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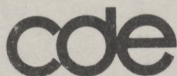
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INTRODUCTION

This report on dropouts provides information on the number of students who have dropped out of Colorado's public schools during the 1988-89 school year. Schools with grades 7-12 are required to complete an end of year report which provides counts of students entering and withdrawing during the 12 month period July 1 through June 30.

The dropout rate is an annual rate, reflecting the percentage of all students enrolled in grades 7-12 who leave school during the reporting period and are not known to transfer to other public or private schools or a General Education Development (GED) program.

Colorado's dropout rate for the 1988-89 school year was 4.2 percent. Of the total 275,588 membership base in grades 7-12, 11,473 students dropped out resulting in a rate of 4.2 percent.

During the 1987-88 school year, 11,456 students dropped out resulting in a rate of 4.1 percent. Of the 11,456 reported as dropouts during the previous year, 3,145 were reported as retrievals during the 1988-89 school year. This represents one-fourth (27 percent) of the 1987-88 dropouts returning to school the following year.

Overall there has been no significant change in the total number of students dropping out of grades 7-12 or the number of retrievals during the 1988-89 and 1987-88 school years. However, the number of dropouts and retrievals will vary from district to district. It should also be noted that in districts with a small membership base, one dropout can produce a high dropout rate.

Districts enrolling students who have dropped out of other school districts have expressed concern because some of these students attend for a short time and then drop out again. These students not only contribute to their dropout rate but also their graduation rate. The Department of Education will conduct a survey at the end of the 1989-90 school year to determine how many students dropped out of school after maintaining only 1-15 days of membership.

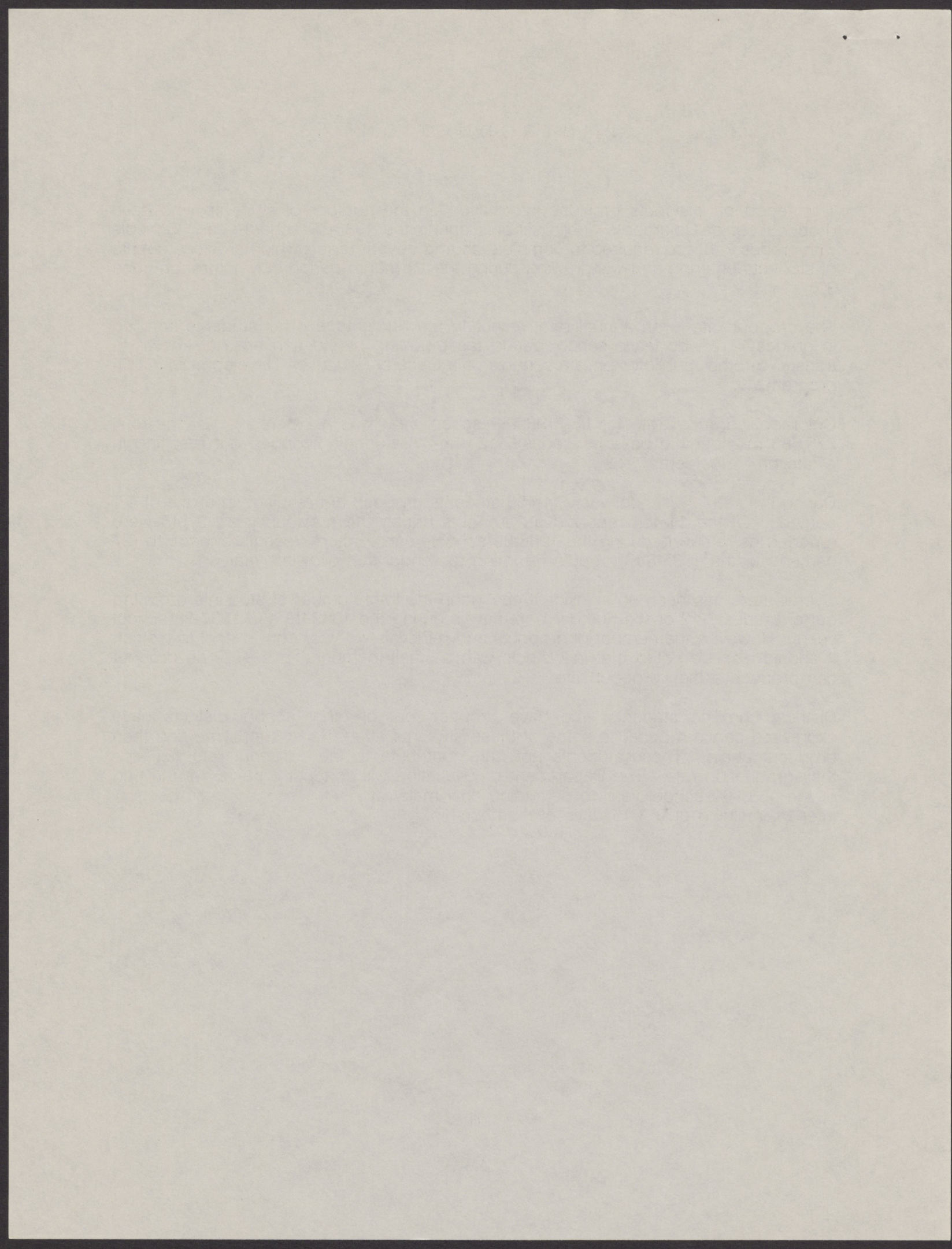


Table 1:

Comparison of Dropout Rates
By Grade
1987-88 And 1988-89

Grade	School Year 1987-88			School Year 1988-89		
	Pupil Count	Number of Dropouts	Dropout Rate	Pupil Count	Number of Dropouts	Dropout Rate
7	44,888	94	0.2	44,587	98	0.2
8	44,587	175	0.4	45,279	176	0.4
9	47,865	1,783	3.7	47,229	1,646	3.5
10	47,352	2,696	5.7	44,959	2,399	5.3
11	45,930	2,599	5.7	43,513	2,759	6.3
12	42,638	1,963	4.6	41,699	1,956	4.7
Ungraded	2,359	311	13.2	675	28	4.1
Alternative	5,776	1,835	31.8	7,647	2,411	31.5
Total	281,395	11,456	4.1	275,588	11,473	4.2

- Grade 11, which historically has had the highest dropout rate, has the highest percent increase in the number of pupils dropping out.
- The "Ungraded" category shows a decrease in the number of pupils reported in the membership base because districts were encouraged to report pupils within a grade level whenever possible.

Figure 1

DROPOUT RATES BY GRADE
1987-88 AND 1988-89

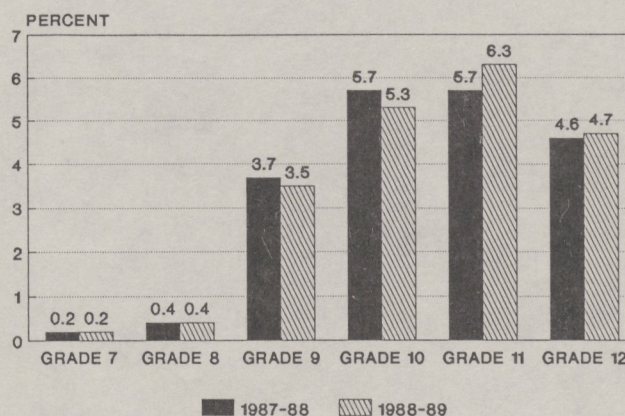


Figure 2

COUNT OF STUDENT DROPOUTS BY ETHNIC/RACIAL GROUP 1988-89

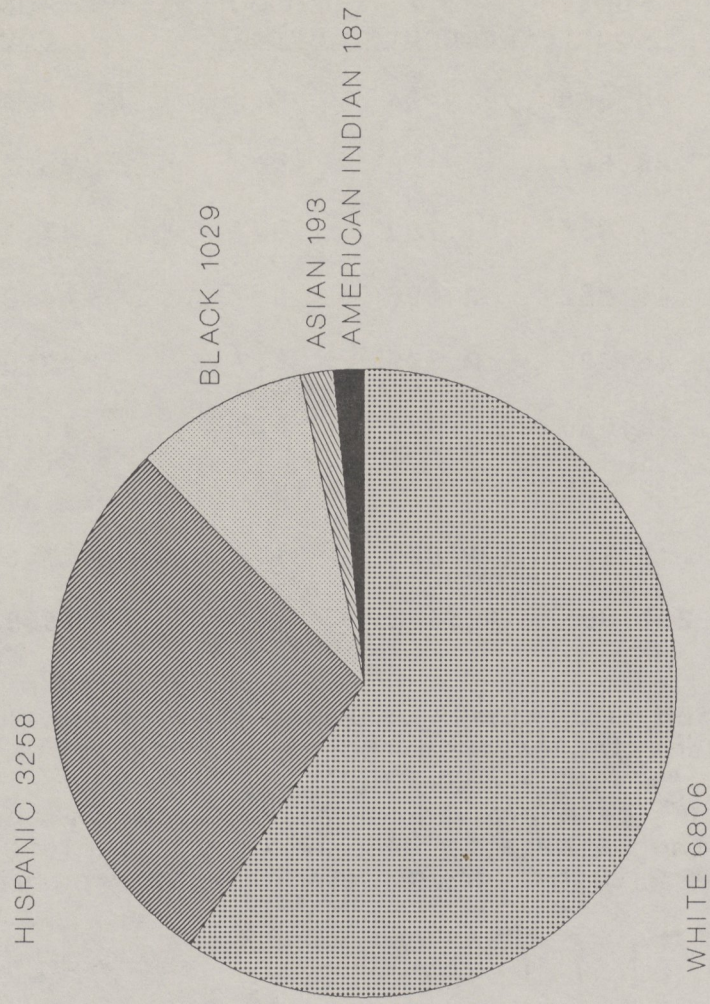


Table 2: Dropout Rates by Ethnic/Racial Group by Grade, 1987-88 and 1988-89

Ethnic/Racial Group	Grade 7 Number/Rate	Grade 8 Number/Rate	Grade 9 Number/Rate	Grade 10 Number/Rate	Grade 11 Number/Rate	Grade 12 Number/Rate	Ungraded Number/Rate	Alternative Number/Rate	Total Number/Rate
American Indian									
1987-88	1 0.2	4 1.0	34 8.0	43 10.6	29 9.0	19 7.8	4 21.1	41 34.5	175 7.5
1988-89	4 1.1	5 1.2	31 6.8	43 11.8	29 8.4	17 6.1	0 0.0	58 33.9	187 7.8
Asian									
1987-88	5 0.5	3 0.3	25 2.4	48 4.2	49 4.9	47 4.6	1 5.0	23 26.7	201 3.1
1988-89	1 0.1	3 0.3	14 1.2	45 4.2	50 4.4	42 4.2	0 0.0	38 31.1	193 3.0
Black									
1987-88	8 0.3	5 0.2	176 6.1	187 7.6	152 7.1	109 5.9	24 6.0	257 38.4	918 6.1
1988-89	8 0.3	15 0.6	157 5.6	182 7.3	181 8.8	147 7.5	6 9.1	333 37.5	1029 6.8
Hispanic									
1987-88	42 0.6	57 0.8	667 8.2	831 11.6	584 10.1	365 7.5	74 11.6	571 33.8	3191 7.5
1988-89	27 0.4	67 0.9	673 8.2	691 9.9	647 10.8	393 7.6	10 5.3	750 34.3	3258 7.6
White									
1987-88	38 0.1	106 0.3	881 2.5	1587 4.4	1785 4.9	1423 4.1	208 16.2	943 29.3	6971 3.2
1988-89	58 0.2	86 0.3	771 2.2	1438 4.2	1852 5.4	1357 4.1	12 3.0	1232 28.8	6806 3.3
Total									
1987-88	94 0.2	175 0.4	1783 3.7	2696 5.7	2599 5.7	1963 4.6	311 13.1	1835 31.8	11456 4.1
1988-89	98 0.2	176 0.4	1646 3.5	2399 5.3	2759 6.3	1956 4.7	28 4.1	2411 31.5	11473 4.2

- Historically, grade 11 has had the highest overall dropout rate. During the school year 1988-89, this trend has not only continued but grade 11 also reflected the largest percent change in the number of dropouts. Contributing to this increase in the grade 11 dropouts was the increase in the number of Black and Hispanic dropouts from grade 11. During the 1987-88 school year the highest dropout rates for Black and Hispanic students occurred in grade 10.
- The largest increase in the dropout rate by ethnic/racial group occurred for Black students, from 6.1 percent in 1987-88 to 6.8 percent in 1988-89.
- The Hispanic student dropout rate increased slightly from 7.5 to 7.6 percent and the American Indian student dropout rate also increased from 7.5 to 7.8 percent. The Asian student dropout rate decreased from 3.1 to 3.0 percent.
- Although the total number of White students dropping out during the 1988-89 school year (6806) was less than 1987-88 (6971), the rate reflected an increase from 3.2 to 3.3 percent because the student membership base was smaller in 1988-89. The total number of White student dropouts accounted for 59.3 percent of all Colorado dropouts in 1988-89.

Table 3:

Dropout Rates by Grade and Sex

		<u>1987-88</u>		<u>1988-89</u>	
		<u>Number</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Grade 7:	Male	47	0.2	48	0.2
	Female	47	0.2	50	0.2
Grade 8:	Male	89	0.4	90	0.4
	Female	86	0.4	86	0.4
Grade 9:	Male	990	4.0	912	3.8
	Female	793	3.4	734	3.2
Grade 10:	Male	1,436	5.9	1,316	5.7
	Female	1,260	5.5	1,083	5.0
Grade 11:	Male	1,415	6.0	1,564	6.9
	Female	1,184	5.3	1,195	5.7
Grade 12:	Male	1,087	5.0	1,139	5.3
	Female	876	4.2	817	4.0
Ungraded:	Male	248	16.3	18	4.6
	Female	63	7.5	10	3.5
Alternative:	Male	949	32.7	1,363	33.5
	Female	886	30.8	1,048	29.2
Total:	Male	6,261	4.3	6,450	4.5
	Female	5,195	3.8	5,023	3.8

- . The total dropout rate for female students remained at 3.8 percent, while the male dropout rate increased from 4.3 percent in 1987-88 to 4.5 percent in 1988-89.
- . The highest dropout rate for both male and female students continued to be from grade 11.

Table 4:

Dropout Rates by Ethnic/Racial Group
for Grades 10-12

<u>Ethnic/Racial Group</u>	<u>1987-88</u>			<u>1988-89</u>		
	<u>Pupil Count</u>	<u>Dropouts</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Pupil Count</u>	<u>Dropouts</u>	<u>Rate</u>
American Indian	1,100	133	12.1	1,149	141	12.3
Asian	3,274	166	5.1	3,320	173	5.2
Black	7,428	688	9.3	7,276	784	10.8
Hispanic	19,929	2,371	11.9	20,105	2,397	11.9
White	111,652	5,849	5.8	105,597	5,784	5.5
Total	143,383	9,207	6.9	137,447	9,279	6.8

Note: The 1988-89 dropout rate reported on this table for grades 10-12 includes the data from the alternative schools. Therefore, the rate is different from the state total rate for grades 10-12 reported on page 13, Table 5 which excludes the alternative schools.

Figure 3

**DROPOUT RATES BY ETHNIC/RACIAL GROUP
FOR GRADES 10-12**

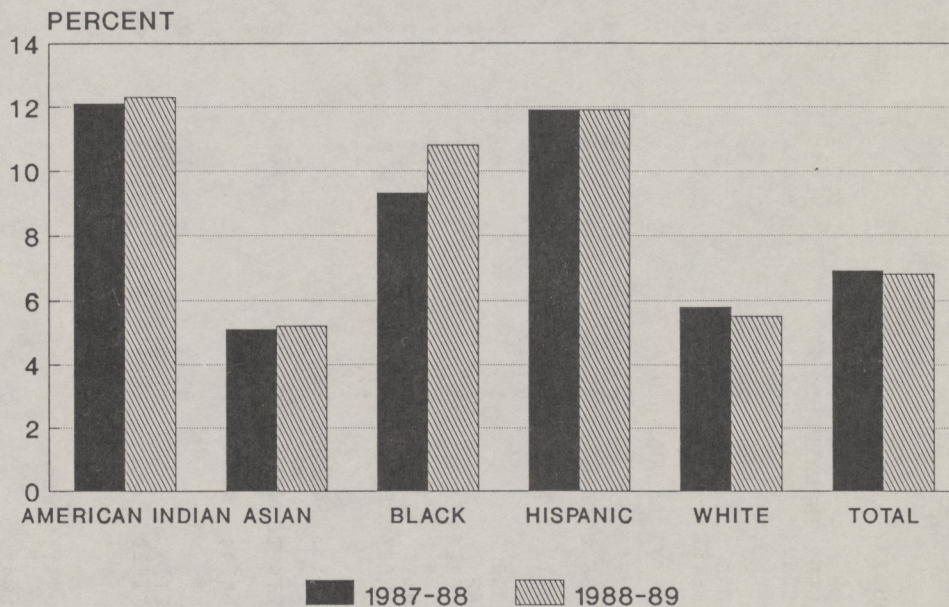


TABLE 5: COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
ANNUAL DROPOUT RATE FOR GRADES 7 - 12
BY SCHOOL DISTRICT

DISTRICT NAME	GRADES 7 - 9			GRADES 10 - 12			ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS			TOTAL		
	PUPIL COUNT	DROP OUTS	RATE	PUPIL COUNT	DROP OUTS	RATE	PUPIL COUNT	DROP OUTS	RATE	PUPIL COUNT	DROP OUTS	RATE
COUNTY: ADAMS												
MAPLETON	1,213	12	1.0	1,180	52	4.4	207	47	22.7	2,600	111	4.3
NORTHGLENN-THORNTON	5,123	17	.3	5,064	447	8.8	322	17	5.3	10,509	481	4.6
ADAMS COUNTY	1,514	34	2.2	1,107	63	5.7	448	78	17.4	3,069	175	5.7
BRIGHTON	1,142	28	2.5	949	59	6.2	0	0	.0	2,091	87	4.2
BENNETT	238	9	3.8	199	22	11.1	0	0	.0	437	31	7.1
STRASBURG	89	0	.0	113	0	.0	0	0	.0	202	0	.0
WESTMINSTER	2,931	74	2.5	2,633	186	7.1	250	68	27.2	5,814	328	5.6
COUNTY: ALAMOSA												
ALAMOSA	570	19	3.3	499	13	2.6	63	2	3.2	1,132	34	3.0
SANGRE DE CRISTO	63	0	.0	83	0	.0	0	0	.0	146	0	.0
COUNTY: ARAPAHOE												
ENGLEWOOD	806	12	1.5	772	67	8.7	574	103	17.9	2,152	182	8.5
SHERIDAN	429	2	.5	424	15	3.5	0	0	.0	853	17	2.0
CHERRY CREEK	6,563	6	.1	6,711	124	1.8	0	0	.0	13,274	130	1.0
LITTLETON	3,866	17	.4	4,313	178	4.1	0	0	.0	8,179	195	2.4
DEER TRAIL	39	0	.0	34	1	2.9	0	0	.0	73	1	1.4
ADAMS-ARAPAHOE	6,878	225	3.3	5,639	348	6.2	478	171	35.8	12,995	744	5.7
BYERS	81	1	1.2	80	2	2.5	0	0	.0	161	3	1.9
COUNTY: ARCHULETA												
ARCHULETA COUNTY	247	3	1.2	261	14	5.4	0	0	.0	508	17	3.3
COUNTY: BACA												
WALSH	77	0	.0	78	3	3.8	0	0	.0	155	3	1.9
PRITCHETT	23	0	.0	25	0	.0	0	0	.0	48	0	.0
SPRINGFIELD	82	0	.0	87	2	2.3	0	0	.0	169	2	1.2
VILAS	22	0	.0	16	2	12.5	0	0	.0	38	2	5.3
CAMPO	14	0	.0	24	0	.0	0	0	.0	38	0	.0
COUNTY: BENT												
LAS ANIMAS	210	2	1.0	209	25	12.0	0	0	.0	419	27	6.4
MCC CLAVE	46	2	4.3	53	0	.0	0	0	.0	99	2	2.0
COUNTY: BOULDER												
ST. VRAIN VALLEY	3,426	38	1.1	3,365	176	5.2	271	74	27.3	7,062	288	4.1
BOULDER VALLEY	4,855	36	.7	5,455	284	5.2	0	0	.0	10,310	320	3.1

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ANNUAL DROPOUT RATE FOR GRADES 7 - 12
BY SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL YEAR 1988-89

DISTRICT NAME	GRADES 7 - 9			GRADES 10 - 12			ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS			T O T A L		
	PUPIL COUNT	DROP OUTS	RATE	PUPIL COUNT	DROP OUTS	RATE	PUPIL COUNT	DROP OUTS	RATE	PUPIL COUNT	DROP OUTS	RATE
COUNTY: CHAFFEE												
BUENA VISTA R-31	235	2	.9	259	17	6.6	0	0	.0	494	19	3.8
SALIDA R-32	323	5	1.5	309	22	7.1	0	0	.0	632	27	4.3
COUNTY: CHEYENNE												
KIT CARSON R-1	32	0	.0	25	0	.0	0	0	.0	57	0	.0
CHEYENNE COUNTY RE-5	89	0	.0	82	2	2.4	0	0	.0	171	2	1.2
COUNTY: CLEAR CREEK												
CLEAR CREEK RE-1	375	5	1.3	310	2	.6	0	0	.0	685	7	1.0
COUNTY: CONEJOS												
NORTH CONEJOS RE-1J	286	5	1.7	251	18	7.2	27	14	51.9	564	37	6.6
SANFORD 6J	79	0	.0	69	1	1.4	0	0	.0	148	1	.7
SOUTH CONEJOS RE-10	123	3	2.4	116	3	2.6	0	0	.0	239	6	2.5
COUNTY: COSTILLA												
CENTENNIAL R-1	90	0	.0	91	0	.0	0	0	.0	181	0	.0
SIERRA GRANDE R-30	67	0	.0	50	1	2.0	0	0	.0	117	1	.9
COUNTY: CROWLEY												
CROWLEY COUNTY RE-1-J	149	4	2.7	130	6	4.6	0	0	.0	279	10	3.6
COUNTY: CUSTER												
CONSOLIDATED C-1	96	1	1.0	94	1	1.1	0	0	.0	190	2	1.1
COUNTY: DELTA												
DELTA COUNTY 50(J)	903	16	1.8	977	60	6.1	0	0	.0	1,880	76	4.0
COUNTY: DENVER												
DENVER COUNTY 1	14,428	484	3.4	11,684	965	8.3	2,393	881	36.8	28,505	2,330	8.2
COUNTY: DOLORES												
DOLORES COUNTY RE NO.2	76	0	.0	84	0	.0	0	0	.0	160	0	.0

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BY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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DISTRICT NAME	GRADES 7 - 9			GRADES 10 - 12			ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS			TOTAL		
	PUPIL COUNT	DROP OUTS	RATE	PUPIL COUNT	DROP OUTS	RATE	PUPIL COUNT	DROP OUTS	RATE	PUPIL COUNT	DROP OUTS	RATE
COUNTY: DOUGLAS												
DOUGLAS COUNTY RE 1	2,781	4	.1	2,651	68	2.6	0	0	.0	5,432	72	1.3
COUNTY: EAGLE												
EAGLE COUNTY RE 50	528	3	.6	504	19	3.8	0	0	.0	1,032	22	2.1
COUNTY: ELBERT												
ELIZABETH C-1	310	1	.3	309	18	5.8	0	0	.0	619	19	3.1
KIOWA C-2	52	1	1.9	38	2	5.3	0	0	.0	90	3	3.3
BIG SANDY 100J	78	0	.0	54	0	.0	0	0	.0	132	0	.0
ELBERT 200	35	2	5.7	26	1	3.8	0	0	.0	61	3	4.9
AGATE 300	11	0	.0	17	0	.0	0	0	.0	28	0	.0
COUNTY: EL PASO												
CALHAN RJ-1	93	0	.0	89	4	4.5	0	0	.0	182	4	2.2
HARRISON 2	2,617	36	1.4	2,196	131	6.0	155	34	21.9	4,968	201	4.0
FOUNDAIN 3	1,940	7	.4	1,795	48	2.7	0	0	.0	3,735	55	1.5
COLORADO SPRINGS 11	960	8	.8	631	35	5.5	0	0	.0	1,591	43	2.7
CHEYENNE MOUNTAIN 12	7,351	90	1.2	7,926	743	9.4	208	116	55.8	15,485	949	6.1
MANITOU SPRINGS 14	622	0	.0	713	4	.6	0	0	.0	1,335	4	.3
ACADEMY 20	316	4	1.3	337	15	4.5	0	0	.0	653	19	2.9
PELLICOTT 22	2,477	5	.2	2,723	71	2.6	0	0	.0	5,200	76	1.5
PEYTON 23 JT	142	1	.7	137	3	2.2	0	0	.0	279	4	1.4
HANOVER 28	99	0	.0	79	1	1.3	0	0	.0	178	1	.6
LEWIS-PALMER 38	37	1	2.7	19	1	5.3	0	0	.0	56	2	3.6
FALCON 49	553	1	.2	574	26	4.5	0	0	.0	1,127	27	2.4
EDISON 54 JT	523	1	.2	600	40	6.7	0	0	.0	1,123	41	3.7
MIAMI/YODER 60 JT	6	0	.0	11	0	.0	0	0	.0	17	0	.0
	40	0	.0	37	0	.0	0	0	.0	77	0	.0
COUNTY: FREMONT												
CANON CITY RE-1	851	17	2.0	811	44	5.4	0	0	.0	1,662	61	3.7
FLORENCE RE-2	442	1	.2	460	18	3.9	0	0	.0	902	19	2.1
COTOPAXI RE-3	59	0	.0	69	1	1.4	0	0	.0	128	1	.8
COUNTY: GARFIELD												
ROARING FORK RE-1	744	15	2.0	669	36	5.4	0	0	.0	1,413	51	3.6
GARFIELD RE-2	523	4	.8	509	38	7.5	0	0	.0	1,032	42	4.1
GARFIELD 16	107	0	.0	87	4	4.6	0	0	.0	194	4	2.1

TABLE 5:

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BY SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL YEAR 1988-89

DISTRICT NAME	GRADES 7 - 9			GRADES 10 - 12			ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS			TOTAL		
	PUPIL COUNT	DROP OUTS	RATE	PUPIL COUNT	DROP OUTS	RATE	PUPIL COUNT	DROP OUTS	RATE	PUPIL COUNT	DROP OUTS	RATE
COUNTY: GILPIN												
GILPIN COUNTY RE-1	115	2	1.7	86	6	7.0	0	0	.0	201	8	4.0
COUNTY: GRAND												
WEST GRAND 1	134	0	.0	128	8	6.3	0	0	.0	262	8	3.1
EAST GRAND 2	240	1	.4	233	10	4.3	0	0	.0	473	11	2.3
COUNTY: GUNNISON												
GUNNISON WATERSHED RE1J	331	1	.3	313	8	2.6	0	0	.0	644	9	1.4
COUNTY: HUERFANO												
HUERFANO RE-1	229	1	.4	212	2	.9	0	0	.0	441	3	.7
LA VETA RE-2	62	0	.0	74	0	.0	0	0	.0	136	0	.0
COUNTY: JACKSON												
NORTH PARK R-1	97	1	1.0	75	3	4.0	0	0	.0	172	4	2.3
COUNTY: JEFFERSON												
JEFFERSON COUNTY R-1	17,371	223	1.3	17,612	926	5.3	516	104	20.2	35,499	1,253	3.5
COUNTY: KIOWA												
EADS RE-1	65	0	.0	74	3	4.1	0	0	.0	139	3	2.2
PLAINVIEW RE-2	23	0	.0	18	1	5.6	0	0	.0	41	1	2.4
COUNTY: KIT CARSON												
ARRIBA-FLAGLER C-20	60	0	.0	58	0	.0	0	0	.0	118	0	.0
HI-PLAINS R-23	28	0	.0	34	0	.0	0	0	.0	62	0	.0
STRATTON R-4	74	0	.0	51	2	3.9	0	0	.0	125	2	1.6
BETHUNE R-5	24	0	.0	28	1	3.6	0	0	.0	52	1	1.9
BURLINGTON RE-6J	191	1	.5	188	6	3.2	0	0	.0	379	7	1.8
COUNTY: LAKE												
LAKE COUNTY R-1	265	3	1.1	248	17	6.9	0	0	.0	513	20	3.9
COUNTY: LA PLATA												
DURANGO 9-R	945	10	1.1	909	34	3.7	0	0	.0	1,854	44	2.4
BAYFIELD 10 JT-R	160	0	.0	155	2	1.3	0	0	.0	315	2	.6
IGNACIO 11 JT	228	3	1.3	217	4	1.8	25	7	28.0	470	14	3.0

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ANNUAL DROPOUT RATE FOR GRADES 7 - 12
BY SCHOOL DISTRICT

TABLE 5:

DISTRICT NAME	GRADES 7 - 9			GRADES 10 - 12			ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS			TOTAL		
	PUPIL COUNT	DROP OUTS	RATE	PUPIL COUNT	DROP OUTS	RATE	PUPIL COUNT	DROP OUTS	RATE	PUPIL COUNT	DROP OUTS	RATE
COUNTY: LARIMER												
POUDRE R-1	4,012	10	.2	3,898	161	4.1	208	81	38.9	8,118	252	3.1
THOMPSON R-2J	2,835	18	.6	2,732	123	4.5	174	67	38.5	5,741	208	3.6
PARK (ESTES PARK) R-3	280	2	.7	313	13	4.2	0	0	.0	5,593	15	2.5
COUNTY: LAS ANIMAS												
TRINIDAD 1	404	2	.5	435	23	5.3	0	0	.0	839	25	3.0
PRIMERO REORGANIZED 2	50	0	.0	48	2	4.2	0	0	.0	98	2	2.0
HOEHNE REORGANIZED 3	66	0	.0	77	0	.0	0	0	.0	143	0	.0
AGUILAR REORGANIZED 6	42	0	.0	38	2	5.3	0	0	.0	80	2	2.5
BRANSON REORGANIZED 82	13	0	.0	16	0	.0	0	0	.0	29	0	.0
KIM REORGANIZED 88	24	0	.0	25	0	.0	0	0	.0	49	0	.0
COUNTY: LINCOLN												
GENOA-HUGO C113	53	0	.0	58	3	5.2	0	0	.0	111	3	2.7
LIMON RE-4J	105	0	.0	89	0	.0	0	0	.0	194	0	.0
KARVAL RE-23	18	0	.0	20	0	.0	0	0	.0	38	0	.0
COUNTY: LOGAN												
VALLEY RE-1	670	4	.6	658	9	1.4	46	4	8.7	1,374	17	1.2
FRENCHMAN RE-3	42	1	2.4	38	2	5.3	0	0	.0	80	3	3.8
BUFFALO RE-4	49	0	.0	53	1	1.9	0	0	.0	102	1	1.0
PLATEAU RE-5	25	0	.0	24	0	.0	0	0	.0	49	0	.0
COUNTY: MESA												
DEBEQUE 49JT	29	0	.0	26	0	.0	0	0	.0	55	0	.0
PLATEAU VALLEY 50	83	1	1.2	85	5	5.9	501	262	52.3	669	268	40.1
MESA COUNTY VALLEY 51	3,925	86	2.2	3,398	164	4.8	368	139	37.8	7,691	389	5.1
COUNTY: MINERAL												
CREEDE CONSOLIDATED 1	37	0	.0	25	0	.0	0	0	.0	62	0	.0
COUNTY: MOFFAT												
MOFFAT COUNTY RE:NO 1	629	2	.3	606	23	3.8	0	0	.0	1,235	25	2.0
COUNTY: MONTEZUMA												
MONTEZUMA-CORTEZ RE-1	796	9	1.1	643	22	3.4	0	0	.0	1,439	31	2.2
DOLORES RE-4A	123	0	.0	119	5	4.2	0	0	.0	242	5	2.1
MANCOS RE-6	139	1	.7	108	1	.9	0	0	.0	247	2	.8

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COUNTY: MONTROSE												
MONTROSE COUNTY	1,031	3	.3	1,009	44	4.4	96	44	45.8	2,136	91	4.3
WEST END	88	0	.0	75	3	4.0	0	0	.0	163	3	1.8
COUNTY: MORGAN												
BRUSH	328	6	1.8	287	8	2.8	0	0	.0	615	14	2.3
FORT MORGAN	663	19	2.9	508	26	5.1	60	13	21.7	1,231	58	4.7
WELDON VALLEY	34	0	.0	39	0	.0	0	0	.0	73	0	.0
WIGGINS	107	3	2.8	97	4	4.1	0	0	.0	204	7	3.4
COUNTY: OTERO												
EAST OTERO	546	8	1.5	501	64	12.8	0	0	.0	1,047	72	6.9
ROCKY FORD	346	6	1.7	281	20	7.1	0	0	.0	627	26	4.1
MANZANOLA	57	1	1.8	52	1	1.9	0	0	.0	109	2	1.8
FOWLER	113	0	.0	104	1	1.0	0	0	.0	217	1	.5
CHERAW	49	0	.0	31	0	.0	0	0	.0	80	0	.0
SWINK	80	0	.0	90	7	7.8	0	0	.0	170	7	4.1
COUNTY: OURAY												
OURAY	55	0	.0	36	1	2.8	0	0	.0	91	1	1.1
RIDGWAY	58	0	.0	51	0	.0	0	0	.0	109	0	.0
COUNTY: PARK												
PLATTE CANYON	255	3	1.2	241	2	.8	0	0	.0	496	5	1.0
PARK COUNTY	73	0	.0	70	4	5.7	0	0	.0	143	4	2.8
COUNTY: PHILLIPS												
HOLYOKE	124	0	.0	120	2	1.7	0	0	.0	244	2	.8
HAXTUN	73	0	.0	70	2	2.9	0	0	.0	143	2	1.4
COUNTY: PITKIN												
ASPEN	241	1	.4	252	4	1.6	0	0	.0	493	5	1.0
COUNTY: PROWERS												
GRAMADA	52	0	.0	55	1	1.8	0	0	.0	107	1	.9
LAMAR	510	3	.6	452	32	7.1	0	0	.0	962	35	3.6
HOLLY	83	0	.0	66	1	1.5	0	0	.0	149	1	.7
WILEY	75	0	.0	65	4	6.2	0	0	.0	140	4	2.9

TABLE 5:

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BY SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL YEAR 1988-89

DISTRICT NAME	GRADES 7 - 9			GRADES 10 - 12			ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS			TOTAL		
	PUPIL COUNT	DROP OUTS	RATE	PUPIL COUNT	DROP OUTS	RATE	PUPIL COUNT	DROP OUTS	RATE	PUPIL COUNT	DROP OUTS	RATE
COUNTY: PUEBLO												
PUEBLO CITY	4,542	89	2.0	4,492	292	6.5	71	29	40.8	9,105	410	4.5
PUEBLO COUNTY RURAL 70	1,054	9	.9	1,100	39	3.5	0	0	.0	2,154	48	2.2
COUNTY: RIO BLANCO												
MEEKER	167	0	.0	188	5	2.7	0	0	.0	355	5	1.4
RANGELY	170	0	.0	169	3	1.8	0	0	.0	339	3	.9
COUNTY: RIO GRANDE												
DEL NORTE	179	3	1.7	130	4	3.1	0	0	.0	309	7	2.3
MONTE VISTA	331	8	2.4	295	13	4.4	0	0	.0	626	21	3.4
SARGENT	133	1	.8	91	1	1.1	0	0	.0	224	2	.9
COUNTY: ROUTT												
HAYDEN	102	0	.0	102	2	2.0	0	0	.0	204	2	1.0
STEAMBOAT SPRINGS	365	0	.0	361	12	3.3	0	0	.0	726	12	1.7
SOUTH ROUTT	83	0	.0	91	2	2.2	0	0	.0	174	2	1.1
COUNTY: SAGUACHE												
MOUNTAIN VALLEY	52	0	.0	43	0	.0	0	0	.0	95	0	.0
HOFFAT	34	0	.0	39	0	.0	0	0	.0	73	0	.0
CENTER	177	6	3.4	109	10	9.2	0	0	.0	286	16	5.6
COUNTY: SAN JUAN												
SILVERTON	43	0	.0	36	1	2.8	0	0	.0	79	1	1.3
COUNTY: SAN MIGUEL												
TELLURIDE	49	0	.0	58	0	.0	0	0	.0	107	0	.0
NORWOOD	77	0	.0	61	1	1.6	0	0	.0	138	1	.7
COUNTY: SEDGWICK												
JULESBURG	90	0	.0	75	1	1.3	0	0	.0	165	1	.6
PLATTE VALLEY	49	0	.0	55	2	3.6	0	0	.0	104	2	1.9
COUNTY: SUMMIT												
SUMMIT	372	1	.3	327	20	6.1	0	0	.0	699	21	3.0

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	PUPIL COUNT	DROP OUTS	RATE	PUPIL COUNT	DROP OUTS	RATE	PUPIL COUNT	DROP OUTS	RATE	PUPIL COUNT	DROP OUTS	RATE
COUNTY: TELLER												
CRIPPLE CREEK-VICTORRE-1	73	1	1.4	83	2	2.4	0	0	.0	156	3	1.9
WOODLAND PARK RE-2	594	7	1.2	590	34	5.8	0	0	.0	1,184	41	3.5
COUNTY: WASHINGTON												
AKRON R-1	105	1	1.0	114	9	7.9	0	0	.0	219	10	4.6
ARICKAREE R-2	40	0	.0	27	1	3.7	0	0	.0	67	1	1.5
OTIS R-3	43	0	.0	40	1	2.5	0	0	.0	83	1	1.2
LONE STAR 101	19	0	.0	7	0	.0	0	0	.0	26	0	.0
WOODLIN R-104	22	0	.0	28	0	.0	0	0	.0	50	0	.0
COUNTY: WELD												
GILCREST RE-1	417	8	1.9	347	12	3.5	0	0	.0	764	20	2.6
EATON RE-2	283	4	1.4	256	10	3.9	0	0	.0	539	14	2.6
KEENESBURG RE-3	344	10	2.9	272	7	2.6	0	0	.0	616	17	2.8
WINDSOR RE-4	388	2	.5	357	15	4.2	0	0	.0	745	17	2.3
JOHNSTOWN-MILLIKEN RE-5J	302	4	1.3	233	11	4.7	0	0	.0	535	15	2.8
GREELEY 6	2,588	48	1.9	2,519	208	8.3	0	0	.0	5,107	256	5.0
PLATTE VALLEY RE-7	223	1	.4	193	2	1.0	0	0	.0	416	3	.7
FORT LUPTON RE-8	533	10	1.9	433	28	6.5	0	0	.0	966	38	3.9
AULT-HIGHLAND RE-9	175	4	2.3	145	3	2.1	0	0	.0	320	7	2.2
BRIGGSDALE RE-10	20	0	.0	26	0	.0	0	0	.0	46	0	.0
PRAIRIE RE-11	25	0	.0	21	0	.0	0	0	.0	46	0	.0
PAWNEE RE-12	27	0	.0	32	1	3.1	0	0	.0	59	1	1.7
COUNTY: YUMA												
WEST YUMA COUNTY RJ-1	247	1	.4	222	5	2.3	0	0	.0	469	6	1.3
EAST YUMA COUNTY RJ-2	231	3	1.3	209	7	3.3	0	0	.0	440	10	2.3
COUNTY: COLORADO BOCES												
SOUTHWEST BOCES	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	120	40	33.3	120	40	33.3
WELD BOCES	0	0	.0	98	3	3.1	56	16	24.2	164	19	11.6
STATE TOTALS	137,095	1,920	1.4	130,846	7,142	5.5	7,647	2,411	31.5	275,588	11,473	4.2

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT COLORADO DROPOUT RATES

Who Is Considered a Colorado Dropout?

By Colorado law, a dropout is a "person who leaves school for any reason, except death, before completion of a high school diploma or its equivalent and who does not transfer to another public or private school or enroll in an approved home study program." A student is not a dropout if he/she transfers to an educational program recognized by the district, completes a G.E.D. or registers in a program leading to a G.E.D., is committed to an institution that maintains educational programs, or is so ill that he/she is unable to participate in a homebound or special therapy program.

Who Is a Transfer?

A student is considered a transfer to another district or educational program if the receiving school or program sends for the student's records, or if the sending district can document that the parent or legal guardian has provided information regarding the school or education program into which the student is transferring. This definition of a transfer is in accordance with the Public School Finance Act of 1988, 22-53-207(3).

What If a Student Just Disappears?

A student who disappears from school is considered a dropout unless the student transferred to another educational program.

What Is the Dropout Rate?

The Colorado dropout rate is an annual rate, reflecting the percentage of all students enrolled in grades 7-12 who leave school during a single school year. It is calculated by dividing the number of dropouts by a membership base which includes all students who were in membership any time during the year.

Can the Dropout Rate Be Multiplied by Four to Find Out How Many Students Drop Out Over the Four Years of High School?

No. The dropout rate is an annual rate only. It is not statistically valid to simply multiply the annual rate by four to find out how many students dropped out during high school. The graduation rate, however, provides a measure of how many students completed graduation requirements.

Can a Student Drop Out More Than Once? How Does That Affect the Annual Dropout Rate?

Some students have a pattern of dropping out and returning to school several times before they either graduate or drop out and do not return. In the state reporting system, a student is counted as a dropout only once within a given reporting period (i.e., from July 1 through June 30). However, if a student drops out during one school year, then returns to school the following year and drops out again, he/she will be counted in the dropout rate two years in a row.

How Valid Are Colorado's Dropout Rates?

The Colorado Department of Education provides definitions, guidelines, and training regarding the proper procedures for identifying and reporting dropout statistics. The data are edited and screened upon receipt and a turnaround document with the calculated rates is returned to the district for verification. In submitting the data to the state, each superintendent signs an assurance that the district has followed the required procedures. Dropout statistics are not currently audited by the Department.

How Are Dropout Data Reported?

Dropout data are reported annually to the Department by Colorado school districts. Dropout data are collected for grades 7-12, by school building and by district. Data are reported separately by sex, race/ethnicity, and grade level of students.

How Does Colorado's Dropout Rate Compare to the National Average?

Currently, there is no national dropout data collection. The National Center for Education Statistics is in the process of developing and pilot testing a proposed national system expected to be implemented in the 1991-92 school year.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

Data published in this report were obtained from all Colorado public schools having any grades 7-12. A sample of CDE Form 2, the collection instrument utilized to collect the data from each grade level, is on page 17. Data collected on these forms were then summarized for reporting in the various formats.

Data for alternative schools in some tables are reported separately. This provides additional information for those districts' schools that are established to give students who are dropouts or potential dropouts an alternative to the regular program. The alternative schools data also includes those Second Chance Programs operated by districts and Boards of Cooperative Services. However, it does not include any educational programs for dropouts that are incorporated as part of the regular high school program.

Beginning with the class of 1990 the Colorado Department of Education will report graduation and completion rates as part of this dropout report. Rates for each class will be calculated based on information reported on the CDE-2 End-of-Year Pupil Membership Form.

SAMPLE OF DATA COLLECTION INSTRUMENT

Colorado Department of Education
 Planning and Evaluation Unit
 201 East Colfax Avenue
 Denver, CO 80203

Telephone: 866-6837

PART II - SCHOOL REPORT DROPOUTS END OF YEAR PUPIL MEMBERSHIP July 1, 1988 - June 30, 1989

DUE DATE: End of school year
 or no later than
 July 10, 1989

COUNTY NAME: _____ DISTRICT NAME: _____ SCHOOL NAME: _____

A separate form is to be completed for each grade 7 - 12. Labeled forms for each applicable grade in this school are provided.	July 1, 1988 - June 30, 1989			WITHDRAWAL DATA July 1, 1988 - June 30, 1989				1989 END OF YEAR COUNT Total	
	June 1988 End of Year Membership For GR 10 Beginning For GR 11	Incoming Transfers	Retrievals (Dropouts from Previous School Year 1987-88)	Outgoing Transfers WITHIN District	Outgoing Transfers OUTSIDE of District	Deceased or Seriously Ill	Dropouts	Total Withdrawals (Add Columns (4+5+6+7))	Enrollment (Col.1+2+3) Minus Total Withdrawals (Column 8)
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Grade 11									
American Indian - Male	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	*	
- Female	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	*	
Asian - Male	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	*	
- Female	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	*	
Black - Male	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	*	
- Female	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	*	
Hispanic - Male	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	*	
- Female	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	*	
White - Male	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	*	
- Female	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	*	
TOTAL GRADE 11 (Class of 1990)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	*	

SAMPLE

***IMPORTANT** - The 1989 End of Year Count reported in COLUMN 9 for GRADE 11 will be the BEGINNING COUNT for GRADE 12 in accounting for next year's 1989-90 student membership and dropouts. Please double check the figures entered on this form by verifying the addition/subtraction of all columns down and across.

Instructions/definitions on reverse side

Signature of School Principal _____

Name of Person Preparing Report _____

CODE - DATA FORM CLEARANCE **MANDATORY**

FORM NO. CPE-2

ISSUED BY Planning and Evaluation

APPROVAL Through August 1989

Title _____ Telephone Number _____