

## Public School Enrollment (continued)

“During the school year 2008-2009, minority youth represented 34.5 percent of the total Washington public school enrollment. ”

According to researchers including J. David Hawkins, Richard Catalano, Bonnie Bernard and others, there is a correlation between school attendance and performance, and risky behaviors, including substance abuse, delinquency, sexual activity and association with peers engaging in risky behaviors. It is noteworthy that school districts in Washington State reported 47,297 suspensions and expulsions for student behavior (alcohol, drugs, harassment by intimidation (bullying), violent criminal offenses, and assault) in school year 2007-08. This number represents 4.6 percent of the total enrollment in our public schools.

The National Center for Educational Statistics estimates that on an average school day, as many as 15 percent of junior and senior high school students are not in school. For many, this is a pattern that leads to the negative behaviors listed above and dropping out of school. Dropping out of school can have profound effects on a young person's life. As reported in the Condition of Education 1999 (National Center for Education Statistics, June 1998, Annual Report to Congress) “students who drop out of school have fewer opportunities to succeed in the workforce or to assume a fully functional place in society at large than those who complete high school.”

Programs that help youth stay in school, and programs that help youth re-enter school and complete graduation, have both social and economic implications. Socially, youth who are attending school are less likely to be involved in substance abuse and delinquency. Economically, youth who complete high school are more likely to be employed than youth who drop out of school.

The Census Bureau reports that earnings of students without a high school diploma average far below the poverty line. The U.S. Department of education reports that high school dropouts experience more unemployment during their work careers than those students who completed high school or college. Additionally, those who complete high school are more likely to be employed as young adults (Condition of Education, 1999). When employment rates for recent high school graduates (who were not enrolled in college) were compared to recent school dropouts, it was found that 67 percent of the high school graduates were employed, compared to 45 percent of the school dropouts (averaged rate) (the Condition of Education, 1999, Annual Report to Congress).

## School Dropout

Graduation and Dropout Statistics for Washington's Counties, Districts, and Schools (School Year 2008-09), a report from the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, indicates that in school year 2008-09, 16,415 students dropped out of school (grades 9-12). And, of the students who began grade 9 in the fall of 2005 and were expected to graduate in 2009, 79 percent graduated on time. Both the number of dropouts and the percentage of students graduating on time improved from the previous school year when 18,253 students dropped out of school and 77 percent graduated on time. Asian/Pacific Islander and White students had the highest on-time graduation rates (80.5% and 75.4%) while only 48 percent of the American Indian students had graduated by the end of the four-

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year period. The on-time graduation rate for Black students was 59.9 percent; Hispanic students 60.4 percent, and Pacific Islander students 58.7 percent.

Using the above rates/percentages as a means of calculation, approximately 23 percent of the graduating class of 2009 dropped out of school (or had an "unknown" enrollment status) between grades 9-12.

**TABLE 19**  
**K-12 Public School Enrollment by Grade Level**  
**October 2005 - 2009**

Grade Level	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
<b>K</b>	74,000	74,001	72,361	72,761	72,796
<b>First</b>	77,059	76,096	76,671	76,487	75,827
<b>Second</b>	75,637	77,513	76,871	76,091	75,162
<b>Third</b>	77,378	77,991	76,972	76,046	75,152
<b>Fourth</b>	77,884	78,129	76,814	75,815	74,494
<b>Fifth</b>	77,919	77,842	76,664	75,244	76,363
<b>Sixth</b>	77,567	77,313	76,053	76,842	76,752
<b>Seventh</b>	77,313	77,130	77,860	77,506	79,669
<b>Eighth</b>	76,913	78,999	78,325	80,148	81,555
<b>Ninth</b>	85,034	87,638	89,132	90,444	90,036
<b>Tenth</b>	80,757	83,359	85,041	84,476	84,870
<b>Eleventh</b>	79,070	81,601	80,555	80,193	80,916
<b>Twelfth</b>	82,911	80,013	78,515	77,242	76,489
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,019,442</b>	<b>1,027,625</b>	<b>1,021,834</b>	<b>1,019,295</b>	<b>1,020,081</b>

Source: Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI); 2009 data released April 27, 2010; 2006 and 2005 public school enrollment was derived from SPI October P-105 Data File (Public Schools by Building, Grade Level, Gender & Ethnicity, October Headcount Enrollment, taken from P105 Reporting Form); 2007 - 2009 data from "State Level Total Enrollment Gender and Ethnicity - October Headcount Enrollment--Public" (taken from P105 Reporting Form) downloadable OSPI data files - <http://www.k12.wa.us/dataadmin/>

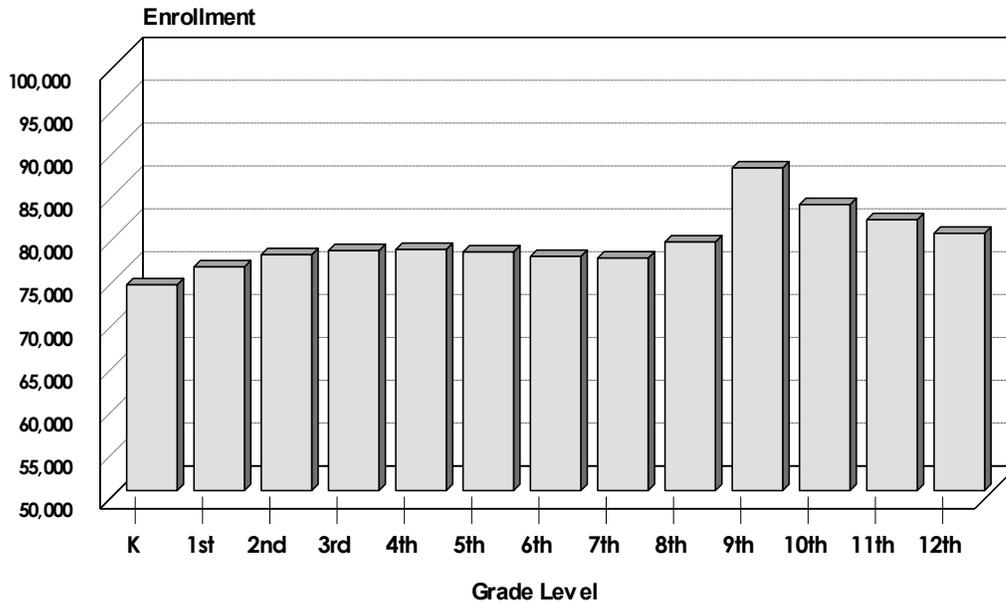
**TABLE 20**  
**K-12 Public School Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity**  
**October 2005 - 2009**

	2009		2008		2007		2006		2005	
	Students	%								
<b>Black</b>	55,287	5.4%	56,301	5.5%	56,313	5.5%	56,629	5.6%	57,524	5.6%
<b>Asian</b>	81,107	8.0%	81,566	7.9%	80,449	7.9%	79,921	7.8%	80,003	7.8%
<b>American Indian</b>	25,997	2.6%	27,085	2.6%	27,397	2.7%	28,000	2.7%	28,265	2.8%
<b>Hispanic</b>	161,690	15.9%	156,582	15.2%	149,652	14.6%	142,515	14.0%	136,423	13.4%
<b>White</b>	649,711	63.7%	666,078	64.8%	676,361	66.2%	688,287	67.5%	704,403	69.1%
<b>Mulliracial</b>	31,093	3.1%	26,500	2.6%	20,810	2.0%	15,322	1.5%	8,169	0.8%
<b>Pacific Islander</b>	8,008	0.8%	6,979	0.7%	5,751	0.6%	4,436	0.4%	2,230	0.2%
<b>Not Provided/Other/NA</b>	6,549	0.6%	6,534	0.6%	5,101	0.5%	4,185	0.4%	3,064	0.3%
<b>Total Enrollment</b>	<b>1,019,442</b>		<b>1,027,625</b>		<b>1,021,834</b>		<b>1,019,295</b>		<b>1,020,081</b>	

Source: From Statewide Total Enrollments and Percentages by Grade, Gender and Ethnicity -- October Headcount Enrollment (taken from P-105 Reporting Form) Reports, Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, <http://www.k12.wa.us/dataadmin/> (2009 data updated April 27, 2010).

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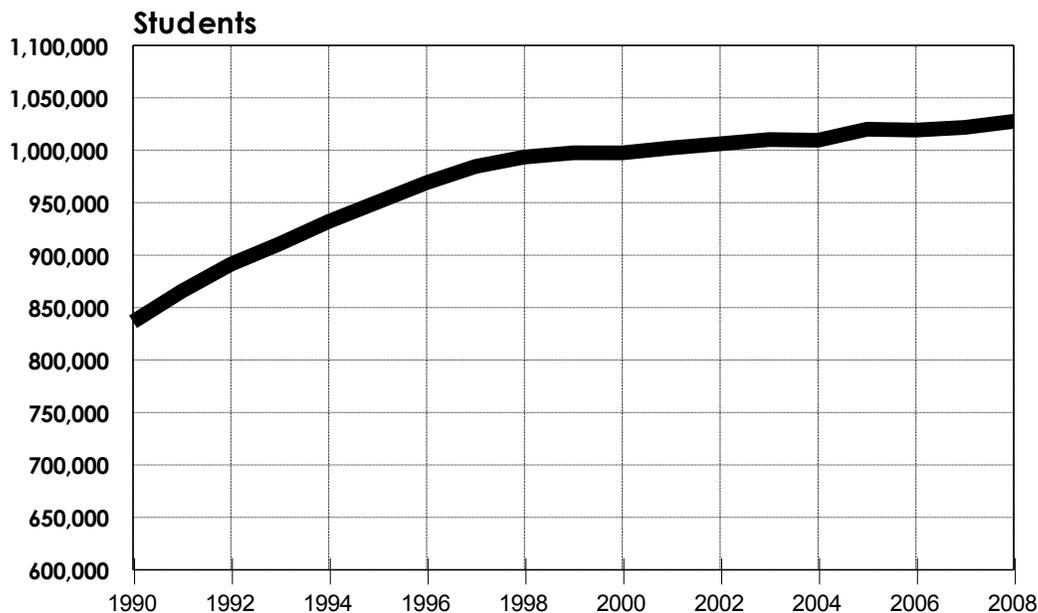
## Washington State Public School Enrollment Grades K - 12, October 2008 Headcount



Source: Data derived from Superintendent of Public Instruction "Total Enrollment Gender and Ethnicity--October Headcount Enrollment--Public" (taken from P105 Reporting Form); <http://www.k12.wa.us/dataadmin/>.

Graph 10

## Washington State K-12 Public School Enrollment 1990 - 2008



Source: Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, Information Technology Services, "Public School Enrollment by Grade/County," October Annual Reports 1809A (for 1990-2004). October 2005 and 2006 enrollment derived from SPI October 2005 P-105 Data File; 2007 and 2008 data from "Total Enrollment Gender and Ethnicity--October Headcount Enrollment--Public" (taken from P105 Reporting Form).

**TABLE 21**  
**Out of School Suspensions and Expulsions \***  
**for Student Behavior in School Year 2008-09 by County**

Drug/Alcohol Suspensions and Expulsions							
County	Alcohol with Drug Suspension	Alcohol with Drug Expulsion	Drug Suspension	Drug Expulsion	Alcohol Suspension	Alcohol Expulsion	Total Drug/Alcohol Suspensions/Expulsions
Adams	0	0	11	4	6	0	21
Asotin	0	0	48	0	6	0	54
Benton	4	4	170	32	52	7	269
Chelan	8	0	25	6	24	1	64
Clallam	4	3	39	1	4	0	51
Clark	0	0	435	93	144	6	678
Columbia	0	0	4	0	0	0	4
Cowlitz	4	0	134	11	29	0	178
Douglas	1	0	75	11	9	1	97
Ferry	1	0	4	0	2	0	7
Franklin	0	0	113	11	15	0	139
Garfield	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grant	0	0	74	11	23	1	109
Grays Harbor	0	0	60	13	35	0	108
Island	0	0	44	5	20	0	69
Jefferson	1	0	28	5	6	0	40
King	466	4	1,125	116	428	31	2,170
Kitsap	81	2	169	57	40	12	361
Kittitas	0	1	32	4	15	0	52
Klickitat	0	0	7	4	10	0	21
Lewis	0	0	100	3	21	0	124
Lincoln	0	0	8	1	1	0	10
Mason	0	0	58	6	19	0	83
Okanogan	0	2	54	2	7	0	65
Pacific	0	0	30	0	2	0	32
Pend Oreille	0	0	10	0	0	0	10
Pierce	73	25	694	67	233	11	1,103
San Juan	0	0	4	0	1	0	5
Skagit	4	1	90	15	28	3	141
Skamania	0	0	8	3	2	0	13
Snohomish	17	1	698	77	219	7	1,019
Spokane	218	7	154	20	45	4	448
Stevens	0	0	47	3	22	1	73
Thurston	3	0	233	9	60	0	305
Wahkiakum	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Walla Walla	0	0	49	15	8	0	72
Whatcom	26	1	183	14	71	2	297
Whitman	0	0	8	0	1	0	9
Yakima	11	0	313	26	60	0	410
<b>Total</b>	<b>922</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>5,338</b>	<b>645</b>	<b>1,668</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>8,711</b>

\* "Suspension" shall mean a denial of attendance at any single subject or class, or at any full schedule of subjects or classes for a stated period of time. "Expulsion" shall mean a denial of attendance at any single subject or class, or at any full schedule of subjects or classes for an indefinite period of time. Districts have latitude to implement local suspension policies that are in accordance with local district policy and the State Board of Education rules governing suspensions and emergency actions. (See RCW 28A.600.460 for state guidelines.) Districts were asked to report only out-of-school suspensions and expulsions.

Source: 2008-09 Student Behavior Report, Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities, Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction; April 4, 2010 report.

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**Out of School Suspensions and Expulsions \***  
**for Student Behavior in School Year 2008-09 by County**

County	Harrassment/Intimidation/Bullying			Violent Criminal Offense and Assault				Total Violent Criminal & Assault Suspension/Expulsions	Total Suspensions & Expulsions for Student Behavior
	Harassment Intimidation Bullying Suspension	Harassment Intimidation Bullying Expulsion	Total HIB Suspensions/Expulsions	Violent Criminal Offense Suspension	Violent Criminal Offense Expulsion	Assault Suspension	Assault Expulsion		
Adams	122	2	124	1	0	28	1	30	175
Asofin	130	0	130	0	0	21	0	21	205
Benton	422	39	461	4	0	531	20	555	1,285
Chelan	181	8	189	3	2	199	14	218	471
Clallam	218	9	227	0	0	149	10	159	437
Clark	1,421	115	1,536	25	9	1,114	39	1,187	3,401
Columbia	17	0	17	0	0	1	0	1	22
Cowlitz	265	7	272	1	0	450	14	465	915
Douglas	109	4	113	0	0	55	8	63	273
Ferry	21	0	21	0	4	9	0	13	41
Franklin	314	0	314	8	0	506	4	518	971
Garfield	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
Grant	351	28	379	13	0	183	8	204	692
Grays	174	7	181	23	2	73	0	98	387
Island	63	1	64	1	0	153	5	159	292
Jefferson	38	1	39	0	1	44	1	46	125
King	2,231	89	2,320	157	16	2,717	156	3,046	7,536
Kitsap	264	13	277	89	3	397	29	518	1,156
Kittitas	118	0	118	0	1	57	0	58	228
Klickitat	72	1	73	4	4	36	0	44	138
Lewis	297	3	300	5	1	213	1	220	644
Lincoln	33	4	37	0	0	3	1	4	51
Mason	86	2	88	0	0	41	3	44	215
Okanogan	111	1	112	0	0	109	2	111	288
Pacific	9	0	9	0	0	41	0	41	82
Pend Oreille	9	0	9	0	0	8	0	8	27
Pierce	1,744	40	1,784	74	2	1,941	78	2,095	4,982
San Juan	15	0	15	0	0	2	0	2	22
Skagit	274	6	280	0	0	186	75	261	682
Skamania	29	0	29	7	2	3	0	12	54
Snohomish	1,448	9	1,457	8	0	1,327	18	1,353	3,829
Spokane	1,752	10	1,762	3	1	820	17	841	3,051
Stevens	161	2	163	0	0	86	1	87	323
Thurston	487	4	491	12	0	349	2	363	1,159
Wahkiakum	5	0	5	0	0	8	2	10	15
Walla Walla	213	6	219	40	0	38	5	83	374
Whatcom	381	11	392	1	0	277	8	286	975
Whitman	43	2	45	0	0	23	0	23	77
Yakima	1,245	18	1,263	17	0	832	19	868	2,541
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,876</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>15,318</b>	<b>496</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>13,030</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>14,115</b>	<b>38,144</b>

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**TABLE 22**  
**High School (Grades 9-12) Dropout Statistics by County**  
**(Number of Dropouts and Annual Dropout Rates)**

COUNTY	2008-09* Total Dropouts	Rank By Number	2008-09 Percent Dropouts	Rank By Percent	2007-08* Total Dropouts	Rank By Number	2007-08 Percent Dropouts	Rank By Percent	Change in % from 2007-08 to 2008-09
Adams	64	28	5.4	18	30	31	2.7	36	2.7
Asotin	70	27	6.1	10	87	26	7.5	7	-1.5
Benton	410	10	4.1	26	461	11	4.6	26	-0.5
Chelan	254	17	6.2	7	246	17	6.0	12	0.2
Clallam	1,009	6	18.7	1	693	8	16.1	1	2.6
Clark	1,191	5	5.2	22	1,263	5	5.6	16	-0.4
Columbia	2	39	1.1	39	3	38	1.7	38	-0.6
Cowlitz	290	15	5.3	20	304	13	5.3	19	-0.1
Douglas	84	25	4.1	27	73	27	3.6	29	0.5
Ferry	16	33	5.4	16	15	36	5.0	24	0.5
Franklin	340	13	8.1	5	287	16	7.2	8	0.9
Garfield	3	38	2.4	33	1	39	0.8	39	1.7
Grant	302	14	5.7	15	292	14	5.6	17	0.1
Grays Harbor	211	18	5.9	11	201	19	5.3	20	0.6
Island	73	26	2.7	32	89	25	3.2	31	-0.5
Jefferson	35	31	3.4	29	33	29	3.1	34	0.3
King	3,055	1	3.9	28	3,928	1	4.9	25	-1.0
Kitsap	404	12	3.2	30	410	12	3.1	33	0.0
Kititas	207	19	12.4	3	139	22	7.7	6	4.7
Klickitat	59	29	5.9	13	53	28	5.1	22	0.7
Lewis	258	16	6.2	8	289	15	6.6	9	-0.4
Lincoln	13	34	1.9	38	20	34	2.8	35	-0.9
Mason	136	21	5.3	19	228	18	8.4	4	-3.1
Okanogan	105	23	5.4	17	110	23	5.5	18	-0.1
Pacific	132	22	12.1	4	151	21	12.8	3	-0.7
Pend Oreille	12	36	2.1	36	24	32	3.9	28	-1.8
Pierce	2,300	2	5.9	12	2,344	2	5.9	13	0.0
San Juan	13	35	2.4	34	18	35	3.2	32	-0.7
Skagit	417	9	7.1	6	880	7	13.7	2	-6.6
Skamania	86	24	15.6	2	22	33	6.0	11	9.6
Snohomish	1,614	3	4.6	24	1,822	3	5.3	21	-0.6
Spokane	1,351	4	5.7	14	1,384	4	5.8	14	-0.1
Stevens	140	20	6.1	9	185	20	7.7	5	-1.6
Thurston	530	8	4.2	25	653	9	5.1	23	-0.9
Wahkiakum	5	37	3.1	31	7	37	4.1	27	-1.0
Walla Walla	53	30	2.0	37	95	24	3.5	30	-1.5
Whatcom	410	11	4.7	23	497	10	5.6	15	-0.9
Whitman	33	32	2.3	35	31	30	2.1	37	0.2
Yakima	728	7	5.2	21	885	6	6.4	10	-1.2
<b>STATE TOTAL</b>	<b>16,415</b>		<b>5.1</b>		<b>18,253</b>		<b>5.6</b>		<b>-0.5</b>

Source: Appendix C, "County Graduation and Dropout Rates, Grades 7-12, All Students," data tables for 2007-08 and 2008-09 from "Graduation and Dropout Statistics for Washington" annual reports, Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, 2009.

The net enrollment utilized does not include students who transfer to another school or those still enrolled beyond their expected year of graduation.

\* The dropout totals include students who complete without a regular HS diploma (GED) and those with an "unknown" status.

Note: The following definition of dropout was utilized by OSPI: "A dropout is a student who leaves school for any reason, except death, before completing school with a regular diploma and does not transfer to another school."

TABLE 23

### High School Dropout Rates by Grade Level and Gender from 2001 - 2008

School Year	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12	Dropout Rate Males Only	Dropout Rate Females Only	ANNUAL DROPOUT RATE
2008-09	3.59	3.91	5.41	8.06	5.64	4.54	5.10
2007-08	3.71	4.36	6.19	9.00	6.27	4.97	5.63
2006-07	3.74	4.47	6.27	8.36	6.20	4.86	5.55
2005-06	4.25	4.44	6.62	8.04	6.31	5.04	5.69
2004-05	4.08	4.28	5.54	6.77	5.76	4.34	5.07
2003-04	5.12	5.61	6.45	6.25	6.41	5.20	5.82
2002-03	6.17	5.89	6.74	8.06	7.44	5.88	6.68
2001-02	6.61	6.73	7.69	10.14	8.58	6.78	7.71

Source: Compiled from "Graduation and Dropout Statistics for Washington" annual school-year reports, Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, Olympia, Washington.

OSPI notes the graduation results should be considered estimates.

Note: These data may not be directly comparable with data prior to 2001-02, as students receiving an IEP diploma or GED, or whose status is "unknown," are additionally considered dropouts in the above school years.

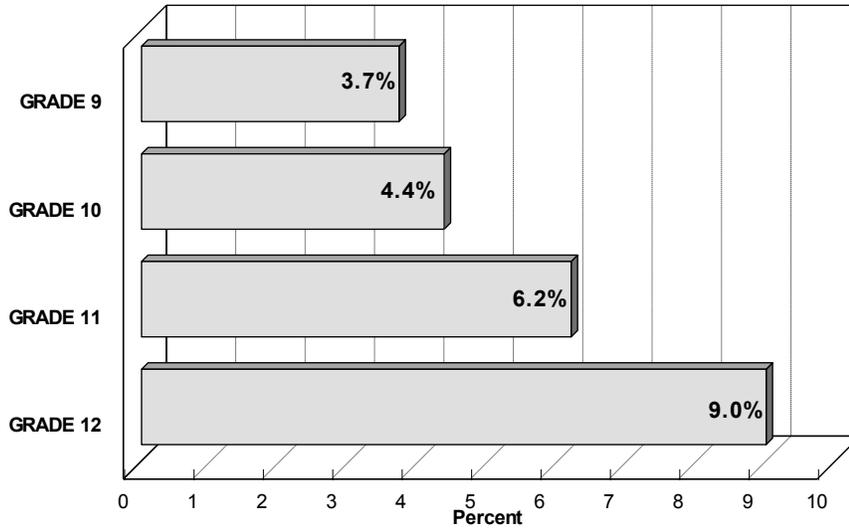
**TABLE 24**  
**Grades 9-12 Dropout Statistics by Race/Ethnicity**  
**Statewide Summary**

<b>SCHOOL YEAR 2008-2009</b>	<b>GRADES 9-12 TOTAL DROPOUTS</b>	<b>GRADES 9-12 ENROLLMENT (minus transfers)*</b>	<b>ANNUAL DROPOUT PERCENTAGE 2008-09</b>
Asian/Pacific Islander	909	27,951	3.25
Black	1,371	17,572	7.80
Hispanic	2,976	41,185	7.23
American Indian	847	8,360	10.13
White	9,841	220,280	4.47
Unknown	471	6,396	7.36
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16,415</b>	<b>321,744</b>	<b>5.10</b>
<b>SCHOOL YEAR 2007-2008</b>	<b>GRADES 9-12 TOTAL DROPOUTS</b>	<b>GRADES 9-12 ENROLLMENT (minus transfers)*</b>	<b>ANNUAL DROPOUT PERCENTAGE 2007-08</b>
Asian/Pacific Islander	1,090	27,271	4.00
Black	1,567	17,442	8.98
Hispanic	3,065	38,699	7.92
American Indian	1,017	8,814	11.54
White	11,088	226,631	4.89
Unknown	426	5,099	8.35
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18,253</b>	<b>323,956</b>	<b>5.63</b>
<b>SCHOOL YEAR 2006-2007</b>	<b>GRADES 9-12 TOTAL DROPOUTS</b>	<b>GRADES 9-12 ENROLLMENT (minus transfers)*</b>	<b>ANNUAL DROPOUT PERCENTAGE 2006-07</b>
Asian/Pacific Islander	994	26,822	3.71
Black	1,448	17,335	8.35
Hispanic	2,984	37,058	8.05
American Indian	1,022	8,978	11.38
White	11,292	231,412	4.88
Unknown	304	3,667	8.29
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18,044</b>	<b>325,272</b>	<b>5.55</b>
<b>SCHOOL YEAR 2005-2006</b>	<b>GRADES 9-12 TOTAL DROPOUTS</b>	<b>GRADES 9-12 ENROLLMENT (minus transfers)*</b>	<b>ANNUAL DROPOUT PERCENTAGE 2005-06</b>
Asian/Pacific Islander	1,150	26,515	4.34
Black	1,808	17,542	10.31
Hispanic	3,106	34,907	8.90
American Indian	1,018	9,108	11.18
White	11,276	235,552	4.79
Unknown	206	2,432	8.47
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18,564</b>	<b>326,056</b>	<b>5.69</b>

Source: OSPI, "Graduation and Dropout Statistics for Washington's Counties, Districts and Schools," Final Reports;  
School year 2005-06 data from "2005-06 Graduation Rates, Grade 9-12" data file, "Final Statewide Results, School Year  
2005-06," spreadsheet, 2007, OSPI.

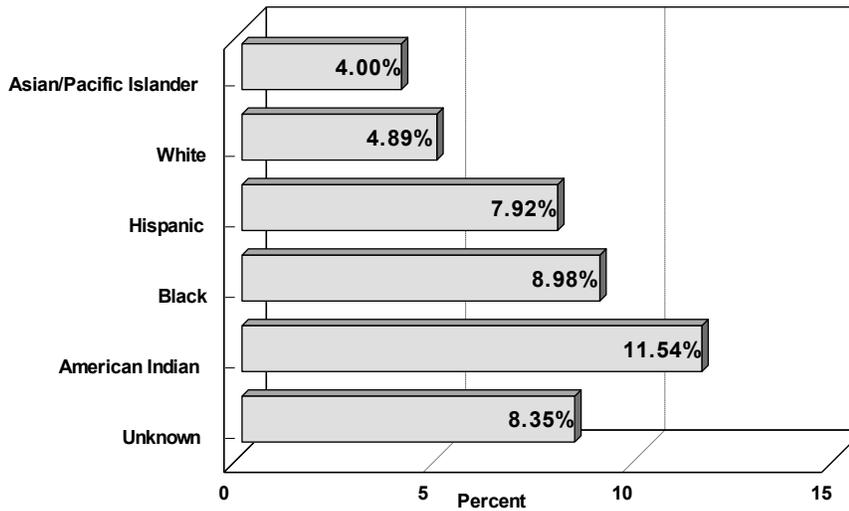
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**Graph 11**  
**High School Dropout Rates for 2007-2008**  
**by Grade Level**



The annual high school dropout rate for grades 9-12 for school year 2007-2008 was 5.6%.  
Source: "Graduation and Dropout Statistics for Washington in 2007-08," OSPI, 2009.

**Graph 12**  
**Grades 9-12 Dropout Percentage by**  
**Race/Ethnicity**  
**For School Year 2007-2008**



Source: Superintendent of Public Instruction, "Graduation and Dropout Statistics for Washington in 2007-08" annual report.