

Washington Parish Dropout Profile



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Social Attitudes, Values and Behaviors

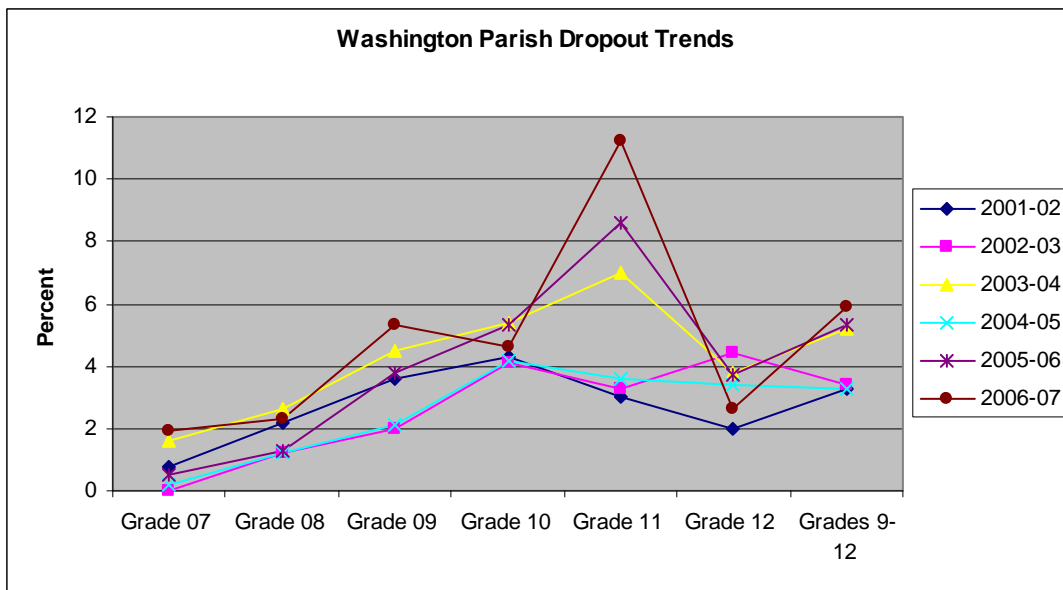
- High-Risk Peer Group
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Individual Background Characteristics

- Has a Learning Disability or Emotional Disturbance

Washington Parish Dropout Trends (Percentages)

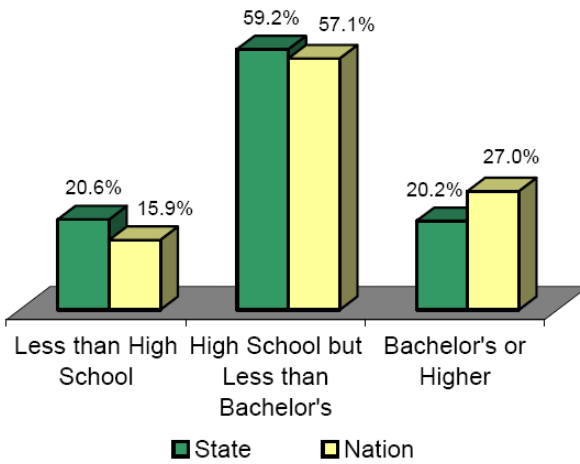
Year	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12	Grades 9-12
2001-02	0.8	2.2	3.6	4.3	3	2	3.3
2002-03	0	1.2	2	4.1	3.3	4.4	3.4
2003-04	1.6	2.6	4.5	5.4	7	3.8	5.2
2004-05	0.2	1.2	2.1	4.2	3.6	3.4	3.3
2005-06	0.5	1.3	3.8	5.3	8.6	3.7	5.3
2006-07	1.9	2.3	5.3	4.6	11.2	2.6	5.9



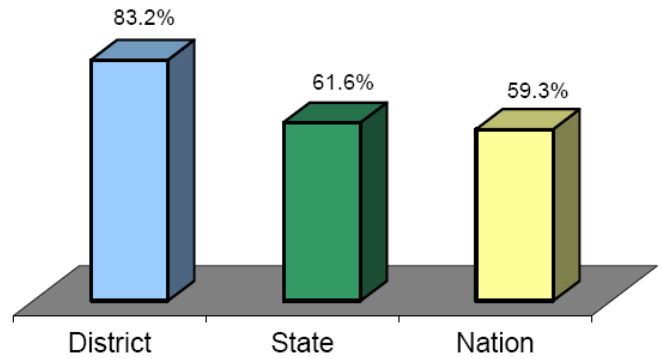
Louisiana Dropout Trends (Percentages)

	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

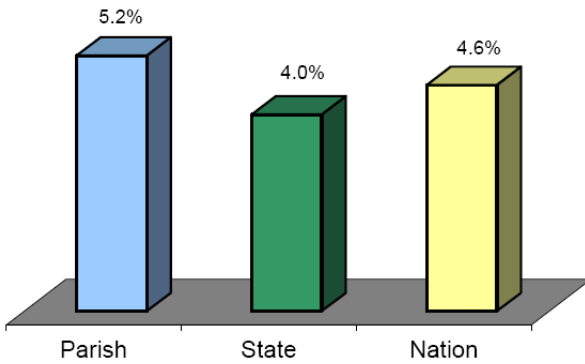
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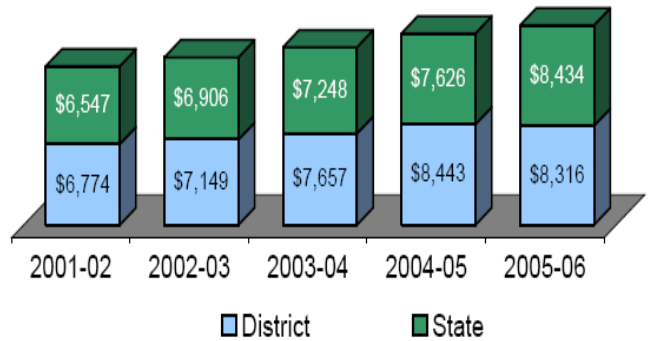
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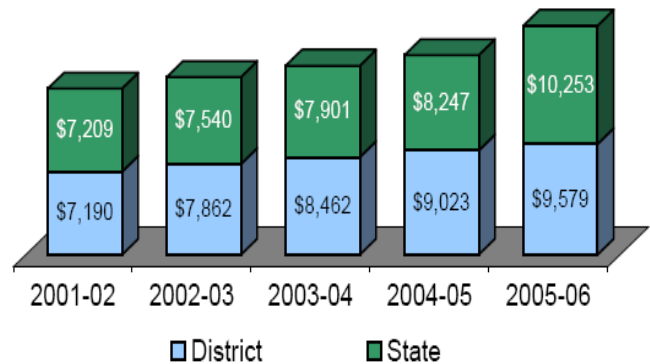
Expenditures Per Pupil (Elementary/Secondary Enrollment)



Income and Poverty

	Parish	State	Nation
Median Household Income	\$25,663	\$35,216	\$44,334
Persons Below Poverty	25.5%	19.2%	12.7%
Children Below Poverty	32.2%	27.8%	18.3%

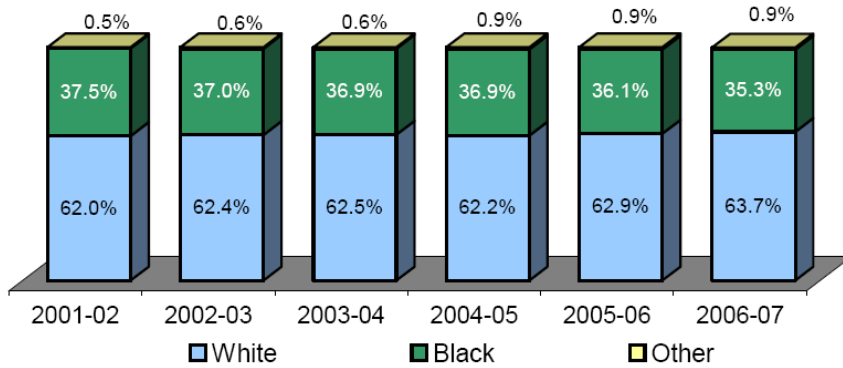
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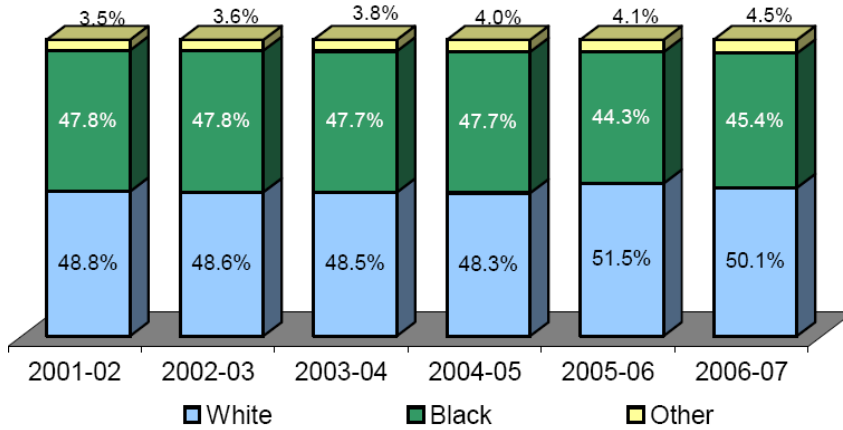
Teenage Birth and Single Motherhood

	Parish	State	Nation
Teenage Birth Rate	20.4%	14.4%	10.0%
Female Householders	11.5%	16.1%	12.5%

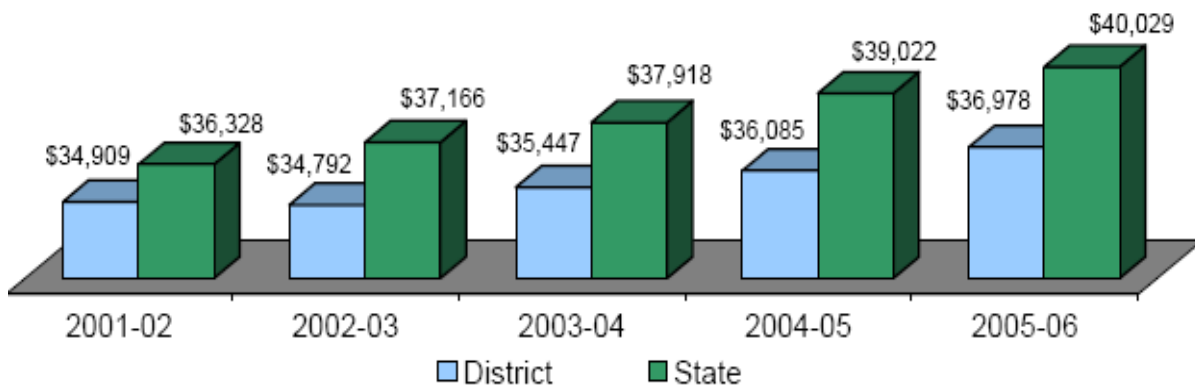
District's Public Student Population by Ethnicity (PK-12)



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



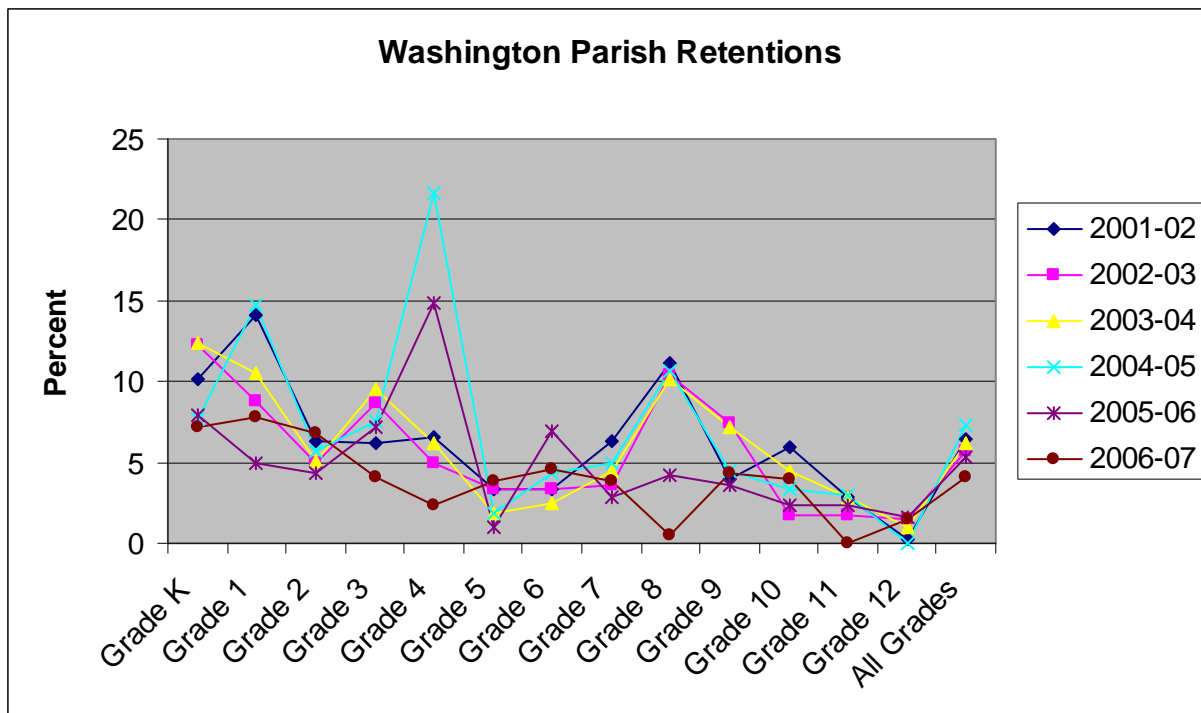
Average Classroom Teacher Salary



Risk Factor: Student Retention

Washington Parish Student Retention

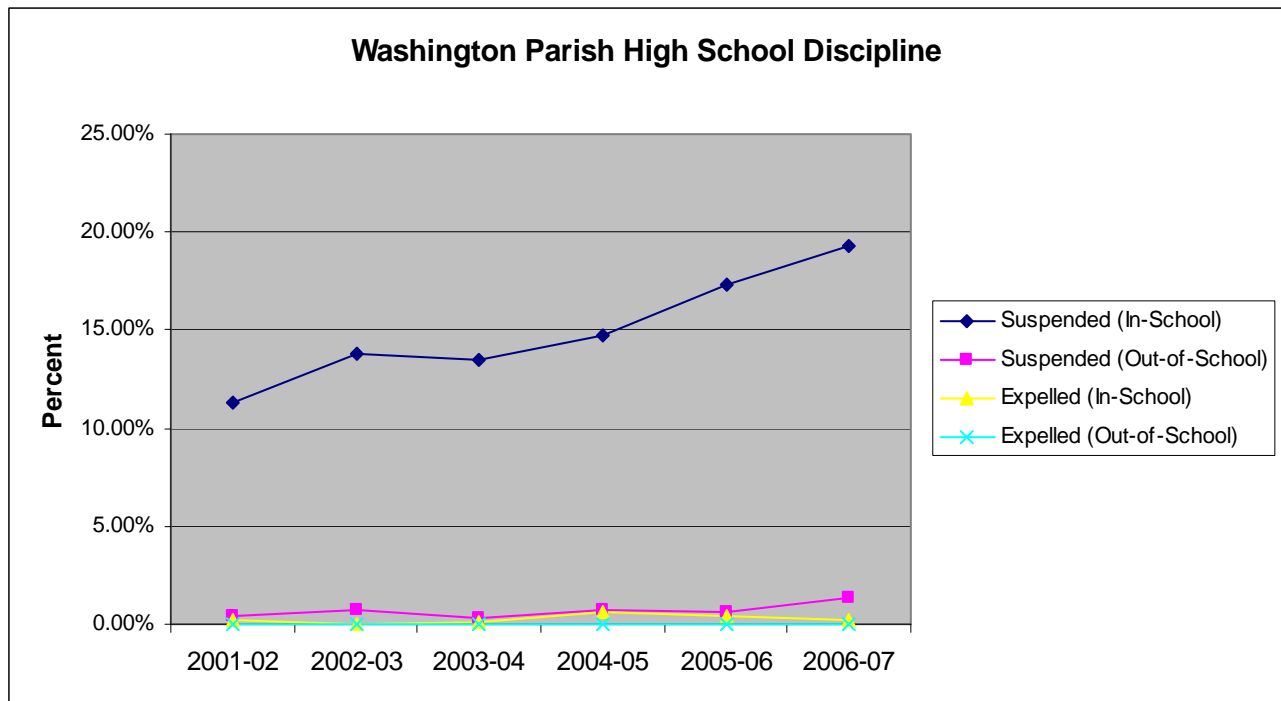
	2001-02		2002-03		2003-04		2004-05		2005-06		2006-07	
	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#
Grade K	10.2	37	12.2	40	12.4	46	7.7	31	7.9	29	7.2	27
Grade 1	14.1	51	8.8	32	10.5	35	14.7	54	5	21	7.8	29
Grade 2	6.3	22	4.9	17	5.1	18	5.7	18	4.3	14	6.8	30
Grade 3	6.2	22	8.7	31	9.5	35	7.6	28	7.2	24	4.1	14
Grade 4	6.5	21	4.9	18	6.2	22	21.7	78	14.9	61	2.4	9
Grade 5	3.3	11	3.4	11	1.9	7	1.8	6	1	3	3.8	14
Grade 6	3.4	11	3.3	11	2.5	8	4.3	16	6.9	24	4.6	16
Grade 7	6.3	21	3.6	12	4.4	15	5	17	2.9	11	3.8	13
Grade 8	11.1	36	10.4	33	10.1	37	10.7	36	4.2	15	0.5	2
Grade 9	4	12	7.4	21	7.2	21	4.4	14	3.6	12	4.3	15
Grade 10	5.9	20	1.7	5	4.4	12	3.3	9	2.4	7	4	13
Grade 11	2.9	8	1.7	5	2.8	7	3	7	2.3	6	0	0
Grade 12	0.3	1	1.5	4	1	3	0	0	1.6	4	1.5	4
All	6.4	273	5.7	240	6.2	266	7.3	314	5.3	231	4.1	186



Risk Factor: Student Discipline

Washington Parish- High School **Discipline**

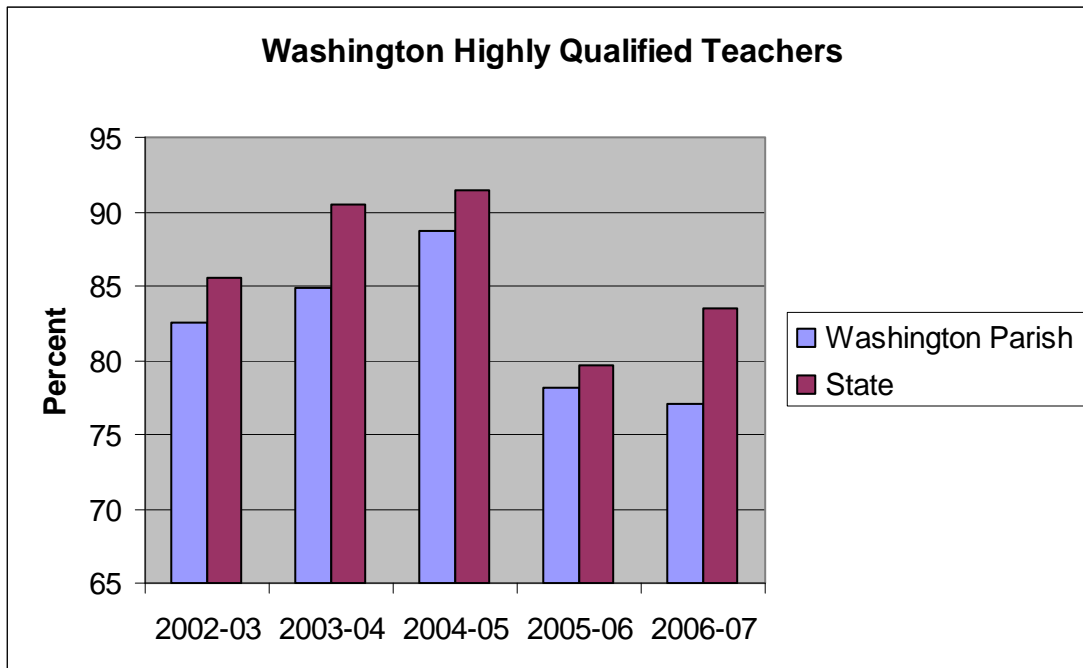
School Year	Suspension In-School		Suspension Out-of-School		Expulsion In-School		Expulsion Out-of-School	
	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#
2002-03	13.81%	209	0.73%	11	0.00%		0.00%	
2003-04	13.49%	195	0.35%	5	0.07%	1	0.00%	
2004-05	14.74%	213	0.69%	10	0.62%	9	0.00%	
2005-06	17.29%	281	0.62%	10	0.37%	6	0.00%	
2006-07	19.30%	307	1.32%	21	0.19%	3	0.00%	



Teacher Quality

Highly Qualified Teachers (Percentages)

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Washington Parish Core Classes Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers	82.6	84.9	88.7	78.2	77.1
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

Washington Parish **Dropout Reasons**

	Count	Percent
No Reason Given	149	94.9
Academic Difficulty	0	0
Behavioral Difficulty	0	0
Dislike of School Experience	0	0
Entered Criminal Justice System	3	1.9
Lack of Appropriate Curriculum	1	.6
Military	0	0
Needed at Home	0	0
Parent/Guardian Influence	0	0
Pregnancy	0	0
Reason Unknown	4	2.5
Total	157	100

Washington Dropout **Truancy**

	Frequency	Percent
Non-Truant	105	66.9
Truant	52	33.1
Total	157	100
Louisiana Truant-Dropout Total	5,890	36.0

Washington Parish Dropout: **Options Program Participation**

	Count	Percent
Non-Options Participant	148	94.3
Option 3 (GED Program)	9	5.7
Total	157	100
Louisiana Dropout Option 3 Participants	1,924	11.7

Washington Dropout **Homelessness**

	Washington Counts	Washington Percent	Louisiana Dropout Counts	Louisiana Dropout Percents
Non-Homeless	155	98.7	15,834	96.6
Hotels/Motels	0	0	8	.0
Shelters	0	0	28	.2
Sharing Housing with Others	2	1.3	412	2.5
Unsheltered/FEMA	0	0	55	.3
Total	157	100	16,383	100

Risk Factor: Family Characteristics

Washington Parish Dropouts by **Gender**

	Count	Percent
Female	74	47.1
Male	83	52.9
Total	157	100

Louisiana Dropouts by **Gender**

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

Washington Parish Dropout **Poverty**

	Count	Percent
Paid Lunch	59	37.6
Free Lunch	92	58.6
Reduced Lunch	6	3.8
Total	157	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

Washington Parish Dropouts by **Ethnicity**

	Count	Percent
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	2	1.3
Asian/Pacific Islander	1	.6
African American	67	42.7
Hispanic	1	.6
Caucasian	86	54.8
Total	157	100

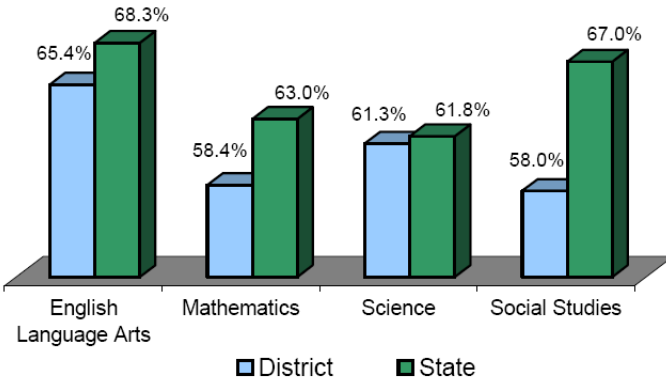
Louisiana Dropouts by **Ethnicity**

	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

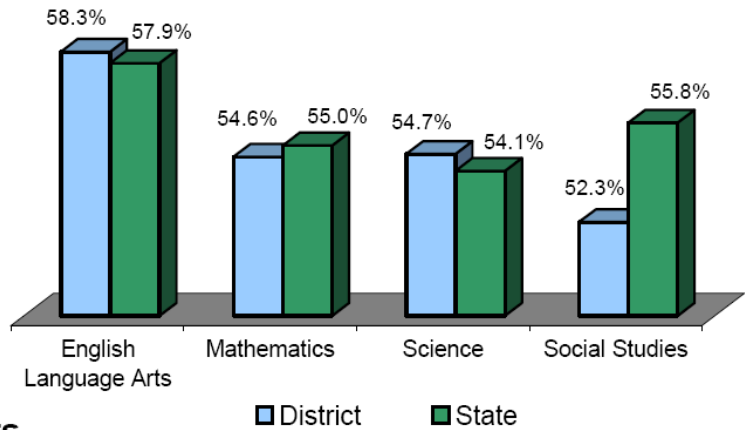
Grade 4 LEAP Test Results

Percent Scoring at Basic & Above
(2006-2007)



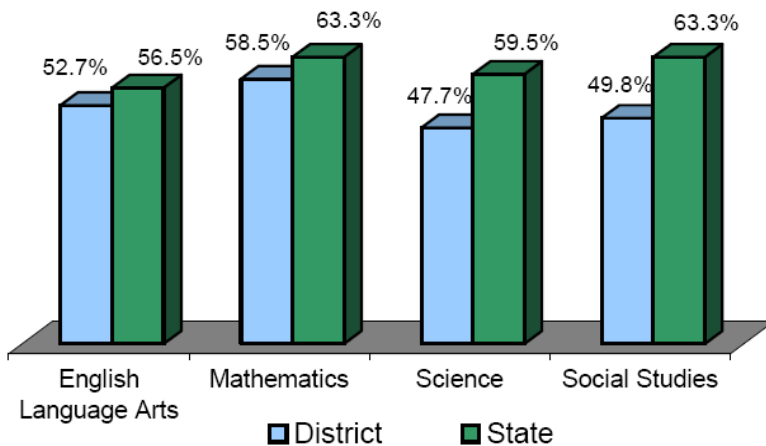
Grade 8 LEAP Test Results

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	0.8	3	0.8	3	1.4	5	3.2	13	0.3	1	3.6	13
Mastery*	14.3	54	11.0	40	14.9	54	14.4	59	12.5	46	17.5	64
Basic	43.7	165	42.0	153	39.9	145	41.0	168	45.4	167	44.3	162
Approaching Basic	27.8	105	29.7	108	26.7	97	27.1	111	25.5	94	22.1	81
Unsatisfactory	13.5	51	16.5	60	17.1	62	14.4	59	16.3	60	12.6	46
Mathematics												
Advanced	0.0	0	1.6	6	1.7	6	2.2	9	1.4	5	1.6	6
Mastery*	8.7	33	12.6	46	8.3	30	13.9	57	12.0	44	6.8	25
Basic	46.6	176	39.3	143	38.8	141	42.7	175	44.6	164	50.0	183
Approaching Basic	26.2	99	27.7	101	26.4	96	22.7	93	24.7	91	22.7	83
Unsatisfactory	18.5	70	18.7	68	24.8	90	18.5	76	17.4	64	18.9	69
Science												
Advanced	1.6	6	3.8	14	0.8	3	2.9	12	1.6	6	1.4	5
Mastery*	10.8	41	7.4	27	7.7	28	11.9	49	10.4	38	10.4	38
Basic	51.6	195	42.3	154	45.2	164	50.4	207	43.9	161	49.5	181
Approaching Basic	27.0	102	38.5	140	34.7	126	28.7	118	30.2	111	30.3	111
Unsatisfactory	9.0	34	8.0	29	11.6	42	6.1	25	13.9	51	8.5	31
Social Studies												
Advanced	0.5	2	1.9	7	1.7	6	1.2	5	0.3	1	1.1	4
Mastery*	6.9	26	7.1	26	9.4	34	8.5	35	9.3	34	7.7	28
Basic	53.4	202	50.3	183	44.9	163	43.9	180	46.9	172	49.2	180
Approaching Basic	28.6	108	28.3	103	27.3	99	29.0	119	25.6	94	23.8	87
Unsatisfactory	10.6	40	12.4	45	16.8	61	17.3	71	18.0	66	18.3	67

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	0.6	2	0.6	2	1.2	4	0.6	2	3.6	14	2.7	9
Mastery*	10.1	32	15.2	52	9.2	31	13.8	46	11.4	44	14.8	49
Basic	40.4	128	40.2	138	43.3	146	36.8	123	38.8	150	40.8	135
Approaching Basic	40.1	127	35.3	121	31.2	105	34.4	115	38.5	149	32.9	109
Unsatisfactory	8.8	28	8.7	30	15.1	51	14.4	48	7.8	30	8.8	29
Mathematics												
Advanced	0.3	1	0.6	2	3.3	11	2.7	9	2.5	10	4.2	14
Mastery*	0.9	3	2.0	7	7.4	25	3.9	13	1.7	7	5.7	19
Basic	42.9	136	50.7	174	56.8	192	52.7	176	49.6	202	44.7	148
Approaching Basic	34.7	110	30.0	103	16.9	57	21.0	70	26.0	106	30.5	101
Unsatisfactory	21.1	67	16.6	57	15.7	53	19.8	66	20.1	82	14.8	49
Science												
Advanced	0.3	1	0.3	1	1.2	4	0.6	2	0.3	1	2.7	9
Mastery*	11.7	37	12.8	44	13.1	44	10.4	35	10.4	40	11.5	38
Basic	35.6	113	39.7	136	33.5	113	35.8	120	38.0	146	40.5	134
Approaching Basic	35.6	113	35.6	122	34.4	116	37.9	127	34.4	132	29.6	98
Unsatisfactory	16.7	53	11.7	40	17.8	60	15.2	51	16.9	65	15.7	52
Social Studies												
Advanced	0.3	1	0.0	0	2.4	8	0.6	2	0.3	1	1.5	5
Mastery*	6.9	22	4.4	15	14.2	48	8.1	27	7.8	30	9.4	31
Basic	45.1	143	46.1	158	40.7	137	43.4	145	48.7	187	41.4	137
Approaching Basic	27.4	87	30.9	106	25.5	86	26.3	88	24.2	93	30.8	102
Unsatisfactory	20.2	64	18.7	64	17.2	58	21.6	72	19.0	73	16.9	56

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	0.6	2	0.3	1	1.1	3	0.7	2	0.0	0	1.2	4
Mastery*	11.2	35	8.7	25	14.2	40	12.3	37	6.5	22	11.0	38
Basic	33.7	105	43.1	124	38.8	109	38.7	117	42.5	145	40.5	140
Approaching Basic	28.8	90	27.4	79	25.3	71	28.1	85	29.6	101	25.1	87
Unsatisfactory	25.6	80	20.5	59	20.6	58	20.2	61	21.4	73	22.3	77
Mathematics												
Advanced	2.9	9	4.5	13	3.9	11	3.0	9	2.3	8	2.6	9
Mastery*	9.9	31	12.5	36	11.8	33	7.0	21	11.1	38	11.5	40
Basic	40.1	125	45.1	130	39.6	111	40.7	123	38.6	132	44.4	154
Approaching Basic	17.0	53	13.5	39	15.0	42	19.9	60	19.3	66	19.9	69
Unsatisfactory	30.1	94	24.3	70	29.6	83	29.5	89	28.7	98	21.6	75
Science												
Advanced	1.9	6	0.8	2	1.7	4	2.1	5	1.9	5	1.0	3
Mastery*	8.5	27	9.6	25	10.8	25	10.3	24	6.0	16	10.1	30
Basic	35.8	113	36.8	96	44.4	103	41.2	96	31.6	84	36.6	109
Approaching Basic	24.7	78	26.1	68	30.6	71	28.3	66	36.8	98	30.5	91
Unsatisfactory	29.1	92	26.8	70	12.5	29	18.0	42	23.7	63	21.8	65
Social Studies												
Advanced	0.0	0	1.9	5	0.4	1	0.4	1	0.4	1	0.7	2
Mastery*	8.2	26	8.8	23	11.6	27	6.0	14	1.9	5	3.0	9
Basic	48.1	152	49.8	130	59.5	138	46.8	109	41.0	109	46.1	137
Approaching Basic	19.3	61	20.7	54	19.8	46	29.6	69	30.8	82	22.2	66
Unsatisfactory	24.4	77	18.8	49	8.6	20	17.2	40	25.9	69	27.9	83