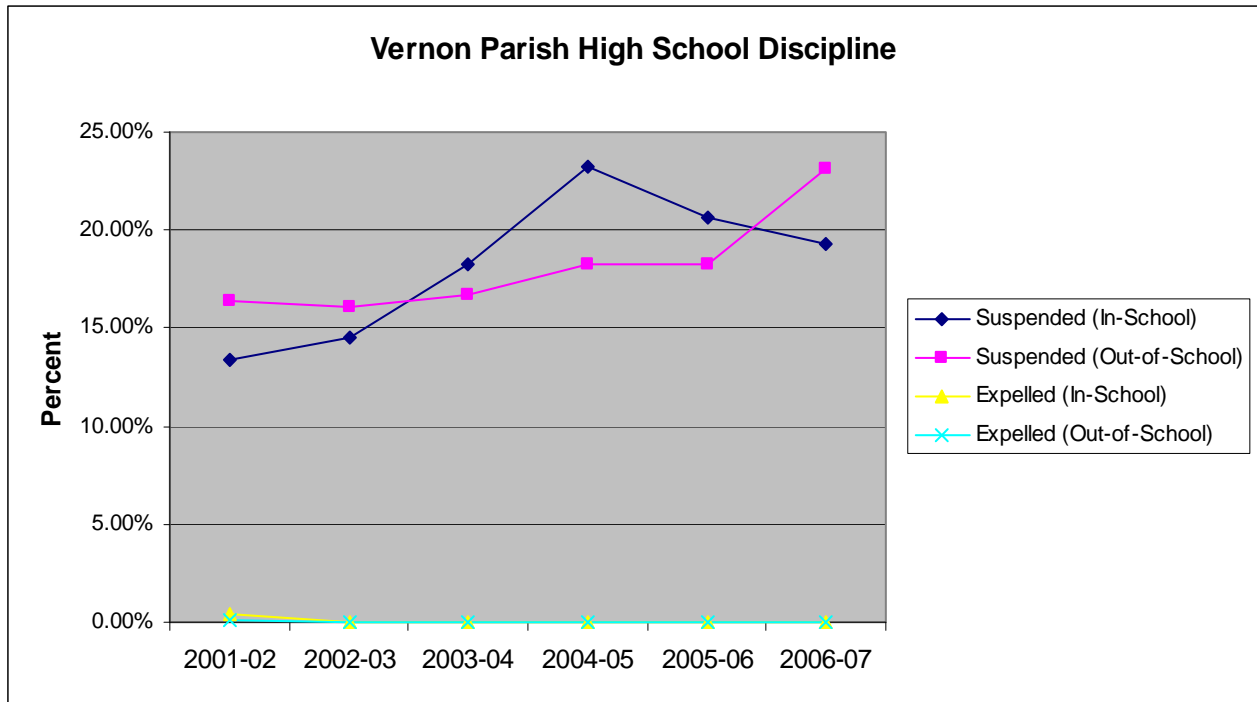
	2001-02		2002-03		2003-04		2004-05		2005-06		2006-07	
	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#
Grade K	12.8	107	12.8	107	16	138	11.1	96	11.6	97	7.9	67
Grade 1	8.6	71	7.5	58	4.2	32	6.6	51	5	39	4.8	36
Grade 2	7.1	54	6.7	51	4	30	3.6	26	3.3	24	3.5	27
Grade 3	5.4	41	5.8	43	3.9	29	4	28	3.8	26	3	21
Grade 4	4.9	37	5.5	38	7.7	57	7	51	7.2	50	4.1	29
Grade 5	3.4	25	6.3	44	4.4	30	2.1	15	2	13	2.1	14
Grade 6	2.2	15	4.2	29	2.9	20	3.8	26	1.5	10	0.9	6
Grade 7	11.9	89	15	106	9.3	69	6	42	4.9	33	5.8	41
Grade 8	8.1	50	8.6	56	7.3	47	6.4	44	6	40	6.8	44
Grade 9	6.8	37	7.4	41	8.3	52	10.2	64	7.5	49	10.9	70
Grade 10	6.9	38	3.7	19	7.6	39	7	39	6.7	35	7.5	45
Grade 11	3.5	15	3.1	14	3.9	17	2.3	10	4.9	23	3.3	16
Grade 12	2.5	13	2.8	13	2.6	12	4.1	19	4.8	21	2.8	13
All	6.8	592	7.3	619	6.6	572	5.9	511	5.4	460	5	429



Risk Factor: Student Discipline

Vernon Parish- High School **Discipline**

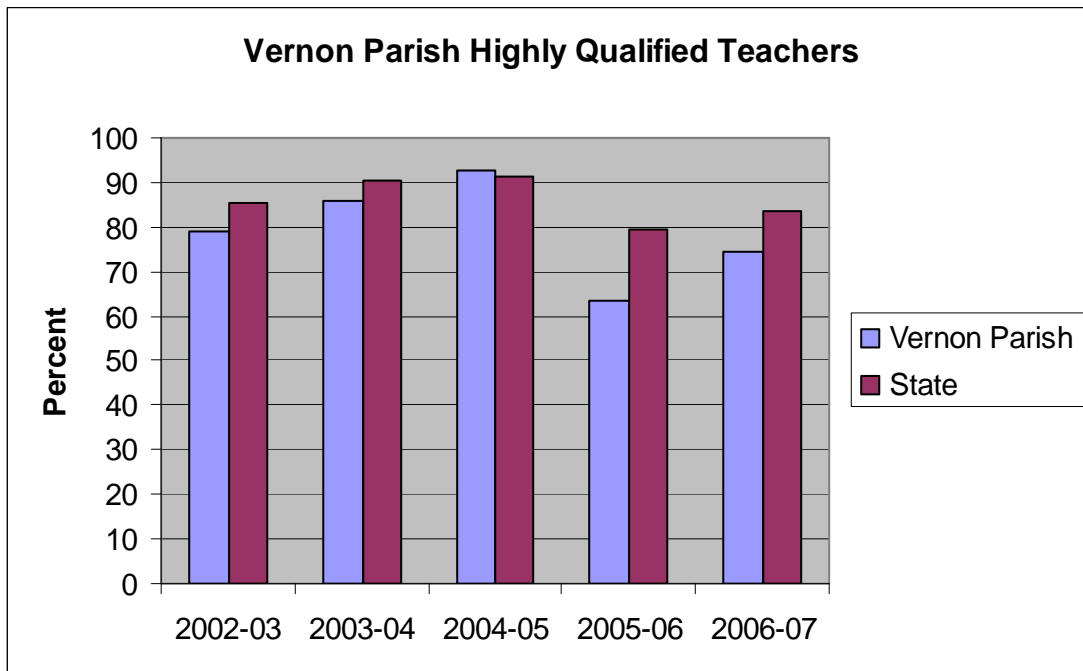
School Year	Suspension In-School		Suspension Out-of-School		Expulsion In-School		Expulsion Out-of-School	
	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#
2002-03	14.52%	359	16.09%	398	0.00%		0.04%	1
2003-04	18.28%	456	16.68%	416	0.00%		0.00%	
2004-05	23.25%	600	18.25%	471	0.00%		0.00%	
2005-06	20.66%	552	18.26%	488	0.00%		0.04%	1
2006-07	19.26%	483	23.17%	581	0.00%		0.00%	



Teacher Quality

Highly Qualified Teachers (Percentages)

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Vernon Parish Core Classes Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers	79	86	92.7	63.3	74.6
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

Vernon Parish Dropout **Reasons**

	Count	Percent
No Reason Given	85	64.4
Academic Difficulty	2	1.5
Behavioral Difficulty	0	0
Dislike of School Experience	31	23.5
Employment	0	0
Entered Criminal Justice System	2	1.5
Failed Required Test	0	0
Military	1	.8
Needed at Home	1	.8
Parent/Guardian Influence	0	0
Pregnancy	1	.8
Reason Unknown	9	6.8
Total	132	100

Vernon Dropout **Truancy**

	Frequency	Percent
Non-Truant	65	49.2
Truant	67	50.8
Total	132	100
Louisiana Truant-Dropout Total	5,890	36.0

Vernon Parish Dropout: **Options Program Participation**

	Count	Percent
Non-Options Participant	117	88.6
Option 3 (GED Program)	14	10.6
Total	131	100
Louisiana Dropout Option 3 Participants	1,924	11.7

Vernon Dropout **Homelessness**

	Vernon Counts	Vernon Percent	Louisiana Dropout Counts	Louisiana Dropout Percents
Non-Homeless	130	98.5	15,834	96.6
Hotels/Motels	0	0	8	.0
Shelters	0	0	28	.2
Sharing Housing with Others	1	.8	412	2.5
Unsheltered/FEMA	0	0	55	.3
Total	131	100	16,383	100

Risk Factor: Family Characteristics

Vernon Parish Dropouts by **Gender**

	Count	Percent
Female	57	43.2
Male	75	56.8
Total	132	100

Louisiana Dropouts by **Gender**

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

Vernon Parish Dropout **Poverty**

	Count	Percent
Paid Lunch	52	39.4
Free Lunch	65	49.2
Reduced Lunch	15	11.4
Total	132	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

Vernon Parish Dropouts by **Ethnicity**

	Count	Percent
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	2	1.5
Asian/Pacific Islander	0	0
African American	28	21.2
Hispanic	5	3.8
Caucasian	97	73.5
Total	132	100

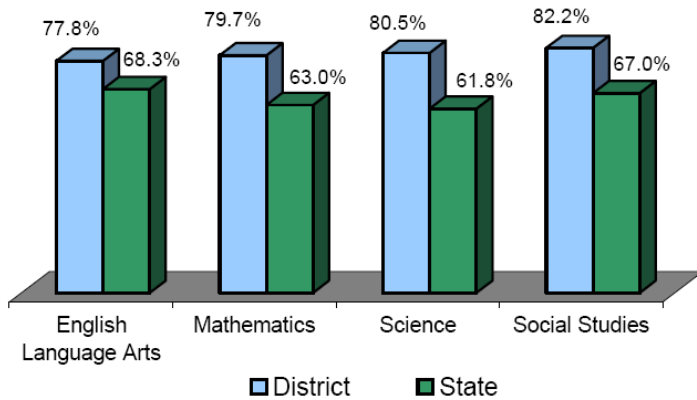
Louisiana Dropouts by **Ethnicity**

	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

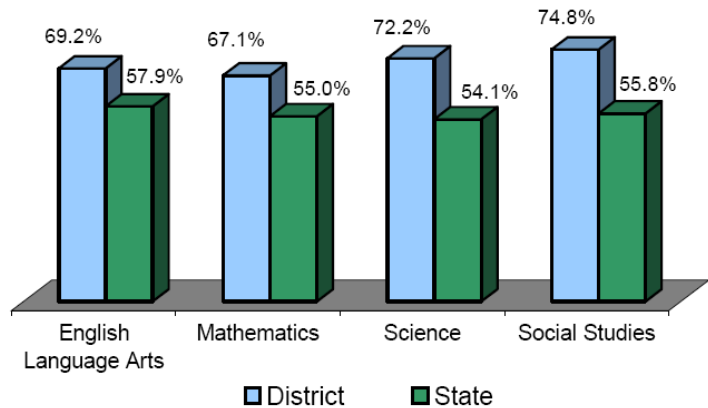
Grade 4 LEAP Test Results

Percent Scoring at Basic & Above
(2006-2007)



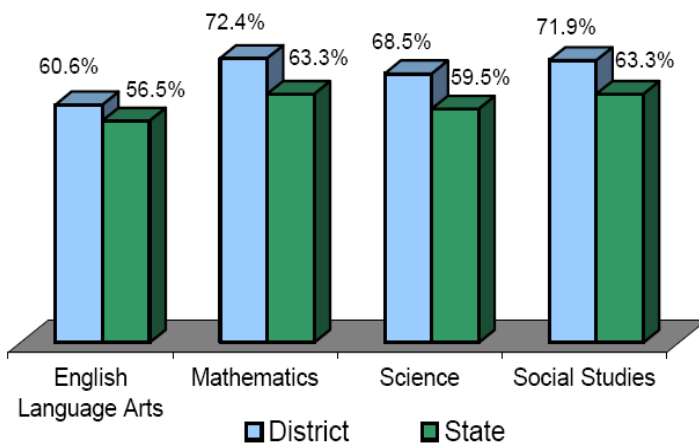
Grade 8 LEAP Test Results

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	4.4	34	1.1	9	2.5	20	2.5	19	4.5	33	4.3	31
	Mastery*	23.3	181	18.9	149	24.0	190	25.4	193	20.5	150	25.5	186
	Basic	48.6	378	53.3	421	51.5	408	51.3	390	51.4	376	48.0	350
	Approaching Basic	19.0	148	19.2	152	16.7	132	16.4	125	17.5	128	15.2	111
	Unsatisfactory	4.6	36	7.5	59	5.3	42	4.3	33	6.2	45	7.0	51
Mathematics													
	Advanced	2.7	21	3.5	28	2.9	23	4.1	31	7.4	54	8.0	58
	Mastery*	15.7	122	22.1	175	21.1	167	23.7	180	28.4	208	20.0	146
	Basic	52.8	410	49.7	393	49.2	390	48.1	366	42.6	312	51.7	377
	Approaching Basic	19.6	152	15.8	125	17.4	138	17.3	132	15.4	113	13.9	101
	Unsatisfactory	9.3	72	8.8	70	9.3	74	6.8	52	6.2	45	6.5	47
Science													
	Advanced	3.5	27	2.9	23	2.0	16	6.9	52	4.1	30	4.5	33
	Mastery*	16.3	127	21.0	166	21.8	173	20.9	158	16.7	122	19.1	139
	Basic	57.0	443	49.4	390	56.9	451	55.6	421	54.8	401	56.9	414
	Approaching Basic	20.7	161	23.2	183	17.3	137	14.9	113	22.1	162	16.3	119
	Unsatisfactory	2.4	19	3.4	27	1.9	15	1.7	13	2.3	17	3.2	23
Social Studies													
	Advanced	1.3	10	1.4	11	2.3	18	1.3	10	2.6	19	4.7	34
	Mastery*	11.6	90	18.6	147	22.7	180	11.1	84	20.1	147	23.1	168
	Basic	62.5	486	55.6	439	55.1	436	63.7	483	60.0	439	54.4	396
	Approaching Basic	18.0	140	18.0	142	14.0	111	19.9	151	12.7	93	12.0	87
	Unsatisfactory	6.6	51	6.3	50	5.9	47	4.0	30	4.6	34	5.9	43

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	2.3	16	1.0	7	1.1	8	0.0	0	2.1	14	1.1	8	
Mastery*	23.3	161	20.6	140	11.7	84	17.6	122	14.8	100	16.7	117	
Basic	39.9	276	47.3	321	46.9	336	49.8	346	50.5	341	51.4	359	
Approaching Basic	28.4	196	24.2	164	30.6	219	26.6	185	27.0	182	27.6	193	
Unsatisfactory	6.1	42	6.8	46	9.6	69	6.0	42	5.6	38	3.2	22	
Mathematics													
Advanced	2.0	14	3.5	24	2.8	20	1.9	13	1.6	11	5.4	38	
Mastery*	3.9	27	8.4	57	5.6	40	6.6	46	5.0	34	6.3	44	
Basic	52.7	365	54.4	369	61.6	441	59.8	415	59.1	402	55.4	387	
Approaching Basic	26.6	184	20.2	137	17.3	124	21.0	146	20.9	142	21.9	153	
Unsatisfactory	14.7	102	13.4	91	12.7	91	10.7	74	13.4	91	11.0	77	
Science													
Advanced	1.3	9	0.7	5	1.4	10	0.7	5	1.6	11	2.9	20	
Mastery*	19.9	137	21.2	143	21.7	155	19.0	132	15.0	101	22.7	159	
Basic	41.0	283	44.5	301	40.6	290	42.4	295	48.1	323	46.6	326	
Approaching Basic	27.4	189	24.1	163	24.3	174	28.8	200	27.5	185	21.0	147	
Unsatisfactory	10.4	72	9.5	64	12.0	86	9.1	63	7.7	52	6.9	48	
Social Studies													
Advanced	0.9	6	0.3	2	0.4	3	0.1	1	1.2	8	2.9	20	
Mastery*	14.9	103	11.7	79	11.0	79	16.4	114	12.1	81	20.7	145	
Basic	53.0	366	53.4	361	55.5	397	57.0	396	59.4	399	51.2	358	
Approaching Basic	20.6	142	21.6	146	23.4	167	17.0	118	18.8	126	16.6	116	
Unsatisfactory	10.6	73	13.0	88	9.7	69	9.5	66	8.6	58	8.6	60	

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	1.9	10	0.9	5	2.3	13	1.6	9	0.9	5	0.4	2
	Mastery*	16.4	88	12.1	65	20.7	118	17.9	98	10.9	63	9.2	50
	Basic	51.5	277	48.1	259	48.3	275	51.7	283	54.9	318	51.0	277
	Approaching Basic	18.0	97	25.2	136	18.1	103	19.0	104	21.1	122	27.1	147
	Unsatisfactory	12.3	66	13.7	74	10.5	60	9.7	53	12.3	71	12.3	67
	Mathematics												
	Advanced	5.2	28	7.8	42	7.4	42	5.8	32	5.7	33	4.6	25
	Mastery*	16.9	91	15.4	83	21.5	122	20.1	110	17.6	102	16.0	87
	Basic	44.8	241	46.3	249	43.1	245	45.8	251	48.3	280	51.8	282
	Approaching Basic	15.1	81	16.2	87	15.0	85	13.1	72	16.6	96	11.6	63
	Unsatisfactory	18.0	97	14.3	77	13.0	74	15.1	83	11.9	69	16.0	87
	Science												
	Advanced	1.8	9	2.1	10	3.8	17	4.2	21	3.8	18	2.8	14
	Mastery*	16.8	85	14.6	69	20.1	91	21.2	105	12.3	59	18.9	96
	Basic	43.6	220	52.3	248	46.9	212	42.0	208	48.7	233	46.8	238
	Approaching Basic	20.8	105	20.0	95	21.5	97	21.8	108	24.1	115	22.4	114
	Unsatisfactory	17.0	86	11.0	52	7.7	35	10.7	53	11.1	53	9.2	47
	Social Studies												
	Advanced	0.8	4	3.0	14	0.9	4	0.6	3	0.4	2	0.4	2
	Mastery*	10.9	55	12.4	59	13.7	62	10.9	54	8.2	39	12.8	65
	Basic	52.5	265	58.4	277	59.2	267	57.9	288	59.5	284	58.7	298
	Approaching Basic	19.8	100	17.3	82	20.2	91	20.5	102	22.4	107	17.3	88
	Unsatisfactory	16.0	81	8.9	42	6.0	27	10.1	50	9.4	45	10.8	55