

Errata: June 24, 2008

- Dropout events do not include students below the compulsory school age or students in prekindergarten or kindergarten.
- Schools that cannot document a former student's enrollment in a U.S. school must report that student as a dropout.
- Reporting exclusions include:
 - Students who are known to have left the country;
 - Students who are serving suspensions;
 - Students who are expelled (expelled students are counted as dropouts for federal but not state reporting);
 - Students who transfer to a private school, home school or a state-approved educational program; and
 - Students who are not enrolled on day 20 because they have serious illnesses.
- Students reported as dropouts NOT included in the dropout rate:
 - Students who leave school within 20 days of their first enrollment in a particular LEA (“initial enrollees”);
 - Students incarcerated in an adult facility¹; and
 - Students who fail to return to school after a long-term suspension.¹
- Students in other special circumstances who ARE included in the dropout rate:
 - Students who leave the public schools to attend community colleges; and
 - Students who leave school to obtain a GED.

For more information on North Carolina dropout reporting, please see:

<<http://www.ncpublicschools.org/research/dropout/reports/>>, <<http://www.ncpublicschools.org/docs/research/dropout/reports/2007dropoutmanual.pdf>>, and <<http://www.ncpublicschools.org/research/dropout/faq/>>.

For more information on federally defined rates from the National Center for Education Statistics, please see: <<http://nces.ed.gov/pubs2007/dropout05/>>.

¹ Incarcerated students and those who fail to return to school after a long-term suspension are not included in the dropout rate as calculated for accountability purposes but are identified as dropouts for other reporting purposes.