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2008 - 2009 Early Exit and Dropout Rates for Grades 9 -12

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		Early Exit Non-Graduates				Dropouts Only		
		Fall 2008 Enrollment	Earned GED (1)	Enrolled in College (2)	Dropped Out (3)	Total	Annual Dropout Percentage (4)	4 Year Cumulative Rate (4)
State Total		65,057	352	26	1,127	1,505	1.7%	6.7%
District	School							
Bedford	Bedford High School (6)	939	1	0	0	1	0.0%	0.0%
Berlin	Berlin Senior High School	534	5	1	18	24	3.3%	12.7%
Bow	Bow High School	626	5	0	6	11	1.0%	3.7%
Claremont	Stevens High School	622	3	0	19	22	3.0%	11.6%
Colebrook	Colebrook Academy	141	0	0	6	6	4.2%	15.8%
Concord	Concord High School	1,851	40	1	22	63	1.2%	4.6%
Contoocook Valley	Conval Regional High School	1,083	3	0	13	16	1.2%	4.7%
Conway	Kennett High School	855	8	0	9	17	1.1%	4.1%
Dover	Dover Senior High School	1,618	6	0	45	51	2.8%	10.6%
Dresden	Hanover High School	712	2	1	1	4	0.1%	0.6%
Epping	Epping High School	300	1	0	11	12	3.6%	13.6%
Exeter Region Cooperative	Exeter High School	1,630	6	0	13	19	0.8%	3.1%
Fall Mountain Regional	Fall Mountain Reg. High School	661	0	0	13	13	2.0%	7.6%
Farmington	Farmington Senior High School	446	5	0	14	19	3.1%	11.9%
Franklin	Franklin High School	447	1	1	12	14	2.6%	10.1%
Gilford	Gilford High School	585	1	0	3	4	0.5%	2.0%
Goffstown	Goffstown High School	1,212	4	0	19	23	1.6%	6.2%
Gorham Randolph Shelburne Coop	Gorham High School	178	1	0	5	6	2.8%	10.6%
Governor Wentworth Regional	Kingswood Reg. High School	881	2	0	10	12	1.1%	4.4%
Haverhill Cooperative	Woodsville High School	253	0	0	4	4	1.6%	6.1%
Hillsboro-Deering Cooperative	Hillsboro-Deering High School	475	1	0	3	4	0.6%	2.5%
Hinsdale	Hinsdale High School	226	0	1	7	8	3.1%	11.7%
Hollis-Brookline Cooperative	Hollis-Brookline High School	918	8	1	3	12	0.3%	1.3%
Hopkinton	Hopkinton High School	334	1	0	3	4	0.9%	3.6%
Hudson	Alvirne High School	1,463	5	0	34	39	2.3%	8.9%
Inter-Lakes Cooperative	Inter-Lakes High School	424	2	0	5	7	1.2%	4.6%
Jaffrey-Rindge Cooperative	Conant High School	505	0	0	4	4	0.8%	3.1%
John Stark Regional	John Stark Reg. High School	856	3	0	9	12	1.0%	4.1%
Kearsarge Regional	Kearsarge Reg. High School	681	0	0	5	5	0.7%	2.9%
Keene	Keene High School	1,690	7	0	23	30	1.4%	5.3%
Laconia	Laconia High School	754	5	0	12	17	1.6%	6.2%
Lebanon	Lebanon High School	737	0	0	2	2	0.3%	1.1%
Lincoln-Woodstock Cooperative	Lin-Wood Public School (High)	115	1	0	1	2	0.9%	3.4%
Lisbon Regional	Lisbon Regional School (High)	140	0	0	2	2	1.4%	5.5%
Litchfield	Campbell High School	556	3	0	1	4	0.2%	0.7%
Littleton	Littleton High School	279	0	0	5	5	1.8%	7.0%
Londonderry	Londonderry Senior High School	1,808	5	1	13	19	0.7%	2.8%
Manchester	Manchester Central High School	2,232	11	0	87	98	3.9%	14.6%
Manchester	Manchester Memorial High Sch	2,131	11	2	58	71	2.7%	10.4%
Manchester	Manchester West High School	1,548	11	2	57	70	3.7%	13.9%
	Manchester District Total	5,911	33	4	202	239	3.4%	12.9%
Mascenic Regional	Mascenic Regional High School	422	5	0	7	12	1.7%	6.4%
Mascoma Valley Regional	Mascoma Valley Reg. High Sch	460	1	0	11	12	2.4%	9.1%
Merrimack	Merrimack High School	1,540	16	0	12	28	0.8%	3.1%
Merrimack Valley	Merrimack Valley High School	890	2	0	4	6	0.5%	1.8%
Milford	Milford High School	872	5	0	15	20	1.7%	6.7%
Milton	Nute High School	219	1	0	3	4	1.4%	5.3%
Monadnock Regional	Monadnock Reg. High School	688	2	2	20	24	2.9%	11.0%
Moultonborough	Moultonborough Academy	243	3	0	0	3	0.0%	0.0%
Nashua	Nashua High School North	1,952	6	2	33	41	1.7%	6.5%
Nashua	Nashua High School South	2,170	13	2	34	49	1.6%	6.1%
	Nashua District Total	4,122	19	4	67	90	1.6%	6.3%
Newfound Area	Newfound Regional High School	472	5	0	9	14	1.9%	7.3%
Newmarket	Newmarket Jr.-Sr. High School	311	1	0	6	7	1.9%	7.5%
Newport	Newport Middle High School	426	1	1	19	21	4.3%	16.3%
Northumberland	Groveton High School	162	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Oyster River Coop	Oyster River High School	692	4	0	6	10	0.9%	3.4%
Pelham	Pelham High School	663	3	0	12	15	1.8%	7.0%

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Pembroke	Pembroke Academy	950	7	1	18	26	1.9%	7.3%
Pemi-Baker Regional	Plymouth Reg. High School	794	0	0	8	8	1.0%	3.9%
Pittsburg	Pittsburg School (High)	42	1	0	3	4	6.8%	24.6%
Pittsfield	Pittsfield High School	179	5	0	5	10	2.8%	10.6%
Portsmouth	Portsmouth High School	1,052	0	1	12	13	1.1%	4.5%
Profile	Profile Senior High School	180	0	0	3	3	1.7%	6.5%
Raymond	Raymond High School	445	7	0	19	26	4.2%	15.7%
Rochester	Bud Carlson Academy	78	0	0	1	1	1.3%	5.0%
Rochester	Spaulding High School	1,574	4	0	48	52	3.0%	11.6%
	Rochester District Total	1,652	4	0	49	53	3.0%	11.3%
Salem	Salem High School	2,194	11	0	23	34	1.0%	4.1%
Sanborn Regional	Sanborn Reg. High School	748	2	0	6	8	0.8%	3.2%
Shaker Regional	Belmont High School	464	0	0	5	5	1.1%	4.3%
Somersworth	Somersworth High School	589	29	0	12	41	2.1%	8.0%
Souhegan Cooperative	Souhegan Coop High School	943	1	1	17	19	1.8%	7.0%
Stratford	Stratford Public School (High)	45	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Sunapee	Sunapee Sr. High School	150	0	1	1	2	0.7%	2.6%
Timberlane Regional	Timberlane Reg. High School	1,490	7	0	24	31	1.6%	6.2%
White Mountains Regional	White Mountains Reg. High School	480	0	1	4	5	0.8%	3.3%
Wilton-Lyndeborough	Wilton-Lyndeboro Sr. High School	242	0	0	7	7	2.9%	11.0%
Winnacunnet Cooperative	Winnacunnet High School	1,273	3	0	36	39	2.8%	10.7%
Winnisquam Regional	Winnisquam Regional High School	547	2	0	5	7	0.9%	3.6%
Public Academies and Joint Maintenance Agreement								
Prospect Mountain High School		534	0	0	9	9	1.7%	6.6%
Coe-Brown Northwood Academy		684	1	0	7	8	1.0%	4.0%
Pinkerton Academy		3,342	31	2	62	95	1.9%	7.2%
Public Charter Schools								
North Country Charter Academy (H) (5)		87	1	0	10	11	11.2%	N/A
Cocheco Arts and Technology Charter Academy		57	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Great Bay eLearning Charter School (H) (5)		118	1	0	0	1	0.0%	N/A
Academy for Equine Sciences Charter School		21	0	0	1	1	4.6%	17.0%
Ledyard Charter Academy		0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
CSI Charter School (5)		60	0	1	11	12	19.0%	N/A
Academy for Science and Design Charter (H)		19	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Virtual Learning Academy (H) (5)		48	3	0	2	5	4.2%	N/A

What's New:

Beginning with 2007-2008, the Department began using new terminology and a new report format. Previously, all students who left school without some type of diploma/certificate were labeled "dropouts." The new name for this group is "Early Exit Non-Graduates." Early Exiters can be divided into sub-categories (currently 3). The sub-category "Dropped Out" are early exiters who, as of the report date, have not completed a GED or enrolled in college.

Footnotes:

(1) These are students that exited high school during the 08-09 school year but subsequently received a GED certificate from the State of NH as a result of testing at one of the 21 NH GED testing centers. Only students that voluntarily granted access to their high school transcripts have been counted on this high school report. Any student who did not (about 25%), or who received a GED from another state could not be verified and has been counted as "Dropped Out."

(2) These are non-GED early exit students who enrolled in at least one college course. National Clearing House data, which contains enrollment verification for 92% of US two and four year college students, was used to identify enrollment. GED college students have been counted as GED only. They are not double counted.

(3) Dropouts are early exit non-graduates that have not been identified as either receiving a GED or enrolling in college. One hundred (100) 06-07 or 07-08 dropouts that were counted as dropouts for 06-07 or 07-08 have been excluded to avoid double counting.

(4) The annual and cumulative percentages have been calculated using only the "Dropped Out" sub-category count. The rate formulas are explained below.

(5) Different rate calculations must be used for high migration schools. Annual rates are calculated by dividing the count by, the number of individual students enrolled throughout the year less the number that transferred out. Since the expected time till graduation varies with each student and is usually shorter than 4 years, the cumulative rate is not applicable. This applies to North Country, CSI charter schools, Great Bay eLearning and Virtual Learning Academy only.

(6) Only 9th, 10th and 11th graders attended Bedford High School in 08-09.

Note: During the fall of 2009, districts worked very hard to recover as many students as possible who had previously dropped out under the age of 18. We will work with districts to help ensure these students stay in school and do not become dropouts next year.

Definition of an early exiter: For 2008-2009, any student who completed the 2007-2008 school year but did not return to school in September 2008 or who left high school during the 2008-2009 school year and did not return to high school by October 1, 2009. The definition does not include students who were home schooled, suspended, temporarily expelled, truants, incarcerated; or who completed a high school program (diploma or certificate), transferred to another high school, or died.

Definition of a dropout: For 2008-2009, any early exiter who has not received a GED or been enrolled in college prior to the compilation of this report.

Annual Early Exit Rate = Early Exit count, divided by the October 1, 2008 enrollment plus Early Exits that left before October 1st.

Annual Dropout Rate = Dropouts divided by the October 1, 2008 enrollment plus students that dropped out before October 1st.

Cumulative Rates = 1 - (1 - annual rate)⁴. This formula applies the annual rate to a progressively declining base population. The cumulative rate represents the percentage of current students who will early exit or drop out before reaching graduation if the annual rate does not change.