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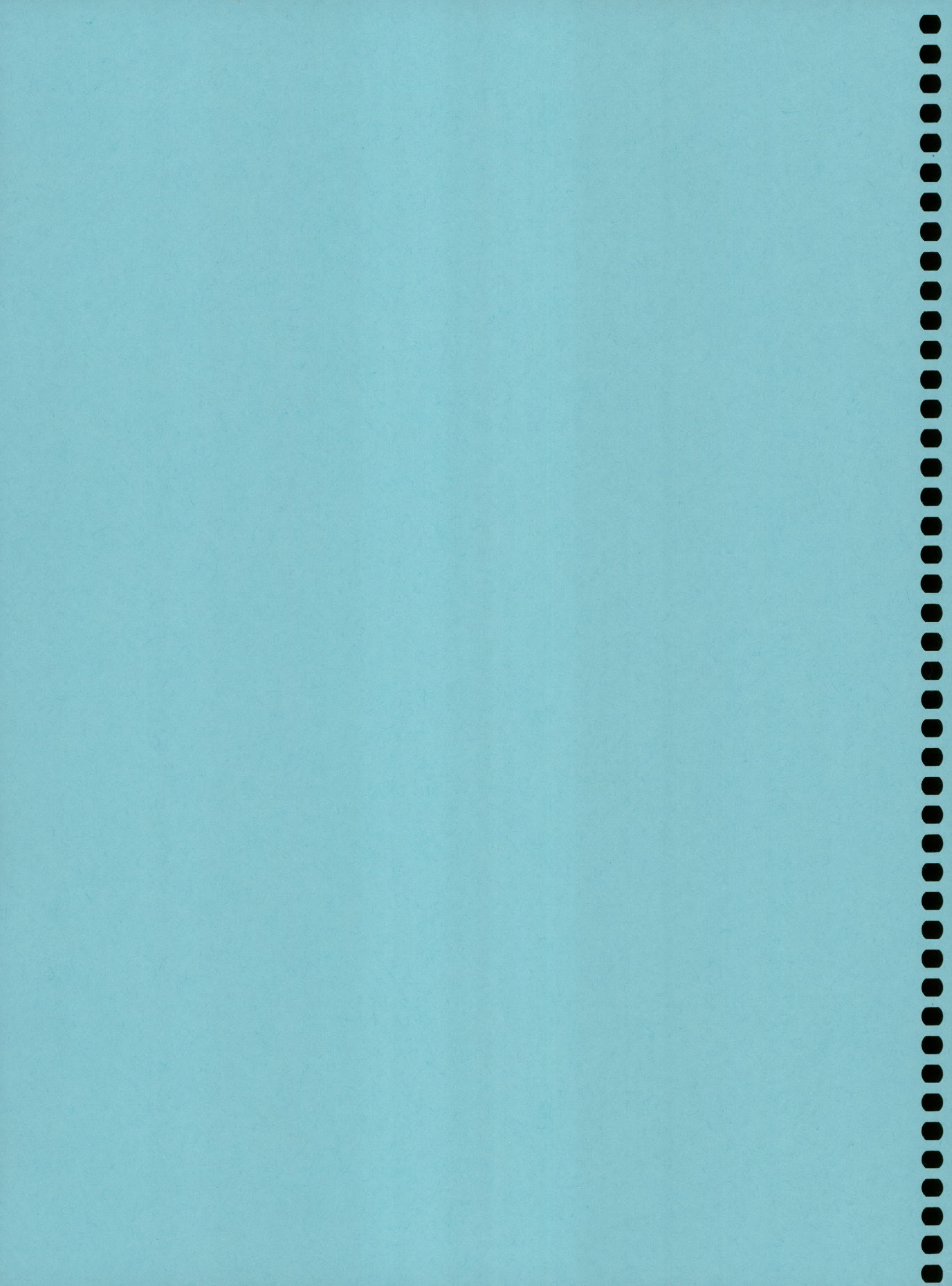
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Abstract. The Texas Education Agency (TEA) prepares an annual report on graduates and dropouts in Texas public secondary schools. This report includes state summaries of the annual dropout rate, longitudinal graduation and dropout rates, and state attrition rates. In addition to statewide statistics, the report provides historical information about dropout policy in Texas and the evolution of the dropout definition used for accountability purposes. Common methods of measuring student progress through school are discussed, along with advantages and disadvantages associated with each measure. Extensive background information on TEA data collection, processing, and reporting is presented, and national requirements for dropout data are described.

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Introduction

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Overview

This report provides annual dropout rates for students attending Texas public schools in 2019-20; four-year longitudinal graduation and dropout rates for students who were expected to graduate from Texas public schools in 2019-20; and extended longitudinal rates for students expected to graduate in previous years. The annual dropout rate measures the percentage of students who drop out of school during one school year. The four-year longitudinal rates reflect the percentages of students from a class of beginning ninth graders who, by the fall following their anticipated graduation date, graduate, remain enrolled, receive a Texas Certificate of High School Equivalency (TxCHSE), or drop out. The extended longitudinal rates reflect the percentages of students from a class of beginning ninth graders who, by the fall a year or more after their anticipated graduation date, graduate, remain enrolled, receive a TxCHSE, or drop out. Texas uses the National Center for Education Statistics dropout definition. Under this definition, a dropout is a student who is enrolled in public school in Grades 7-12, does not return to public school the following fall, is not expelled, and does not: graduate, receive a high school equivalency certificate, continue school outside the public school system, begin college, or die.

In addition to statewide statistics, the report provides historical information about dropout policy in Texas and the evolution of the dropout definition used for public school accountability purposes. Common methods of measuring student progress through school are discussed, along with advantages and disadvantages associated with each measure. Extensive background information on Texas Education Agency data collection, processing, and reporting is presented, and national requirements for dropout data are described.

Highlights

COVID-19 Update

- In spring 2020, given the impact of COVID-19, the governor of Texas used his statutory authority under Texas Government Code §418.016 to suspend in-school instruction across the state. All students statewide were learning remotely at the end of the 2019-20 school year.

School-Start Window Extension

- Since implementation of the national dropout definition in 2005-06, students have been required to return to school during the period of time between the first day of school and the last Friday in September (the "school-start window") so as not to be considered school leavers from the prior year. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2019-20 school-start window for returning students (or "continuers") was extended through Friday, October 30, 2020. This change meant that students had more time to return to school before being considered: (a) dropouts in the annual dropout rate; or (b) continuers or dropouts in the longitudinal completion rates.

Longitudinal Graduation and Dropout Rates

- In the 2016-17 school year, 409,566 students began Grade 9 in Texas public schools. Over the next three years, 24,434 students who entered the Texas public school system were added to the Grade 9 cohort. Another 46,127 students left the system for reasons other than graduating, receiving a Texas Certificate of High School Equivalency (TxCHSE), or dropping out. By the fall semester following the spring 2020 anticipated graduation date for the cohort, 384,600 students had been assigned one of four final statuses: graduate, continuer, TxCHSE recipient, or dropout. Students with these final statuses made up the class of 2020. The final statuses for 3,273 students could not be determined because of data errors. Data errors can result from missing student records (i.e., underreported students) or misreported student identification information.
- Out of 384,600 students in the class of 2020, 90.3 percent graduated within four years. An additional 3.9 percent of students in the class of 2020 continued school the fall after expected graduation, and 0.4 percent received a TxCHSE. The four-year longitudinal dropout rate for the class of 2020 was 5.4 percent. Compared to the class of 2019, the class of 2020 had a higher graduation rate, a higher continuation rate, and lower dropout and TxCHSE recipient rates.
- Of the graduates in the class of 2020 with diploma program information, 87.8 percent graduated under the Recommended or Advanced High School Program or the Foundation High School Program with an endorsement (with or without a distinguished level of achievement).

- Across the five largest racial/ethnic groups in the class of 2020, the four-year graduation rate was highest for Asian students (96.7%), followed by White (94.0%), multiracial (91.1%), Hispanic (88.6%), and African American (87.0%) students.

**Grade 9 Four-Year Longitudinal Graduation and Dropout Rates (%),
Texas Public Schools, Class of 2020**

| Group | Graduation rate | Continuation rate | TxCHSE ^a recipient rate | Dropout rate |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|--------------|
| African American | 87.0 | 4.8 | 0.4 | 7.8 |
| American Indian | 86.3 | 5.0 | 0.5 | 8.2 |
| Asian | 96.7 | 1.9 | 0.1 | 1.4 |
| Hispanic | 88.6 | 4.6 | 0.3 | 6.5 |
| Pacific Islander | 89.2 | 5.2 | 0.5 | 5.1 |
| White | 94.0 | 2.4 | 0.5 | 3.1 |
| Multiracial | 91.1 | 3.8 | 0.6 | 4.4 |
| Economically disadvantaged | 87.5 | 4.8 | 0.4 | 7.3 |
| Not economically disadvantaged | 93.5 | 2.8 | 0.3 | 3.3 |
| EL in 9-12 ^b | 79.3 | 7.6 | 0.2 | 12.9 |
| Special education | 78.9 | 12.7 | 0.3 | 8.2 |
| State | 90.3 | 3.9 | 0.4 | 5.4 |

Note. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding. Students may be counted in more than one category.

^aTexas Certificate of High School Equivalency. ^bStudents identified as English learners (ELs) at any time while attending Grades 9-12 in Texas public schools.

- The four-year dropout rate was lowest for Asian students (1.4%), followed by White (3.1%), multiracial (4.4%), Hispanic (6.5%), and African American (7.8%) students.
- The four-year graduation rate for students not identified as economically disadvantaged in the class of 2020 was 93.5 percent, 6.0 percentage points higher than the rate for students identified as economically disadvantaged (87.5%).
- Females in the class of 2020 had a higher four-year graduation rate (92.6%) than males (88.1%) and lower rates of continuation (3.2% vs. 4.5%), receiving a TxCHSE (0.3% vs. 0.5%), and dropping out (4.0% vs. 6.8%).
- For the class of 2020, the four-year graduation rates for students in special education programs (78.9%) and for students identified as English learners in Grades 9-12 (79.3%) were lower than the state average (90.3%). The dropout rates for these two student groups (8.2% and 12.9%, respectively) were higher than the state average (5.4%).
- A total of 20,888 students in the class of 2020 dropped out over a four-year span. In each year after the first year of high school, a majority of students who dropped out were one or more

grades behind the grade expected for the class. Specifically, 50.5 percent of students who dropped out in the second year had not reached Grade 10, 58.7 percent who dropped out in the third year had not reached Grade 11, and 61.9 percent who dropped out in the fourth year had not reached Grade 12.

- Students in the class of 2019 who began Grade 9 in 2015-16 or who later joined the cohort were tracked into the fall semester one year after their anticipated graduation date of spring 2019. By fall 2020, the five-year graduation rate for the class of 2019 was 92.0 percent, 2.0 percentage points higher than the four-year graduation rate of 90.0 percent in fall 2019. The five-year dropout rate was 6.1 percent, 0.2 percentage points higher than the four-year dropout rate of 5.9 percent. The five-year graduation, continuation, or TxCHSE recipient rate for the class of 2019 was 93.9 percent.

Grade 9 Five-Year Extended Longitudinal Graduation and Dropout Rates (%), Texas Public Schools, Class of 2019, as of Fall 2020

| Group | Graduation rate | Continuation rate | TxCHSE ^a recipient rate | Dropout rate |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|--------------|
| African American | 88.7 | 1.5 | 0.6 | 9.2 |
| American Indian | 89.6 | 1.1 | 0.6 | 8.7 |
| Asian | 97.6 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 1.6 |
| Hispanic | 90.7 | 1.6 | 0.4 | 7.3 |
| Pacific Islander | 89.7 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 8.3 |
| White | 95.0 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 3.3 |
| Multiracial | 93.1 | 1.2 | 0.8 | 4.9 |
| Economically disadvantaged | 89.8 | 1.5 | 0.6 | 8.1 |
| Not economically disadvantaged | 94.6 | 1.1 | 0.5 | 3.8 |
| EL in 9-12 ^b | 83.2 | 2.4 | 0.3 | 14.1 |
| Special education | 82.4 | 7.4 | 0.4 | 9.8 |
| State | 92.0 | 1.3 | 0.5 | 6.1 |

Note. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding. Students may be counted in more than one category.

^aTexas Certificate of High School Equivalency. ^bStudents identified as English learners (ELs) at any time while attending Grades 9-12 in Texas public schools.

- Students in the class of 2018 who began Grade 9 in 2014-15 or who later joined the cohort were tracked into the fall semester two years after their anticipated graduation date of spring 2018. By fall 2020, the six-year graduation rate for the class of 2018 was 92.6 percent, 2.6 percentage points higher than the four-year graduation rate of 90.0 percent in fall 2018. The six-year dropout rate was 6.1 percent, 0.4 percentage points higher than the four-year dropout rate of 5.7 percent.

Grade 9 Six-Year Extended Longitudinal Graduation and Dropout Rates (%), Texas Public Schools, Class of 2018, as of Fall 2020

| Group | Graduation rate | Continuation rate | TxCHSE ^a recipient rate | Dropout rate |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|--------------|
| African American | 89.6 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 9.0 |
| American Indian | 88.5 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 10.0 |
| Asian | 97.8 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 1.6 |
| Hispanic | 91.4 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 7.4 |
| Pacific Islander | 89.8 | 0.4 | 1.6 | 8.3 |
| White | 95.4 | 0.5 | 0.9 | 3.3 |
| Multiracial | 93.7 | 0.4 | 0.9 | 5.0 |
| Economically disadvantaged | 90.6 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 8.0 |
| Not economically disadvantaged | 95.0 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 3.9 |
| EL in 9-12 ^b | 83.6 | 1.0 | 0.3 | 15.1 |
| Special education | 85.0 | 4.7 | 0.4 | 9.9 |
| State | 92.6 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 6.1 |

Note. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding. Students may be counted in more than one category.

^aTexas Certificate of High School Equivalency. ^bStudents identified as English learners (ELs) at any time while attending Grades 9-12 in Texas public schools.

- For 2019-20, the attrition rates for Grades 9-12 and Grades 7-12 (i.e., the percentage change in fall enrollment between these grades across years) were 17.9 percent and 7.5 percent, respectively.

Annual Dropout Rates

- Out of 2,481,749 students who attended Grades 7-12 in Texas public schools during the 2019-20 school year, 1.2 percent were reported to have dropped out, a decrease of 0.2 percentage points from the previous school year. The number of dropouts in Grades 7-12 decreased to 30,921, a 10.3 percent decrease from the 34,477 students who dropped out in 2018-19.
- Although the overall number of dropouts in Grades 7-12 decreased between 2018-19 and 2019-20, the number of students who dropped out of Grades 7-8 increased by 20.0 percent, from 3,579 to 4,295.
- In 2019-20, a total of 4,295 students dropped out of Grades 7-8, and 26,626 dropped out of Grades 9-12. The Grade 7-8 and Grade 9-12 dropout rates were 0.5 percent and 1.6 percent, respectively.

**Annual Dropout Rate (%), Grades 7-8,
Grades 9-12, and Grades 7-12, Texas Public
Schools, 2019-20**

| Group | Grades 7-8 | Grades 9-12 | Grades 7-12 |
|--------------------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| African American | 0.8 | 2.5 | 1.9 |
| American Indian | 0.6 | 2.3 | 1.7 |
| Asian | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Hispanic | 0.5 | 1.9 | 1.5 |
| Pacific Islander | 1.4 | 1.5 | 1.5 |
| White | 0.3 | 0.9 | 0.7 |
| Multiracial | 0.5 | 1.5 | 1.1 |
| Economically disadvantaged | 0.6 | 2.1 | 1.6 |
| Not economically disadvantaged | 0.3 | 1.0 | 0.8 |
| English learner | 0.8 | 3.3 | 2.2 |
| Special education | 0.7 | 2.2 | 1.6 |
| State | 0.5 | 1.6 | 1.2 |

Note. Students may be counted in more than one category.

- In 2019-20, across Grades 7-12, Grade 9 had the highest dropout rate (2.1%) and the largest number of dropouts (9,390), accounting for 30.4 percent of all dropouts. Grade 7 had the lowest dropout rate (0.4%) and the smallest number of dropouts (1,796).
- Across the five largest racial/ethnic groups in 2019-20, the Grade 7-12 dropout rate was highest for African American students (1.9%), followed by Hispanic (1.5%), multiracial (1.1%), White (0.7%), and Asian (0.3%) students.
- The Grade 7-12 dropout rate for males (1.5%) was higher than the rate for females (0.9%) in 2019-20. There were more male than female dropouts in each of Grades 7-12.
- In 2019-20, the Grade 7-12 dropout rate for students identified as economically disadvantaged was 1.6 percent. By contrast, the rate for students not identified as economically disadvantaged was 0.8 percent. Economically disadvantaged students accounted for 72.2 percent of Grade 7-12 dropouts.
- Some groups of students make up larger proportions of the dropout population than of the student population. The greatest percentage-point difference was among overage students, who accounted for 19.5 percent of the Grade 7-12 population in 2019-20 but 73.1 percent of dropouts.

Leaver Reporting

- The underreported student rate is the percentage of students in Grades 7-12 who attend in one school year and are not accounted for the next fall. Statewide, 99.8 percent (2,475,689) of students in Grades 7-12 in 2019-20 were accounted for in district and charter school data submissions or in TEA databases. Only 0.2 percent of students in Grades 7-12 were underreported, unchanged from the previous year. The number of underreported students (6,039) increased by 353 from the previous year.
- For the 2019-20 school year, 40 districts or charter schools exceeded thresholds for underreported student records: more than 75 underreported students and a rate of underreporting of at least 0.7 percent; or more than 4 underreported students and a rate of underreporting greater than 1.3 percent. Of these, three districts had more than 75 underreported students as well as a rate of underreporting greater than 1.3 percent. Thirty-five districts or charter schools had rates of underreporting greater than 1.3 percent and more than 4, but fewer than 75, underreported students. Two districts had more than 75 underreported students and a rate of underreporting greater than 0.7 percent, but less than 1.3 percent.
- A total of 511 districts and charter schools had no underreported students for 2019-20.

Definitions and Calculations of High School Completion

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Measures of High School Completion

Components of Rates

Several measures of high school completion are available (Table 1). Measures differ in the definition of a dropout or a school completer, the accuracy of the data, the time period covered, and the student population considered. Some rates, for example, cover only one school year, whereas others cover multiple years. Some are based on individual student-level data, whereas others use estimated student counts. The selection of a completion or dropout measure depends on purpose and data availability. This section discusses three measures calculated by the Texas Education Agency (TEA): annual dropout rates; longitudinal graduation and dropout rates; and attrition rates. The discussion includes how each measure is calculated, factors that can affect each measure, and the advantages and disadvantages of each measure.

Annual Dropout Rates

Description. The annual dropout rate is the percentage of students who drop out of school during one school year.

Calculation. An annual dropout rate is calculated by dividing the number of students who drop out during a single school year by the cumulative number of students who enrolled during the same year.

$$\frac{\text{number of students who dropped out during the school year}}{\text{number of students enrolled during the school year}}$$

Factors affecting the rate. Annual dropout rates reported by different organizations may differ because: (a) different grade levels are included in the calculation; (b) dropouts are defined and counted differently; (c) total student counts are taken at different times of the school year; or (d) the data systems employed provide different levels of precision. Annual dropout rates can also differ at the campus and district levels based on whether the rates are calculated for federal reporting purposes or calculated with statutory exclusions applied for state accountability. No exclusions were applied to the state-level annual dropout rates presented in this report. See the sections "State Accountability System" and "Federal Accountability and Reporting" on pages 118-126 for additional information on exclusions.

Advantages. An annual dropout rate measures what happens in a school, district, or state during one school year and can be considered a measure of annual performance. Because it is based on a simple mathematical operation and requires data for only one school year, it has the greatest potential to produce accurate rates that are comparable across schools, districts, or states. It can be calculated for any school that has students in any of the grades included in the calculation, allowing the largest number of campuses to be included in an accountability system.

Annual dropout rates also can be calculated for student groups based on demographic characteristics (e.g., race/ethnicity, economic status, gender), special program participation

**Table 1
Common Methods of Measuring Student Progress Through School**

| Information | Annual dropout rate | Longitudinal rates: graduation and dropout | Attrition rate |
|------------------------------|--|---|---|
| Description | The percentage of students who drop out of school during one school year. | The percentage of students from a class of beginning ninth graders who graduate (graduation rate) or drop out before completing high school (dropout rate). | The percentage change in fall enrollment between Grade 9 and Grade 12 across years. |
| Calculation | Divide the number of students who drop out during a school year by the total number of students enrolled that year. | Divide the number of students who graduate or drop out by the end of Grade 12 by the total number of students in the original ninth-grade class. Students who enter the Texas public school system over the years are added to the class; students who leave the system are subtracted. For example, the graduation rate is calculated as follows: $\frac{\text{graduates}}{\text{graduates} + \text{continuers} + \text{TxCHSE}^a \text{ recipients} + \text{dropouts}}$ | Subtract Grade 12 enrollment from Grade 9 enrollment three years earlier, then divide by the Grade 9 enrollment. The rate may be adjusted for estimated population change over the three years. |
| Advantages | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measure of annual performance for program improvements. • Program improvements can be ascertained within one year. • Requires only one year of data. • Can be calculated for any school or district with students in any of the grades covered. • Can be disaggregated by grade level. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The graduation rate is a positive indicator, measuring school success rather than failure. • More stable measures over time. • The longitudinal dropout rate is more consistent with the public's understanding of what a dropout rate reflects. • Districts have more time to encourage dropouts to return to school before being held accountable. • Can be extended to five or six years to account for students who take more than four years to complete high school. | Provides an estimate of school leavers when aggregate enrollment numbers are the only data available. |
| Disadvantages | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Produces the lowest rate of any method. • May not correspond to the public's understanding of a dropout rate. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires multiple years of data; one year of inaccurate student identification data can remove a student from the measure. • Can only be calculated for schools that have all the grades in the calculation and that have had all those grades for the number of years necessary to calculate the rate. Since few high schools have Grades 7 and 8, longitudinal graduation and dropout rates are often calculated for Grades 9-12. • Program improvements may not be reflected for several years, and districts are not held accountable for some dropouts until years after they drop out. • Does not produce a dropout rate by grade. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Produces the highest rate of any method. • Does not distinguish attrition that results from dropping out from attrition resulting from students being retained, moving to other schools, graduating early, etc. • Does not always correctly reflect the status of dropouts; adjustments for growth can further distort the rate. • Cannot be used in accountability systems because it is an estimate. |
| Remarks | A Grade 7-12 annual dropout rate has been calculated by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) since 1987-88. | Longitudinal rates are calculated such that the graduation rate, continuation rate, TxCHSE recipient rate, and dropout rate add to 100 percent. | The attrition rate reported by TEA is not adjusted for growth. |
| 2019-20 TEA reporting | Annual dropout rates Grades 7-12: 1.2% Grades 9-12: 1.6% Grades 7-8: 0.5% | Class of 2020 Grade 9 four-year longitudinal rates Graduation: 90.3% Graduation, continuation, or TxCHSE: 94.6% Dropout: 5.4% Class of 2019 Grade 9 five-year extended longitudinal rates Graduation: 92.0% Graduation, continuation, or TxCHSE: 93.9% Dropout: 6.1% Class of 2018 Grade 9 six-year extended longitudinal rates Graduation: 92.6% Graduation, continuation, or TxCHSE: 93.9% Dropout: 6.1% | Unadjusted attrition rates Grades 7-12: 7.5% Grades 9-12: 17.9% |

^aTexas Certificate of High School Equivalency.

(e.g., special education, bilingual/English as a second language), or other factors (e.g., grade level, at-risk, overage for grade). This makes an annual dropout rate a practical tool to help educators determine who is dropping out and why—essential information for developing and evaluating dropout prevention and recovery programs.

Disadvantages. Because an annual dropout rate uses data for only one year, it produces the lowest dropout rate of any of the methods. There is concern that reporting low dropout rates may understate the severity of the dropout problem. The concern is based in part on the perception that an annual dropout rate is not consistent with the public's understanding of what a dropout rate is measuring.

Longitudinal Graduation and Dropout Rates

Description. TEA calculates longitudinal rates for a class of Grade 9 students. A four-year longitudinal graduation rate is the percentage of students from a class of beginning ninth graders who graduate within four years; that is, by the end of the fourth school year after they begin ninth grade. An extended longitudinal graduation rate is the percentage of students from a class of beginning ninth graders who graduate within five or more years. Similarly, a four-year longitudinal dropout rate is the percentage of students from a class of beginning ninth graders who drop out before completing high school. An extended longitudinal dropout rate reflects those students who drop out within five or more years after entering ninth grade. Dropouts are counted according to the dropout definition in place the year they drop out.

Calculation. Calculating four-year longitudinal rates requires tracking a cohort of students from the time they enter Grade 9 until the fall following their anticipated graduation date, or, for extended rates, the fall one or more years following their anticipated graduation date. A cohort is defined as the group of students who begin Grade 9 in Texas public schools for the first time in the same school year plus students who, in the next three school years, enter the Texas public school system in the grade level expected for the cohort. A subset of a cohort, called a class, is then used to calculate longitudinal student status rates. A class consists of all members of a cohort minus students who leave the Texas public school system for reasons other than graduating, receiving a Texas Certificate of High School Equivalency (TxCHSE), or dropping out and students who cannot be tracked. Only students in the cohort to whom final statuses are assigned are included as members of the class. The four final statuses—graduate, continuer, TxCHSE recipient, or dropout—are defined in greater detail later in this section. The longitudinal graduation rate is the number of students who graduate divided by the total number of students in the class, and the longitudinal dropout rate is the number of students who drop out divided by the total number of students in the class.

For purposes of calculating a longitudinal rate, all students remain in their original cohort. For example, a student who entered Grade 9 in 2016-17 and was expected to graduate in 2019-20 but who graduated in 2018-19 is counted in the graduation rate for the class of 2020. Similarly, students who are retained in grade or who skip grades remain members of the cohorts they first joined.

Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS) attendance data are used to build each cohort of students. Each cohort is identified by the starting grade and anticipated year of

graduation. For example, students who attended Grade 9 in Texas public schools for the first time in the 2016-17 school year make up the 2020 cohort. Students who did not attend Grade 9 in Texas public schools that year but entered the system over the next three years were added to the cohort if, in the year they entered, they were in the grade level expected for the cohort. Students were tracked into the fall semester following their anticipated graduation date of spring 2020. Data collected for the 2020-21 school year made it possible to identify those who continued in school after their class graduated.

Any student for whom one of the designated outcomes of graduate, continuer, TxCHSE recipient, or dropout could be determined was counted in the class. A student whose final status could not be determined was not counted in the class. In most cases, these were students who left the Texas public school system to enter other educational settings. In a small number of cases, students were not counted in the class because of missing records or data errors resulting from misreported student identification information.

This report provides four-year and five-, six-, and seven-year extended longitudinal rates for several classes based on the tracking of students into the fall of 2020. The longitudinal rates focus on selected long-term student outcomes over a period of years. For four-year rates, each student is assigned a final status by the fall after anticipated graduation. For extended rates, each student is assigned a final status by the fall one or more years after anticipated graduation. Neither dropping out nor leaving for other reasons necessarily determines the final status of a student. The status of a student who drops out or leaves will change if he or she subsequently returns and graduates, obtains a TxCHSE, or continues in school. Dropout becomes the status of record only if it is the final status recorded for a student. Thus, the status of a student in the four-year rates may differ from his or her status in the extended rates.

There are four final statuses used to calculate longitudinal rates: graduate, continuer, TxCHSE recipient, and dropout.

Graduate. A student is classified as a graduate in the year in which he or she is reported in PEIMS as a graduate from the Texas public school system. The student may have graduated in any of the years the cohort was in school. For example, for a student to be counted as a graduate in the class of 2020 four-year rates, a student may have graduated in 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, or 2019-20. Students who graduated in 2019-20 must have graduated by August 31, 2020. The graduation rate is calculated by dividing the number of graduates by the total number of graduates, continuers, TxCHSE recipients, and dropouts in the class.

$$\frac{\text{graduates}}{\text{graduates} + \text{continuers} + \text{TxCHSE recipients} + \text{dropouts}}$$

Continuer. A student is classified as a continuer if he or she is not a graduate and is reported as enrolled in the Texas public school system in the fall after his or her anticipated graduation or later. For example, for a student to be counted as a continuer in the class of 2020 four-year rates, he or she must have been enrolled in the fall of 2020.

TxCHSE recipient. A student is classified as a TxCHSE recipient if he or she earns a high school equivalency certificate through one of two TEA-approved assessments: the General Educational Development (GED) test and the High School Equivalency Test (HiSET). Although a third TEA-approved assessment, the Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC), is no longer administered, students in the class of 2020 may have earned a high school equivalency certificate through the TASC before August 31, 2019. High school equivalency assessments are given throughout the state in school districts, colleges and universities, and education service centers. Tests are given year-round and results are transmitted electronically to the TEA. Receipt of a TxCHSE is reported as soon as the test is passed. A student in the class of 2020 is assigned a final status of TxCHSE recipient if he or she is not a graduate, is not a continuer, and had received a certificate by August 31, 2020.

Dropout. A student is classified as a dropout if dropout is the final status recorded for the student. A student is assigned the final status of dropout if the student dropped out during one of the years that the cohort was in school and did not subsequently return and graduate, continue in school, receive a TxCHSE, or leave for one of the 13 non-dropout, non-graduate leaver reasons outlined in Table 4 on page 40.

Factors affecting the rate. Longitudinal rates reported by different organizations may differ because they use: (a) different starting grades in the calculation (typically Grade 9 or Grade 7); (b) different definitions of a graduate or dropout; (c) different definitions of a cohort or class of students; or (d) different underlying methods to calculate the rates. Additionally, few organizations have the data to track individual students over a number of years, so longitudinal rates are often estimated based on state-level data or sample data from surveys. TEA tracks individual students using student-level data submitted by districts through the Texas Student Data System (TSDS). Finally, longitudinal rates can differ at the campus and district levels based on whether federal or state accountability exclusions are applied. No exclusions were applied to the state-level longitudinal rates presented in this report. See the sections "State Accountability System" and "Federal Accountability and Reporting" on pages 118-126 for additional information on exclusions.

Advantages. One advantage of a longitudinal measure over an annual measure is that it is more consistent with the public's understanding of what a graduate or dropout is—someone who begins Grade 9 in a particular school year and, within a specified period of time, graduates or drops out. Also, because students are tracked into the fall after their anticipated graduation date or later, districts have more time to encourage dropouts to return to school before being held accountable for them. A longitudinal measure can also be expected to be more stable over time than an annual measure. Fluctuations in an annual dropout rate may not necessarily reflect the long-term success or failure of a district dropout prevention program.

The graduation rate is more positive than the dropout rate, measuring school success instead of failure. Like most indicators of school success, an increase in the graduation rate represents improved performance. Because a separate rate can be reported for each status, such as graduate or TxCHSE recipient, longitudinal rates can provide more information with which to evaluate districts than annual dropout rates.

Four-year longitudinal rates can be calculated for students who graduate on time, or within four years. Extended longitudinal rates can be calculated for students who take longer than four years to graduate. Because of the longer period of analysis, extended rates arguably provide a more comprehensive picture of high school completion than four-year rates.

Disadvantages. Calculating a longitudinal rate requires linking individual student records from multiple sources from one year to the next over the time period covered. An error in student-identifying information can prevent a record from being linked to other records for that student. The method also requires that decisions be made about the classification of students who change schools or move in and out of special programs over time. Changes in data collection practices and in the dropout definition over time must also be incorporated in the method. For example, as a result of adoption of the national dropout definition in 2005-06, students from the class of 2008 who began Grade 9 in 2004-05 and who left school in 2004-05 without graduating were subject to a different dropout definition than the definition that applied to students from the same class who left in 2005-06 or later.

Students who continue in school in the fall after their anticipated graduation date and later leave without graduating are not counted as dropouts under a four-year longitudinal rate. Tracking students for additional years may result in changes in final statuses. For example, some continuing students drop out before they graduate, and some previous dropouts return to school and graduate or receive a TxCHSE.

Longitudinal rates can be calculated only for schools that have all the grade levels included in the rate and that have had all those grades for the number of years necessary to calculate the rate. Since few high schools include Grades 7 and 8, graduation and dropout rates are calculated for beginning Grade 9 students more commonly than for beginning Grade 7 students. The effects of the grade-span criteria become more pronounced when calculating extended longitudinal rates. As the number of years necessary to calculate the rate increases to five or six years, the less likely it is that a school will meet the criteria.

Longitudinal rates for special programs reflect decisions about the classification of students who move in and out of those programs. For example, the longitudinal dropout rate for students in special education programs may include only those students who are receiving special education services in the years they drop out.

Improvements in dropout prevention programs may not be reflected in a longitudinal dropout rate immediately because the rate may include students who dropped out before the prevention program was implemented. At the same time, many dropouts are not included in a longitudinal dropout rate until several years after they drop out. This means districts may not be held accountable for students who drop out until the longitudinal rate is calculated.

Attrition Rates

Description. An attrition rate is the percentage change in fall enrollment between two grades across years. Aggregate enrollment counts, rather than student-level data, are used to estimate the percentage of Grade 7 students who are not enrolled in Grade 12 five years later, or the percentage of Grade 9 students who are not enrolled in Grade 12 three years later.

Calculation. The Grade 9-12 attrition rate is calculated by subtracting Grade 12 enrollment in the fall of one school year from Grade 9 enrollment three years earlier and dividing by Grade 9 enrollment. For 2019-20, the formula is as follows.

$$\frac{\text{Grade 9 enrollment in fall 2016} - \text{Grade 12 enrollment in fall 2019}}{\text{Grade 9 enrollment in fall 2016}}$$

The Grade 7-12 attrition rate is calculated by subtracting Grade 12 enrollment in the fall of one school year from Grade 7 enrollment five years earlier and dividing by Grade 7 enrollment. For 2019-20, the formula is as follows.

$$\frac{\text{Grade 7 enrollment in fall 2014} - \text{Grade 12 enrollment in fall 2019}}{\text{Grade 7 enrollment in fall 2014}}$$

Advantages. The attrition rate provides a measure of school leavers when aggregate enrollment numbers are the only data available. Because aggregate numbers are widely available, attrition rates can be calculated for most states and districts and are often used to compare entities that do not have student-level data.

Disadvantages. Unlike both the annual dropout rate and the longitudinal dropout rate, the attrition rate does not track individual students. Because it is an estimate, the attrition rate should not be used as a performance indicator in a high-stakes accountability system.

The attrition rate does not take into account the reasons beginning and ending enrollments differ (Appendix D). For example, the Grade 9-12 attrition rate does not take into account Grade 9 enrollment that may be high because some students are repeating Grade 9. The attrition rate also does not take into account Grade 12 enrollment that may be lower than Grade 9 enrollment three years earlier because some students left public school for other educational settings, graduated early, or are in school but not yet in Grade 12. Because the attrition rate is based on enrollment figures from the fall of the first year and fall three years later, it excludes some students. For example, Grade 9 students who enroll after the fall of the first year are excluded from the Grade 9 enrollment count. Moreover, students who enter the school system after the first year and leave before Grade 12 are excluded from rate calculations. Additionally, because the attrition rate is based on data from the fall before expected graduation, rather than after expected graduation, it does not take into account whether a student enrolled in Grade 12 in the fall goes on to graduate.

The attrition rate can fluctuate because of factors that are not considered reflective of school performance, such as the student mobility rate, and factors Texas has chosen not to include as

accountability performance measures, such as retention rates. When used as a proxy for a longitudinal dropout rate, the attrition rate overstates the percentage of students who dropped out of Texas public schools.

Differences in growth rates across grade levels and between schools and districts can distort the attrition rate. Calculations sometimes include growth adjustments in an attempt to offset potential inflation of the rates, yet the adjustments themselves may cause distortions. In fact, a negative attrition rate may result. For a school or district that is not growing but has an effective dropout prevention program, a growth adjustment would inflate the attrition rate.

Definitions and Calculations for Accountability

Dropout Definition

The U.S. Department of Education National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) is the federal entity with primary responsibility for collecting and analyzing data related to education in the United States. In 2003, the 78th Texas Legislature passed legislation requiring that dropout rates be computed according to the NCES dropout definition (Texas Education Code [TEC] §39.051, 2004). Districts began collecting data consistent with the NCES definition in the 2005-06 school year. In 2017, the 85th Texas Legislature amended TEC §39.053 to revise the state accountability system and remove the requirement that dropout rates align with the NCES definition. The 2019-20 annual dropout rates were calculated in accordance with the NCES definition to align with federal reporting criteria, which require submission of annual dropout rates calculated in compliance with this definition. A dropout is a student who is enrolled in public school in Grades 7-12, does not return to public school the following fall, is not expelled, and does not: graduate, receive a high school equivalency certificate, continue school outside the public school system, begin college, or die.

A summer dropout is a student who completes the school year but does not return in the fall. Under the NCES definition, a summer dropout is: (a) considered a dropout from the grade, district, and campus in which he or she would have been enrolled in the fall; and (b) included in the dropout count for the school year in which he or she failed to return to school. Under the TEA definition, a summer dropout is: (a) considered a dropout from the grade, district, and campus in which he or she was enrolled at the end of the school year just completed; and (b) included in the dropout count for the school year just completed.

State Accountability

Calculations. The following measures were used for state accountability in 2021. See the section "State Accountability System" on page 118 for additional information.

Annual dropout rates. The Grade 9-12 annual dropout rate was calculated by dividing the number of students who dropped out during a single school year by the cumulative number of students who enrolled during the same year.

$$\frac{\text{number of Grade 9-12 students who dropped out during the school year}}{\text{number of Grade 9-12 students enrolled during the school year}}$$

Graduation rates. Four-year, five-year extended, and six-year extended graduation rates were calculated by dividing the number of graduates by the total number of graduates, continuers, TxCHSE recipients, and dropouts in the class.

$$\frac{\text{graduates}}{\text{graduates} + \text{continuers} + \text{TxCHSE recipients} + \text{dropouts}}$$

Graduation, continuation, or TxCHSE recipient rates. Four-year, five-year extended, and six-year extended graduation, continuation, or TxCHSE recipient rates were calculated by dividing the number of graduates, continuers, and TxCHSE recipients by the total number of graduates, continuers, TxCHSE recipients, and dropouts in the class.

$$\frac{\text{graduates} + \text{continuers} + \text{TxCHSE recipients}}{\text{graduates} + \text{continuers} + \text{TxCHSE recipients} + \text{dropouts}}$$

Exclusions. State statute specified the following exceptions for attribution of records to campuses and districts for 2021 state accountability purposes.

- Under TEC §39.053(g-1) (2019), a student who meets at least one of the following criteria is excluded from campus and district annual dropout and longitudinal rate calculations: (a) a student who is ordered by a court to attend a high school equivalency certificate program but has not earned a high school equivalency certificate; (b) a student previously reported to the state as a dropout; (c) a student in attendance but who is not in membership for purposes of average daily attendance (i.e., students for whom school districts are not receiving state Foundation School Program [FSP] funds); (d) a student whose initial enrollment in a school in the United States in Grades 7 through 12 was as an unschooled refugee or asylee as defined by TEC §39.027(a-1); (e) a student who is in the district exclusively as a function of having been detained at a county detention facility but is otherwise not a student of the district, or a student who is being provided services by an open-enrollment charter school exclusively as the result of having been detained at the facility; (f) a student who is incarcerated in a state jail or federal penitentiary as an adult or as a person certified to stand trial as an adult; or (g) a student who has suffered a condition, injury, or illness that requires substantial medical care and leaves the student unable to attend school and assigned to a medical or residential treatment facility.
- Under TEC §39.053(g-2) (2019), a student who (a) is at least 18 years of age as of September 1 and has satisfied the credit requirements for high school graduation; (b) has not completed his or her individualized education program (IEP); and (c) is enrolled and receiving IEP services is excluded from longitudinal rate calculations.
- Under TEC §39.053(g-3) (2019), the dropout record for a student who fails to enroll in school after leaving a residential treatment facility or a pre- or post-adjudication facility is not attributed to the district serving the facility for annual dropout and longitudinal rate calculations.
- Under TEC §39.055 (2019), a student in a Texas Juvenile Justice Department facility (e.g., a county- or state-operated juvenile justice facility) or residential treatment facility served by a Texas public school district is excluded from campus and district annual dropout and longitudinal rate calculations.

Federal Accountability

Calculations. To meet federal requirements, campuses and districts were evaluated on the percentage of students who graduate in four years. See the section "Federal Accountability and Reporting" on page 124 for additional information.

$$\frac{\text{graduates}}{\text{graduates} + \text{continuers} + \text{TxCHSE recipients} + \text{dropouts}}$$

Exclusions. A student in a Texas Juvenile Justice Department facility (e.g., a county- or state-operated juvenile justice facility) or residential treatment facility served by a Texas public school district is excluded from campus and district graduation rate calculations.

History of Graduation and Dropout Reporting in Texas

Chronology

Dropout Definition

Annual Dropout Rates

Longitudinal Graduation
and Dropout Rates

Chronology

In 1983, *A Nation at Risk* described the condition of education in the United States as unsatisfactory (National Commission on Excellence in Education, 1983). A year later, the Texas Legislature passed House Bill (HB) 72, which mandated sweeping reforms in the state's public education system. The bill, among other changes, increased graduation requirements, established a minimum competency testing program with an exit-level test for graduation, prohibited social promotion, limited the number of permissible absences, and linked participation in extracurricular activities to academic standards with a "no pass/no play" policy.

HB 72 also addressed high school dropouts. The 1984 legislation authorized the Texas Education Agency (TEA) to implement a system for collecting data on student dropouts and to begin developing a program to reduce the statewide longitudinal dropout rate to no more than 5 percent (Texas Education Code [TEC] §11.205, 1986). At the same time, the bill directed the then Texas Department of Community Affairs (TDCA) to assess the state's dropout problem and its effect on the Texas economy. Under contract with TDCA, the Intercultural Development Research Association (IDRA) conducted much of the research.

As this research was being conducted, change was underway in completion and dropout reporting. Statewide public reporting of student performance and progress began in 1985-86. A year before, the Texas Legislature had passed a law (TEC §21.258, 1986) requiring that all school districts publish annual performance reports (APRs). The reports were intended to inform communities about the quality of education in their districts and to provide educators and policymakers with information needed to analyze performance trends. For the most part, APRs were produced by the districts themselves, although the reports began to include aggregate student data collected and compiled by TEA shortly after they were introduced. In 1988, the reports included agency counts of district enrollment and high school graduates.

The report mandated by HB 72, known as the Texas School Dropout Survey Project, was presented to the 69th Legislature (IDRA, 1986). IDRA estimated that a third of Texas students dropped out before completing high school. The dropout rates for African American and Hispanic students were notably higher than that for White students. The reasons most frequently cited by students for leaving school included failing grades, excessive absences, marriage and pregnancy, and financial difficulties at home. Few Texas school districts reported having dropout prevention programs, and fewer still had evaluation data for those programs. Losses in potential earnings and tax revenues to the state for each cohort of dropouts were estimated to be substantial.

In response to the report and to growing concerns about dropouts, the legislature passed HB 1010 in 1987 (Frazer, Nichols, & Wilkinson, 1991). HB 1010 substantially increased state and local responsibilities for collecting student dropout information, monitoring dropout rates, and providing dropout reduction services (TEC §§11.205-11.207, 1988). HB 1010 also required TEA to establish a statewide dropout information clearinghouse and to form, along with other state agencies, an interagency council to coordinate policies and resources for dropouts and students identified as at risk of dropping out of school. A definition of a dropout was added to statute. In

addition, TEA was directed to produce biennial reports for the legislature presenting a broad range of statewide dropout statistics and a systematic plan to reduce dropout rates for all segments of the student population. HB 1010 also required school districts to designate one or more at-risk coordinators and to provide remedial and support programs for at-risk students.

The first TEA report on public school dropouts presented data on students who dropped out during the 1987-88 school year. Using student-level data from the Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS), the report presented actual, not estimated, annual dropout counts and rates for Grades 7-12 by county, district, and campus. It also included five-year projections of cross-sectional and longitudinal dropout rates for the state, as mandated by statute (TEC §11.205, 1988).

The Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS) established in 1990 replaced the agency information distributed through APRs. Among the initial performance indicators adopted by the State Board of Education (SBOE) and reported annually through AEIS reports were annual graduation counts and dropout rates. In 1991, TEA began reporting these rates in two additional publications: *Snapshot*, a compilation of district profile data; and *Pocket Edition*, a small brochure highlighting statewide education statistics.

In 1993, when the legislature directed that AEIS data form the foundation of a performance-based accountability system to rate districts and campuses, dropout rates became one of the indicators targeted in statute for this purpose. In 1994, Grade 7-12 annual dropout rates from the 1992-93 school year were used for *Exemplary* and *Recognized* ratings only. The next year, TEA began using annual dropout rates for *Academically Acceptable* and *Academically Unacceptable* ratings as well. Also in 1995, the agency was required to report detailed information about dropouts in the comprehensive biennial and interim reports to the Texas Legislature (TEC §39.182 and §39.185, 1996). In 2001, the legislature amended TEC §39.182, and the reports were combined into a single comprehensive annual report on Texas public schools (see, e.g., TEA, 2001). Based on legislative changes to TEC §39.332 in 2013, the annual report once again became biennial (see, e.g., TEA, 2020d).

Interest in reporting longitudinal indicators of student success or failure in school and in basing these indicators on actual, rather than estimated, figures had remained high since student-level data were first collected through PEIMS in 1988. In 1990-91, districts began submitting student-level enrollment and graduation records. This information, combined with dropout records, enabled TEA to analyze the progress attained by students on an annual basis. It also became possible for the first time to consider tracking student progress from one year to the next.

In 1996, TEA investigated using a high school completion rate as an alternative or supplement to an annual dropout rate in the accountability system (TEA, 1996). This measure, as a complement to the dropout rate, would provide an indicator of student and school success rather than failure. Four-year completion rates for the classes of 1996 and 1997 were published as report-only indicators in the 1998 AEIS reports. By 1998, the agency had sufficient years of PEIMS data to follow the progress of the members of a seventh-grade class (i.e., Grade 7 cohort) through high school to determine their final statuses. Grade 7-12 longitudinal dropout rates for the class of 1998 were included in AEIS a year later. TEA continued to calculate Grade 7 longitudinal graduation and dropout rates for reporting

purposes through the class of 2019. Results for the classes of 2009 through 2019 are found in Appendix C.

As PEIMS continued to evolve, refinements in data collection, processing, and reporting helped meet the growing demand for reliable information about public education. The desire for a more comprehensive and accurate accounting of reported student outcomes led to a major change in data submission requirements for 1997-98. Until then, districts were required to report only students in Grades 7-12 from the previous year who had graduated or dropped out. The statuses of students who left school for other reasons were not reported through PEIMS.

From 1997-98 through 2004-05, districts were required to report the statuses of all students who attended Grades 7-12 during the previous school year. Beginning with students who attended in 2005-06, TEA has accounted for students who: (a) graduated in a previous school year; (b) moved from one public school district and enrolled in another; or (c) received high school equivalency certificates. Districts must report the statuses of all other Grade 7-12 students. Each fall, returning students are reported on enrollment records. Students who left during the previous year or who completed the school year but did not return the following fall are reported on leaver records. Based on the leaver records submitted by districts, school leavers are categorized as graduates, dropouts, or other leavers. Other leavers include students who withdraw to enroll in private schools in the state, enroll in schools outside the state, enroll in colleges, or enter home schooling.

Beginning with the class of 1998, separate longitudinal dropout rates and completion rates were replaced with a four-year high school completion/student status series. The series is made up of four complementary longitudinal rates based on the tracking of students into the fall four years after they begin Grade 9: graduate, continuer, high school equivalency certificate recipient, or dropout. The four rates add to 100 percent. Completion/student status rates appeared for the first time as report-only indicators in the 2000 AEIS reports. In 2001, the Texas Legislature added the Grade 9 completion rate to the list of performance indicators in statute (TEC §39.051, 2001). The rate became a base indicator in the 2004 accountability system.

In 1999, the 76th Texas Legislature approved the Student Success Initiative (SSI) (TEC §28.0211, 1999). Under SSI requirements, a student could advance to the next grade level only by meeting standards on state assessments or by unanimous decision of a grade placement committee. Students in the class of 2012 who attended third grade in 2002-03 were the first to be subject to SSI requirements. Specifically, these students were given three opportunities to pass the third-grade Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) reading test in 2002-03, the fifth-grade TAKS reading and mathematics tests in 2004-05, and the eighth-grade TAKS reading and mathematics tests in 2007-08. SSI requirements for third grade were eliminated after the 2008-09 school year.

TEA calculated two Grade 9 completion rates for campuses and districts through the 2011 accountability cycle. Completion II consisted of students who, four years after beginning Grade 9, graduated, continued in high school the fall after graduation was expected, or received high school equivalency certificates. Completion I, which was more rigorous, consisted of students who graduated or continued in high school. In 2004, the year that completion became a base indicator

in the accountability system, campuses and districts were rated on Completion II. They also were rated on Completion II in 2005, the year that alternative education accountability (AEA) procedures were introduced. From 2006 to 2011, campuses and districts subject to standard accountability procedures were rated on Completion I. Campuses and districts subject to AEA procedures, which applied to campuses and charter schools dedicated to serving students at risk of dropping out of school, were rated on Completion II.

In 2009, the legislature passed HB 3, requiring that TEA, among other mandates: (a) redesign the public school accountability system; and (b) exclude certain groups of students from campus and district annual dropout rate and longitudinal rate calculations used for state accountability purposes (TEC §39.053, 2010). Because of the redesign, no ratings were issued in 2012. Nevertheless, annual dropout and completion rates were calculated.

Accountability ratings returned in 2013 with students excluded from rates used for state accountability purposes. TEA calculated campus and district annual dropout and longitudinal graduation rates, as required by statute (TEC §39.053, 2013), as well as graduation or high school equivalency certification rates, for use as indicators in the new accountability system. Also in 2013, the 83rd Texas Legislature passed HB 5, requiring that districts receive accountability ratings based on an A-F scale beginning with the 2016-17 school year (TEC §39.054, 2013).

In 2014, the graduation, continuation, or high school equivalency certification rate replaced the graduation or high school equivalency certification rate as an indicator in the state accountability system (TEC §39.0545, 2013). Campus and district longitudinal dropout, high school equivalency certification, and continuation rates are also calculated but not used in the state accountability system. See the section "Definitions and Calculations for Accountability" on page 10 for more information on these exclusions.

In 2015, the 84th Texas Legislature passed HB 2804, which delayed implementation of A-F accountability ratings to start beginning with the 2017-18 school year (TEC §39.054, 2016). The legislature also passed Senate Bill (SB) 1867, requiring that an additional group of students be excluded from rates used for state accountability purposes (TEC §39.053(g-2), 2016). Beginning with class of 2016, a student who: (a) was at least 18 years of age as of September 1 and had satisfied the credit requirements for high school graduation; (b) had not completed his or her individualized education program (IEP); and (c) was enrolled and receiving IEP services was excluded from campus and district longitudinal rate calculations.

Also in 2015, the legislature passed SB 149, which revised the state's assessment graduation requirements for students enrolled in Grade 11 or 12 during the 2014-15 school year (TEC §28.0258, 2016). Under the requirements, a student who failed an end-of-course (EOC) assessment for no more than two of five required courses could still receive a Texas high school diploma if he or she was determined to be qualified to graduate by an individual graduation committee (IGC) (Title 19 of the Texas Administrative Code [TAC] §101.3022, 2021, amended to be effective September 6, 2015). In 2017, the legislature extended the revised graduation requirements through the 2018-19 school year, and in 2019 extended them through the 2022-23 school year (TEC §28.0258, 2019; 19 TAC

§101.3022, 2021, amended to be effective October 15, 2019). A student receiving special education services was not subject to IGC requirements (19 TAC §74.1025(m), 2021, amended to be effective April 19, 2016). A student's admission, review, and dismissal (ARD) committee determined whether the student was required to achieve satisfactory performance on an EOC assessment to graduate (19 TAC §101.3022(f), 2021, amended to be effective September 6, 2015). If the ARD committee determined a student was not required to achieve satisfactory performance on the EOC assessments, the student was considered to be in compliance with assessment requirements under TEC §39.025 (2019). For the 2014-15 school year, school districts had the authority to establish necessary procedures and timelines regarding implementation of IGCs. In April 2016, the commissioner of education adopted rules related to IGC implementation, including timelines and related reporting requirements (19 TAC §74.1025, 2021, amended to be effective April 19, 2016; TEC §28.0258(k), 2016).

In 2017, the legislature passed HB 22, which revised the state accountability system to include three domains: Student Achievement, School Progress, and Closing the Gaps (TEC §39.053, 2018). TEA continued to calculate campus and district annual dropout and longitudinal graduation rates for use in the system. The legislature also passed HB 3075, which amended TEC §39.053 (g-1) (2018) by clarifying that a student who is in an open-enrollment charter school exclusively as a function of having been detained at a county detention facility is also excluded from rates used for state accountability purposes. See the section "Definitions and Calculations for Accountability" on page 10 for more information on all state accountability exclusions.

Additionally, in 2017, the Texas Student Data System (TSDS) was fully implemented. TSDS is the new statewide system that improves the quality of PEIMS data collection, management, and reporting for Texas public schools. TSDS is designed to reduce the burden of data collection on districts and charter schools with improvements such as allowing for year-round data collection and an enhanced data validation tool. TSDS also includes the TSDS Unique ID system, which was introduced in 2012-13 to better manage student identification information. See the section "Public Education Information Management System Data" on page 34 for more information about the TSDS.

In 2019, the 86th Texas Legislature passed HB 3, which directed the commissioner of education to adopt rules requiring PEIMS to include pregnancy as a reason a student withdraws from or otherwise no longer attends public school (TEC §48.009(d), 2019). Additionally, the legislature passed HB 330, which modified TEC §39.053(g-1) (2019) to exclude students who have suffered a condition, injury, or illness that requires substantial medical care and leaves the student unable to attend school and assigned to a medical or residential treatment facility from the computation of dropout and completion rates for state accountability purposes. Beginning with the 2019-20 school year, two new leaver reasons were available in PEIMS, allowing districts to report when students drop out for these reasons.

Also in 2019, the legislature passed HB 1051, which required districts to report a student as a previous dropout in PEIMS if the student: (a) was at least 18 years of age and under 26 years of age; (b) had not been previously reported as a dropout; and (c) had not been enrolled in school during the previous nine months before enrolling in a high school equivalency program, a dropout recovery

school, or an adult education program provided under a high school diploma and industry certification charter school program (TEC §42.006, 2019). Districts will be able to report students as meeting these criteria beginning with the 2020-21 school year.

In spring 2020, given the impact of COVID-19, the governor of Texas used his statutory authority under Texas Government Code §418.016 to suspend in-school instruction and annual academic requirements, including STAAR EOC requirements, across the state. All Texas public school students were receiving remote instruction at the end of the 2019-20 school year. Performance requirements on EOCs for graduation under TEC §28.025(c) and §39.025(a) (2019) were waived for seniors who were still working to meet assessment requirements for graduation. Notably, seniors who had met all other graduation requirements under TEC §28.025(c) (2019) were able to graduate via an IGC determination, regardless of the number of EOCs they still needed to pass. Additionally, students who were on schedule to complete graduation requirements in spring 2020 and were scheduled to take a required EOC for the first time were not required to pass that specific test to fulfill graduation requirements, and an IGC was not needed in this circumstance.

Dropout Definition

A dropout was first defined in statute in 1987 as a student in Grades 7-12 who did not hold a high school diploma or the equivalent and who was absent from school for 30 or more consecutive days with no evidence of being enrolled in another public or private school (TEC §11.205, 1988). As implemented by the SBOE, students with approved excuses were excluded from the dropout definition, as were students who returned to school the following semester or school year (19 TAC §61.64, 1988). The first PEIMS dropout records were submitted for students who dropped out during the 1987-88 school year.

The original dropout definition in the *1988-89 PEIMS Data Standards* (TEA, 1989) did not count as dropouts: (a) students who received General Educational Development (GED) certificates; (b) students who left to enter other educational settings leading to high school diplomas, GED certificates, or college degrees; (c) students who withdrew to enter health care facilities; and (d) students incarcerated in correctional facilities. When the age of compulsory attendance was raised from 16 to 17 in 1989, an exemption from the dropout definition was added for students who were at least 17 years old and enrolled in GED preparation programs (TEC §§21.032 and 21.033, 1990).

Beginning with the 1992-93 dropout rate, TEA searched dropout data for prior years to identify previously reported dropouts. Because students who drop out but return to school are more likely to drop out again, repeat dropouts were removed from the dropout count so as not to discourage districts from trying to recover these students. Also beginning in 1992-93, a student expelled for committing certain types of criminal acts on school property or at a school-related event was removed from the dropout count if the term of expulsion had not expired.

In 1994-95, the dropout definition itself was removed from state law and SBOE rule. Legislative direction at the time indicated that, in deleting the dropout definition from code, it was intended that students who met all coursework requirements for a diploma but left school without passing the exit-level test were not to be counted as dropouts. Also beginning that year, students who withdrew from school to return to their home countries were not counted as dropouts, even if the districts did not have evidence that the students had reenrolled in school.

In 1997, the compulsory attendance age was again raised, requiring a student to attend school until his or her 18th birthday (TEC §25.085, 1997). In 1999, the legislature added two groups of students to those who were exempted from the dropout count. SB 1472 exempted students who were at least 16 and enrolled in Job Corps programs (TEC §25.086, 1999). SB 103 exempted all expelled students from the dropout count during the terms of expulsion (TEC §39.051, 1999).

In 2003, the Texas Legislature passed SB 186, which amended the language on the dropout indicator. SB 186 required districts to report dropout data and TEA to compute dropout rates and graduation rates consistent with the standards and definitions of the U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) (TEC §39.051(b)(2), 2004). Under the NCES definition, a dropout is a student who is enrolled in public school in Grades 7-12, does not return

to public school the following fall, is not expelled, and does not: graduate, receive a high school equivalency certificate, continue school outside the public school system, begin college, or die. Districts began collecting information according to the new dropout definition and procedures in 2005-06. In 2015, the 84th Texas Legislature raised the compulsory attendance age again, requiring a student to attend school until his or her 19th birthday (TEC §25.085, 2016).

In 2017, the 85th Texas Legislature amended TEC §39.053 to revise the state accountability system and remove the requirement that dropout rates align with the NCES definition. Annual dropout rates continue to be calculated in accordance with the NCES definition to align with federal reporting criteria, which require submission of annual dropout rates calculated in compliance with this definition.

In 2019, the 86th Texas Legislature amended TEC §48.009, requiring the commissioner of education to adopt rules to include pregnancy as a reason a student withdraws from or otherwise no longer attends public school. Additionally, the legislature modified TEC §39.053(g-1) to exclude students who have suffered a condition, injury, or illness that requires substantial medical care and leaves the student unable to attend school and assigned to a medical or residential treatment facility from the computation of dropout and completion rates for state accountability purposes. Students who meet either of these criteria are identified as dropouts under the NCES definition. Beginning with the 2019-20 school year, districts were able to report students as dropping out for these reasons.

Annual Dropout Rates

An annual dropout rate was first calculated by TEA for the 1987-88 school year as the number of dropouts from Grades 7-12 divided by the total number of students enrolled in Grades 7-12 the fall of that same year (Table 2). The same calculation was used for the first five years of dropout reporting.

In 1992-93, districts began submitting individual student attendance records as part of the PEIMS data collection. For the first time, TEA was able to compute cumulative enrollment—the number of students in attendance in Grades 7-12 at any time during the previous school year. Cumulative enrollment more closely parallels the required reporting of dropouts, which covers students who drop out at any time during the school year and includes students who enroll after the fall enrollment count. Cumulative enrollment also provides the most consistent data for comparisons of dropout rates between districts and campuses with different mobility rates. For these reasons, cumulative enrollment replaced fall enrollment in the dropout rate calculation, beginning with the 1992-93 school year.

From 1992-93 through 2004-05, public school students who were ineligible for state Foundation School Program (FSP) funding, usually because they were being served fewer than two hours of instruction per day, were not included in the annual dropout count; thus, they were excluded from the denominator. With adoption of the NCES dropout definition in 2005-06, students not eligible for FSP funding who leave school without a valid reason are included in the dropout count. They are therefore included in the denominator. The addition of students who are not eligible for FSP funding and the adoption of cumulative, rather than fall, enrollment are the only changes that have been made to the dropout rate denominator.

Because rates for smaller groups can be less stable over time, comparisons of rates across racial/ethnic groups can be misleading when one group is small compared to other groups. The American Indian and Pacific Islander student populations are small in number, compared to other racial/ethnic populations. Therefore, discussions of annual results in this report, including comparisons across racial/ethnic groups, do not include these populations.

Table 2
Chronology of Texas Education Agency Dropout Definition and Data Processing Enhancements

| Dropout definition | Data processing |
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| <p>1987-88</p> <p>A dropout is defined in the Texas Education Code (TEC), Texas Administrative Code, and <i>Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS) Data Standards</i> as a student in Grades 7-12 who does not hold a high school diploma or the equivalent and is absent from school for 30 or more consecutive days. Students with an approved excuse or documented move are excluded from the dropout definition, as are students who return to school the following semester or year.</p> | <p>The Texas Education Agency (TEA) begins collecting individual student-level records for students who drop out of school.</p> |
| <p>1990-91</p> | <p>TEA begins collecting individual student-level enrollment records and graduate records. An automated search of enrollment records is instituted, and reported dropouts found to be enrolled in another Texas public school district the following year are removed from the dropout count.</p> |
| <p>1992-93</p> <p>Students previously counted as dropouts, back to 1990-91, are removed from the dropout count.</p> <p>Students expelled for committing certain types of criminal behavior on school property or at school-related events are removed from the dropout count during the term of expulsion.</p> | <p>TEA begins collecting individual student-level attendance records. An automated search of attendance records is instituted, and reported dropouts found to be in attendance in another Texas public school district later in the year are removed from the dropout count.</p> <p>An automated search of graduate records and General Educational Development (GED) certificate records is instituted, and reported dropouts found to have graduated or received a GED certificate are removed from the dropout count.</p> |
| <p>1994-95</p> <p>The definition of a dropout is removed from state law and State Board of Education rule.</p> <p>Students who meet all graduation requirements but fail the exit-level test are removed from the dropout count.</p> <p>Students who return to their home countries are excluded from the dropout count even if there is no evidence that they have reenrolled in school.</p> | |
| <p>1995-96</p> <p>Students who enroll in alternative programs that are not state approved but who are in compliance with compulsory attendance and are working toward completion of high school diplomas or GED certificates are removed from the dropout count.</p> | |
| <p>1997-98</p> | <p>TEA begins collecting individual student-level records for all school leavers—graduates, dropouts, and students who left school for other reasons. Additional audits of dropout rates calculated from these data are conducted at the state level.</p> |

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Chronology of Texas Education Agency Dropout Definition and Data Processing Enhancements

| Dropout definition | Data processing |
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| 1998-99 | |
| | The automated search of enrollment records is expanded to include students who return to school in the fall but leave before the PEIMS snapshot date or do not return until after the PEIMS snapshot date. |
| 1999-00 | |
| Sixteen-year-olds enrolled in Job Corps programs leading to high school equivalency certificates are removed from the dropout count. The circumstances under which expelled students are excluded from the dropout count are expanded in statute to cover students expelled for any reason. | Within a district, each dropout is assigned to a campus based on attendance or reported campus of accountability. |
| 2003-04 | |
| Students who fail to enroll in school after release from correctional facilities or residential treatment centers are not counted as dropouts for the districts in which the facilities are located if the serving districts are not the students' home districts. | Students served outside their districts are attributed to the sending districts. Dropout rates for districts serving Texas Youth Commission facilities do not include dropouts from the facilities unless the dropouts have been attributed to a regular campus in that district through campus of accountability procedures. |
| 2005-06 | |
| Texas adopts the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) dropout definition. Under the NCES definition, a dropout is a student who is enrolled in public school in Grades 7-12, does not return to public school the following fall, is not expelled, and does not: graduate, receive a high school equivalency certificate, continue high school outside the public school system, begin college, or die. | To track students more efficiently and reduce the number of records districts must submit, TEA begins using agency files to account for previous Texas public school graduates, students who receive GED certificates by August 31, and students who enroll in other Texas public school districts by the last Friday in September. Districts are no longer required to submit leaver records for students who are accounted for by TEA. |
| 2006-07 | |
| A student who fails to enroll in school after release from a residential treatment center is not counted as a dropout for the serving campus or district (i.e., the campus and district providing educational services to the center) if the serving district is not the student's home district. A student who fails to enroll in school after release from a Texas Juvenile Probation Commission (TJPC) or Texas Youth Commission (TYC) facility is not counted as a dropout for the serving district. | Students served outside their districts are no longer attributed to the sending districts. Specifically: (a) a dropout from a residential treatment facility whose home district is not the serving district is not included in the dropout rates for the serving campus and district; and (b) a dropout from a TJPC facility is not included in the dropout rate for any district. A dropout from a TJPC facility is included in the dropout rate for the serving campus if the serving campus is the TJPC facility. A dropout from a TJPC facility whose home district is not the serving district but who is attributed to a regular campus in the serving district is not included in the dropout rate for any campus. A dropout from a TYC facility is included in the dropout rate for the serving campus if the serving campus is the TYC facility. A dropout from a TYC facility is included in the dropout rate for the serving district if, through campus of accountability procedures, he or she has been attributed to a regular campus in the serving district; otherwise, the dropout is not included in the dropout rate for any district. |

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Chronology of Texas Education Agency Dropout Definition and Data Processing Enhancements

| Dropout definition | Data processing |
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| 2007-08 | <p>Since implementation of the national dropout definition in 2005-06, students have been required to return to school during the period of time between the first day of school and the last Friday in September (the "school-start window") so as not to be considered school leavers from the prior year. In response to the crisis declaration following Hurricane Ike, the 2008-09 school-start window for returning students is temporarily extended through Friday, October 24, 2008. The extension is implemented to accommodate both the closing of some districts and the enrollment of students displaced as a result of the hurricane into other public schools throughout the state. As with the original school-start window, districts are not required to submit leaver records for students found to have enrolled in another district during the temporarily extended school-start window.</p> |
| 2008-09 | <p>Students in the Optional Flexible School Day Program are accounted for in data processing.</p> <p>Determination of economic status changes. Before 2008-09, students were identified as economically disadvantaged if they were reported as such by any district in the fall. Beginning in 2008-09, students are identified as economically disadvantaged only if they are reported as such by the accountable district.</p> |
| 2009-10 | <p>TEA begins collecting data on student race and ethnicity in compliance with a new federal standard that requires separation of categories for ethnicity and categories for race. The data also are collected that year using the old standard. Rates calculated for 2009-10 reflect the new federal standard.</p> |
| 2010-11 | <p>In 2009, the Texas Legislature passed House Bill (HB) 3, requiring that TEA exclude six groups of students from campus and district dropout rate calculations used for state accountability purposes (TEC §39.053, 2010). Although state accountability ratings are not issued in 2012, annual dropout rates are calculated with and without exclusions for 2010-11. See the section "Definitions and Calculations for Accountability" on page 10 for more information on exclusions.</p> |
| 2011-12 | <p>A new state accountability system is implemented in 2013. As in 2010-11, annual dropout rates for 2011-12 are calculated with and without exclusions. Rates with exclusions are used for state accountability. See the section "Definitions and Calculations for Accountability" on page 10 for more information on exclusions.</p> |
| 2012-13 | <p>In 2013, the Texas Legislature passed HB 5 and Senate Bill 306, clarifying some exclusions and requiring additional students be excluded for state accountability purposes (TEC §§39.053(g-1)(2) and 39.055, 2013). See the section "Definitions and Calculations for Accountability" on page 10 for more information on exclusions.</p> |

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Chronology of Texas Education Agency Dropout Definition and Data Processing Enhancements

| Dropout definition | Data processing |
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| 2016-17 | |
| <p>The requirement that dropout rates align with the NCES definition is removed from statute. The 2016-17 annual dropout rates were calculated in accordance with the NCES definition to align with federal reporting criteria, which require submission of annual dropout rates calculated in compliance with this definition.</p> | <p>In 2017, the Texas Legislature passed HB 3075, clarifying an exclusion for state accountability purposes (TEC §39.053(g-1), 2018). See the section "Definitions and Calculations for Accountability" on page 10 for more information on exclusions.</p> <p>In response to the crisis declaration following Hurricane Harvey, the 2017-18 school-start window for returning students (or "continuers") was extended through Friday, October 27, 2017. The extension was implemented to accommodate both the closing of some districts and the enrollment into other public schools throughout the state of students displaced as a result of the hurricane.</p> <p>A new state accountability system is implemented in 2018.</p> |
| 2019-20 | |
| <p>In 2019, the Texas Legislature passed HB 3 and HB 330, which resulted in the implementation of two new leaver codes for dropouts: one for students who withdraw from public school due to pregnancy (TEC §48.009(d), 2019) and one for students who suffered a condition, injury, or illness that requires substantial medical care and leaves the student unable to attend school and assigned to a medical or residential treatment facility.</p> | <p>In 2019, the Texas Legislature passed HB 330, which modified TEC §39.053(g-1) (2019) to exclude from state accountability rates students assigned to a medical or residential treatment facility who are unable to attend school as a result of serious injury or illness.</p> <p>In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2019-20 school-start window for returning students (or "continuers") was extended through Friday, October 30, 2020.</p> |

Longitudinal Graduation and Dropout Rates

TEA has calculated Grade 9 four-year graduation and dropout rates for the classes of 1996 through 2020 (Table 3 on page 28). The rates are based on the final statuses of students who began Grade 9 in Texas public schools in a particular school year and were tracked into the fall after their expected graduation date. TEA has also calculated Grade 9 five-year extended rates for the classes of 2008 through 2019, and Grade 9 six-year extended rates for the classes of 2008 through 2018. The five- and six-year extended rates are based on the final statuses of students who began Grade 9 in a particular school year and were tracked into the fall one and two years, respectively, after their expected graduation date.

The method used to calculate the rates was developed so that the longitudinal graduation rate, continuation rate, Texas Certificate of High School Equivalency (TxCHSE) recipient rate, and dropout rate add to 100 percent. A student is considered to be a graduate, continuer, TxCHSE recipient, or dropout from the school he or she last attended.

The definition of a dropout in the longitudinal rate is based on the same definition of a dropout used in the annual dropout rate. The national dropout definition, which was adopted in 2005-06, was fully incorporated in the four-year graduation and dropout rates for the class of 2009.

The denominator of each longitudinal rate consists of students who entered Grade 9 in Texas public schools and who, by the fall after their expected graduation date (or, in the case of extended rates, the fall one or two years after their expected graduation date), either graduated, received a TxCHSE, continued in high school, or dropped out. Students who left for reasons other than graduating, receiving a TxCHSE, or dropping out are not included in the denominator. Most other leavers are students who leave to enroll in other educational settings, such as private schools in the state, public or private schools outside the state, colleges, or home schooling. Also considered other leavers are students who: return to their home countries; are expelled for offenses under Texas Education Code §37.007 (2019) from districts located in counties that do not have juvenile justice alternative education programs to which the students can be assigned; are removed by Child Protective Services; are withdrawn by districts when the districts discover that the students are not entitled to enrollment in the districts because the students are not residents of the districts; or die.

Through the class of 2009, longitudinal rates were calculated for districts and campuses if they served Grade 9 and Grade 11 or 12 in the first and fifth years of the cohort. To comply with federal accountability standards, a second criterion was added beginning with the class of 2010. For the class of 2010 and later classes:

- four-year rates were calculated for districts and campuses if they: (a) served Grade 9 as well as Grade 11 or 12 in the first and fifth years of the cohort or (b) served Grade 12 in the first and fifth years of the cohort;
- five-year extended rates were calculated for districts and campuses if they: (a) served Grade 9 as well as Grade 11 or 12 in the first and sixth years of the cohort or (b) served Grade 12 in the first and sixth years of the cohort; and

Table 3
Chronology of Texas Education Agency Longitudinal Graduation and Dropout Rate Definitions and Data Processing Enhancements

| Longitudinal rate definitions | Data processing |
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| 1992-93 through 1996-97 | |
| A Grade 7-12 estimated longitudinal dropout rate based on the Grade 7-12 annual dropout rate is calculated using aggregate numbers of dropouts and students. | |
| Classes of 1996 and 1997 | |
| Completion rates using student-level data are first calculated for Grade 9 cohorts based on the holding power approach to high school completion (Hartzell, McKay, & Frymier, 1992). Completers are defined as graduates, high school continuers, and General Educational Development (GED) certificate recipients. Separate longitudinal dropout rates using student-level data are calculated for Grade 7 cohorts. | Completion rates are based on fall snapshot data. Longitudinal dropout rates are based on cumulative attendance data. Student characteristics and program participation statuses are assigned based on a student's first appearance in the cohort. A student who moves from one school to another is considered to be a completer or dropout from the last school attended. |
| Class of 1998 | |
| Separate longitudinal dropout rates and completion rates are replaced with a four-year high school completion series. The series is made up of four complementary longitudinal rates: graduation, continuation in high school, GED certification, and dropout. The four rates add to 100 percent. | Longitudinal rates are based on cumulative attendance data. Student characteristics and program participation statuses are assigned based on a student's final record in the cohort. A student who finishes the cohort period as both a continuer and a GED certificate recipient is assigned a final status of GED certificate recipient. Rates are calculated for districts and campuses that served Grade 9 and Grade 11 or 12 in the first and fifth years of the cohort. |
| Class of 2003 | |
| The dropout definition is the state definition in the dropout year for each of the four years of the cohort. | |
| Class of 2004 | |
| | A student who earns a GED certificate is matched to the longitudinal cohort, regardless of the date the certificate is earned. Completion rates for districts serving Texas Youth Commission facilities do not include students from the facilities unless the students have been attributed to regular campuses in the districts through campus of accountability procedures. |
| Class of 2005 | |
| | A student who finishes the cohort period as both a continuer and a GED certificate recipient is assigned a final status of continuer. |
| Class of 2006 | |
| Districts begin submitting data in 2005-06 based on the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) dropout definition. For the class of 2006, the dropout definition is the state definition for students who left in the first three years of the cohort and the NCES definition for students who left in the fourth year. | A student who finishes the cohort period as both an other leaver and a GED certificate recipient is assigned a final status of other leaver. |
| Class of 2007 | |
| The dropout definition is the state definition for students who left in the first two years of the cohort and the NCES definition for students who left in the third and fourth years. | |

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Table 3 (continued)
Chronology of Texas Education Agency Longitudinal Graduation and Dropout Rate Definitions and Data Processing Enhancements

| Longitudinal rate definitions | Data processing |
|---|---|
| Class of 2008 | |
| <p>The dropout definition is the state definition for students who left in the first year of the cohort and the NCES definition for students who left in the final three years.</p> | <p>Since implementation of the national dropout definition in 2005-06, students have been required to return to school during the period of time between the first day of school and the last Friday in September (the "school-start window") so as not to be considered school leavers from the prior year. In response to the crisis declaration following Hurricane Ike, the 2008-09 school-start window for returning students (or "continuers") is temporarily extended through Friday, October 24, 2008. The extension is implemented to accommodate both the closing of some districts and the enrollment of students displaced as a result of the hurricane into other public schools throughout the state.</p> |
| Class of 2009 | |
| <p>The dropout definition is the NCES definition for students who left in any of the four years of the cohort.</p> | <p>Students in the Optional Flexible School Day Program are accounted for in data processing.</p> <p>Determination of program participation and student characteristics changes. Before 2008-09, if the last district attended did not submit program participation or student characteristic data for a student, data from the previous year were used. Beginning in 2008-09, only program participation and student characteristic data submitted by the accountable district in the last year attended are used.</p> |
| Class of 2010 | |
| | <p>In 2009-10, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) begins collecting data on student race and ethnicity in compliance with a new federal standard that requires separation of categories for ethnicity and categories for race. The data also are collected that year using the old standard. Graduates, GED certificate recipients, and dropouts, all of whom have final statuses in 2009-10 or earlier, are reported using the old racial/ethnic categories. Because they have final statuses in 2010-11, all continuers, with the exception of multiracial continuers, are reported using the new categories. Multiracial continuers are assigned the race/ethnicity reported for them in the most recent previous year.</p> <p>Completion rates for the class of 2010 are calculated for districts and campuses if they: (a) served Grade 9 and Grade 11 or 12 in the first and fifth years of the cohort or (b) served Grade 12 in the first and fifth years of the cohort.</p> |
| Class of 2011 | |
| | <p>Rates calculated for the class of 2011 reflect the new federal standard that requires separation of categories for ethnicity and categories for race.</p> <p>In 2009, the Texas Legislature passed House Bill 3, requiring that TEA exclude six groups of students from campus and district longitudinal rate calculations used for state accountability purposes (Texas Education Code [TEC] §39.053, 2010). Although state accountability ratings are not issued in 2012, completion rates are calculated with and without exclusions for the class of 2011. One group of students is excluded from campus and district longitudinal rate calculations used for federal accountability purposes. See the section "Definitions and Calculations for Accountability" on page 10 for more information on exclusions.</p> |

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Chronology of Texas Education Agency Longitudinal Graduation and Dropout Rate Definitions and Data Processing Enhancements

| Longitudinal rate definitions | Data processing |
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| Class of 2012 | A new state accountability system is implemented in 2013. A graduation or GED certification rate is calculated for use in state accountability. |
| Class of 2013 | A new diploma program rate, the percentage of students graduating under the Recommended High School Program (RHSP) or Advanced High School Program (AHSP), is calculated for the class of 2013 for use in state accountability. In 2013, the Texas Legislature passed Senate Bill (SB) 1538, requiring that a graduation, continuation, or GED certification rate replace the graduation or GED certification rate in state accountability (TEC §39.0545, 2013). The legislature also passed HB 5 and SB 306, clarifying some exclusions and requiring additional students be excluded for state accountability purposes (TEC §§39.053(g-1)(2) and 39.055, 2013). See the section "Definitions and Calculations for Accountability" on page 10 for more information on exclusions. |
| Class of 2015 | An additional diploma program rate, the percentage of students graduating under the RHSP or AHSP or Foundation High School Program with an endorsement (with or without a distinguished level of achievement), is calculated for the class of 2015 for use in state accountability. In 2015, the Texas Legislature passed SB 149, which revised the state's assessment graduation requirements for students enrolled in Grade 11 or 12 during the 2014-15, 2015-16, or 2016-17 school year. Under the new requirements, a student who failed an end-of-course assessment for no more than two of five required courses could still receive a Texas high school diploma if he or she was determined to be qualified to graduate by an individual graduation committee (IGC) (Title 19 of the Texas Administrative Code [TAC] §101.3022, 2021, amended to be effective September 6, 2015). |
| Class of 2016 | In 2015, the Texas Legislature passed SB 1867, requiring that TEA exclude an additional group of students from campus and district longitudinal rate calculations used for state accountability purposes (TEC §39.053(g-2), 2016). See the section "Definitions and Calculations for Accountability" on page 10 for more information on exclusions. |

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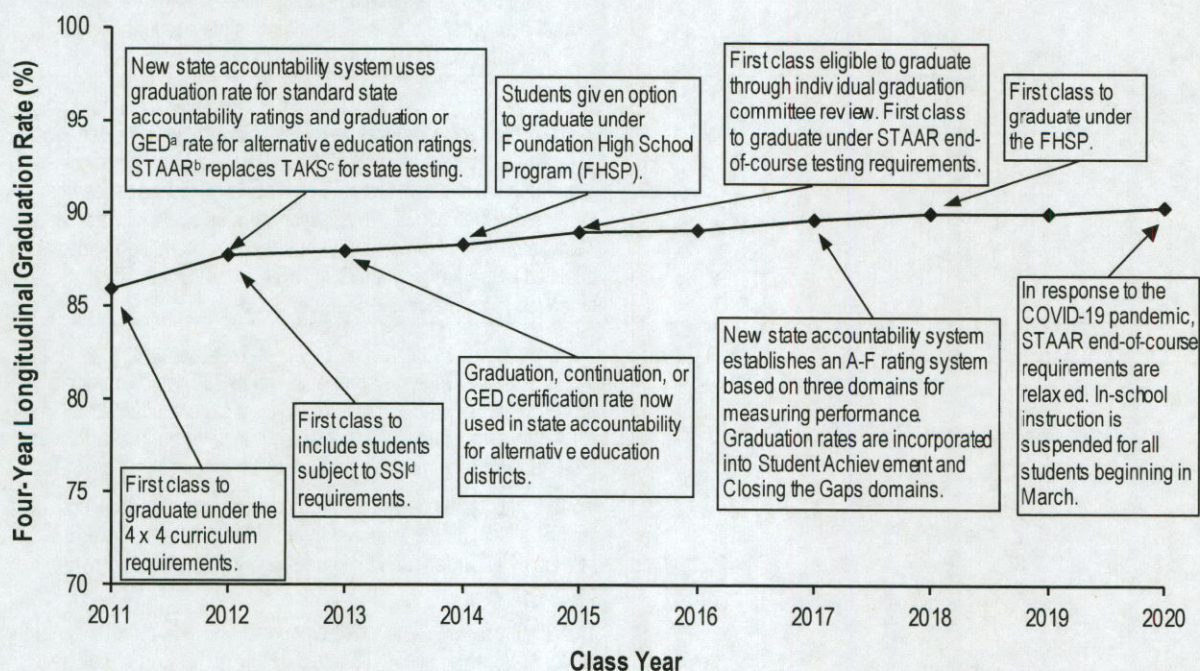
| Longitudinal rate definitions | Data processing |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Class of 2017 | <p>In 2017, the Texas Legislature passed HB 3075, clarifying an exclusion for state accountability purposes (TEC §39.053(g-1), 2018). See the section "Definitions and Calculations for Accountability" on page 10 for more information on exclusions.</p> <p>In response to the crisis declaration following Hurricane Harvey, the 2017-18 school-start window for returning students (or "continuers") was extended through Friday, October 27, 2017. The extension was implemented to accommodate both the closing of some districts and the enrollment into other public schools throughout the state of students displaced as a result of the hurricane.</p> <p>A new state accountability system is implemented in 2018. In addition to four-, five-, and six-year longitudinal graduation rates calculated with exclusions for state accountability purposes, the new system also uses the four-year graduation rate calculated for federal accountability purposes (without state accountability exclusions).</p> |
| Class of 2018 | <p>In 2017, the Texas Legislature passed SB 463, which extended IGC requirements through the 2018-19 school year. Under these requirements, a student who failed an end-of-course assessment for no more than two of five required courses could still receive a Texas high school diploma if he or she was determined to be qualified to graduate by an IGC (19 TAC §101.3022, 2021, amended to be effective December 5, 2017).</p> |
| Class of 2020 | <p>In 2019, the Texas Legislature passed HB 330, which modified TEC §39.053(g-1) (2019) to exclude from state accountability rates students assigned to a medical or residential treatment facility who are unable to attend school as a result of serious injury or illness.</p> <p>In 2019, the Texas Legislature also passed HB 165, allowing special education students with modified curricula, who were previously excluded from diploma program calculations, to earn endorsements.</p> <p>In 2019, the Texas Legislature extended IGC requirements through the 2022-23 school year (TEC §28.0258, 2019). End-of-course requirements were relaxed for 2019-20 graduates during the COVID-19 pandemic. See the section "Chronology" on page 14 for more information.</p> <p>In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2019-20 school-start window for returning students (or "continuers") was extended through Friday, October 30, 2020.</p> |

- six-year extended rates were calculated for districts and campuses if they: (a) served Grade 9 as well as Grade 11 or 12 in the first and seventh years of the cohort or (b) served Grade 12 in the first and seventh years of the cohort.

Because rates for smaller groups can be less stable over time, comparisons of rates across racial/ethnic groups can be misleading when one group is small compared to other groups. The American Indian and Pacific Islander student populations are small in number, compared to other racial/ethnic populations. Therefore, discussions of longitudinal results in this report, including comparisons across racial/ethnic groups, do not include these populations.

Figure 1 highlights the four-year longitudinal graduation rates for the classes of 2011 through 2020 and the significant education policies implemented over this time period. The boxes in Figure 1 describe policies that went into effect that may have influenced graduation rates. It is important to note that many factors, not only those presented here, influence graduation rates over time, and the figure should be interpreted with this in mind.

Figure 1
Grade 9 Four-Year Longitudinal Graduation Rates and Policy Changes, Texas Public Schools, Classes of 2011 Through 2020



Note. The figure illustrates graduation rates and significant education policies implemented between 2011 and 2020. It is important to note that many factors, not only those presented here, influence graduation rates over time, and the figure should be interpreted with this in mind.

^aGeneral Educational Development certificate. ^bState of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness. ^cTexas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills.

^dStudent Success Initiative.

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Public Education Information Management System Data

Data Standards

Districts have submitted Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS) data to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) since the fall of 1987. The *Texas Education Data Standards* (TEDS) (e.g., TEA, 2021b), published annually by TEA, outlines requirements for submitting PEIMS data through the Texas Student Data System (TSDS). The TEDS provides descriptions of data elements and the values of codes used to report the data elements, subcategory specifications, submission timelines, and the responsibilities of districts, education service centers, and TEA with regard to the data submission process. The TSDS Unique ID system was introduced in 2012-13 to manage student identification information. It provides a mechanism for districts to assign a statewide unique identifier to each student enrolled in the Texas public school system. Starting in the 2012-13 school year, districts were required to assign Unique IDs to all students in their PEIMS submissions. Prior to implementation of the TSDS Unique ID system, the agency assigned unique identification numbers to students using the Person Identification Database (PID).

Leaver Data Documentation

From 1997-98 through 2004-05, districts were required to report the statuses of all students who attended Grades 7-12 during the previous school year. Beginning with students who attended in 2005-06, TEA has accounted for students who: (a) graduated in a previous school year; (b) moved from one public school district and enrolled in another; or (c) received a Texas Certificate of High School Equivalency (TxCHSE). Districts must report the statuses of all other Grade 7-12 students. The TEDS requires that districts have documentation to support the leaver reason code assigned to each school leaver. To assist districts in meeting the requirements, specific documentation standards for each code are included in the TEDS (Appendix A).

Data Submission

Districts submit PEIMS enrollment records for students who return and leaver records for students who do not return through the Web-based application TSDS. In addition, districts have been provided a number of Web-based tools to assist them in reducing data errors before and during data submission, including the ability to generate reports within TSDS to assist with data validation. Additionally, districts can use the TSDS Unique ID system, which has incorporated the functionality of the retired Person Enrollment Tracking (PET) application, to learn whether students who leave the district enroll in other public schools in the state. The Unique ID system maintains up-to-date enrollment information for students in early education through Grade 12 Texas public schools. Districts are required to submit student enrollment information on a weekly basis, starting the third week of the school year. Enrollment dates and withdrawal dates for each student served by a district are submitted. Districts can search the enrollment submissions to locate students or view enrollment histories. Districts can also use the Unique ID system to search for existing students, add new students, or update existing records in the Unique ID database, and they can access reports that

will notify them when students do not have a Unique ID and must be added to the Unique ID database. Preliminary cohort lists available through TEA Login (TEAL) allow districts to determine a student's expected graduation year, for accountability purposes, and the year he or she last attended Texas public schools. In addition, districts have technical documentation that describes the steps used by TEA to build the Grade 9 cohorts and compute longitudinal rates. This document is available through TEAL and on the agency's public website.

Creating the Roster of Students

The first step in the collection and processing of data used to calculate the graduation and dropout rates is the creation of a roster of all students who were in Grades 7-12 in Texas public schools the previous year. Each student has one entry on the roster for each district he or she attended. Every student on the roster must be accounted for through TEA or district records. TEA searches for students in enrollment and attendance records and in the graduate and TxCHSE databases. Based on the attendance and enrollment records of all districts, the records of Texas graduates for the last several years, and TxCHSE records, TEA identifies students for whom districts do not need to submit leaver records. School districts must account for all other students by submission of leaver reasons.

Accounting for Students by the Texas Education Agency

TxCHSE Recipients

Texas public school students have an opportunity to earn a TxCHSE through one of two TEA-approved assessments: the General Educational Development (GED) test and the High School Equivalency Test (HiSET). Prior to August 31, 2019, students could earn a TxCHSE through the Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC). High school equivalency assessment centers submit records to TEA of students who receive a TxCHSE. TEA searches the records each year to identify students who received a TxCHSE prior to August 31. School districts are not required to submit leaver records for students who receive a TxCHSE.

Previous Graduates

Some students graduate from Texas public schools, return to school to take additional courses, and then leave again. TEA accounts for these "previous graduates" by searching a cumulative database of Texas public school graduates. School districts are not required to submit leaver records for previous graduates.

Movers

Students who move from one Texas public school district and enroll in another also are accounted for by TEA. Attendance records submitted each June by all Texas public school districts and enrollment records submitted each fall enable TEA to verify reenrollment. Students found to have enrolled in another district during the course of a single school year are identified as "school-year movers." Students found to have enrolled in another district during the school-start window, that is, between the first day of school and the last Friday in September, are identified as "summertime movers." Districts are not required to submit leaver records for movers. For fall 2020, to allow students more time to return to school during the COVID-19 pandemic, the school-start window was extended to October 30, 2020.

Accounting for Students by Districts

Enrollment Reporting

Each fall, districts submit records for students enrolled in their districts, including new enrollees and students who attended the previous school year. A district is not required to submit leaver records for students who return to the district between the first day of school and the last Friday in September (i.e., the "school-start window"). A district is required to submit leaver records for students who do not return or who return after that date, unless they have been accounted for by TEA. For fall 2020, to allow students more time to return to school during the COVID-19 pandemic, the school-start window was extended to October 30, 2020.

Leaver Reporting Requirement

Districts begin submitting fall PEIMS data, including enrollment records and leaver records, as early as September, with final submission due in December and a resubmission opportunity in mid-January for districts with errors or omissions in their December submissions. During this time, TEA provides districts access to reports on the student roster so they can identify students for whom leaver records are not required. TEA updates the roster and generates reports as data are submitted. A district may not know whether a student has reenrolled in another district until the final data submission deadline in December. If the district is required to submit a leaver record and has not done so by the submission deadline, the district can submit the record during the resubmission process, which ends in mid-January.

A district is required to submit a leaver record for any student in Grades 7-12 the previous year, unless the student:

- received a TxCHSE by August 31;
- is a previous Texas public school graduate;
- is a school-year mover or summertime mover from the district; or
- returned to the district on time, or by the last Friday in September. For fall 2020, given the impact of COVID-19, the return deadline was extended to October 30, 2020.

Leaver Reason Codes

School districts can submit 1 of 19 leaver reason codes for each leaver (Table 4 on page 40). One code is for students who graduate from a Texas public school. Thirteen codes are for "other leavers"—students who: enroll in school outside Texas; enroll in a Texas private school; enter home schooling; enter college early to pursue degrees; enroll in university high school diploma programs authorized by the State Board of Education; graduate outside Texas before entering a Texas public school, enter a Texas public school, and leave again; earn a high school equivalency certificate outside Texas; are expelled for offenses under Texas Education Code (TEC) §37.007 (2019) from

districts located in counties that do not have juvenile justice alternative education programs to which the students can be assigned; are removed by Child Protective Services; graduate from other states under provisions of the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children; are withdrawn by districts when the districts discover that the students are not entitled to enrollment in the districts because the students are not residents of the districts; return to their home countries; or die. Five codes are for dropouts: students (female or male) who withdraw or leave because of pregnancy; students who have suffered a condition, injury, or illness that requires substantial medical care and leaves the student unable to attend school and assigned to a medical or residential treatment facility; students ordered by court to attend high school equivalency programs who have not earned a TxCHSE; students incarcerated in state jails or federal penitentiaries as adults or as persons certified to stand trial as adults; or students who leave for reasons other than those previously listed and cannot be accounted for by TEA processing.

Table 4
Leaver Reason Codes, Texas Public Schools, 2019-20

| Code | Leaver reason |
|--|--|
| Graduated or received an out-of-state high school equivalency certificate | |
| 01 | Graduated from a campus in this district or charter |
| 85 | Graduated outside Texas before entering a Texas public school, entered a Texas public school, and left again |
| 86 | Completed a high school equivalency certificate outside Texas |
| 90 | Graduated from another state under provisions of the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children |
| Moved to other educational setting | |
| 24 | Entered college and is working towards an Associate's or Bachelor's degree |
| 60 | Is home schooled |
| 66 | Removed by Child Protective Services (CPS), and the district has not been informed of the student's current status or enrollment |
| 81 | Enrolled in a private school in Texas |
| 82 | Enrolled in a public or private school outside Texas |
| 87 | Withdrew from/left school to enroll in the Texas Tech University ISD High School Diploma Program or the University of Texas at Austin High School Diploma Program |
| Withdrawn by district | |
| 78 | Expelled under the provisions of Texas Education Code (TEC) §37.007 and cannot return to school |
| 83 | Was attending and was withdrawn from school by the district when the district discovered that the student was not entitled to enrollment in the district because (a) the student was not a resident of the district, (b) was not entitled under other provisions of TEC §25.001 or as a transfer student, or (c) was not entitled to public school enrollment under TEC §38.001 or a corresponding rule of the Texas Department of State Health Services because the student was not immunized |
| Other reasons | |
| 03 | Died while enrolled in school or during the summer break after completing the prior school year |
| 08 ^a | Withdrew from/left school because of pregnancy (female or male) |
| 16 | Returned to family's home country |
| 20 ^b | Has suffered a condition, injury, or illness that requires substantial medical care and leaves the student unable to attend school and assigned to a medical or residential treatment facility |
| 88 ^b | Ordered by a court to attend a high school equivalency program and has not earned a TxCHSE ^c |
| 89 ^b | Incarcerated in a state jail or federal penitentiary as an adult or as a person certified to stand trial as an adult |
| 98 ^a | Other (reason unknown or not listed above) |

Source. Texas Education Agency (2021b).

^aSchool leavers with this leaver reason code are counted as dropouts for state and federal accountability or reporting purposes. ^bSchool leavers with this leaver reason code are counted as dropouts for federal accountability or reporting purposes; they are not counted as dropouts for state accountability purposes at the campus and district levels. ^cTexas Certificate of High School Equivalency.

Processing Leaver Records

Determining Student Statuses

After all leaver records are received from districts, they are matched to the student roster and loaded into agency databases. Because multiple records per student are possible, and because a record from one district may affect a student's status at another, the agency uses all the data available for a student to determine the student's status. The agency determines whether the student returned to, or is a leaver from, each district he or she attended. The agency also determines whether the student returned to, or is a leaver from, the Texas public school system as a whole. District leaver statuses are used to determine the numbers of graduates, dropouts, other leavers, and underreported students for each district. State leaver statuses are used to determine the numbers of graduates, dropouts, other leavers, and underreported students for the state as a whole.

State Leaver Status

Description. State leaver status indicates whether a student is considered to be a leaver from the Texas public school system. State leaver status is determined by enrollment and leaver records submitted by districts in the fall and TEA records identifying movers, graduates, and TxCHSE recipients. There are seven state leaver statuses: graduate, previous graduate, not a leaver, other leaver, TxCHSE recipient, dropout, and underreported. A student can have only one state leaver status, regardless of the number of districts attended. State leaver statuses are not always mutually exclusive, so a hierarchy exists to determine the status.

Graduate. A status of "graduate" indicates the student graduated from a Texas public school district. A district submits a leaver record for the student with the leaver reason code for graduate.

Previous graduate. A status of "previous graduate" indicates that: (a) the preceding status does not apply; and (b) the student graduated in a previous school year from a Texas public school. A leaver record is not required for the student.

Not a leaver. A status of "not a leaver" indicates that: (a) the preceding two statuses do not apply; and (b) the student returned to a Texas public school on time in the fall or (c) the student returned, but not on time, and the student is a migrant. A leaver record is not required for a student who returns on time. If the student is a late-return migrant, the last district the student attended is required to submit a leaver record for the student.

Other leaver. A status of "other leaver" indicates that: (a) the preceding three statuses do not apply; and (b) the student left Texas public schools for a reason other than graduating or dropping out. A district submits a leaver record for the student with a leaver reason code for other leaver.

TxCHSE recipient. A status of "TxCHSE recipient" indicates that: (a) the preceding four statuses do not apply; and (b) the student received a TxCHSE by August 31, 2020. A leaver record is not required for the student.

Dropout. A status of "dropout" indicates that: (a) the preceding five statuses do not apply; and (b) the student is a dropout. A district submits a leaver record for the student with a leaver reason code for dropout.

Underreported. A status of "underreported" indicates that the preceding six statuses do not apply. A leaver record is required for the student but is not received.

District Leaver Status

Description. District leaver status indicates whether a student is considered to be a leaver from the district. District leaver status is determined by enrollment and leaver records submitted by the district in the fall and TEA records identifying movers, graduates, and TxCHSE recipients. For a student who attended more than one district, the district leaver status may differ from one district to another and may differ from the state leaver status. The district leaver statuses are the same as the state leaver statuses, but their definitions differ slightly, and there is one additional status: mover. Mover is not a status at the state level because a student who moves from one Texas public school district and enrolls in another has not left the Texas public school system. District leaver statuses are not always mutually exclusive, so a hierarchy exists to determine the status.

Graduate. A status of "graduate" indicates the student graduated from the district. The district is required to submit a leaver record for the student with the leaver reason code for graduate, and the record is loaded into the graduation database.

Previous graduate. A status of "previous graduate" indicates that: (a) the preceding status does not apply; and (b) the student graduated in a previous school year from a Texas public school. A leaver record is not required for the student.

Not a leaver. A status of "not a leaver" indicates that: (a) the preceding two statuses do not apply; and (b) the student returned to the district on time in the fall or (c) the student returned, but not on time, and the student is a migrant. A leaver record is not required for a student who returns on time. If the student is a late-return migrant, the district is required to submit a leaver record for the student, but the leaver record is not loaded into the leaver database.

Mover. A status of "mover" indicates that: (a) the preceding three statuses do not apply; and (b) the student moved from the district and enrolled in another Texas public school district. A leaver record is not required for the student.

Other leaver. A status of "other leaver" indicates that: (a) the preceding four statuses do not apply; and (b) the student left the district for a reason other than graduating or dropping out. The district is required to submit a leaver record for the student with a leaver reason code for other leaver, and the record is loaded into the other leaver database.

TxCHSE recipient. A status of "TxCHSE recipient" indicates that: (a) the preceding five statuses do not apply; and (b) the student received a TxCHSE by August 31, 2020. A leaver record is not required for the student.

Dropout. A status of "dropout" indicates that: (a) the preceding six statuses do not apply; and (b) the student is a dropout. The district is required to submit a leaver record for the student with a leaver reason code for dropout, and the record is loaded into the dropout database.

Underreported. A status of "underreported" indicates that the preceding seven statuses do not apply. A leaver record is required for the student but is not received.

Reporting of Student and Program Information

Overview

In this report, graduation and dropout data are presented by race/ethnicity, gender, economically disadvantaged status, and other student characteristics (e.g., English learner) and by program participation (e.g., special education). Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS) data on demographics, student characteristics, and program participation were submitted by districts through the Texas Student Data System (TEA, 2020c). This section presents additional information about these student characteristic and program participation groupings.

Data Masking

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (Title 20 of the United States Code [U.S.C.] §1232(g), 2021; Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 99, 2021) prohibits improper disclosure of personally identifiable student information by any educational agency or institution that receives funding under any program administered by the U.S. Department of Education (ED). In 2016, ED guidance on reporting education data in compliance with FERPA changed, relaxing requirements for masking state-level data. Based on this guidance, data presented in this report are no longer masked, beginning with 2015-16 reporting.

Student Characteristics

At-risk. In this report, a student identified as at risk of dropping out of school is one who is under age 26 and who meets one or more of the following criteria:

- is in prekindergarten, kindergarten, or Grades 1, 2, or 3 and did not perform satisfactorily on a readiness test or assessment instrument administered during the current school year;
- is in Grades 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12 and did not maintain an average equivalent to 70 on a scale of 100 in two or more subjects in the foundation curriculum (language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies) during a semester in the preceding or current school year or is not maintaining such an average in two or more subjects in the foundation curriculum in the current semester;
- was not advanced from one grade level to the next for one or more school years;
- did not perform satisfactorily on an assessment instrument administered to the student under TEC Subchapter B, Chapter 39, and who has not in the previous or current school year subsequently performed on that instrument or another appropriate instrument at a level equal to at least 110 percent of the level of satisfactory performance on that instrument;
- is pregnant or is a parent;
- has been placed in an alternative education program in accordance with TEC §37.006 during the preceding or current school year;

- has been expelled in accordance with TEC §37.007 during the preceding or current school year;
- is currently on parole, probation, deferred prosecution, or other conditional release;
- was previously reported through PEIMS to have dropped out of school;
- is a student of limited English proficiency, as defined by TEC §29.052;
- is in the custody or care of the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services or has, during the current school year, been referred to the department by a school official, officer of the juvenile court, or law enforcement official;
- is homeless, as defined by 42 U.S.C. §11302, and its subsequent amendments; or
- resided in the preceding school year or resides in the current school year in a residential placement facility in the district, including a detention facility, substance abuse treatment facility, emergency shelter, psychiatric hospital, halfway house, cottage home operation, specialized child-care home, or generalized residential operation;
- has been incarcerated or has a parent or guardian who has been incarcerated, within the lifetime of the student, in a penal institution as defined by Texas Penal Code §1.07;
- or, regardless of the student's age, participated in an adult education program provided under a high school diploma and industry certification charter school program under TEC §29.259.

Dyslexia. Dyslexia is a disorder of constitutional origin manifested by a difficulty in learning to read, write, or spell, despite conventional instruction, adequate intelligence, and sociocultural opportunity. A student is identified as having dyslexia after being screened or tested at the end of his or her kindergarten year and in Grade 1 in accordance with a program approved by the State Board of Education (TEC §38.003).

Economically disadvantaged. A student identified as economically disadvantaged is one who is eligible for free or reduced-price meals under the National School Lunch and Child Nutrition Program.

English learner. A student is classified as an English learner (EL) when: (a) a language other than English is used as the primary language in the home, and (b) the student's English language proficiency is determined to be limited by a language proficiency assessment committee or as indicated by a test of English proficiency. Most students identified as ELs receive instruction through bilingual, English as a second language, or alternative language programs. With annual dropout rates, students were identified as ELs in the 2019-20 school year. With longitudinal graduation and dropout rates, students were identified as ELs: (a) at any time while attending Texas public schools; (b) at any time while attending Grades 9-12 in Texas public schools; and (c) in their last year in Texas public schools.

Foster care. A student classified as in foster care is under the conservatorship of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. For annual dropout rates, students were identified

as in foster care in the 2019-20 school year. For longitudinal graduation and dropout rates, students were identified as in foster care at any time while attending Grades 9-12 in Texas public schools and in their last year in Texas public schools.

Homeless. A student is classified as homeless when the student lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence as defined by title 42 U.S.C. §11434(a). This definition includes:

- children and youths who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters;
- children and youths who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings;
- children and youths who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; and
- migratory children (as such term is defined in U.S.C. Section 6399 of Title 20) who qualify as homeless because the children are living in circumstances described previously.

For annual dropout rates, students were identified as homeless in the 2019-20 school year. For longitudinal graduation and dropout rates, students were identified as homeless at any time while attending Grades 9-12 in Texas public schools. In 2017-18, the number of homeless students increased substantially, as many students identified as homeless were affected by hurricanes.

Immigrant. A student identified as an immigrant is one who: (a) is aged 3 through 21; (b) was not born in any state in the United States, Puerto Rico, or the District of Columbia; and (c) has not been attending school in the United States for more than three full academic years. U.S. citizenship is not a factor when identifying a student as an immigrant for the purpose of public school data collection.

Migrant. A student identified as a migrant is one who: (a) is aged 3 through 21; (b) is (or whose parent, spouse, or guardian is) a migratory agricultural worker; including a migratory dairy worker, or migratory fisher; and (c) in the preceding 36 months, in order to obtain, or accompany such parent, spouse, or guardian in order to obtain, temporary or seasonal employment in agriculture or fishing work: (1) has moved from one school district to another; or (2) resides in a school district of more than 15,000 square miles and migrates a distance of 20 miles or more to a temporary residence to engage in a fishing activity.

Military-Connected. For state reporting purposes, a student identified as military-connected is a dependent of a current or former member of the U.S. military service, the Texas National Guard, or a reserve force in the U.S. military. A student who was a dependent of a member of a military or reserve force in the U.S. military who was killed in the line of duty may also be identified as military-connected by the state.

For federal reporting purposes, a student identified as military-connected is a dependent of an active-duty member of the U.S. military service or a dependent of a current member of the Texas National Guard.

Overage. Based on compulsory school attendance laws in Texas, under which most students begin Grade 1 at the age of six, the age of a student in any specified grade is usually equal to that grade level plus five years. For example, most students in Grade 9 are 14 years of age ($9+5=14$). A student whose age on September 1 is higher than his or her grade level plus five years is classified as overage.

Race/ethnicity. In 2009-10, TEA began collecting data on race and ethnicity in compliance with a new federal standard (TEA, 2009). For that year only, as a transitional measure, the data also were collected using the old standard. The current standard requires that race and ethnicity be collected separately using a specific two-part question, presented in a specific order, and that both parts of the question be answered (TEA, 2020c).

Part 1. Ethnicity: Is the person Hispanic/Latino? Choose only one.

- Hispanic/Latino
- Not Hispanic/Latino

Part 2. Race: What is the person's race? Choose one or more, regardless of ethnicity.

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander
- White

The racial/ethnic categories are defined as follows. Hispanic/Latino includes students of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race. American Indian or Alaska Native includes students having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America), and who maintain a tribal affiliation or community attachment. Asian includes students having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent. Black or African American includes students having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa. Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander includes students having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands. White includes students having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.

The current standard resulted in several important changes: (a) the combined racial category Asian/Pacific Islander is now separated into two categories; (b) students once identified exclusively as "Hispanic/Latino" must now report their race; (c) students may report more than one race; and (d) the definition for one of the racial categories—American Indian or Alaska Native—differs from

that used in years past. Prior to 2009-10, American Indian or Alaska Native included students having origins in any of the original peoples of North America only.

Throughout the rest of this report, students classified in PEIMS as Hispanic/Latino are referred to as Hispanic; students classified as American Indian or Alaska Native are referred to as American Indian; students classified as Black or African American are referred to as African American; students classified as Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander are referred to as Pacific Islander; and students classified as having two or more races are referred to as multiracial.

For purposes of reporting Texas public school graduation and dropout data, TEA combines the answers to the two-part question to create seven mutually exclusive racial/ethnic categories. A student identified as Hispanic is included only in the count for Hispanic students. A student not identified as Hispanic is included in the count for only one of the following six racial categories: African American, American Indian, Asian, Pacific Islander, White, or multiracial. A student identified as having two or more races is included only in the count for multiracial students, not in the count for any single racial category. When reporting annual data by race/ethnicity for school years prior to 2009-10 and longitudinal data by race/ethnicity for the class of 2009 and earlier classes, TEA used the term Native American in place of the term American Indian. In this report, the term American Indian is used to present both current and historical data.

For this report, longitudinal rates for the class of 2010 and earlier classes were calculated based on the old racial/ethnic categories. Longitudinal rates for the class of 2011 and later classes were calculated based on the current racial/ethnic categories. For the classes of 2011 and 2012, racial/ethnic data for students who had final statuses in 2009-10 or later were collected using the current categories, whereas data for students who had final statuses in 2008-09 or earlier were collected using the old categories. Although most of the old racial/ethnic categories correspond to current individual categories, the category "Asian/Pacific Islander" does not. Thus, Asian/Pacific Islander students in the classes of 2011 and 2012 who had final statuses in 2008-09 or earlier, although included in state totals, are not included in the counts and rates for any individual racial/ethnic category.

Program Participation

Bilingual or English as a second language. Students identified as English learners (ELs), who do not speak English as their primary language and have a limited ability to read, speak, write, or understand English, may participate in bilingual or English as a second language (ESL) programs. There are four state-approved bilingual instructional program models. The program must be a full-time program that provides dual-language instruction through the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) in the content areas (mathematics, science, health, and social studies) in English and the primary language of EL students. In addition, the program must provide for a carefully structured and sequenced mastery of English cognitive academic language development, as defined by 19 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §89.1210(c). There are two state-approved ESL instructional program models. An ESL program provides intensive instruction in English through second language

acquisition methods in all content area TEKS (mathematics, science, health, and social studies) for EL students, as defined by 19 TAC §89.1210(d). A school district that is unable to provide a state-approved bilingual or ESL program because of an insufficient number of appropriately certified teachers must request from the commissioner of education an exception to the bilingual education program or a waiver for the ESL program and approval of an alternative language program (19 TAC §89.1207). Beginning with the 2019-20 school year, districts were required to submit data through the Texas Student Data System specifying whether students receiving bilingual or ESL services received them through state-approved programs or through alternative language programs.

Career and technical education. A student enrolled in a state-approved career and technical education (CTE) program as a participant in the district's career and technical coherent sequence of courses is identified as participating in a career and technical education program. In this report, students enrolled in CTE courses as electives are excluded from CTE rates. Beginning in 2020-21, districts no longer report CTE data to TEA. Instead, the agency will use course completion data reported during the summer to determine CTE participation. As a result, the latest CTE information is no longer available for continuing students in longitudinal graduation and dropout rate calculations. CTE program participation for these students is assigned based on the student's prior record of attendance in the continuing district, if available.

Gifted and talented. A student identified as gifted and talented is one who performs at or shows the potential for performing at a remarkably high level of accomplishment when compared to others of the same age, experience, or environment, and who: (a) exhibits high performance capability in an intellectual, creative, or artistic area; (b) possesses an unusual capacity for leadership; or (c) excels in a specific academic field.

Special education. A student enrolled in a special education program is one who is participating in a special education instructional and related services program or a general education program using special education support services, supplementary aids, or other special arrangements.

Section 504. A Section 504 student is one who is receiving assistance through an aid, accommodation, or service under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

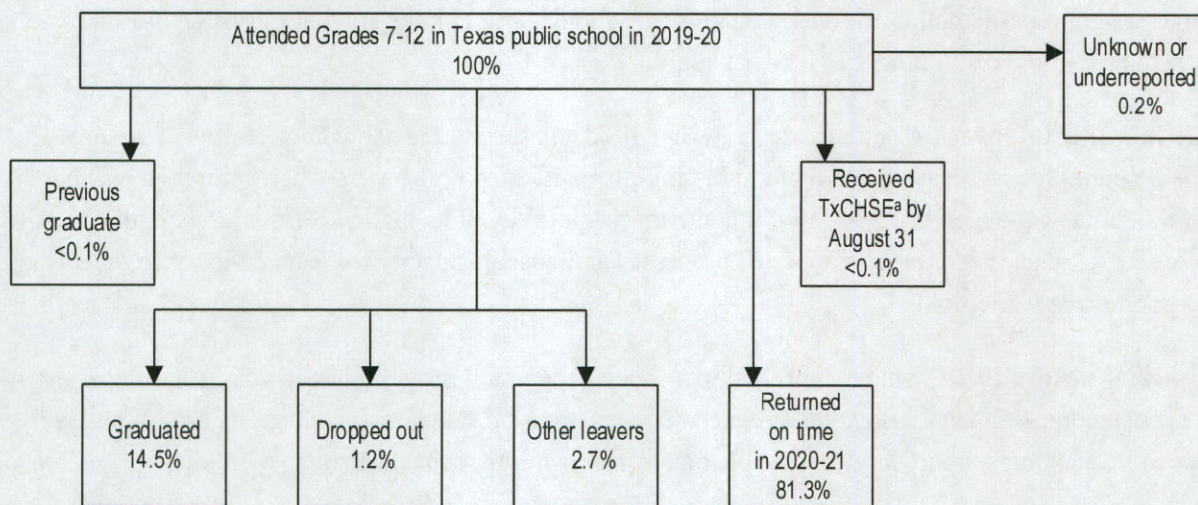
Title I. A Title I student is one participating in a program authorized under Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, which is designed to improve the academic achievement of disadvantaged students.

District Results for Leaver Processing

District Summary

Of the students in Grades 7-12 in the 2019-20 school year, 81.3 percent returned to Texas public schools the next fall on time, that is, by October 30, 2020 (Figure 2). For 2020-21, the on-time return to school date was extended from the last Friday in September to October 30, 2020, to allow students more time to return to school during the COVID-19 pandemic. Another 14.5 percent graduated, 1.2 percent dropped out, and 2.7 percent left the Texas public school system for other reasons. In addition, fewer than 0.1 percent had graduated in previous school years, and fewer than 0.1 percent received a TxCHSE by August 31, 2020. The remaining 0.2 percent could not be accounted for through TEA and district records.

Figure 2
Year-to-Year Reporting of Students in Grades 7-12, Texas Public Schools, 2019-20



Note. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding.

^aTexas Certificate of High School Equivalency.

Leaver Reasons Reported by Districts

The counts of graduates, dropouts, and other leavers summed across districts do not match total counts of graduates, dropouts, and other leavers summed at the state level. When two or more districts submit leaver records for the same student, TEA attempts to determine which district is accountable for the student. When the accountable district cannot be determined, all records are retained and included in processing. Each record submitted for a student is included in the district counts, whereas duplicate records are removed from state counts. Thus, the total counts of graduate, dropout, and other leaver records received by TEA do not match the total counts of graduate, dropout, and other leavers at the state level presented elsewhere in this report.

A majority (78.6%) of leaver records submitted by districts in fall 2020 were for students who graduated from Texas public schools (Table 5 on page 52). An additional 6.8 percent were for students who dropped out, and 14.6 percent were for students who left Texas public schools for reasons other than graduating or dropping out.

Among the 67,006 other leavers, or students who left Texas public schools for reasons other than graduating or dropping out, 40.5 percent left to enroll in school outside Texas. An additional 31.7 percent withdrew to begin home schooling, 16.1 percent withdrew to return to their home countries, and 9.1 percent withdrew to enroll in Texas private schools. The leaver records do not include students who received high school equivalency certificates in Texas or previous Texas public school graduates.

Table 5
District Leavers, Grades 7-12, by Leaver Reason, Texas Public Schools, 2019-20

| Code | Leaver reason | Other leavers (N) | Other leavers (%) | All leavers (N) | All leavers (%) |
|--|--|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Graduated or received an out-of-state high school equivalency certificate | | | | | |
| 01 | Graduated from a campus in this district or charter | n/a ^a | n/a | 360,220 | 78.6 |
| 85 | Graduated outside Texas before entering a Texas public school, entered a Texas public school, and left again | 27 | <0.1 | 27 | <0.1 |
| 86 | Completed a high school equivalency certificate outside Texas | 30 | <0.1 | 30 | <0.1 |
| 90 | Graduated from another state under provisions of the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children | 12 | <0.1 | 12 | <0.1 |
| Moved to other educational setting | | | | | |
| 24 | Entered college and is working towards an Associate's or Bachelor's degree | 278 | 0.4 | 278 | 0.1 |
| 60 | Is home schooled | 21,229 | 31.7 | 21,229 | 4.6 |
| 66 | Removed by Child Protective Services (CPS), and the district has not been informed of the student's current status or enrollment | 220 | 0.3 | 220 | <0.1 |
| 81 | Enrolled in a private school in Texas | 6,074 | 9.1 | 6,074 | 1.3 |
| 82 | Enrolled in a public or private school outside Texas | 27,114 | 40.5 | 27,114 | 5.9 |
| 87 | Withdrew from/left school to enroll in the Texas Tech University ISD High School Diploma Program or the University of Texas at Austin High School Diploma Program | 177 | 0.3 | 177 | <0.1 |
| Withdrawn by district | | | | | |
| 78 | Expelled under the provisions of Texas Education Code (TEC) §37.007 and cannot return to school | 129 | 0.2 | 129 | <0.1 |
| 83 | Was attending and was withdrawn from school by the district when the district discovered that the student was not entitled to enrollment in the district because (a) the student was not a resident of the district, (b) was not entitled under other provisions of TEC §25.001 or as a transfer student, or (c) was not entitled to public school enrollment under TEC §38.001 or a corresponding rule of the Texas Department of State Health Services because the student was not immunized | 241 | 0.4 | 241 | 0.1 |
| Other reasons | | | | | |
| 03 | Died while enrolled in school or during the summer break after completing the prior school year | 702 | 1.0 | 702 | 0.2 |
| 08 ^b | Withdrew/left school because of pregnancy (female or male) | n/a | n/a | 33 | <0.1 |
| 16 | Returned to family's home country | 10,773 | 16.1 | 10,773 | 2.4 |
| 20 ^c | Has suffered a condition, injury, or illness that requires substantial medical care and leaves the student unable to attend school and assigned to a medical or residential treatment facility | n/a | n/a | 32 | <0.1 |
| 88 ^c | Ordered by a court to attend a high school equivalency program and has not earned a TxCHSE ^d | n/a | n/a | 596 | 0.1 |
| 89 ^c | Incarcerated in a state jail or federal penitentiary as an adult or as a person certified to stand trial as an adult | n/a | n/a | 256 | 0.1 |
| 98 ^b | Other (reason unknown or not listed above) | n/a | n/a | 30,024 | 6.6 |
| All leaver categories | | | | | |
| All codes | All reasons | 67,006 | 100 | 458,167 | 100 |

Note. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding. The counts of graduates, dropouts, and other leavers reflect all records received from districts. Because duplicate records are removed from state counts, district-level counts do not match state-level counts presented elsewhere in this report.

^aNot applicable. Graduates (Code 01) and dropouts (Codes 08, 20, 88, 89, and 98) are not counted as other leavers. ^bSchool leavers with this leaver reason code are counted as dropouts for state and federal accountability or reporting purposes. ^cSchool leavers with this leaver reason code are counted as dropouts for federal accountability or reporting purposes; they are not counted as dropouts for state accountability purposes at the campus and district levels. ^dTexas Certificate of High School Equivalency.

Data Quality in Dropout Reporting

Underreported Students

Not all students from the previous year are accounted for through district records or TEA processing. For example, a district may fail to submit a record for a student. Or a district may submit a record, but an error in the student's identification information on the record prevents TEA from matching the record to a student. Students from the previous year who are not accounted for or for whom a record cannot be matched are considered underreported. The percentage of underreported students is calculated as the number of students who are unaccounted for divided by the total number of students served in Grades 7-12 the previous year.

Districts with high numbers or percentages of underreported students, high numbers or percentages of data errors, or anomalous use of certain leaver codes are subject to compliance reviews. For 2019-20 leavers, the standards were: more than 75 underreported students and a rate of underreporting of at least 0.7 percent; or more than 4 underreported students and a rate of underreporting greater than 1.3 percent.

An indeterminate fraction of underreported students are dropouts. Nevertheless, TEA counts and reports underreported students separately from dropouts. Counting underreported students as dropouts changes a dropout rate from a measure of dropouts to a measure of dropouts and data reporting problems combined. A combined measure is not a meaningful indicator of educational performance. An independent data quality measure has been very effective in monitoring and improving data quality.

Student Identification Errors

Data are reported to TEA through the Texas Student Data System (TSDS), and the agency uses the TSDS to store and manage identifying information on students. In the 2012-13 school year, TEA began implementing a Unique ID system through the TSDS that synchronizes with the Person Identification Database (PID). TEA uses the PID to process data used in calculating annual dropout and longitudinal graduation rates. The Unique ID system allows a student's records to be linked by matching several pieces of identifying information: the student's social security number or alternative identification number, last name, first name, middle name, date of birth, gender, and race/ethnicity. Unique ID provides enhanced matching logic for students who have closely matching information. It also allows authorized users to search for existing students, add new students, or update existing records in the Unique ID database. These features allow districts to correct errors before submitting data to TEA.

Prior to the 2016-17 school year, within the PID system, when a new student record matched an existing record on some, but not all matching criteria, a student identification error occurred. For example, an error occurred if the social security number on a new record matched the number on an existing record, but the last names on the two records did not match. A student identification error

would prevent TEA from being able to match all the records of a student and accurately track that student across years. In 2016-17, the Unique ID system was fully implemented, and student identification errors within the PID can no longer occur. However, student tracking errors can still occur whenever districts create an additional Unique ID for a student who already has a Unique ID assigned. The agency has developed a process for retiring Unique IDs to resolve cases in which students have multiple Unique IDs.

Monitoring, Interventions, and Investigations

Standards and consequences are assigned to data quality measures. Districts with high numbers or percentages of underreported students or anomalous use of other leaver codes may be subject to audit.

The validation of leaver data was integrated into a data validation component of the Performance-Based Monitoring (PBM) system in 2005-06. The new process was piloted that year using leaver data from 2002-03 and 2003-04. Each year since, districts with leaver data reporting anomalies have been identified using established criteria (Table 6). These districts are assigned compliance reviews by the TEA Data Reporting Compliance Unit. Emphasis is on a continuous improvement process in which districts undertake activities that promote improved data reporting and TEA monitors their progress.

Compliance reviews include requirements to conduct analyses on leaver data reporting. The focus of the analyses is on data collection and reporting systems in the district. As appropriate to the indicator, student-level data reviews are required. The district is required to work with stakeholders to conduct the analyses and address any identified issues. Many districts will be able to validate and document the accuracy of their data, but if substantial or imminent concerns are identified, or if appropriate progress is not made by the district in addressing leaver data reporting problems, a targeted investigation may be conducted.

In 2020-21, data validation monitoring using 2018-19 leaver data identified 193 districts and charter schools with data anomalies, and these districts and charter schools were required to submit compliance reviews and documentation in response.

Table 6
Criteria for Investigation of Leaver Data, 2018-19

| Indicator | Description |
|--|--|
| Use of one or more leaver codes | A potentially anomalous percentage of one or more leaver codes in 2018-19 (codes 03, 16, 24, 60, 66, 78, 81, 82, 83, 85, 86, 87, and 90). A minimum of 10 students with any non-graduate, non-dropout leaver reason code and a minimum of 5 leavers with any of the anomalous codes specified is required for evaluation on this indicator. |
| Use of leaver reason codes by districts with no dropouts | The number of 2018-19 dropouts reported is zero, and a potentially anomalous percentage of certain leaver reason codes (codes 16, 24, 60, 81, and 82) for 2018-19 leavers is used. A minimum of 10 students with any non-graduate, non-dropout leaver reason code and a minimum of 5 leavers with any of the anomalous codes specified is required for evaluation on this indicator. |
| Leaver data analysis | A decrease in Grade 7-12 annual dropout rate from 2016-17 to 2018-19 and from 2017-18 to 2018-19 given a district's: (a) change in total leavers (i.e., graduates, other leavers, and dropouts) in relation to total Grade 7-12 attendance; (b) change in the number and rate of graduates in relation to total leavers; (c) change in the number and rate of other leavers in relation to total leavers; (d) change in the number and rate of dropouts in relation to total leavers; and (e) change in the number and rate of underreported students. A minimum of 10 students and a minimum of 5 dropouts are required for evaluation on this indicator. |
| Above the threshold for number or percentage of underreported students | The underreported student count for 2018-19 exceeded 75, or the underreported student rate for 2018-19 exceeded 1.3 percent. A minimum of 5 underreported students and a rate of underreporting of at least 0.7 percent are required for evaluation on this indicator. |
| Use of certain leaver reason dropout codes | The number of 2018-19 dropouts with dropout codes 88 and 89 in relation to the number of 2018-19 dropouts with any leaver reason dropout code. A minimum of 10 dropouts and a minimum of 5 students reported with a code of 88 or 89 is required for evaluation on this indicator. |
| Continuing students' dropout rate | The class of 2018 Grade 9 cohort dropout rate for students who continued in school after the expected graduation date exceeds 25.0 percent. A minimum of 30 continuing students and a minimum of 5 dropouts are required for evaluation on this indicator. |
| Missing UID ^a Enrollment Tracking submission (First day of school through September 11, 2020) | This indicator identifies districts that did not complete at least one UID Enrollment Tracking submission between the first day of school and September 11, 2020. |
| Missing UID Enrollment Tracking submission (2019-20 reporting year) | This indicator identifies districts that did not complete at least one UID Enrollment Tracking submission during the period of August 1, 2019, through July 31, 2020. |

Source. Texas Education Agency (n.d.)

^aUnique Identification Database.

Results for Texas Public Schools

Annual Dropout Rates

Longitudinal Graduation
and Dropout Rates

Attrition Rates

Data Quality Measures

Annual Dropout Rates

Presentation and Interpretation of Results

Presentation of rates by race/ethnicity. Annual dropout rates are provided for seven racial/ethnic categories. See the section "Reporting of Student and Program Information" on page 44 for additional information.

Comparisons of rates by race/ethnicity. The American Indian and Pacific Islander student populations are small in number, compared to other racial/ethnic populations. Therefore, discussions of annual results, including comparisons across racial/ethnic groups, do not include these populations. See the section "Annual Dropout Rates" on page 22 for additional information.

Presentation of rates by program participation and student characteristic. Dropout rates are presented by participation in special programs (bilingual/English as a second language, career and technical education, gifted and talented, Section 504, special education, Title I) and student characteristics (at-risk, dyslexia, English learner, in foster care, homeless, immigrant, migrant, military-connected, overage). See the section "Reporting of Student and Program Information" on page 44 for additional information. A student may be reported with more than one special demographic characteristic or as participating in more than one special instructional program. Table B-1 in Appendix B provides the Public Education Information Management System data sources within the Texas Student Data System used in calculating annual dropout rates by instructional program and student characteristic.

Grade 7-8 Annual Rate

State summary. An array of complex, interrelated factors contribute to dropping out. Family and personal background, academic history, and characteristics of the school all may influence the decision of a student to drop out of school. For the 2019-20 school year, the statewide annual dropout rate for Grades 7-8 was 0.5 percent, a 20.0 percent increase from 2018-19 (Table 7). The Grade 7-8 dropout rate was lower than the 1.6 percent annual dropout rate for Grades 9-12 (Table 10 on page 63). Of the 4,295 students who dropped out of Grades 7-8, 58.2 percent (or 2,499) dropped out of Grade 8 (Table 18 on page 71). The formula for calculating the annual dropout rate is on page 2.

Rates by race/ethnicity, economic status, and gender. Across the five largest racial/ethnic groups in 2019-20, the Grade 7-8 dropout rate was highest for African American students (0.8%), followed by Hispanic (0.5%), multiracial (0.5%), White (0.3%), and Asian students (0.2%). The dropout rate for students identified as economically disadvantaged was 0.6 percent, whereas the rate for students not identified as economically disadvantaged was 0.3 percent. Male students had a higher dropout rate (0.6%) than female students (0.4%).

Table 7
Annual Dropout Rate, Grades 7-8, by Race/Ethnicity, Economic Status,
and Gender, Texas Public Schools, 2015-16 Through 2019-20

| School year | Students (N) | Students (%) | Dropouts (N) | Dropouts (%) | Annual dropout rate (%) |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| African American | | | | | |
| 2015-16 | 99,489 | 12.5 | 548 | 19.7 | 0.6 |
| 2016-17 | 100,840 | 12.5 | 573 | 20.8 | 0.6 |
| 2017-18 | 102,969 | 12.6 | 770 | 22.5 | 0.7 |
| 2018-19 | 105,257 | 12.7 | 745 | 20.8 | 0.7 |
| 2019-20 | 108,474 | 12.8 | 904 | 21.0 | 0.8 |
| American Indian | | | | | |
| 2015-16 | 2,964 | 0.4 | 16 | 0.6 | 0.5 |
| 2016-17 | 2,915 | 0.4 | 14 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| 2017-18 | 2,864 | 0.3 | 17 | 0.5 | 0.6 |
| 2018-19 | 2,990 | 0.4 | 26 | 0.7 | 0.9 |
| 2019-20 | 3,045 | 0.4 | 18 | 0.4 | 0.6 |
| Asian | | | | | |
| 2015-16 | 32,454 | 4.1 | 55 | 2.0 | 0.2 |
| 2016-17 | 34,450 | 4.3 | 53 | 1.9 | 0.2 |
| 2017-18 | 35,575 | 4.3 | 68 | 2.0 | 0.2 |
| 2018-19 | 36,423 | 4.4 | 67 | 1.9 | 0.2 |
| 2019-20 | 37,419 | 4.4 | 75 | 1.7 | 0.2 |
| Hispanic | | | | | |
| 2015-16 | 409,743 | 51.6 | 1,602 | 57.6 | 0.4 |
| 2016-17 | 418,691 | 51.9 | 1,601 | 58.1 | 0.4 |
| 2017-18 | 427,000 | 52.2 | 1,920 | 56.1 | 0.4 |
| 2018-19 | 434,821 | 52.4 | 2,028 | 56.7 | 0.5 |
| 2019-20 | 448,385 | 52.8 | 2,445 | 56.9 | 0.5 |
| Pacific Islander | | | | | |
| 2015-16 | 1,088 | 0.1 | 4 | 0.1 | 0.4 |
| 2016-17 | 1,133 | 0.1 | 8 | 0.3 | 0.7 |
| 2017-18 | 1,146 | 0.1 | 6 | 0.2 | 0.5 |
| 2018-19 | 1,263 | 0.2 | 10 | 0.3 | 0.8 |
| 2019-20 | 1,323 | 0.2 | 19 | 0.4 | 1.4 |
| White | | | | | |
| 2015-16 | 232,673 | 29.3 | 507 | 18.2 | 0.2 |
| 2016-17 | 231,469 | 28.7 | 447 | 16.2 | 0.2 |
| 2017-18 | 230,983 | 28.2 | 588 | 17.2 | 0.3 |
| 2018-19 | 229,561 | 27.7 | 623 | 17.4 | 0.3 |
| 2019-20 | 230,672 | 27.1 | 741 | 17.3 | 0.3 |

Note. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding. Results for school years prior to 2015-16 are found in Appendix C.

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Table 7 (continued)
Annual Dropout Rate, Grades 7-8, by Race/Ethnicity, Economic Status,
and Gender, Texas Public Schools, 2015-16 Through 2019-20

| School year | Students (N) | Students (%) | Dropouts (N) | Dropouts (%) | Annual dropout rate (%) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| Multiracial | | | | | |
| 2015-16 | 15,319 | 1.9 | 51 | 1.8 | 0.3 |
| 2016-17 | 16,670 | 2.1 | 58 | 2.1 | 0.3 |
| 2017-18 | 17,830 | 2.2 | 55 | 1.6 | 0.3 |
| 2018-19 | 18,981 | 2.3 | 80 | 2.2 | 0.4 |
| 2019-20 | 20,655 | 2.4 | 93 | 2.2 | 0.5 |
| Economically disadvantaged | | | | | |
| 2015-16 | 469,422 | 59.1 | 2,033 | 73.1 | 0.4 |
| 2016-17 | 476,751 | 59.1 | 1,988 | 72.2 | 0.4 |
| 2017-18 | 496,799 | 60.7 | 2,582 | 75.4 | 0.5 |
| 2018-19 | 502,548 | 60.6 | 2,695 | 75.3 | 0.5 |
| 2019-20 | 512,483 | 60.3 | 3,193 | 74.3 | 0.6 |
| Not economically disadvantaged | | | | | |
| 2015-16 | 324,308 | 40.9 | 750 | 26.9 | 0.2 |
| 2016-17 | 329,417 | 40.9 | 766 | 27.8 | 0.2 |
| 2017-18 | 321,568 | 39.3 | 842 | 24.6 | 0.3 |
| 2018-19 | 326,748 | 39.4 | 884 | 24.7 | 0.3 |
| 2019-20 | 337,490 | 39.7 | 1,102 | 25.7 | 0.3 |
| Female | | | | | |
| 2015-16 | 386,352 | 48.7 | 1,280 | 46.0 | 0.3 |
| 2016-17 | 393,199 | 48.8 | 1,286 | 46.7 | 0.3 |
| 2017-18 | 398,360 | 48.7 | 1,563 | 45.6 | 0.4 |
| 2018-19 | 403,470 | 48.7 | 1,675 | 46.8 | 0.4 |
| 2019-20 | 413,934 | 48.7 | 1,827 | 42.5 | 0.4 |
| Male | | | | | |
| 2015-16 | 407,378 | 51.3 | 1,503 | 54.0 | 0.4 |
| 2016-17 | 412,969 | 51.2 | 1,468 | 53.3 | 0.4 |
| 2017-18 | 420,007 | 51.3 | 1,861 | 54.4 | 0.4 |
| 2018-19 | 425,826 | 51.3 | 1,904 | 53.2 | 0.4 |
| 2019-20 | 436,039 | 51.3 | 2,468 | 57.5 | 0.6 |
| State | | | | | |
| 2015-16 | 793,730 | 100 | 2,783 | 100 | 0.4 |
| 2016-17 | 806,168 | 100 | 2,754 | 100 | 0.3 |
| 2017-18 | 818,367 | 100 | 3,424 | 100 | 0.4 |
| 2018-19 | 829,296 | 100 | 3,579 | 100 | 0.4 |
| 2019-20 | 849,973 | 100 | 4,295 | 100 | 0.5 |

Note. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding. Results for school years prior to 2015-16 are found in Appendix C.

Rates by program participation and student characteristic. In 2019-20, the annual dropout rate for Grade 7-8 students participating in special education programs (0.7%) was 0.2 percentage points higher than the state average (Table 8). Students identified as English learners made up 28.6 percent of all Grade 7-8 dropouts and also had a higher dropout rate (0.8%) than the state average (Table 9). Among Grade 7-8 dropouts, 42.1 percent were overage. Overage students had a dropout rate of 1.3 percent in 2019-20.

Table 8
Annual Dropout Rate, Grades 7-8, by Program Participation, Texas
Public Schools, 2019-20

| Group | Students (N) | Students (%) | Dropouts (N) | Dropouts (%) | Annual dropout rate (%) |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| Bilingual or ESL ^a | 141,001 | 16.6 | 1,155 | 26.9 | 0.8 |
| Gifted and talented | 91,419 | 10.8 | 151 | 3.5 | 0.2 |
| Section 504 | 86,758 | 10.2 | 278 | 6.5 | 0.3 |
| Special education | 93,757 | 11.0 | 641 | 14.9 | 0.7 |
| Title I | 533,826 | 62.8 | 3,395 | 79.0 | 0.6 |
| State | 849,973 | 100 | 4,295 | 100 | 0.5 |

Note. Students may be counted in more than one category.

^aEnglish as a second language.

Table 9
Annual Dropout Rate, Grades 7-8, by Student Characteristic, Texas
Public Schools, 2019-20

| Group | Students (N) | Students (%) | Dropouts (N) | Dropouts (%) | Annual dropout rate (%) |
|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| At-risk | 414,178 | 48.7 | 2,416 | 56.3 | 0.6 |
| Dyslexia | 44,565 | 5.2 | 128 | 3.0 | 0.3 |
| English learner | 150,884 | 17.8 | 1,227 | 28.6 | 0.8 |
| Foster care | 2,421 | 0.3 | 31 | 0.7 | 1.3 |
| Homeless | 13,549 | 1.6 | 315 | 7.3 | 2.3 |
| Immigrant | 14,445 | 1.7 | 356 | 8.3 | 2.5 |
| Migrant | 3,229 | 0.4 | 32 | 0.7 | 1.0 |
| Military-connected | | | | | |
| Federal definition | 11,464 | 1.3 | 53 | 1.2 | 0.5 |
| State definition | 15,683 | 1.8 | 62 | 1.4 | 0.4 |
| Overage | 134,695 | 15.8 | 1,810 | 42.1 | 1.3 |
| State | 849,973 | 100 | 4,295 | 100 | 0.5 |

Note. Students may be counted in more than one category.

Grade 9-12 Annual Rate

State summary. For the 2019-20 school year, the statewide annual dropout rate for Grades 9-12 was 1.6 percent, a decrease of 0.3 percentage points from the previous school year (1.9%) (Table 10). The Grade 9-12 dropout rate was higher than the Grade 7-8 rate of 0.5 percent (Table 7 on page 59) and the Grade 7-12 rate of 1.2 percent (Table 13 on page 66). There were 26,626 students who dropped out of Grades 9-12 in the 2019-20 school year, a 13.8 percent decrease from 2018-19 (Table 10). The formula for calculating the annual dropout rate is on page 2.

Rates by race/ethnicity, economic status, and gender. Across the five largest racial/ethnic groups in 2019-20, the Grade 9-12 dropout rate was highest for African American students (2.5%), followed by Hispanic (1.9%), multiracial (1.5%), White (0.9%), and Asian (0.3%) students. The dropout rate for students identified as economically disadvantaged was 2.1 percent, whereas the dropout rate for students not identified as economically disadvantaged was 1.0 percent. Male students had a higher dropout rate (2.1%) than female students (1.2%).

Rates by program participation and student characteristic. For Grade 9-12 students participating in special education programs in 2019-20, the dropout rate was 2.2 percent, 0.6 percentage points higher than the state average of 1.6 percent (Table 11 on page 65). Students identified as English learners had a dropout rate of 3.3 percent, more than double the state average (Table 12 on page 65). The majority of Grade 9-12 dropouts (78.1%) were overage. Overage students had a dropout rate of 6.0 percent in 2019-20.

Grade 7-12 Annual Rate

State summary. Out of 2,481,749 students who attended Grades 7-12 in Texas public schools during the 2019-20 school year, 1.2 percent were reported to have dropped out, a decrease of 0.2 percentage points from the previous school year (Table 13 on page 66). The number of dropouts in Grades 7-12 decreased from 34,477 in 2018-19 to 30,921 in the 2019-20 school year. The formula for calculating the annual dropout rate is on page 2.

Rates by race/ethnicity, economic status, and gender. Across the five largest racial/ethnic groups in 2019-20, the Grade 7-12 dropout rate was highest for African American students (1.9%), followed by Hispanic (1.5%), multiracial (1.1%), White (0.7%), and Asian (0.3%) students. The dropout rate for students identified as economically disadvantaged was 1.6 percent, whereas the dropout rate for students not identified as economically disadvantaged was 0.8 percent. Male students had a higher dropout rate (1.5%) than female students (0.9%).

Some racial/ethnic groups make up larger percentages of the dropout population than of the student population. In 2019-20, for example, Hispanic students made up 52.4 percent of students in Grades 7-12, but 61.4 percent of dropouts, a difference of 9.0 percentage points (Table 13 on page 66). African American students made up 12.7 percent of students in Grades 7-12 in 2019-20, but 19.5 percent of dropouts, a difference of 6.8 percentage points.

Table 10
Annual Dropout Rate, Grades 9-12, by Race/Ethnicity, Economic Status,
and Gender, Texas Public Schools, 2015-16 Through 2019-20

| School year | Students (N) | Students (%) | Dropouts (N) | Dropouts (%) | Annual dropout rate (%) |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| African American | | | | | |
| 2015-16 | 198,005 | 12.9 | 5,842 | 19.0 | 3.0 |
| 2016-17 | 200,410 | 12.8 | 5,707 | 18.8 | 2.8 |
| 2017-18 | 202,424 | 12.7 | 5,683 | 18.8 | 2.8 |
| 2018-19 | 203,871 | 12.7 | 6,193 | 20.0 | 3.0 |
| 2019-20 | 205,603 | 12.6 | 5,131 | 19.3 | 2.5 |
| American Indian | | | | | |
| 2015-16 | 6,070 | 0.4 | 164 | 0.5 | 2.7 |
| 2016-17 | 6,028 | 0.4 | 159 | 0.5 | 2.6 |
| 2017-18 | 5,985 | 0.4 | 173 | 0.6 | 2.9 |
| 2018-19 | 5,806 | 0.4 | 143 | 0.5 | 2.5 |
| 2019-20 | 5,655 | 0.3 | 130 | 0.5 | 2.3 |
| Asian | | | | | |
| 2015-16 | 61,220 | 4.0 | 390 | 1.3 | 0.6 |
| 2016-17 | 65,047 | 4.1 | 341 | 1.1 | 0.5 |
| 2017-18 | 68,898 | 4.3 | 352 | 1.2 | 0.5 |
| 2018-19 | 71,851 | 4.5 | 402 | 1.3 | 0.6 |
| 2019-20 | 74,488 | 4.6 | 240 | 0.9 | 0.3 |
| Hispanic | | | | | |
| 2015-16 | 774,571 | 50.4 | 18,741 | 61.1 | 2.4 |
| 2016-17 | 800,774 | 51.0 | 18,754 | 61.9 | 2.3 |
| 2017-18 | 816,820 | 51.3 | 18,650 | 61.6 | 2.3 |
| 2018-19 | 834,704 | 51.8 | 18,850 | 61.0 | 2.3 |
| 2019-20 | 851,268 | 52.2 | 16,538 | 62.1 | 1.9 |
| Pacific Islander | | | | | |
| 2015-16 | 2,285 | 0.1 | 60 | 0.2 | 2.6 |
| 2016-17 | 2,411 | 0.2 | 54 | 0.2 | 2.2 |
| 2017-18 | 2,475 | 0.2 | 67 | 0.2 | 2.7 |
| 2018-19 | 2,474 | 0.2 | 52 | 0.2 | 2.1 |
| 2019-20 | 2,516 | 0.2 | 37 | 0.1 | 1.5 |
| White | | | | | |
| 2015-16 | 467,359 | 30.4 | 5,076 | 16.5 | 1.1 |
| 2016-17 | 466,315 | 29.7 | 4,899 | 16.2 | 1.1 |
| 2017-18 | 464,643 | 29.2 | 4,844 | 16.0 | 1.0 |
| 2018-19 | 459,151 | 28.5 | 4,700 | 15.2 | 1.0 |
| 2019-20 | 456,653 | 28.0 | 4,033 | 15.1 | 0.9 |

Note. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding. Results for school years prior to 2015-16 are found in Appendix C.

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Table 10 (continued)
Annual Dropout Rate, Grades 9-12, by Race/Ethnicity, Economic Status,
and Gender, Texas Public Schools, 2015-16 Through 2019-20

| School year | Students (N) | Students (%) | Dropouts (N) | Dropouts (%) | Annual dropout rate (%) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| Multiracial | | | | | |
| 2015-16 | 27,706 | 1.8 | 410 | 1.3 | 1.5 |
| 2016-17 | 29,375 | 1.9 | 382 | 1.3 | 1.3 |
| 2017-18 | 31,240 | 2.0 | 504 | 1.7 | 1.6 |
| 2018-19 | 33,345 | 2.1 | 558 | 1.8 | 1.7 |
| 2019-20 | 35,593 | 2.2 | 517 | 1.9 | 1.5 |
| Economically disadvantaged | | | | | |
| 2015-16 | 828,322 | 53.9 | 20,512 | 66.9 | 2.5 |
| 2016-17 | 853,126 | 54.3 | 20,813 | 68.7 | 2.4 |
| 2017-18 | 892,672 | 56.1 | 21,615 | 71.4 | 2.4 |
| 2018-19 | 900,901 | 55.9 | 22,538 | 72.9 | 2.5 |
| 2019-20 | 907,848 | 55.6 | 19,118 | 71.8 | 2.1 |
| Not economically disadvantaged | | | | | |
| 2015-16 | 708,894 | 46.1 | 10,171 | 33.1 | 1.4 |
| 2016-17 | 717,234 | 45.7 | 9,483 | 31.3 | 1.3 |
| 2017-18 | 699,813 | 43.9 | 8,658 | 28.6 | 1.2 |
| 2018-19 | 710,301 | 44.1 | 8,360 | 27.1 | 1.2 |
| 2019-20 | 723,928 | 44.4 | 7,508 | 28.2 | 1.0 |
| Female | | | | | |
| 2015-16 | 749,847 | 48.8 | 12,546 | 40.9 | 1.7 |
| 2016-17 | 765,746 | 48.8 | 11,833 | 39.1 | 1.5 |
| 2017-18 | 776,882 | 48.8 | 12,023 | 39.7 | 1.5 |
| 2018-19 | 786,529 | 48.8 | 12,297 | 39.8 | 1.6 |
| 2019-20 | 796,323 | 48.8 | 9,466 | 35.6 | 1.2 |
| Male | | | | | |
| 2015-16 | 787,369 | 51.2 | 18,137 | 59.1 | 2.3 |
| 2016-17 | 804,614 | 51.2 | 18,463 | 60.9 | 2.3 |
| 2017-18 | 815,603 | 51.2 | 18,250 | 60.3 | 2.2 |
| 2018-19 | 824,673 | 51.2 | 18,601 | 60.2 | 2.3 |
| 2019-20 | 835,453 | 51.2 | 17,160 | 64.4 | 2.1 |
| State | | | | | |
| 2015-16 | 1,537,216 | 100 | 30,683 | 100 | 2.0 |
| 2016-17 | 1,570,360 | 100 | 30,296 | 100 | 1.9 |
| 2017-18 | 1,592,485 | 100 | 30,273 | 100 | 1.9 |
| 2018-19 | 1,611,202 | 100 | 30,898 | 100 | 1.9 |
| 2019-20 | 1,631,776 | 100 | 26,626 | 100 | 1.6 |

Note. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding. Results for school years prior to 2015-16 are found in Appendix C.

Table 11
Annual Dropout Rate, Grades 9-12, by Program Participation, Texas
Public Schools, 2019-20

| Group | Students (N) | Students (%) | Dropouts (N) | Dropouts (%) | Annual dropout rate (%) |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| Bilingual or ESL ^a | 186,659 | 11.4 | 6,111 | 23.0 | 3.3 |
| CTE ^b | 812,970 | 49.8 | 6,408 | 24.1 | 0.8 |
| Gifted and talented | 153,419 | 9.4 | 290 | 1.1 | 0.2 |
| Section 504 | 140,990 | 8.6 | 1,734 | 6.5 | 1.2 |
| Special education | 160,222 | 9.8 | 3,537 | 13.3 | 2.2 |
| Title I | 736,713 | 45.1 | 16,512 | 62.0 | 2.2 |
| State | 1,631,776 | 100 | 26,626 | 100 | 1.6 |

Note. Students may be counted in more than one category.

^aEnglish as a second language ^bCareer and technical education.

Table 12
Annual Dropout Rate, Grades 9-12, by Student Characteristic, Texas
Public Schools, 2019-20

| Group | Students (N) | Students (%) | Dropouts (N) | Dropouts (%) | Annual dropout rate (%) |
|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| At-risk | 740,042 | 45.4 | 15,880 | 59.6 | 2.1 |
| Dyslexia | 62,248 | 3.8 | 589 | 2.2 | 0.9 |
| English learner | 199,769 | 12.2 | 6,515 | 24.5 | 3.3 |
| Foster care | 4,350 | 0.3 | 250 | 0.9 | 5.7 |
| Homeless | 27,649 | 1.7 | 1,528 | 5.7 | 5.5 |
| Immigrant | 28,941 | 1.8 | 1,497 | 5.6 | 5.2 |
| Migrant | 7,169 | 0.4 | 165 | 0.6 | 2.3 |
| Military-connected | | | | | |
| Federal definition | 20,020 | 1.2 | 143 | 0.5 | 0.7 |
| State definition | 28,005 | 1.7 | 191 | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| Overage | 348,473 | 21.4 | 20,791 | 78.1 | 6.0 |
| State | 1,631,776 | 100 | 26,626 | 100 | 1.6 |

Note. Students may be counted in more than one category.

Table 13
Annual Dropout Rate, Grades 7-12, by Race/Ethnicity, Economic Status,
and Gender, Texas Public Schools, 2015-16 Through 2019-20

| School year | Students (N) | Students (%) | Dropouts (N) | Dropouts (%) | Annual dropout rate (%) |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| African American | | | | | |
| 2015-16 | 297,494 | 12.8 | 6,390 | 19.1 | 2.1 |
| 2016-17 | 301,250 | 12.7 | 6,280 | 19.0 | 2.1 |
| 2017-18 | 305,393 | 12.7 | 6,453 | 19.2 | 2.1 |
| 2018-19 | 309,128 | 12.7 | 6,938 | 20.1 | 2.2 |
| 2019-20 | 314,077 | 12.7 | 6,035 | 19.5 | 1.9 |
| American Indian | | | | | |
| 2015-16 | 9,034 | 0.4 | 180 | 0.5 | 2.0 |
| 2016-17 | 8,943 | 0.4 | 173 | 0.5 | 1.9 |
| 2017-18 | 8,849 | 0.4 | 190 | 0.6 | 2.1 |
| 2018-19 | 8,796 | 0.4 | 169 | 0.5 | 1.9 |
| 2019-20 | 8,700 | 0.4 | 148 | 0.5 | 1.7 |
| Asian | | | | | |
| 2015-16 | 93,674 | 4.0 | 445 | 1.3 | 0.5 |
| 2016-17 | 99,497 | 4.2 | 394 | 1.2 | 0.4 |
| 2017-18 | 104,473 | 4.3 | 420 | 1.2 | 0.4 |
| 2018-19 | 108,274 | 4.4 | 469 | 1.4 | 0.4 |
| 2019-20 | 111,907 | 4.5 | 315 | 1.0 | 0.3 |
| Hispanic | | | | | |
| 2015-16 | 1,184,314 | 50.8 | 20,343 | 60.8 | 1.7 |
| 2016-17 | 1,219,465 | 51.3 | 20,355 | 61.6 | 1.7 |
| 2017-18 | 1,243,820 | 51.6 | 20,570 | 61.0 | 1.7 |
| 2018-19 | 1,269,525 | 52.0 | 20,878 | 60.6 | 1.6 |
| 2019-20 | 1,299,653 | 52.4 | 18,983 | 61.4 | 1.5 |
| Pacific Islander | | | | | |
| 2015-16 | 3,373 | 0.1 | 64 | 0.2 | 1.9 |
| 2016-17 | 3,544 | 0.1 | 62 | 0.2 | 1.7 |
| 2017-18 | 3,621 | 0.2 | 73 | 0.2 | 2.0 |
| 2018-19 | 3,737 | 0.2 | 62 | 0.2 | 1.7 |
| 2019-20 | 3,839 | 0.2 | 56 | 0.2 | 1.5 |
| White | | | | | |
| 2015-16 | 700,032 | 30.0 | 5,583 | 16.7 | 0.8 |
| 2016-17 | 697,784 | 29.4 | 5,346 | 16.2 | 0.8 |
| 2017-18 | 695,626 | 28.9 | 5,432 | 16.1 | 0.8 |
| 2018-19 | 688,712 | 28.2 | 5,323 | 15.4 | 0.8 |
| 2019-20 | 687,325 | 27.7 | 4,774 | 15.4 | 0.7 |

Note. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding. Results for school years prior to 2015-16 are found in Appendix C.

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Table 13 (continued)
Annual Dropout Rate, Grades 7-12, by Race/Ethnicity, Economic Status,
and Gender, Texas Public Schools, 2015-16 Through 2019-20

| School year | Students (N) | Students (%) | Dropouts (N) | Dropouts (%) | Annual dropout rate (%) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| Multiracial | | | | | |
| 2015-16 | 43,025 | 1.8 | 461 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| 2016-17 | 46,045 | 1.9 | 440 | 1.3 | 1.0 |
| 2017-18 | 49,070 | 2.0 | 559 | 1.7 | 1.1 |
| 2018-19 | 52,326 | 2.1 | 638 | 1.9 | 1.2 |
| 2019-20 | 56,248 | 2.3 | 610 | 2.0 | 1.1 |
| Economically disadvantaged | | | | | |
| 2015-16 | 1,297,744 | 55.7 | 22,545 | 67.4 | 1.7 |
| 2016-17 | 1,329,877 | 56.0 | 22,801 | 69.0 | 1.7 |
| 2017-18 | 1,389,471 | 57.6 | 24,197 | 71.8 | 1.7 |
| 2018-19 | 1,403,449 | 57.5 | 25,233 | 73.2 | 1.8 |
| 2019-20 | 1,420,331 | 57.2 | 22,311 | 72.2 | 1.6 |
| Not economically disadvantaged | | | | | |
| 2015-16 | 1,033,202 | 44.3 | 10,921 | 32.6 | 1.1 |
| 2016-17 | 1,046,651 | 44.0 | 10,249 | 31.0 | 1.0 |
| 2017-18 | 1,021,381 | 42.4 | 9,500 | 28.2 | 0.9 |
| 2018-19 | 1,037,049 | 42.5 | 9,244 | 26.8 | 0.9 |
| 2019-20 | 1,061,418 | 42.8 | 8,610 | 27.8 | 0.8 |
| Female | | | | | |
| 2015-16 | 1,136,199 | 48.7 | 13,826 | 41.3 | 1.2 |
| 2016-17 | 1,158,945 | 48.8 | 13,119 | 39.7 | 1.1 |
| 2017-18 | 1,175,242 | 48.7 | 13,586 | 40.3 | 1.2 |
| 2018-19 | 1,189,999 | 48.8 | 13,972 | 40.5 | 1.2 |
| 2019-20 | 1,210,257 | 48.8 | 11,293 | 36.5 | 0.9 |
| Male | | | | | |
| 2015-16 | 1,194,747 | 51.3 | 19,640 | 58.7 | 1.6 |
| 2016-17 | 1,217,583 | 51.2 | 19,931 | 60.3 | 1.6 |
| 2017-18 | 1,235,610 | 51.3 | 20,111 | 59.7 | 1.6 |
| 2018-19 | 1,250,499 | 51.2 | 20,505 | 59.5 | 1.6 |
| 2019-20 | 1,271,492 | 51.2 | 19,628 | 63.5 | 1.5 |
| State | | | | | |
| 2015-16 | 2,330,946 | 100 | 33,466 | 100 | 1.4 |
| 2016-17 | 2,376,528 | 100 | 33,050 | 100 | 1.4 |
| 2017-18 | 2,410,852 | 100 | 33,697 | 100 | 1.4 |
| 2018-19 | 2,440,498 | 100 | 34,477 | 100 | 1.4 |
| 2019-20 | 2,481,749 | 100 | 30,921 | 100 | 1.2 |

Note. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding. Results for school years prior to 2015-16 are found in Appendix C.

Similar patterns were seen for students identified as economically disadvantaged and for males. Students identified as economically disadvantaged made up 57.2 percent of students in Grades 7-12 in 2019-20, but 72.2 percent of dropouts, a difference of 15.0 percentage points. Males made up 51.2 percent of students in Grades 7-12, but 63.5 percent of dropouts, a difference of 12.3 percentage points.

Rates by program participation and student characteristic. In Grades 7-12, students participating in special education programs had a dropout rate of 1.6 percent, and students identified as English learners had a dropout rate of 2.2 percent, both higher than the state average of 1.2 percent (Tables 14 and 15). Overage students had a dropout rate of 4.7 percent. Whereas overage students accounted for 19.5 percent of students in Grades 7-12, they accounted for 73.1 percent of dropouts.

Table 14
Annual Dropout Rate, Grades 7-12, by Program Participation, Texas
Public Schools, 2019-20

| Group | Students (N) | Students (%) | Dropouts (N) | Dropouts (%) | Annual dropout rate (%) |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| Bilingual or ESL ^a | 327,660 | 13.2 | 7,266 | 23.5 | 2.2 |
| CTE ^b | 812,970 | 32.8 | 6,408 | 20.7 | 0.8 |
| Gifted and talented | 244,838 | 9.9 | 441 | 1.4 | 0.2 |
| Section 504 | 227,748 | 9.2 | 2,012 | 6.5 | 0.9 |
| Special education | 253,979 | 10.2 | 4,178 | 13.5 | 1.6 |
| Title I | 1,270,539 | 51.2 | 19,907 | 64.4 | 1.6 |
| State | 2,481,749 | 100 | 30,921 | 100 | 1.2 |

Note. Students may be counted in more than one category.

^aEnglish as a second language. ^bCareer and technical education.

Table 15
Annual Dropout Rate, Grades 7-12, by Student Characteristic, Texas
Public Schools, 2019-20

| Group | Students (N) | Students (%) | Dropouts (N) | Dropouts (%) | Annual dropout rate (%) |
|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| At-risk | 1,154,220 | 46.5 | 18,296 | 59.2 | 1.6 |
| Dyslexia | 106,813 | 4.3 | 717 | 2.3 | 0.7 |
| English learner | 350,653 | 14.1 | 7,742 | 25.0 | 2.2 |
| Foster care | 6,771 | 0.3 | 281 | 0.9 | 4.2 |
| Homeless | 41,198 | 1.7 | 1,843 | 6.0 | 4.5 |
| Immigrant | 43,386 | 1.7 | 1,853 | 6.0 | 4.3 |
| Migrant | 10,398 | 0.4 | 197 | 0.6 | 1.9 |
| Military-connected | | | | | |
| Federal definition | 31,484 | 1.3 | 196 | 0.6 | 0.6 |
| State definition | 43,688 | 1.8 | 253 | 0.8 | 0.6 |
| Overage | 483,168 | 19.5 | 22,601 | 73.1 | 4.7 |
| State | 2,481,749 | 100 | 30,921 | 100 | 1.2 |

Note. Students may be counted in more than one category.

Annual Dropout Rates by Age

Students ages 16 through 25 accounted for larger percentages of the dropout population than of the student population (Table 16 on page 70). For example, 17-year-old students accounted for 26.0 percent of dropouts, but 15.0 percent of students in Grades 7-12. Eighteen-year-old students accounted for 13.1 percent of dropouts, but only 2.9 percent of students in Grades 7-12.

Annual Dropout Rates by Grade

In 2019-20, across Grades 7-12, Grade 9 had the highest dropout rate (2.1%) and the largest number of dropouts (9,390), accounting for 30.4 percent of all dropouts (Table 17 on page 70). Grade 7 had the lowest dropout rate (0.4%) and the smallest number of dropouts (1,796).

There were more male than female dropouts in each of Grades 7-12 (Table 17 on page 70). Across the five largest racial/ethnic groups in Grades 7-12, African American students in Grade 9 had the highest annual dropout rate (3.0%), followed by African American students in Grade 10 (2.7%) (Table 18 on page 71). Asian students in Grades 7 and 8 had the lowest annual dropout rates (0.2% each).

Table 16
Annual Dropout Rate, Grades 7-12, by Student Age, Texas Public Schools, 2019-20

| September 1 age | Students (N) | Students (%) | Dropouts (N) | Dropouts (%) | Annual dropout rate (%) |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| 11 | 6,093 | 0.2 | 36 | 0.1 | 0.6 |
| 12 | 365,463 | 14.7 | 1,094 | 3.5 | 0.3 |
| 13 | 414,327 | 16.7 | 1,943 | 6.3 | 0.5 |
| 14 | 415,585 | 16.7 | 2,405 | 7.8 | 0.6 |
| 15 | 413,345 | 16.7 | 3,906 | 12.6 | 0.9 |
| 16 | 403,032 | 16.2 | 6,801 | 22.0 | 1.7 |
| 17 | 372,009 | 15.0 | 8,042 | 26.0 | 2.2 |
| 18 | 72,482 | 2.9 | 4,042 | 13.1 | 5.6 |
| 19 | 11,382 | 0.5 | 1,332 | 4.3 | 11.7 |
| 20 | 4,003 | 0.2 | 473 | 1.5 | 11.8 |
| 21 | 2,082 | 0.1 | 221 | 0.7 | 10.6 |
| 22 | 384 | <0.1 | 112 | 0.4 | 29.2 |
| 23 | 259 | <0.1 | 74 | 0.2 | 28.6 |
| 24 | 218 | <0.1 | 59 | 0.2 | 27.1 |
| 25 | 134 | <0.1 | 43 | 0.1 | 32.1 |
| Other | 951 | <0.1 | 338 | 1.1 | 35.5 |
| State | 2,481,749 | 100 | 30,921 | 100 | 1.2 |

Note. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding.

Table 17
Annual Dropout Rate, by Grade and Gender, Texas Public Schools, 2019-20

| Grade | Students | Female dropouts (N) | Female dropout rate (%) | Male dropouts (N) | Male dropout rate (%) | Total dropouts (N) | Total dropout rate (%) |
|-------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| Grade 7 | 430,820 | 779 | 0.4 | 1,017 | 0.5 | 1,796 | 0.4 |
| Grade 8 | 419,153 | 1,048 | 0.5 | 1,451 | 0.7 | 2,499 | 0.6 |
| Grade 9 | 457,861 | 3,259 | 1.5 | 6,131 | 2.6 | 9,390 | 2.1 |
| Grade 10 | 414,951 | 2,649 | 1.3 | 4,729 | 2.2 | 7,378 | 1.8 |
| Grade 11 | 376,056 | 2,084 | 1.1 | 3,599 | 1.9 | 5,683 | 1.5 |
| Grade 12 | 382,908 | 1,474 | 0.8 | 2,701 | 1.4 | 4,175 | 1.1 |
| Grades 7-12 | 2,481,749 | 11,293 | 0.9 | 19,628 | 1.5 | 30,921 | 1.2 |

Table 18
Annual Dropout Rate, by Grade, Race/Ethnicity, Economic Status,
English Learner Status, and Special Education Program Participation,
Texas Public Schools, 2019-20

| Group | Students (N) | Students (%) | Dropouts (N) | Dropouts (%) | Annual dropout rate (%) |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| Grade 7 | | | | | |
| African American | 55,017 | 12.8 | 401 | 22.3 | 0.7 |
| American Indian | 1,552 | 0.4 | 7 | 0.4 | 0.5 |
| Asian | 18,879 | 4.4 | 29 | 1.6 | 0.2 |
| Hispanic | 227,597 | 52.8 | 986 | 54.9 | 0.4 |
| Pacific Islander | 678 | 0.2 | 6 | 0.3 | 0.9 |
| White | 116,401 | 27.0 | 329 | 18.3 | 0.3 |
| Multiracial | 10,696 | 2.5 | 38 | 2.1 | 0.4 |
| Econ. disad. ^a | 261,687 | 60.7 | 1,333 | 74.2 | 0.5 |
| Not econ. disad. | 169,133 | 39.3 | 463 | 25.8 | 0.3 |
| English learner | 80,903 | 18.8 | 483 | 26.9 | 0.6 |
| Special education | 48,506 | 11.3 | 275 | 15.3 | 0.6 |
| State | 430,820 | 100 | 1,796 | 100 | 0.4 |
| Grade 8 | | | | | |
| African American | 53,457 | 12.8 | 503 | 20.1 | 0.9 |
| American Indian | 1,493 | 0.4 | 11 | 0.4 | 0.7 |
| Asian | 18,540 | 4.4 | 46 | 1.8 | 0.2 |
| Hispanic | 220,788 | 52.7 | 1,459 | 58.4 | 0.7 |
| Pacific Islander | 645 | 0.2 | 13 | 0.5 | 2.0 |
| White | 114,271 | 27.3 | 412 | 16.5 | 0.4 |
| Multiracial | 9,959 | 2.4 | 55 | 2.2 | 0.6 |
| Econ. disad. | 250,796 | 59.8 | 1,860 | 74.4 | 0.7 |
| Not econ. disad. | 168,357 | 40.2 | 639 | 25.6 | 0.4 |
| English learner | 69,981 | 16.7 | 744 | 29.8 | 1.1 |
| Special education | 45,251 | 10.8 | 366 | 14.6 | 0.8 |
| State | 419,153 | 100 | 2,499 | 100 | 0.6 |
| Grade 9 | | | | | |
| African American | 59,045 | 12.9 | 1,767 | 18.8 | 3.0 |
| American Indian | 1,593 | 0.3 | 48 | 0.5 | 3.0 |
| Asian | 19,344 | 4.2 | 59 | 0.6 | 0.3 |
| Hispanic | 245,653 | 53.7 | 6,230 | 66.3 | 2.5 |
| Pacific Islander | 711 | 0.2 | 10 | 0.1 | 1.4 |

Note. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding.
^aEconomically disadvantaged.

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Table 18 (continued)
Annual Dropout Rate, by Grade, Race/Ethnicity, Economic Status,
English Learner Status, and Special Education Program Participation,
Texas Public Schools, 2019-20

| Group | Students (N) | Students (%) | Dropouts (N) | Dropouts (%) | Annual dropout rate (%) |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| White | 121,175 | 26.5 | 1,116 | 11.9 | 0.9 |
| Multiracial | 10,340 | 2.3 | 160 | 1.7 | 1.5 |
| Econ. disad. ^a | 273,346 | 59.7 | 7,002 | 74.6 | 2.6 |
| Not econ. disad. | 184,515 | 40.3 | 2,388 | 25.4 | 1.3 |
| English learner | 74,778 | 16.3 | 2,794 | 29.8 | 3.7 |
| Special education | 48,319 | 10.6 | 1,213 | 12.9 | 2.5 |
| State | 457,861 | 100 | 9,390 | 100 | 2.1 |
| Grade 10 | | | | | |
| African American | 52,228 | 12.6 | 1,433 | 19.4 | 2.7 |
| American Indian | 1,411 | 0.3 | 35 | 0.5 | 2.5 |
| Asian | 18,980 | 4.6 | 73 | 1.0 | 0.4 |
| Hispanic | 216,887 | 52.3 | 4,523 | 61.3 | 2.1 |
| Pacific Islander | 606 | 0.1 | 8 | 0.1 | 1.3 |
| White | 115,505 | 27.8 | 1,134 | 15.4 | 1.0 |
| Multiracial | 9,334 | 2.2 | 172 | 2.3 | 1.8 |
| Econ. disad. | 233,047 | 56.2 | 5,318 | 72.1 | 2.3 |
| Not econ. disad. | 181,904 | 43.8 | 2,060 | 27.9 | 1.1 |
| English learner | 53,366 | 12.9 | 1,753 | 23.8 | 3.3 |
| Special education | 40,302 | 9.7 | 1,046 | 14.2 | 2.6 |
| State | 414,951 | 100 | 7,378 | 100 | 1.8 |
| Grade 11 | | | | | |
| African American | 46,293 | 12.3 | 1,146 | 20.2 | 2.5 |
| American Indian | 1,327 | 0.4 | 33 | 0.6 | 2.5 |
| Asian | 18,447 | 4.9 | 57 | 1.0 | 0.3 |
| Hispanic | 191,809 | 51.0 | 3,246 | 57.1 | 1.7 |
| Pacific Islander | 591 | 0.2 | 12 | 0.2 | 2.0 |
| White | 109,468 | 29.1 | 1,089 | 19.2 | 1.0 |
| Multiracial | 8,121 | 2.2 | 100 | 1.8 | 1.2 |
| Econ. disad. | 199,639 | 53.1 | 3,916 | 68.9 | 2.0 |
| Not econ. disad. | 176,417 | 46.9 | 1,767 | 31.1 | 1.0 |

Note. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding.

^aNot economically disadvantaged.

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Table 18 (continued)
Annual Dropout Rate, by Grade, Race/Ethnicity, Economic Status,
English Learner Status, and Special Education Program Participation,
Texas Public Schools, 2019-20

| Group | Students (N) | Students (%) | Dropouts (N) | Dropouts (%) | Annual dropout rate (%) |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| English learner | 37,718 | 10.0 | 1,082 | 19.0 | 2.9 |
| Special education | 33,018 | 8.8 | 725 | 12.8 | 2.2 |
| State | 376,056 | 100 | 5,683 | 100 | 1.5 |
| Grade 12 | | | | | |
| African American | 48,037 | 12.5 | 785 | 18.8 | 1.6 |
| American Indian | 1,324 | 0.3 | 14 | 0.3 | 1.1 |
| Asian | 17,717 | 4.6 | 51 | 1.2 | 0.3 |
| Hispanic | 196,919 | 51.4 | 2,539 | 60.8 | 1.3 |
| Pacific Islander | 608 | 0.2 | 7 | 0.2 | 1.2 |
| White | 110,505 | 28.9 | 694 | 16.6 | 0.6 |
| Multiracial | 7,798 | 2.0 | 85 | 2.0 | 1.1 |
| Econ. disad. ^a | 201,816 | 52.7 | 2,882 | 69.0 | 1.4 |
| Not econ. disad. | 181,092 | 47.3 | 1,293 | 31.0 | 0.7 |
| English learner | 33,907 | 8.9 | 886 | 21.2 | 2.6 |
| Special education | 38,583 | 10.1 | 553 | 13.2 | 1.4 |
| State | 382,908 | 100 | 4,175 | 100 | 1.1 |

Note. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding.

^aNot economically disadvantaged.

The annual dropout rates for students identified as economically disadvantaged and for students identified as English learners (ELs) were highest in Grade 9 (2.6% and 3.7%, respectively). The annual dropout rate for students participating in special education programs was highest in Grade 10 (2.6%).

Within each of the five largest racial/ethnic groups in Grades 7-12, the dropout rate for males in each grade was the same as, or higher than, the rate for females, with the exception of multiracial females in Grade 7 (Table 19 on page 74). Across grades and racial/ethnic groups, the difference in dropout rates by gender was greatest among African American students in Grade 9, at 1.6 percentage points.

Table 19
Annual Dropout Rate, by Grade and Gender Within Racial/Ethnic Groups, Texas Public Schools, 2019-20

| Group | Female students (N) | Female students (%) | Male students (N) | Male students (%) | Female dropouts (N) | Female dropouts (%) | Male dropouts (N) | Male dropouts (%) | Annual female dropout rate (%) | Annual male dropout rate (%) |
|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Grade 7 | | | | | | | | | | |
| African American | 26,711 | 12.8 | 28,306 | 12.8 | 183 | 23.5 | 218 | 21.4 | 0.7 | 0.8 |
| American Indian | 746 | 0.4 | 806 | 0.4 | 1 | 0.1 | 6 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 0.7 |
| Asian | 9,274 | 4.4 | 9,605 | 4.3 | 14 | 1.8 | 15 | 1.5 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Hispanic | 110,832 | 52.9 | 116,765 | 52.8 | 415 | 53.3 | 571 | 56.1 | 0.4 | 0.5 |
| Pacific Islander | 368 | 0.2 | 310 | 0.1 | 1 | 0.1 | 5 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 1.6 |
| White | 56,295 | 26.9 | 60,106 | 27.2 | 145 | 18.6 | 184 | 18.1 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Multiracial | 5,248 | 2.5 | 5,448 | 2.5 | 20 | 2.6 | 18 | 1.8 | 0.4 | 0.3 |
| State | 209,474 | 100 | 221,346 | 100 | 779 | 100 | 1,017 | 100 | 0.4 | 0.5 |
| Grade 8 | | | | | | | | | | |
| African American | 26,185 | 12.8 | 27,272 | 12.7 | 210 | 20.0 | 293 | 20.2 | 0.8 | 1.1 |
| American Indian | 714 | 0.3 | 779 | 0.4 | 4 | 0.4 | 7 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.9 |
| Asian | 9,150 | 4.5 | 9,390 | 4.4 | 18 | 1.7 | 28 | 1.9 | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| Hispanic | 107,766 | 52.7 | 113,022 | 52.6 | 606 | 57.8 | 853 | 58.8 | 0.6 | 0.8 |
| Pacific Islander | 327 | 0.2 | 318 | 0.1 | 6 | 0.6 | 7 | 0.5 | 1.8 | 2.2 |
| White | 55,364 | 27.1 | 58,907 | 27.4 | 182 | 17.4 | 230 | 15.9 | 0.3 | 0.4 |
| Multiracial | 4,954 | 2.4 | 5,005 | 2.3 | 22 | 2.1 | 33 | 2.3 | 0.4 | 0.7 |
| State | 204,460 | 100 | 214,693 | 100 | 1,048 | 100 | 1,451 | 100 | 0.5 | 0.7 |
| Grade 9 | | | | | | | | | | |
| African American | 27,994 | 12.8 | 31,051 | 13.0 | 602 | 18.5 | 1,165 | 19.0 | 2.2 | 3.8 |
| American Indian | 779 | 0.4 | 814 | 0.3 | 9 | 0.3 | 39 | 0.6 | 1.2 | 4.8 |
| Asian | 9,405 | 4.3 | 9,939 | 4.2 | 22 | 0.7 | 37 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 0.4 |
| Hispanic | 116,957 | 53.5 | 128,696 | 53.8 | 2,121 | 65.1 | 4,109 | 67.0 | 1.8 | 3.2 |
| Pacific Islander | 372 | 0.2 | 339 | 0.1 | 3 | 0.1 | 7 | 0.1 | 0.8 | 2.1 |
| White | 58,004 | 26.5 | 63,171 | 26.4 | 428 | 13.1 | 688 | 11.2 | 0.7 | 1.1 |
| Multiracial | 5,093 | 2.3 | 5,247 | 2.2 | 74 | 2.3 | 86 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 1.6 |
| State | 218,604 | 100 | 239,257 | 100 | 3,259 | 100 | 6,131 | 100 | 1.5 | 2.6 |
| Grade 10 | | | | | | | | | | |
| African American | 25,475 | 12.6 | 26,753 | 12.6 | 534 | 20.2 | 899 | 19.0 | 2.1 | 3.4 |
| American Indian | 696 | 0.3 | 715 | 0.3 | 15 | 0.6 | 20 | 0.4 | 2.2 | 2.8 |
| Asian | 9,283 | 4.6 | 9,697 | 4.6 | 30 | 1.1 | 43 | 0.9 | 0.3 | 0.4 |
| Hispanic | 105,938 | 52.3 | 110,949 | 52.2 | 1,558 | 58.8 | 2,965 | 62.7 | 1.5 | 2.7 |
| Pacific Islander | 308 | 0.2 | 298 | 0.1 | 2 | 0.1 | 6 | 0.1 | 0.6 | 2.0 |

Note. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding.

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Table 19 (continued)

Annual Dropout Rate, by Grade and Gender Within Racial/Ethnic Groups, Texas Public Schools, 2019-20

| Group | Female students (N) | Female students (%) | Male students (N) | Male students (%) | Female dropouts (N) | Female dropouts (%) | Male dropouts (N) | Male dropouts (%) | Annual female dropout rate (%) | Annual male dropout rate (%) |
|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| White | 56,097 | 27.7 | 59,408 | 28.0 | 438 | 16.5 | 696 | 14.7 | 0.8 | 1.2 |
| Multiracial | 4,667 | 2.3 | 4,667 | 2.2 | 72 | 2.7 | 100 | 2.1 | 1.5 | 2.1 |
| State | 202,464 | 100 | 212,487 | 100 | 2,649 | 100 | 4,729 | 100 | 1.3 | 2.2 |
| Grade 11 | | | | | | | | | | |
| African American | 23,095 | 12.4 | 23,198 | 12.2 | 431 | 20.7 | 715 | 19.9 | 1.9 | 3.1 |
| American Indian | 655 | 0.4 | 672 | 0.4 | 17 | 0.8 | 16 | 0.4 | 2.6 | 2.4 |
| Asian | 9,086 | 4.9 | 9,361 | 4.9 | 20 | 1.0 | 37 | 1.0 | 0.2 | 0.4 |
| Hispanic | 95,175 | 51.2 | 96,634 | 50.8 | 1,155 | 55.4 | 2,091 | 58.1 | 1.2 | 2.2 |
| Pacific Islander | 296 | 0.2 | 295 | 0.2 | 7 | 0.3 | 5 | 0.1 | 2.4 | 1.7 |
| White | 53,456 | 28.8 | 56,012 | 29.5 | 412 | 19.8 | 677 | 18.8 | 0.8 | 1.2 |
| Multiracial | 4,157 | 2.2 | 3,964 | 2.1 | 42 | 2.0 | 58 | 1.6 | 1.0 | 1.5 |
| State | 185,920 | 100 | 190,136 | 100 | 2,084 | 100 | 3,599 | 100 | 1.1 | 1.9 |
| Grade 12 | | | | | | | | | | |
| African American | 23,833 | 12.6 | 24,204 | 12.5 | 292 | 19.8 | 493 | 18.3 | 1.2 | 2.0 |
| American Indian | 665 | 0.4 | 659 | 0.3 | 5 | 0.3 | 9 | 0.3 | 0.8 | 1.4 |
| Asian | 8,644 | 4.6 | 9,073 | 4.7 | 23 | 1.6 | 28 | 1.0 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Hispanic | 98,099 | 51.8 | 98,820 | 51.1 | 849 | 57.6 | 1,690 | 62.6 | 0.9 | 1.7 |
| Pacific Islander | 304 | 0.2 | 304 | 0.2 | 5 | 0.3 | 2 | 0.1 | 1.6 | 0.7 |
| White | 53,814 | 28.4 | 56,691 | 29.3 | 265 | 18.0 | 429 | 15.9 | 0.5 | 0.8 |
| Multiracial | 3,976 | 2.1 | 3,822 | 2.0 | 35 | 2.4 | 50 | 1.9 | 0.9 | 1.3 |
| State | 189,335 | 100 | 193,573 | 100 | 1,474 | 100 | 2,701 | 100 | 0.8 | 1.4 |

Note. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding.

Annual Dropout Rates for Students Identified as English Learners

Table 20 on page 76 presents annual dropout rates for current and former ELs in Grades 7-8 and 9-12 by special language program instructional model. To fully evaluate the quality of educational services provided to ELs, multiple factors must be examined. In addition to considering differences in instructional models, it is also important to consider the following: the policies that guide the placement of students in various instructional programs; the consistency with which districts follow guidelines for identifying ELs and determining when they should be reclassified as English proficient; the length of time required for students to become English proficient and academically successful in core content areas; and the rate of immigrant influx. Over time, it may be possible to use current and former EL performance data, along with other analyses, to evaluate the effectiveness of various instructional models in helping students attain long-term academic success in Texas public schools.

Table 20
Annual Dropout Rate, Grades 7-8 and Grades 9-12, Current and Former English Learners, by Special Language Program Instructional Model, Texas Public Schools, 2019-20

| Group | Students (N) | Students (%) | Dropouts (N) | Dropouts (%) | Annual dropout rate (%) |
|---|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| Grades 7-8 | | | | | |
| All current ELs ^a | 150,884 | 100 | 1,227 | 100 | 0.8 |
| All bilingual education programs | 2,265 | 1.5 | 8 | 0.7 | 0.4 |
| Transitional bilingual/early exit | 7 | <0.1 | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Transitional bilingual/late exit | 11 | <0.1 | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Dual immersion/two-way | 1,765 | 1.2 | 5 | 0.4 | 0.3 |
| Dual immersion/one-way | 482 | 0.3 | 3 | 0.2 | 0.6 |
| Bilingual alt. lang. ^b program | 690 | 0.5 | 1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| All ESL ^c programs | 117,997 | 78.2 | 872 | 71.1 | 0.7 |
| ESL/content-based | 14,501 | 9.6 | 220 | 17.9 | 1.5 |
| ESL/pull-out | 103,496 | 68.6 | 652 | 53.1 | 0.6 |
| ESL alt. lang. program | 15,826 | 10.5 | 69 | 5.6 | 0.4 |
| No services | 14,106 | 9.3 | 277 | 22.6 | 2.0 |
| All former ELs ^d | 48,813 | 100 | 67 | 100 | 0.1 |
| All bilingual education programs | 22,135 | 45.3 | 29 | 43.3 | 0.1 |
| Transitional bilingual/early exit | 9,987 | 20.5 | 13 | 19.4 | 0.1 |
| Transitional bilingual/late exit | 3,336 | 6.8 | 5 | 7.5 | 0.1 |
| Dual immersion/two-way | 2,555 | 5.2 | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Dual immersion/one-way | 6,257 | 12.8 | 11 | 16.4 | 0.2 |
| Bilingual alt. lang. program | n/a ^e | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| All ESL programs | 22,952 | 47.0 | 29 | 43.3 | 0.1 |
| ESL/content-based | 11,693 | 24.0 | 14 | 20.9 | 0.1 |
| ESL/pull-out | 11,259 | 23.1 | 15 | 22.4 | 0.1 |
| ESL alt. lang. program | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| No services | 3,726 | 7.6 | 9 | 13.4 | 0.2 |
| Grades 9-12 | | | | | |
| All current ELs | 199,769 | 100 | 6,515 | 100 | 3.3 |
| All bilingual education programs | 526 | 0.3 | 7 | 0.1 | 1.3 |
| Transitional bilingual/early exit | 4 | <0.1 | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Transitional bilingual/late exit | 1 | <0.1 | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

Note. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding. A dot (.) indicates there were no students in the group. Special language program instructional model information is reported by districts in the fall only, whereas general bilingual and English as a second language (ESL) participation information is reported in the fall and in the summer. Therefore, totals for bilingual/ESL students in this table will not sum to bilingual/ESL totals presented elsewhere in this report.

^aCurrent English learners (ELs) were identified as limited English proficient in 2019-20. The group, all current ELs, includes students for whom information about services received may be incomplete. ^bAlternative language. ^cEnglish as a second language. ^dFormer ELs are those in the first through fourth years of academic monitoring after exiting EL status. The group, all former ELs, includes students for whom information about services received may be incomplete. ^eNot available. Alternative language program information was first collected in the 2019-20 school year and is therefore not available for former ELs.

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Table 20 (continued)
Annual Dropout Rate, Grades 7-8 and Grades 9-12, Current and Former English Learners, by Special Language Program Instructional Model, Texas Public Schools, 2019-20

| Group | Students (N) | Students (%) | Dropouts (N) | Dropouts (%) | Annual dropout rate (%) |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| Dual immersion/two-way | 430 | 0.2 | 7 | 0.1 | 1.6 |
| Dual immersion/one-way | 91 | <0.1 | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Bilingual alt. lang. program | 407 | 0.2 | 1 | <0.1 | 0.2 |
| All ESL ^c programs | 154,501 | 77.3 | 4,193 | 64.4 | 2.7 |
| ESL/content-based | 20,371 | 10.2 | 1,225 | 18.8 | 6.0 |
| ESL/pull-out | 134,130 | 67.1 | 2,968 | 45.6 | 2.2 |
| ESL alt. lang. ^b program | 20,558 | 10.3 | 422 | 6.5 | 2.1 |
| No services | 23,777 | 11.9 | 1,892 | 29.0 | 8.0 |
| All former ELs ^d | 61,850 | 100 | 370 | 100 | 0.6 |
| All bilingual education programs | 7,606 | 12.3 | 26 | 7.0 | 0.3 |
| Transitional bilingual/early exit | 2,484 | 4.0 | 10 | 2.7 | 0.4 |
| Transitional bilingual/late exit | 1,113 | 1.8 | 3 | 0.8 | 0.3 |
| Dual immersion/two-way | 1,523 | 2.5 | 4 | 1.1 | 0.3 |
| Dual immersion/one-way | 2,486 | 4.0 | 9 | 2.4 | 0.4 |
| Bilingual alt. lang. program | n/a ^e | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| All ESL programs | 49,732 | 80.4 | 298 | 80.5 | 0.6 |
| ESL/content-based | 17,939 | 29.0 | 108 | 29.2 | 0.6 |
| ESL/pull-out | 31,793 | 51.4 | 190 | 51.4 | 0.6 |
| ESL alt. lang. program | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| No services | 4,512 | 7.3 | 46 | 12.4 | 1.0 |

Note. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding. A dot (.) indicates there were no students in the group. Special language program instructional model information is reported by districts in the fall only, whereas general bilingual and English as a second language (ESL) participation information is reported in the fall and in the summer. Therefore, totals for bilingual/ESL students in this table will not sum to bilingual/ESL totals presented elsewhere in this report.

^aCurrent English learners (ELs) were identified as limited English proficient in 2019-20. The group, all current ELs, includes students for whom information about services received may be incomplete. ^bAlternative language. ^cEnglish as a second language. ^dFormer ELs are those in the first through fourth years of academic monitoring after exiting EL status. The group, all former ELs, includes students for whom information about services received may be incomplete. ^eNot available. Alternative language program information was first collected in the 2019-20 school year and is therefore not available for former ELs.

Longitudinal Graduation and Dropout Rates

Presentation and Interpretation of Results

Definitions and calculations. Calculating longitudinal rates requires tracking a cohort of students over time. A cohort is defined as the group of students who begin Grade 9 in Texas public schools for the first time in the same school year plus students who, in the next three school years, enter the Texas public school system in the grade level expected for the cohort. To calculate four-year longitudinal rates, students in a cohort are tracked into the fall following their anticipated graduation date, and for extended rates, the fall one or more years following their anticipated graduation date. A subset of a cohort, called a class, is used to calculate longitudinal student status rates. Any student who is determined to be a graduate, continuer, Texas Certificate of High School Equivalency (TxCHSE) recipient, or dropout is counted as a member of a class. See the section "Longitudinal Graduation and Dropout Rates" on page 27 for additional information.

Presentation of individual graduation committee graduates. Students who graduated by decisions of individual graduation committees (IGCs) were included as graduates in longitudinal rates. Four-year longitudinal rates excluding IGC graduates are also presented. See the section "Chronology" on page 14 for additional information.

Presentation of rates by race/ethnicity. Longitudinal rates are provided for seven racial/ethnic categories. See the section "Reporting of Student and Program Information" on page 44 for additional information.

Comparisons of rates by race/ethnicity. The American Indian and Pacific Islander student populations are small in number, compared to other racial/ethnic populations. Therefore, discussions of longitudinal results, including comparisons across racial/ethnic groups, do not include these populations. See the section "Longitudinal Graduation and Dropout Rates" on page 27 for additional information.

Presentation of rates by program participation and student characteristic. Longitudinal rates are presented by participation in special programs (bilingual/English as a second language, career and technical education, gifted and talented, special education, Title I) and student characteristics (at-risk, dyslexia, English learner [EL], in foster care, homeless, immigrant, migrant, military-connected). See the section "Reporting of Student and Program Information" on page 44 for additional information. A student may be reported with more than one special demographic characteristic or as participating in more than one special instructional program. Student characteristics and program participation statuses are assigned based on the year of a student's final status in the cohort, except in the cases of students identified: (a) as ELs at any time while attending Texas public schools, (b) as ELs at any time while attending Grades 9-12 in Texas public schools, (c) as in foster care at any time while attending Grades 9-12 in Texas public schools, or (d) as homeless at any time while attending Grades 9-12 in Texas public schools. Additionally, beginning with the 2020-21 school year, CTE information is no longer available for continuing students. CTE program participation for these students is assigned based on the student's prior record

of attendance in the continuing district, if available. Table B-1 in Appendix B provides the Public Education Information Management System data sources within the Texas Student Data System used in calculating longitudinal rates by instructional program and student characteristic.

Comparison of rates across years. The national dropout definition, which was adopted in 2005-06, was fully incorporated in the four-year graduation and dropout rates for the class of 2009. Longitudinal rates for the class of 2009 and later classes are comparable to one another. Rates for classes in which the national dropout definition was phased in (i.e., classes of 2006, 2007, and 2008) are not comparable from one class to another, nor are they comparable to rates for prior or later classes. Results for classes prior to 2016 are found in Appendix C.

Grade 9 Four-Year Longitudinal Graduation and Dropout Rates

State summary. Out of 384,600 students in the class of 2020, 90.3 percent graduated within four years (Table 21 on page 80). An additional 3.9 percent of students in the class of 2020 continued school the fall after expected graduation, and 0.4 percent received a TxCHSE. The four-year longitudinal dropout rate for the class of 2020 was 5.4 percent. Compared to the class of 2019, the class of 2020 had higher graduation and continuation rates, and lower dropout and TxCHSE recipient rates. Table 22 on page 82 presents four-year longitudinal rates with students who graduated by decisions of individual graduation committees (IGCs) excluded from the class. For more information about IGCs, see page 17.

Rates by race/ethnicity, economic status, and gender. Across the five largest racial/ethnic groups in the class of 2020, the four-year graduation rate was highest for Asian students (96.7%), followed by White (94.0%), multiracial (91.1%), Hispanic (88.6%), and African American (87.0%) students (Table 21 on page 80). The four-year graduation rate was higher for students not identified as economically disadvantaged (93.5%) than for students identified as economically disadvantaged (87.5%). The four-year graduation rate was higher for females (92.6%) than for males (88.1%). The four-year dropout rate was lowest for Asian students (1.4%), followed by White (3.1%), multiracial (4.4%), Hispanic (6.5%), and African American (7.8%) students. Students who were not economically disadvantaged dropped out at a lower rate (3.3%) than economically disadvantaged students (7.3%). Female students dropped out at a lower rate (4.0%) than male students (6.8%) overall and within each of the five largest racial/ethnic groups (Table 23 on page 83).

In the class of 2020, Hispanic and African American students made up larger percentages of nongraduates (61.0% and 17.2%, respectively) than of students in the class (51.8% and 12.8%, respectively) (Figure 3 on page 84). By comparison, Asian and White students made up smaller percentages of nongraduates (1.6% and 17.7%, respectively) than of students in the class (4.5% and 28.4%, respectively).

Table 21

Grade 9 Four-Year Longitudinal Graduation and Dropout Rates, by Race/Ethnicity, Economic Status, and Gender, Texas Public Schools, Classes of 2016 Through 2020

| Class year | Class | Grad. ^a (N) | Grad. ^b rate (%) | Cont. ^c (N) | Cont. ^d rate (%) | TxCHSE ^e recipients (N) | TxCHSE recipient rate (%) | Dropouts (N) | Dropout rate (%) | Grad., cont., or TxCHSE recipients (N) | Grad., cont., or TxCHSE recipient rate (%) |
|-------------------------|---------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|--|--|
| African American | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Class of 2016 | 46,151 | 39,404 | 85.4 | 2,336 | 5.1 | 200 | 0.4 | 4,211 | 9.1 | 41,940 | 90.9 |
| Class of 2017 | 47,036 | 40,494 | 86.1 | 2,284 | 4.9 | 186 | 0.4 | 4,072 | 8.7 | 42,964 | 91.3 |
| Class of 2018 | 48,333 | 41,802 | 86.5 | 2,330 | 4.8 | 196 | 0.4 | 4,005 | 8.3 | 44,328 | 91.7 |
| Class of 2019 | 48,913 | 42,183 | 86.2 | 2,188 | 4.5 | 216 | 0.4 | 4,326 | 8.8 | 44,587 | 91.2 |
| Class of 2020 | 49,077 | 42,680 | 87.0 | 2,369 | 4.8 | 184 | 0.4 | 3,844 | 7.8 | 45,233 | 92.2 |
| American Indian | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Class of 2016 | 1,395 | 1,219 | 87.4 | 62 | 4.4 | 8 | 0.6 | 106 | 7.6 | 1,289 | 92.4 |
| Class of 2017 | 1,405 | 1,212 | 86.3 | 71 | 5.1 | 8 | 0.6 | 114 | 8.1 | 1,291 | 91.9 |
| Class of 2018 | 1,382 | 1,176 | 85.1 | 74 | 5.4 | 5 | 0.4 | 127 | 9.2 | 1,255 | 90.8 |
| Class of 2019 | 1,426 | 1,245 | 87.3 | 55 | 3.9 | 7 | 0.5 | 119 | 8.3 | 1,307 | 91.7 |
| Class of 2020 | 1,353 | 1,168 | 86.3 | 67 | 5.0 | 7 | 0.5 | 111 | 8.2 | 1,242 | 91.8 |
| Asian | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Class of 2016 | 13,781 | 13,188 | 95.7 | 309 | 2.2 | 5 | <0.1 | 279 | 2.0 | 13,502 | 98.0 |
| Class of 2017 | 14,367 | 13,799 | 96.0 | 311 | 2.2 | 17 | 0.1 | 240 | 1.7 | 14,127 | 98.3 |
| Class of 2018 | 15,867 | 15,300 | 96.4 | 322 | 2.0 | 15 | 0.1 | 230 | 1.4 | 15,637 | 98.6 |
| Class of 2019 | 16,913 | 16,302 | 96.4 | 313 | 1.9 | 18 | 0.1 | 280 | 1.7 | 16,633 | 98.3 |
| Class of 2020 | 17,338 | 16,760 | 96.7 | 330 | 1.9 | 12 | 0.1 | 236 | 1.4 | 17,102 | 98.6 |
| Hispanic | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Class of 2016 | 173,265 | 150,564 | 86.9 | 8,985 | 5.2 | 729 | 0.4 | 12,987 | 7.5 | 160,278 | 92.5 |
| Class of 2017 | 179,845 | 157,660 | 87.7 | 8,630 | 4.8 | 683 | 0.4 | 12,872 | 7.2 | 166,973 | 92.8 |
| Class of 2018 | 188,106 | 165,858 | 88.2 | 8,562 | 4.6 | 710 | 0.4 | 12,976 | 6.9 | 175,130 | 93.1 |
| Class of 2019 | 197,059 | 173,793 | 88.2 | 8,633 | 4.4 | 720 | 0.4 | 13,913 | 7.1 | 183,146 | 92.9 |
| Class of 2020 | 199,074 | 176,368 | 88.6 | 9,166 | 4.6 | 615 | 0.3 | 12,925 | 6.5 | 186,149 | 93.5 |
| Pacific Islander | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Class of 2016 | 476 | 419 | 88.0 | 27 | 5.7 | 3 | 0.6 | 27 | 5.7 | 449 | 94.3 |
| Class of 2017 | 578 | 512 | 88.6 | 29 | 5.0 | 3 | 0.5 | 34 | 5.9 | 544 | 94.1 |
| Class of 2018 | 572 | 494 | 86.4 | 27 | 4.7 | 3 | 0.5 | 48 | 8.4 | 524 | 91.6 |
| Class of 2019 | 583 | 513 | 88.0 | 15 | 2.6 | 6 | 1.0 | 49 | 8.4 | 534 | 91.6 |
| Class of 2020 | 610 | 544 | 89.2 | 32 | 5.2 | 3 | 0.5 | 31 | 5.1 | 579 | 94.9 |
| White | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Class of 2016 | 109,346 | 102,120 | 93.4 | 2,804 | 2.6 | 719 | 0.7 | 3,703 | 3.4 | 105,643 | 96.6 |
| Class of 2017 | 110,720 | 103,591 | 93.6 | 2,879 | 2.6 | 673 | 0.6 | 3,577 | 3.2 | 107,143 | 96.8 |

Note. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding. Results for classes prior to 2016 are found in Appendix C.

^aGraduates. ^bGraduation. ^cContinuers. ^dContinuation. ^eTexas Certificate of High School Equivalency.

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Table 21 (continued)

Grade 9 Four-Year Longitudinal Graduation and Dropout Rates, by Race/Ethnicity, Economic Status, and Gender, Texas Public Schools, Classes of 2016 Through 2020

| Class year | Class | Grad. ^a (N) | Grad. ^b rate (%) | Cont. ^c (N) | Cont. ^d rate (%) | TxCHSE ^e recipients (N) | TxCHSE recipient rate (%) | Dropouts (N) | Dropout rate (%) | Grad., cont., or TxCHSE recipients (N) | Grad., cont., or TxCHSE recipient rate (%) |
|---------------------------------------|---------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|--|--|
| Class of 2018 | 111,598 | 104,418 | 93.6 | 2,787 | 2.5 | 690 | 0.6 | 3,703 | 3.3 | 107,895 | 96.7 |
| Class of 2019 | 110,084 | 103,158 | 93.7 | 2,603 | 2.4 | 710 | 0.6 | 3,613 | 3.3 | 106,471 | 96.7 |
| Class of 2020 | 109,381 | 102,794 | 94.0 | 2,601 | 2.4 | 589 | 0.5 | 3,397 | 3.1 | 105,984 | 96.9 |
| Multiracial | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Class of 2016 | 6,270 | 5,691 | 90.8 | 239 | 3.8 | 43 | 0.7 | 297 | 4.7 | 5,973 | 95.3 |
| Class of 2017 | 6,655 | 6,105 | 91.7 | 250 | 3.8 | 38 | 0.6 | 262 | 3.9 | 6,393 | 96.1 |
| Class of 2018 | 7,061 | 6,452 | 91.4 | 248 | 3.5 | 38 | 0.5 | 323 | 4.6 | 6,738 | 95.4 |
| Class of 2019 | 7,473 | 6,827 | 91.4 | 232 | 3.1 | 52 | 0.7 | 362 | 4.8 | 7,111 | 95.2 |
| Class of 2020 | 7,767 | 7,078 | 91.1 | 296 | 3.8 | 49 | 0.6 | 344 | 4.4 | 7,423 | 95.6 |
| Economically disadvantaged | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Class of 2016 | 178,148 | 153,120 | 86.0 | 9,009 | 5.1 | 934 | 0.5 | 15,085 | 8.5 | 163,063 | 91.5 |
| Class of 2017 | 184,356 | 160,183 | 86.9 | 8,862 | 4.8 | 909 | 0.5 | 14,402 | 7.8 | 169,954 | 92.2 |
| Class of 2018 | 199,025 | 173,685 | 87.3 | 9,225 | 4.6 | 967 | 0.5 | 15,148 | 7.6 | 183,877 | 92.4 |
| Class of 2019 | 205,362 | 178,978 | 87.2 | 9,159 | 4.5 | 987 | 0.5 | 16,238 | 7.9 | 189,124 | 92.1 |
| Class of 2020 | 205,248 | 179,613 | 87.5 | 9,842 | 4.8 | 847 | 0.4 | 14,946 | 7.3 | 190,302 | 92.7 |
| Not economically disadvantaged | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Class of 2016 | 172,536 | 159,485 | 92.4 | 5,753 | 3.3 | 773 | 0.4 | 6,525 | 3.8 | 166,011 | 96.2 |
| Class of 2017 | 176,250 | 163,190 | 92.6 | 5,592 | 3.2 | 699 | 0.4 | 6,769 | 3.8 | 169,481 | 96.2 |
| Class of 2018 | 173,894 | 161,815 | 93.1 | 5,125 | 2.9 | 690 | 0.4 | 6,264 | 3.6 | 167,630 | 96.4 |
| Class of 2019 | 177,089 | 165,043 | 93.2 | 4,880 | 2.8 | 742 | 0.4 | 6,424 | 3.6 | 170,665 | 96.4 |
| Class of 2020 | 179,352 | 167,779 | 93.5 | 5,019 | 2.8 | 612 | 0.3 | 5,942 | 3.3 | 173,410 | 96.7 |
| Female | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Class of 2016 | 171,633 | 156,924 | 91.4 | 5,569 | 3.2 | 577 | 0.3 | 8,563 | 5.0 | 163,070 | 95.0 |
| Class of 2017 | 177,298 | 163,257 | 92.1 | 5,577 | 3.1 | 560 | 0.3 | 7,904 | 4.5 | 169,394 | 95.5 |
| Class of 2018 | 183,557 | 169,071 | 92.1 | 5,573 | 3.0 | 578 | 0.3 | 8,335 | 4.5 | 175,222 | 95.5 |
| Class of 2019 | 188,020 | 173,254 | 92.1 | 5,518 | 2.9 | 584 | 0.3 | 8,664 | 4.6 | 179,356 | 95.4 |
| Class of 2020 | 188,757 | 174,798 | 92.6 | 5,999 | 3.2 | 472 | 0.3 | 7,488 | 4.0 | 181,269 | 96.0 |
| Male | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Class of 2016 | 179,051 | 155,681 | 86.9 | 9,193 | 5.1 | 1,130 | 0.6 | 13,047 | 7.3 | 166,004 | 92.7 |
| Class of 2017 | 183,308 | 160,116 | 87.3 | 8,877 | 4.8 | 1,048 | 0.6 | 13,267 | 7.2 | 170,041 | 92.8 |
| Class of 2018 | 189,362 | 166,429 | 87.9 | 8,777 | 4.6 | 1,079 | 0.6 | 13,077 | 6.9 | 176,285 | 93.1 |
| Class of 2019 | 194,431 | 170,767 | 87.8 | 8,521 | 4.4 | 1,145 | 0.6 | 13,998 | 7.2 | 180,433 | 92.8 |
| Class of 2020 | 195,843 | 172,594 | 88.1 | 8,862 | 4.5 | 987 | 0.5 | 13,400 | 6.8 | 182,443 | 93.2 |

Note. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding. Results for classes prior to 2016 are found in Appendix C.

^aGraduates. ^bGraduation. ^cContinuers. ^dContinuation. ^eTexas Certificate of High School Equivalency.

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Table 21 (continued)

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| Class year | Class | Grad. ^a (N) | Grad. ^b rate (%) | Cont. ^c (N) | Cont. ^d rate (%) | TxCHSE ^e recipients (N) | TxCHSE recipient rate (%) | Dropouts (N) | Dropout rate (%) | Grad., cont., or TxCHSE recipients (N) | Grad., cont., or TxCHSE recipient rate (%) |
|---------------|---------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|--|--|
| State | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Class of 2016 | 350,684 | 312,605 | 89.1 | 14,762 | 4.2 | 1,707 | 0.5 | 21,610 | 6.2 | 329,074 | 93.8 |
| Class of 2017 | 360,606 | 323,373 | 89.7 | 14,454 | 4.0 | 1,608 | 0.4 | 21,171 | 5.9 | 339,435 | 94.1 |
| Class of 2018 | 372,919 | 335,500 | 90.0 | 14,350 | 3.8 | 1,657 | 0.4 | 21,412 | 5.7 | 351,507 | 94.3 |
| Class of 2019 | 382,451 | 344,021 | 90.0 | 14,039 | 3.7 | 1,729 | 0.5 | 22,662 | 5.9 | 359,789 | 94.1 |
| Class of 2020 | 384,600 | 347,392 | 90.3 | 14,861 | 3.9 | 1,459 | 0.4 | 20,888 | 5.4 | 363,712 | 94.6 |

Note. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding. Results for classes prior to 2016 are found in Appendix C.

^aGraduates. ^bGraduation. ^cContinuers. ^dContinuation. ^eTexas Certificate of High School Equivalency.

Table 22

Grade 9 Four-Year Longitudinal Graduation and Dropout Rates, Excluding Individual Graduation Committee Graduates, by Race/Ethnicity, Economic Status, and Gender, Texas Public Schools, Class of 2020

| Group | Class | Grad. ^a (N) | Grad. ^b rate (%) | Cont. ^c (N) | Cont. ^d rate (%) | TxCHSE ^e recipients (N) | TxCHSE recipient rate (%) | Dropouts (N) | Dropout rate (%) | Grad., cont., or TxCHSE recipients (N) | Grad., cont., or TxCHSE recipient rate (%) |
|---------------------------|---------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|--|--|
| African American | 46,198 | 39,801 | 86.2 | 2,369 | 5.1 | 184 | 0.4 | 3,844 | 8.3 | 42,354 | 91.7 |
| American Indian | 1,292 | 1,107 | 85.7 | 67 | 5.2 | 7 | 0.5 | 111 | 8.6 | 1,181 | 91.4 |
| Asian | 16,923 | 16,345 | 96.6 | 330 | 2.0 | 12 | 0.1 | 236 | 1.4 | 16,687 | 98.6 |
| Hispanic | 187,525 | 164,819 | 87.9 | 9,166 | 4.9 | 615 | 0.3 | 12,925 | 6.9 | 174,600 | 93.1 |
| Pacific Islander | 582 | 516 | 88.7 | 32 | 5.5 | 3 | 0.5 | 31 | 5.3 | 551 | 94.7 |
| White | 107,477 | 100,891 | 93.9 | 2,600 | 2.4 | 589 | 0.5 | 3,397 | 3.2 | 104,080 | 96.8 |
| Multiracial | 7,613 | 6,924 | 90.9 | 296 | 3.9 | 49 | 0.6 | 344 | 4.5 | 7,269 | 95.5 |
| Econ. disad. ^f | 192,192 | 166,557 | 86.7 | 9,842 | 5.1 | 847 | 0.4 | 14,946 | 7.8 | 177,246 | 92.2 |
| Not econ. disad. | 175,418 | 163,846 | 93.4 | 5,018 | 2.9 | 612 | 0.3 | 5,942 | 3.4 | 169,476 | 96.6 |
| Female | 181,555 | 167,597 | 92.3 | 5,998 | 3.3 | 472 | 0.3 | 7,488 | 4.1 | 174,067 | 95.9 |
| Male | 186,055 | 162,806 | 87.5 | 8,862 | 4.8 | 987 | 0.5 | 13,400 | 7.2 | 172,655 | 92.8 |
| State | 367,610 | 330,403 | 89.9 | 14,860 | 4.0 | 1,459 | 0.4 | 20,888 | 5.7 | 346,722 | 94.3 |

Note. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding.

^aGraduates. ^bGraduation. ^cContinuers. ^dContinuation. ^eTexas Certificate of High School Equivalency. ^fEconomically disadvantaged.

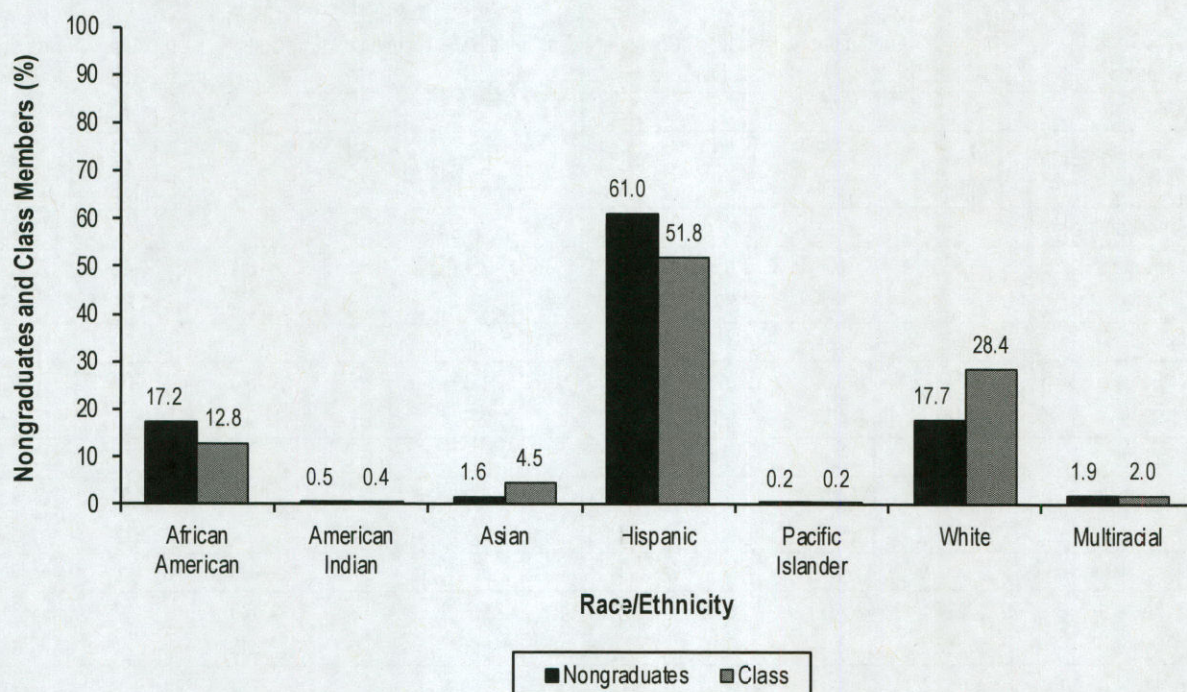
Table 23
Grade 9 Four-Year Longitudinal Graduation and Dropout Rates of Racial/Ethnic Groups, by Gender, Texas Public Schools, Class of 2020

| Group | Class | Graduates (N) | Graduation rate (%) | Continuers (N) | Continuation rate (%) | TxCHSE ^a recipients (N) | TxCHSE recipient rate (%) | Dropouts (N) | Dropout rate (%) |
|-------------------------|---------|------------------|------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|--|---------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| African American | | | | | | | | | |
| Female | 24,097 | 21,719 | 90.1 | 915 | 3.8 | 54 | 0.2 | 1,409 | 5.8 |
| Male | 24,980 | 20,961 | 83.9 | 1,454 | 5.8 | 130 | 0.5 | 2,435 | 9.7 |
| American Indian | | | | | | | | | |
| Female | 668 | 603 | 90.3 | 21 | 3.1 | 1 | 0.1 | 43 | 6.4 |
| Male | 685 | 565 | 82.5 | 46 | 6.7 | 6 | 0.9 | 68 | 9.9 |
| Asian | | | | | | | | | |
| Female | 8,541 | 8,324 | 97.5 | 110 | 1.3 | 5 | 0.1 | 102 | 1.2 |
| Male | 8,797 | 8,436 | 95.9 | 220 | 2.5 | 7 | 0.1 | 134 | 1.5 |
| Hispanic | | | | | | | | | |
| Female | 97,859 | 89,491 | 91.4 | 3,773 | 3.9 | 182 | 0.2 | 4,413 | 4.5 |
| Male | 101,215 | 86,877 | 85.8 | 5,393 | 5.3 | 433 | 0.4 | 8,512 | 8.4 |
| Pacific Islander | | | | | | | | | |
| Female | 297 | 272 | 91.6 | 14 | 4.7 | 1 | 0.3 | 10 | 3.4 |
| Male | 313 | 272 | 86.9 | 18 | 5.8 | 2 | 0.6 | 21 | 6.7 |
| White | | | | | | | | | |
| Female | 53,360 | 50,741 | 95.1 | 1,030 | 1.9 | 214 | 0.4 | 1,375 | 2.6 |
| Male | 56,021 | 52,053 | 92.9 | 1,571 | 2.8 | 375 | 0.7 | 2,022 | 3.6 |
| Multiracial | | | | | | | | | |
| Female | 3,935 | 3,648 | 92.7 | 136 | 3.5 | 15 | 0.4 | 136 | 3.5 |
| Male | 3,832 | 3,430 | 89.5 | 160 | 4.2 | 34 | 0.9 | 208 | 5.4 |
| State | | | | | | | | | |
| Female | 188,757 | 174,798 | 92.6 | 5,999 | 3.2 | 472 | 0.3 | 7,488 | 4.0 |
| Male | 195,843 | 172,594 | 88.1 | 8,862 | 4.5 | 987 | 0.5 | 13,400 | 6.8 |

Note. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding.

^aTexas Certificate of High School Equivalency.

Figure 3
Comparison of Nongraduates and Class Membership, by Race/Ethnicity, Texas Public Schools, Class of 2020



Note. Nongraduates are members of a class who continued in high school in the fall after expected graduation, received Texas Certificates of High School Equivalency, or dropped out.

Rates by program participation and student characteristic. Students in the class of 2020 who participated in special education programs had a four-year graduation rate of 78.9 percent (Table 24). Students identified as English learners in Grades 9-12 had a graduation rate of 79.3 percent (Table 25). The graduation rate for students identified as at risk of dropping out of school was 85.1 percent. All three rates were lower than the state average (90.3%). The dropout rates for these three student groups (8.2%, 12.9%, and 7.5%, respectively) were higher than the state average (5.4%).

Graduates. In 2013, the 83rd Texas Legislature established the Foundation High School Program (FHSP) as the new high school graduation program for all students who entered Grade 9 in the 2014-15 school year or later (Texas Education Code [TEC] §28.025, 2013). Prior to full implementation of the FHSP, students could graduate under the Recommended High School Program (RHSP), Advanced High School Program (AHSP), or Minimum High School Program (MHSP) (Title 19 of the Texas Administrative Code [TAC] §74.71, 2021, adopted to be effective May 30, 2012). For the class of 2020, the FHSP required 22 credits to graduate, including four credits in English language arts and three credits each in mathematics, science, and social studies (19 TAC §74.12, 2021, amended to be effective August 1, 2020). Additionally, the program allowed students to earn special recognition, known as an endorsement, in one or more of the following fields of study: science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM); business and industry; public services;

Table 24**Grade 9 Four-Year Longitudinal Graduation and Dropout Rates, by Program Participation, Texas Public Schools, Class of 2020**

| Group | Class | Graduates (N) | Graduation rate (%) | Continuers (N) | Continuation rate (%) | TxCHSE ^a recipients (N) | TxCHSE recipient rate (%) | Dropouts (N) | Dropout rate (%) |
|-------------------------------|---------|------------------|------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|--|---------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Bilingual or ESL ^b | 33,769 | 26,332 | 78.0 | 2,359 | 7.0 | 52 | 0.2 | 5,026 | 14.9 |
| CTE ^c | 217,358 | 207,897 | 95.6 | 3,840 | 1.8 | 372 | 0.2 | 5,249 | 2.4 |
| Gifted and talented | 34,478 | 34,131 | 99.0 | 108 | 0.3 | 34 | 0.1 | 205 | 0.6 |
| Special education | 32,708 | 25,800 | 78.9 | 4,147 | 12.7 | 93 | 0.3 | 2,668 | 8.2 |
| Title I | 173,203 | 152,320 | 87.9 | 7,361 | 4.2 | 718 | 0.4 | 12,804 | 7.4 |
| State | 384,600 | 347,392 | 90.3 | 14,861 | 3.9 | 1,459 | 0.4 | 20,888 | 5.4 |

Note. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding. Program participation was assigned based on the year of a student's final status in the cohort. Students may be counted in more than one category.

^aTexas Certificate of High School Equivalency. ^bEnglish as a second language. ^cCareer and technical education.

Table 25**Grade 9 Four-Year Longitudinal Graduation and Dropout Rates, by Student Characteristic, Texas Public Schools, Class of 2020**

| Group | Class | Graduates (N) | Graduation rate (%) | Continuers (N) | Continuation rate (%) | TxCHSE ^a recipients (N) | TxCHSE recipient rate (%) | Dropouts (N) | Dropout rate (%) |
|-------------------------------|---------|------------------|------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|--|---------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| At-risk | 166,008 | 141,353 | 85.1 | 11,469 | 6.9 | 704 | 0.4 | 12,482 | 7.5 |
| Dyslexia | 12,445 | 11,688 | 93.9 | 288 | 2.3 | 14 | 0.1 | 455 | 3.7 |
| English learner | | | | | | | | | |
| In K-12 ^b | 121,607 | 107,292 | 88.2 | 5,802 | 4.8 | 252 | 0.2 | 8,261 | 6.8 |
| In 9-12 ^c | 44,583 | 35,333 | 79.3 | 3,395 | 7.6 | 91 | 0.2 | 5,764 | 12.9 |
| In last year ^d | 35,958 | 28,102 | 78.2 | 2,539 | 7.1 | 61 | 0.2 | 5,256 | 14.6 |
| Foster care | | | | | | | | | |
| In 9-12 ^e | 1,629 | 1,001 | 61.4 | 232 | 14.2 | 22 | 1.4 | 374 | 23.0 |
| In last year ^f | 745 | 475 | 63.8 | 68 | 9.1 | 13 | 1.7 | 189 | 25.4 |
| Homeless in 9-12 ^g | 23,211 | 18,675 | 80.5 | 1,751 | 7.5 | 105 | 0.5 | 2,680 | 11.5 |
| Immigrant | 5,537 | 4,018 | 72.6 | 256 | 4.6 | 5 | 0.1 | 1,258 | 22.7 |
| Migrant | 1,888 | 1,681 | 89.0 | 81 | 4.3 | 6 | 0.3 | 120 | 6.4 |
| Military-connected | | | | | | | | | |
| Federal definition | 4,491 | 4,299 | 95.7 | 57 | 1.3 | 19 | 0.4 | 116 | 2.6 |
| State definition | 6,275 | 5,983 | 95.3 | 128 | 2.0 | 23 | 0.4 | 141 | 2.2 |
| State | 384,600 | 347,392 | 90.3 | 14,861 | 3.9 | 1,459 | 0.4 | 20,888 | 5.4 |

Note. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding. Students may be counted in more than one category.

^aTexas Certificate of High School Equivalency. ^bStudents identified as English learners (ELs) at any time while attending Texas public schools (TPS).

^cStudents identified as ELs at any time while attending Grades 9-12 in TPS. ^dStudents identified as ELs in their last year in TPS. ^eStudents identified as in

foster care at any time while attending Grades 9-12 in TPS. ^fStudents identified as in foster care in their last year in TPS. ^gStudents identified as homeless at any time while attending Grades 9-12 in TPS.

arts and humanities; and multidisciplinary studies (19 TAC §74.13, 2021, amended to be effective August 1, 2020; TEC §28.025, 2019). A graduate could earn an endorsement by successfully

completing the following: the curriculum requirements for the FHSP; one additional credit each in mathematics and science; two additional elective credits; and the curriculum requirements for the selected endorsement. Moreover, a graduate who met all of these requirements could also earn a distinguished level of achievement (DLA) if one of the four credits earned in mathematics was for Algebra II (19 TAC §74.11, 2021, amended to be effective August 1, 2020; TEC §28.025, 2019). A student could opt to graduate under the FHSP without earning an endorsement if, after the student's sophomore year: (a) the student and the student's parent or guardian were advised by a school counselor of the benefits of graduating with an endorsement; and (b) the student's parent or guardian filed with a school counselor written permission, on a form adopted by TEA, for the student to graduate under the FHSP without earning an endorsement.

In 2019, the Texas legislature passed House Bill 165, amending the requirements of the FHSP to expand students' eligibility to earn endorsements (TEC §28.025, 2019). Beginning with 2019-20 graduates, a student receiving special education services was eligible to earn an endorsement if the student successfully completed curriculum requirements with or without modifications. Furthermore, a student's ARD committee could determine whether the student was required to achieve satisfactory performance on an EOC assessment to earn an endorsement. Special education students from the class of 2020 who graduated prior to 2019-20 were ineligible to pursue an endorsement if they received a modified curriculum in any course required for an endorsement or failed to perform satisfactorily on the required state assessments. These students are excluded from the data presented in Table 26.

Of the 347,163 graduates in the class of 2020 with diploma program information, 99.8 percent graduated under the FHSP (Table 26). Because some students in the class of 2020 graduated under the MSHP, RHSP, or AHSP, three sets of diploma program rates were calculated. MHSP, RHSP, and AHSP rates were each calculated by dividing the number of students graduating under each program by the sum of graduates in the three programs. Each of the three rates for FHSP graduates was derived by dividing the number of graduates with the specified program options by the sum of all FHSP graduates. The rate for students graduating under the RHSP, AHSP, or FHSP with an endorsement (with or without a distinguished level of achievement) was calculated by dividing the sum of students graduating under each of the programs as specified by all graduates with diploma information. Of the 346,356 FHSP graduates who were eligible to earn an endorsement, 42,377 (12.2%) graduated without an endorsement, 14,884 (4.3%) graduated with an endorsement but did not earn a DLA, and 289,095 (83.5%) graduated with an endorsement and earned a DLA. Of all 347,163 graduates with diploma program information, 87.8 percent graduated under the RHSP or AHSP or the FHSP with an endorsement (with or without a DLA).

Of all FHSP graduates with detailed endorsement information, 301,370 (87.6%) earned one or more endorsements, 42,377 (12.3%) did not earn an endorsement, and 228 (0.1%) were ineligible to earn an endorsement (Table 27 on page 89). Of those who earned at least one endorsement, 57.9 percent graduated with two or more endorsements. Multidisciplinary studies was the most frequently earned endorsement, followed by the arts and humanities and the STEM endorsements (Table 28 on page 89).

Table 26

Graduates Within Diploma Programs, by Race/Ethnicity, Economic Status, Gender, Program Participation, and Student Characteristic, Texas Public Schools, Class of 2020 Grade 9 Cohort

| Group | Minimum (N) | Minimum (%) | Recom. ^a (N) | Recom. (%) | Advanced (N) | Advanced (%) | FHSP, ^b no endorsement (N) | FHSP, no endorsement (%) |
|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|---|--------------------------------|
| African American | 26 | 36.1 | 9 | 12.5 | 37 | 51.4 | 7,013 | 16.5 |
| American Indian | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 50.0 | 1 | 50.0 | 180 | 15.4 |
| Asian | 5 | 17.9 | 0 | 0.0 | 23 | 82.1 | 1,241 | 7.4 |
| Hispanic | 64 | 19.6 | 49 | 15.0 | 213 | 65.3 | 21,455 | 12.2 |
| Pacific Islander | 0 | . | 0 | . | 0 | . | 70 | 12.9 |
| White | 40 | 11.1 | 14 | 3.9 | 305 | 85.0 | 11,536 | 11.3 |
| Multiracial | 2 | 10.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 18 | 90.0 | 882 | 12.5 |
| Econ. disad. ^c | 105 | 24.3 | 52 | 12.0 | 275 | 63.7 | 26,192 | 14.6 |
| Not econ. disad. | 32 | 8.5 | 21 | 5.6 | 322 | 85.9 | 16,185 | 9.7 |
| Female | 68 | 16.5 | 36 | 8.7 | 308 | 74.8 | 17,263 | 9.9 |
| Male | 69 | 17.5 | 37 | 9.4 | 289 | 73.2 | 25,114 | 14.6 |
| Bilingual or ESL ^d | 35 | 37.2 | 30 | 31.9 | 29 | 30.9 | 5,196 | 19.8 |
| CTE ^e | 55 | 9.4 | 29 | 4.9 | 503 | 85.7 | 19,514 | 9.4 |
| Gifted and talented | 0 | 0.0 | 4 | 3.8 | 100 | 96.2 | 1,068 | 3.1 |
| Special education | 34 | 68.0 | 10 | 20.0 | 6 | 12.0 | 12,522 | 49.0 |
| Title I | 55 | 14.5 | 36 | 9.5 | 288 | 76.0 | 16,916 | 11.1 |
| At-risk | 71 | 17.4 | 45 | 11.0 | 292 | 71.6 | 29,898 | 21.2 |
| Dyslexia | 1 | 5.0 | 1 | 5.0 | 18 | 90.0 | 2,054 | 17.6 |
| EL ^f | | | | | | | | |
| In K-12 ^g | 42 | 18.2 | 43 | 18.6 | 146 | 63.2 | 12,331 | 11.5 |
| In 9-12 ^h | 37 | 32.2 | 33 | 28.7 | 45 | 39.1 | 6,326 | 18.0 |
| In last year ⁱ | 36 | 37.1 | 31 | 32.0 | 30 | 30.9 | 5,607 | 20.1 |
| Foster care | | | | | | | | |
| In 9-12 ^j | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 100 | 362 | 36.4 |
| In last year ^k | 0 | . | 0 | . | 0 | . | 182 | 38.5 |
| Homeless in 9-12 ^l | 13 | 25.5 | 3 | 5.9 | 35 | 68.6 | 4,144 | 22.3 |
| Immigrant | 10 | 40.0 | 11 | 44.0 | 4 | 16.0 | 826 | 20.7 |
| Migrant | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 33.3 | 2 | 66.7 | 191 | 11.4 |
| Military-connected | | | | | | | | |
| Federal definition | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 25.0 | 3 | 75.0 | 364 | 8.5 |
| State definition | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 14.3 | 6 | 85.7 | 486 | 8.1 |
| State | 137 | 17.0 | 73 | 9.0 | 597 | 74.0 | 42,377 | 12.2 |

Note. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding. Students may be counted in more than one category. The number of graduates summed across diploma programs does not match the state-level count of graduates presented elsewhere in this report because 228 students were not eligible to pursue an endorsement. A dot (.) indicates there were no students in the group.

^aRecommended. ^bFoundation High School Program. ^cEconomically disadvantaged. ^dEnglish as a second language. ^eCareer and technical education.

^fEnglish learner. ^gStudents identified as ELs at any time while attending Texas public schools (TPS). ^hStudents identified as ELs at any time while attending Grades 9-12 in TPS. ⁱStudents identified as ELs in their last year in TPS. ^jStudents identified as in foster care at any time while attending Grades 9-12 in TPS. ^kStudents identified as in foster care in their last year in TPS. ^lStudents identified as homeless at any time while attending Grades 9-12 in TPS.

^mDistinguished level of achievement.

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Table 26 (continued)

Graduates Within Diploma Programs, by Race/Ethnicity, Economic Status, Gender, Program Participation, and Student Characteristic, Texas Public Schools, Class of 2020 Grade 9 Cohort

| Group | FHSP ^b with endorsement, no DLA ^m (N) | FHSP with endorsement, no DLA (%) | FHSP with endorsement and DLA (N) | FHSP with endorsement and DLA (%) | Recommended, Advanced, or FHSP with endorsement (N) | Recommended, Advanced, or FHSP with endorsement (%) |
|-------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|---|
| African American | 2,722 | 6.4 | 32,840 | 77.1 | 35,608 | 83.5 |
| American Indian | 39 | 3.3 | 947 | 81.2 | 988 | 84.6 |
| Asian | 308 | 1.8 | 15,181 | 90.7 | 15,512 | 92.6 |
| Hispanic | 8,022 | 4.6 | 146,439 | 83.2 | 154,723 | 87.8 |
| Pacific Islander | 23 | 4.2 | 451 | 82.9 | 474 | 87.1 |
| White | 3,536 | 3.5 | 87,299 | 85.3 | 91,154 | 88.7 |
| Multiracial | 234 | 3.3 | 5,938 | 84.2 | 6,190 | 87.5 |
| Econ. disad. ^c | 9,801 | 5.5 | 143,015 | 79.9 | 153,143 | 85.3 |
| Not econ. disad. | 5,083 | 3.0 | 146,080 | 87.3 | 151,506 | 90.3 |
| Female | 6,903 | 4.0 | 150,118 | 86.1 | 157,365 | 90.1 |
| Male | 7,981 | 4.6 | 138,977 | 80.8 | 147,284 | 85.4 |
| Bilingual or ESL ^d | 1,841 | 7.0 | 19,158 | 73.1 | 21,058 | 80.1 |
| CTE ^e | 9,023 | 4.4 | 178,693 | 86.2 | 188,248 | 90.6 |
| Gifted and talented | 481 | 1.4 | 32,476 | 95.4 | 33,061 | 96.9 |
| Special education | 2,963 | 11.6 | 10,080 | 39.4 | 13,059 | 51.0 |
| Title I | 7,362 | 4.8 | 127,543 | 84.0 | 135,229 | 88.8 |
| At-risk | 9,260 | 6.6 | 101,601 | 72.2 | 111,198 | 78.8 |
| Dyslexia | 761 | 6.5 | 8,835 | 75.8 | 9,615 | 82.4 |
| EL ^f | | | | | | |
| In K-12 ^g | 5,264 | 4.9 | 89,396 | 83.6 | 94,849 | 88.5 |
| In 9-12 ^h | 2,391 | 6.8 | 26,455 | 75.2 | 28,924 | 82.0 |
| In last year ⁱ | 1,992 | 7.1 | 20,363 | 72.8 | 22,416 | 79.9 |
| Foster care | | | | | | |
| In 9-12 ^j | 86 | 8.6 | 547 | 55.0 | 634 | 63.7 |
| In last year ^k | 30 | 6.3 | 261 | 55.2 | 291 | 61.5 |
| Homeless in 9-12 ^l | 1,207 | 6.5 | 13,246 | 71.2 | 14,491 | 77.7 |
| Immigrant | 214 | 5.4 | 2,947 | 73.9 | 3,176 | 79.2 |
| Migrant | 57 | 3.4 | 1,427 | 85.2 | 1,487 | 88.6 |
| Military-connected | | | | | | |
| Federal definition | 129 | 3.0 | 3,798 | 88.5 | 3,931 | 91.5 |
| State definition | 164 | 2.7 | 5,322 | 89.1 | 5,493 | 91.9 |
| State | 14,884 | 4.3 | 289,095 | 83.5 | 304,649 | 87.8 |

Note. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding. Students may be counted in more than one category. The number of graduates summed across diploma programs does not match the state-level count of graduates presented elsewhere in this report because 228 students were not eligible to pursue an endorsement. A dot (.) indicates there were no students in the group.

^aRecommended. ^bFoundation High School Program. ^cEconomically disadvantaged. ^dEnglish as a second language. ^eCareer and technical education. ^fEnglish learner. ^gStudents identified as ELs at any time while attending Texas public schools (TPS). ^hStudents identified as ELs at any time while attending Grades 9-12 in TPS. ⁱStudents identified as ELs in their last year in TPS. ^jStudents identified as in foster care at any time while attending Grades 9-12 in TPS. ^kStudents identified as in foster care in their last year in TPS. ^lStudents identified as homeless at any time while attending Grades 9-12 in TPS. ^mDistinguished level of achievement.

Table 27
Foundation High School Plan Graduates by
Number of Endorsements Earned, Texas Public
Schools, Class of 2020

| Number of endorsements earned | Graduates (N) | Graduates (%) |
|-------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| One endorsement | 126,757 | 36.9 |
| Two endorsements | 106,344 | 30.9 |
| Three endorsements | 55,483 | 16.1 |
| Four endorsements | 11,524 | 3.4 |
| Five endorsements | 1,262 | 0.4 |
| No endorsement earned | 42,377 | 12.3 |
| Ineligible for endorsement | 228 | 0.1 |

Note. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding. Detailed endorsement information was not reported for 2,609 FHSP graduates who earned a distinguished level of achievement, which requires an endorsement.

Table 28
Foundation High School Plan Graduates by
Endorsements Earned, Texas Public Schools,
Class of 2020

| Endorsement earned ^a | Number |
|---|---------|
| Arts and humanities | 106,186 |
| Business and industry | 82,429 |
| Multidisciplinary studies | 224,601 |
| Public services | 58,193 |
| Science, technology, engineering, and mathematics | 86,891 |
| No endorsement earned | 42,377 |
| Ineligible for endorsement | 228 |

Note. Detailed endorsement information was not reported for 2,609 FHSP graduates who earned a distinguished level of achievement, which requires an endorsement.

^aStudents may earn more than one endorsement and may be counted in more than one category.

Dropouts. Table 29 on page 90 provides aggregate counts of the 20,888 dropouts from the class of 2020 based on the grade and year in which they left Texas public schools. In each year after the first year of high school, a majority of students who dropped out were one or more grades behind the grade expected for the class. Specifically, 50.5 percent of students who dropped out in the second year had not reached Grade 10, 58.7 percent who dropped out in the third year had not reached Grade 11, and 61.9 percent who dropped out in the fourth year had not reached Grade 12.

Table 29**Dropouts, by Grade and School Year, Texas Public Schools, Class of 2020 Grade 9 Cohort**

| Grade | 2016-17 (N) | 2016-17 (%) | 2017-18 (N) | 2017-18 (%) | 2018-19 (N) | 2018-19 (%) | 2019-20 (N) | 2019-20 (%) | Total (N) | Total (%) |
|----------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| Grade 9 | 3,037 | 98.2 | 2,360 | 50.5 | 1,505 | 21.6 | 463 | 7.5 | 7,365 | 35.3 |
| Grade 10 | 39 | 1.3 | 2,221 | 47.5 | 2,586 | 37.1 | 1,478 | 24.0 | 6,324 | 30.3 |
| Grade 11 | 13 | 0.4 | 64 | 1.4 | 2,702 | 38.8 | 1,872 | 30.4 | 4,651 | 22.3 |
| Grade 12 | 4 | 0.1 | 26 | 0.6 | 169 | 2.4 | 2,345 | 38.1 | 2,544 | 12.2 |
| Total | 3,093 | 14.8 | 4,673 | 22.4 | 6,964 | 33.3 | 6,158 | 29.5 | 20,888 | 100 |

Note. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding or missing high school grade information. Numbers by school year may not sum to the total because of missing high school grade information.

Other Leavers. Of the 434,000 students who began Grade 9 in Texas public schools in 2016-17 or who transferred into the cohort later, 46,127 left for reasons other than graduating, receiving a TxCHSE, or dropping out (Table 30 on facing page and Figure 4 on page 92). Of these other leavers, the largest percentage (31.0%) left in the third year of the cohort (2018-19) and the smallest percentage (13.6%) left in the fourth year (2019-20). Nearly all of the other leavers (97.1%) left for one of four reasons: (a) 36.0 percent withdrew to enroll in schools outside of Texas; (b) 34.0 percent withdrew to begin home schooling; (c) 18.4 percent withdrew to return to their home countries; and (d) 8.6 percent withdrew to enroll in Texas private schools. Among students who withdrew from Texas public schools to enroll in school outside Texas, the largest percentage (35.3%) withdrew in the first year of the cohort (2016-17). The largest percentages of students who withdrew to begin home schooling (35.4%), to return to their home countries (34.2%), and to enroll in Texas private schools (32.8%) left in the third year of the cohort (2018-19).

In general, students who left Texas public schools were less likely to be in the grade expected for a specific year than students who remained in Texas public schools. Specifically, 20.9 percent of other leavers were not on grade at the time of withdrawal. By leaver reason, the percentage of students not on grade was largest for students who withdrew to begin home schooling (36.3%).

As noted previously, to calculate four-year longitudinal rates, students were tracked from the time they entered Grade 9 for the first time in 2016-17 or transferred into the cohort until the fall after their anticipated graduation date. Figure 4 on page 92 provides a synopsis of student progress through school for the 2020 cohort. In addition to showing final statuses of students by year, Figure 4 shows the number of students who left Texas public schools each year, how many continued from one year to the next, and how many left Texas public schools and returned in a later year.

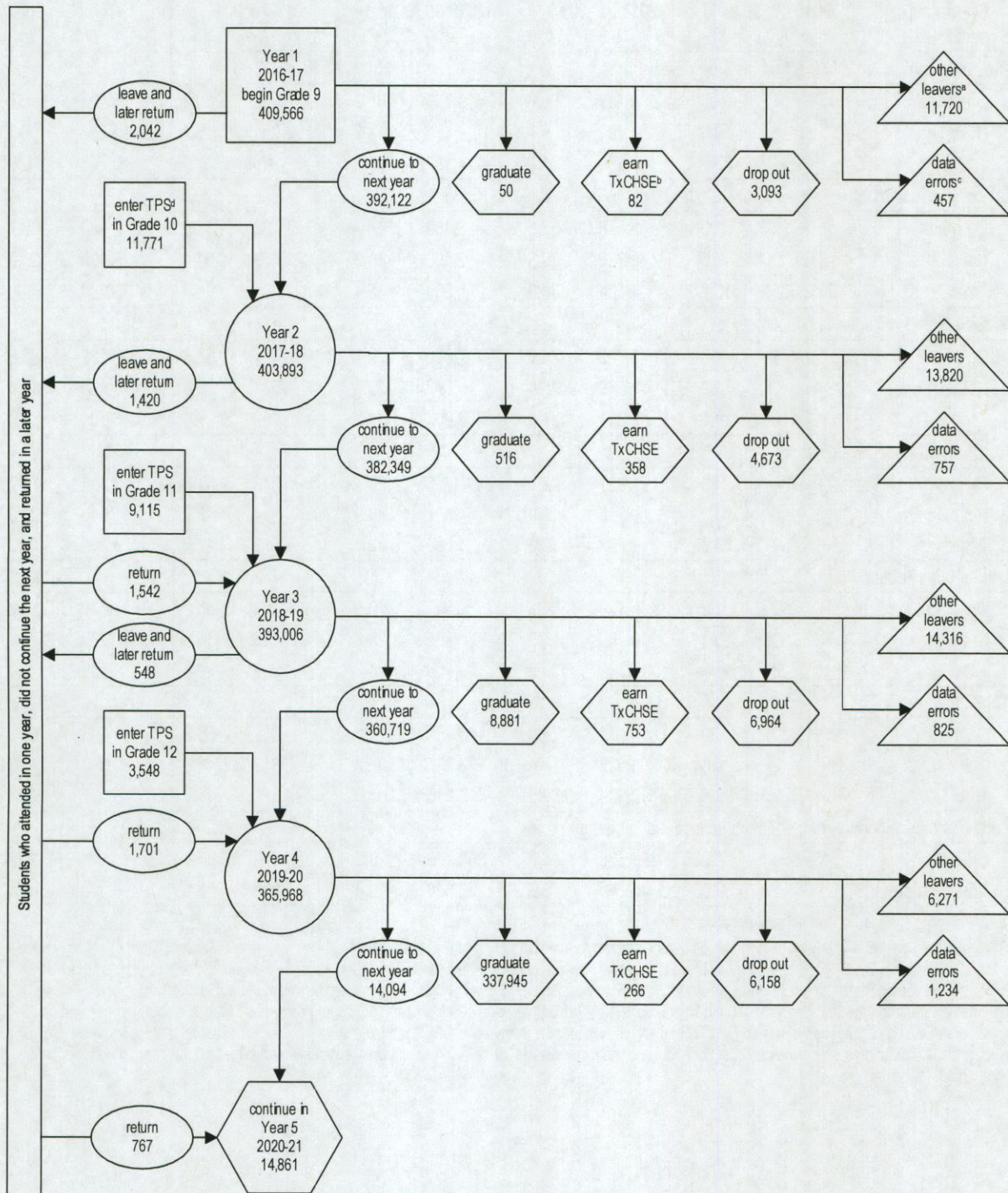
Table 30
Other Leavers, by Leaver Reason, On-Grade Status, and School Year, Texas Public Schools,
Class of 2020 Grade 9 Cohort

| On-grade status ^a | 2016-17 (N) | 2016-17 (%) | 2017-18 (N) | 2017-18 (%) | 2018-19 (N) | 2018-19 (%) | 2019-20 (N) | 2019-20 (%) | Total (N) | Total (%) |
|---|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|-----------|
| Enrolled in public or private school outside Texas | | | | | | | | | | |
| On grade | 5,861 | 100 | 4,759 | 90.6 | 3,726 | 88.8 | 1,062 | 80.9 | 15,408 | 92.7 |
| Not on grade | 0 ^b | 0.0 | 495 | 9.4 | 471 | 11.2 | 251 | 19.1 | 1,217 | 7.3 |
| Total | 5,861 | 35.3 | 5,254 | 31.6 | 4,197 | 25.2 | 1,313 | 7.9 | 16,625 | 100 |
| Is home schooled | | | | | | | | | | |
| On grade | 2,385 | 100 | 2,878 | 63.5 | 3,159 | 56.8 | 1,566 | 48.9 | 9,988 | 63.7 |
| Not on grade | 0 | 0.0 | 1,656 | 36.5 | 2,400 | 43.2 | 1,639 | 51.1 | 5,695 | 36.3 |
| Total | 2,385 | 15.2 | 4,534 | 28.9 | 5,559 | 35.4 | 3,205 | 20.4 | 15,683 | 100 |
| Returned to family's home country | | | | | | | | | | |
| On grade | 2,478 | 100 | 1,732 | 74.6 | 2,320 | 79.8 | 492 | 61.6 | 7,022 | 82.6 |
| Not on grade | 0 | 0.0 | 589 | 25.4 | 588 | 20.2 | 307 | 38.4 | 1,484 | 17.4 |
| Total | 2,478 | 29.1 | 2,321 | 27.3 | 2,908 | 34.2 | 799 | 9.4 | 8,506 | 100 |
| Enrolled in Texas private school | | | | | | | | | | |
| On grade | 784 | 100 | 987 | 82.1 | 895 | 69.1 | 348 | 51.8 | 3,014 | 76.2 |
| Not on grade | 0 | 0.0 | 215 | 17.9 | 401 | 30.9 | 324 | 48.2 | 940 | 23.8 |
| Total | 784 | 19.8 | 1,202 | 30.4 | 1,296 | 32.8 | 672 | 17.0 | 3,954 | 100 |
| Left for other reasons^c | | | | | | | | | | |
| On grade | 212 | 100 | 429 | 84.3 | 251 | 70.5 | 184 | 65.2 | 1,076 | 79.2 |
| Not on grade | 0 | 0.0 | 80 | 15.7 | 105 | 29.5 | 98 | 34.8 | 283 | 20.8 |
| Total | 212 | 15.6 | 509 | 37.5 | 356 | 26.2 | 282 | 20.8 | 1,359 | 100 |
| Total other leavers | | | | | | | | | | |
| On grade | 11,720 | 100 | 10,785 | 78.0 | 10,351 | 72.3 | 3,652 | 58.2 | 36,508 | 79.1 |
| Not on grade | 0 | 0.0 | 3,035 | 22.0 | 3,965 | 27.7 | 2,619 | 41.8 | 9,619 | 20.9 |
| Total | 11,720 | 25.4 | 13,820 | 30.0 | 14,316 | 31.0 | 6,271 | 13.6 | 46,127 | 100 |
| Total students in cohort enrolled in the school year indicated^d | | | | | | | | | | |
| On grade | 409,566 | 100 | 379,628 | 94.0 | 366,159 | 93.2 | 351,479 | 96.1 | n/a ^e | n/a |
| Not on grade | 0 | 0.0 | 24,265 | 6.0 | 26,826 | 6.8 | 14,228 | 3.9 | n/a | n/a |

Note. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding.

^aStudents were on grade if they were in the grade level expected for the cohort or a higher grade level in the school year indicated. ^bStudents were added to the 2020 cohort in 2016-17 if they attended Grade 9 in Texas public schools for the first time that year, regardless of other grades attended that year or in previous years. Therefore, all students added in 2016-17 were considered to be on grade. ^cBecause of small numbers, students who left for other reasons are grouped together. For a list of the other reasons, see Table 4 on page 40. ^dNumbers for school years may not match counts presented elsewhere in the report because of missing high school grade information. ^eNot applicable. Because a student's on-grade status can change from year to year, totals for students who remained in school could not be determined. Totals for other leavers were calculated based on the years the students left school.

Figure 4
Synopsis of Student Progress Through High School, Texas Public Schools, Class of 2020
Grade 9 Cohort



Note. ○ indicates students who returned to Texas public school. □ indicates students added to the cohort. ◯ indicates final student statuses. △ indicates students without final statuses. ○ indicates students who attended that school year.
 *Students who left the Texas public school system for reasons other than graduating, receiving a Texas Certificate of High School Equivalency (TxCHSE), or dropping out and who did not return. ^bTexas Certificate of High School Equivalency. ^cData errors can result from missing student records (i.e., underreported students) or misreported student identification information. ^dTexas public schools.

Grade 9 Five-Year Extended Longitudinal Graduation and Dropout Rates

State summary. Many students took longer than four years to graduate. Students who began Grade 9 in Texas public schools for the first time in 2015-16 or who later joined the cohort were tracked into the fall one year following their anticipated graduation date of spring 2019. The total number of students with final statuses changed between fall 2019 and fall 2020 because: (a) some students who continued high school in fall 2019 left Texas public schools by fall 2020 for reasons other than graduating, receiving a TxCHSE, or dropping out; and (b) some students who left Texas public schools by fall 2019 without graduating returned to Texas public schools and graduated, received a TxCHSE, continued high school, or dropped out by fall 2020. In addition, students with changes in year of final status were added to, or removed from, relevant student groups.

By the fall of 2019, 90.0 percent of the class of 2019 had graduated, 3.7 percent were still in high school, 0.5 percent had received a TxCHSE, and 5.9 percent had dropped out (Table 31 on page 94). By the fall of 2020, 92.0 percent of the class of 2019 had graduated, 1.3 percent were still in high school, 0.5 percent had received a TxCHSE, and 6.1 percent had dropped out (Table 31 on page 94 and Table 34 on page 98). The five-year graduation rate for the class of 2019 was 2.0 percentage points higher than the four-year graduation rate.

Rates by race/ethnicity, economic status, and gender. Across the five largest racial/ethnic groups in the class of 2019, the percentage-point increases in graduation rate from fall 2019 to fall 2020 were highest for Hispanic and African American students (2.5 points each), followed by multiracial (1.7 points), White (1.3 points), and Asian (1.2 points) students (Table 31 on page 94). The graduation rate for students identified as economically disadvantaged increased by 2.6 percentage points, and the rate for students not identified as economically disadvantaged increased by 1.4 percentage points. Graduation rates increased by 2.5 percentage points for males and by 1.7 percentage points for females.

Rates by program participation and student characteristic. The five-year graduation rate for students participating in special education programs was 4.5 percentage points higher than the four-year rate, increasing from 77.9 percent to 82.4 percent (Table 32 on page 95). Students identified as English learners in Grades 9-12 had a five-year graduation rate of 83.2 percent, 5.2 percentage points higher than their four-year rate (Table 33 on page 96). The five-year graduation rates for both groups continued to be lower than the state average (92.0%).

Graduates. In 2013, the 83rd Texas Legislature established the Foundation High School Program (FHSP) as the new high school graduation program for all students who entered Grade 9 in the 2014-15 school year or later (Texas Education Code [TEC] §28.025, 2013). Prior to full implementation of the FHSP, students could graduate under the Recommended High School Program (RHSP), Advanced High School Program (AHSP), or Minimum High School Program (MHSP) (Title 19 of the Texas Administrative Code [TAC] §74.71, 2021, adopted to be effective May 30, 2012).

Table 31
Grade 9 Four-Year and Five-Year Extended Longitudinal Graduation and Dropout Rates, by
Race/Ethnicity, Economic Status, and Gender, Texas Public Schools, Class of 2019

| Status date | Class ^a | Grad. ^b (N) | Grad. ^c rate (%) | Cont. ^d (N) | Cont. ^e rate (%) | TxCHSE ^f recipients (N) | TxCHSE recipient rate (%) | Dropouts (N) | Dropout rate (%) | Grad., cont., or TxCHSE recipients (N) | Grad., cont., or TxCHSE recipient rate (%) |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|--|--|
| African American | | | | | | | | | | | |
| As of fall 2019 | 48,913 | 42,183 | 86.2 | 2,188 | 4.5 | 216 | 0.4 | 4,326 | 8.8 | 44,587 | 91.2 |
| As of fall 2020 | 48,859 | 43,325 | 88.7 | 747 | 1.5 | 269 | 0.6 | 4,518 | 9.2 | 44,341 | 90.8 |
| American Indian | | | | | | | | | | | |
| As of fall 2019 | 1,426 | 1,245 | 87.3 | 55 | 3.9 | 7 | 0.5 | 119 | 8.3 | 1,307 | 91.7 |
| As of fall 2020 | 1,420 | 1,273 | 89.6 | 15 | 1.1 | 9 | 0.6 | 123 | 8.7 | 1,297 | 91.3 |
| Asian | | | | | | | | | | | |
| As of fall 2019 | 16,913 | 16,302 | 96.4 | 313 | 1.9 | 18 | 0.1 | 280 | 1.7 | 16,633 | 98.3 |
| As of fall 2020 | 16,903 | 16,493 | 97.6 | 120 | 0.7 | 21 | 0.1 | 269 | 1.6 | 16,634 | 98.4 |
| Hispanic | | | | | | | | | | | |
| As of fall 2019 | 197,059 | 173,793 | 88.2 | 8,633 | 4.4 | 720 | 0.4 | 13,913 | 7.1 | 183,146 | 92.9 |
| As of fall 2020 | 196,834 | 178,513 | 90.7 | 3,147 | 1.6 | 874 | 0.4 | 14,300 | 7.3 | 182,534 | 92.7 |
| Pacific Islander | | | | | | | | | | | |
| As of fall 2019 | 583 | 513 | 88.0 | 15 | 2.6 | 6 | 1.0 | 49 | 8.4 | 534 | 91.6 |
| As of fall 2020 | 580 | 520 | 89.7 | 6 | 1.0 | 6 | 1.0 | 48 | 8.3 | 532 | 91.7 |
| White | | | | | | | | | | | |
| As of fall 2019 | 110,084 | 103,158 | 93.7 | 2,603 | 2.4 | 710 | 0.6 | 3,613 | 3.3 | 106,471 | 96.7 |
| As of fall 2020 | 110,000 | 104,539 | 95.0 | 996 | 0.9 | 858 | 0.8 | 3,607 | 3.3 | 106,393 | 96.7 |
| Multiracial | | | | | | | | | | | |
| As of fall 2019 | 7,473 | 6,827 | 91.4 | 232 | 3.1 | 52 | 0.7 | 362 | 4.8 | 7,111 | 95.2 |
| As of fall 2020 | 7,476 | 6,957 | 93.1 | 90 | 1.2 | 63 | 0.8 | 366 | 4.9 | 7,110 | 95.1 |
| Economically disadvantaged | | | | | | | | | | | |
| As of fall 2019 | 205,362 | 178,978 | 87.2 | 9,159 | 4.5 | 987 | 0.5 | 16,238 | 7.9 | 189,124 | 92.1 |
| As of fall 2020 | 204,932 | 184,006 | 89.8 | 3,167 | 1.5 | 1,198 | 0.6 | 16,561 | 8.1 | 188,371 | 91.9 |
| Not economically disadvantaged | | | | | | | | | | | |
| As of fall 2019 | 177,089 | 165,043 | 93.2 | 4,880 | 2.8 | 742 | 0.4 | 6,424 | 3.6 | 170,665 | 96.4 |
| As of fall 2020 | 177,140 | 167,614 | 94.6 | 1,954 | 1.1 | 902 | 0.5 | 6,670 | 3.8 | 170,470 | 96.2 |
| Female | | | | | | | | | | | |
| As of fall 2019 | 188,020 | 173,254 | 92.1 | 5,518 | 2.9 | 584 | 0.3 | 8,664 | 4.6 | 179,356 | 95.4 |
| As of fall 2020 | 187,991 | 176,389 | 93.8 | 2,252 | 1.2 | 728 | 0.4 | 8,622 | 4.6 | 179,369 | 95.4 |
| Male | | | | | | | | | | | |
| As of fall 2019 | 194,431 | 170,767 | 87.8 | 8,521 | 4.4 | 1,145 | 0.6 | 13,998 | 7.2 | 180,433 | 92.8 |
| As of fall 2020 | 194,081 | 175,231 | 90.3 | 2,869 | 1.5 | 1,372 | 0.7 | 14,609 | 7.5 | 179,472 | 92.5 |
| State | | | | | | | | | | | |
| As of fall 2019 | 382,451 | 344,021 | 90.0 | 14,039 | 3.7 | 1,729 | 0.5 | 22,662 | 5.9 | 359,789 | 94.1 |
| As of fall 2020 | 382,072 | 351,620 | 92.0 | 5,121 | 1.3 | 2,100 | 0.5 | 23,231 | 6.1 | 358,841 | 93.9 |

Note. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding.

^aThe total number of students with final statuses changed between fall 2019 and fall 2020 because: (a) some students who continued high school in fall 2019 left Texas public schools (TPS) by fall 2020 for reasons other than graduating, receiving a TxCHSE, or dropping out; and (b) some students who left TPS by fall 2019 without graduating returned to TPS and graduated, received a TxCHSE, continued high school, or dropped out by fall 2020. In addition, students with changes in year of final status were added to, or removed from, relevant student groups. ^bGraduates. ^cGraduation. ^dContinuers.

^eContinuation. ^fTexas Certificate of High School Equivalency.

Table 32
Grade 9 Four-Year and Five-Year Extended Longitudinal Graduation and Dropout Rates, by
Program Participation, Texas Public Schools, Class of 2019

| Status date | Class ^a | Grad. ^b (N) | Grad. ^c rate (%) | Cont. ^d (N) | Cont. ^e rate (%) | TxCHSE ^f recipients (N) | TxCHSE recipient rate (%) | Dropouts (N) | Dropout rate (%) | Grad., cont., or TxCHSE recipients (N) | Grad., cont., or TxCHSE recipient rate (%) |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|--|--|
| Bilingual or ESL^g | | | | | | | | | | | |
| As of fall 2019 | 27,376 | 21,828 | 79.7 | 1,985 | 7.3 | 44 | 0.2 | 3,519 | 12.9 | 23,857 | 87.1 |
| As of fall 2020 | 27,736 | 23,418 | 84.4 | 586 | 2.1 | 58 | 0.2 | 3,674 | 13.2 | 24,062 | 86.8 |
| Career and technical education | | | | | | | | | | | |
| As of fall 2019 | 216,764 | 207,350 | 95.7 | 2,935 | 1.4 | 456 | 0.2 | 6,023 | 2.8 | 210,741 | 97.2 |
| As of fall 2020 | 216,830 | 209,459 | 96.6 | 906 | 0.4 | 558 | 0.3 | 5,907 | 2.7 | 210,923 | 97.3 |
| Gifted and talented | | | | | | | | | | | |
| As of fall 2019 | 34,696 | 34,366 | 99.0 | 61 | 0.2 | 52 | 0.1 | 217 | 0.6 | 34,479 | 99.4 |
| As of fall 2020 | 34,707 | 34,428 | 99.2 | 11 | <0.1 | 63 | 0.2 | 205 | 0.6 | 34,502 | 99.4 |
| Special education | | | | | | | | | | | |
| As of fall 2019 | 31,537 | 24,575 | 77.9 | 3,896 | 12.4 | 97 | 0.3 | 2,969 | 9.4 | 28,568 | 90.6 |
| As of fall 2020 | 31,590 | 26,027 | 82.4 | 2,343 | 7.4 | 123 | 0.4 | 3,097 | 9.8 | 28,493 | 90.2 |
| Title I | | | | | | | | | | | |
| As of fall 2019 | 173,206 | 152,154 | 87.8 | 6,403 | 3.7 | 859 | 0.5 | 13,790 | 8.0 | 159,416 | 92.0 |
| As of fall 2020 | 174,002 | 156,183 | 89.8 | 2,540 | 1.5 | 1,043 | 0.6 | 14,236 | 8.2 | 159,766 | 91.8 |
| State | | | | | | | | | | | |
| As of fall 2019 | 382,451 | 344,021 | 90.0 | 14,039 | 3.7 | 1,729 | 0.5 | 22,662 | 5.9 | 359,789 | 94.1 |
| As of fall 2020 | 382,072 | 351,620 | 92.0 | 5,121 | 1.3 | 2,100 | 0.5 | 23,231 | 6.1 | 358,841 | 93.9 |

Note. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding. Program participation was assigned based on the year of a student's final status in the cohort. Students may be counted in more than one category.

^aThe total number of students with final statuses changed between fall 2019 and fall 2020 because: (a) some students who continued high school in fall 2019 left Texas public schools (TPS) by fall 2020 for reasons other than graduating, receiving a TxCHSE, or dropping out; and (b) some students who left TPS by fall 2019 without graduating returned to TPS and graduated, received a TxCHSE, continued high school, or dropped out by fall 2020. In addition, students with changes in year of final status were added to, or removed from, relevant student groups. ^bGraduates. ^cGraduation. ^dContinuers. ^eContinuation. ^fTexas Certificate of High School Equivalency. ^gEnglish as a second language.

Table 33
Grade 9 Four-Year and Five-Year Extended Longitudinal Graduation and Dropout Rates, by Student Characteristic, Texas Public Schools, Class of 2019

| Status date | Class ^a | Grad. ^b (N) | Grad. ^c rate (%) | Cont. ^d (N) | Cont. ^e rate (%) | TxCHSE ^f recipients (N) | TxCHSE recipient rate (%) | Dropouts (N) | Dropout rate (%) | Grad., cont., or TxCHSE recipients (N) | Grad., cont., or TxCHSE recipient rate (%) |
|---|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|--|--|
| At-risk | | | | | | | | | | | |
| As of fall 2019 | 163,437 | 138,769 | 84.9 | 10,032 | 6.1 | 886 | 0.5 | 13,750 | 8.4 | 149,687 | 91.6 |
| As of fall 2020 | 163,142 | 144,370 | 88.5 | 3,766 | 2.3 | 1,105 | 0.7 | 13,901 | 8.5 | 149,241 | 91.5 |
| Dyslexia | | | | | | | | | | | |
| As of fall 2019 | 11,403 | 10,610 | 93.0 | 265 | 2.3 | 27 | 0.2 | 501 | 4.4 | 10,902 | 95.6 |
| As of fall 2020 | 11,383 | 10,792 | 94.8 | 53 | 0.5 | 31 | 0.3 | 507 | 4.5 | 10,876 | 95.5 |
| Ever EL in K-12^g | | | | | | | | | | | |
| As of fall 2019 | 119,863 | 105,318 | 87.9 | 5,608 | 4.7 | 291 | 0.2 | 8,646 | 7.2 | 111,217 | 92.8 |
| As of fall 2020 | 119,715 | 108,526 | 90.7 | 1,934 | 1.6 | 350 | 0.3 | 8,905 | 7.4 | 110,810 | 92.6 |
| Ever EL in 9-12^h | | | | | | | | | | | |
| As of fall 2019 | 40,831 | 31,850 | 78.0 | 3,285 | 8.0 | 92 | 0.2 | 5,604 | 13.7 | 35,227 | 86.3 |
| As of fall 2020 | 40,746 | 33,903 | 83.2 | 968 | 2.4 | 112 | 0.3 | 5,763 | 14.1 | 34,983 | 85.9 |
| EL in last yearⁱ | | | | | | | | | | | |
| As of fall 2019 | 31,124 | 23,636 | 75.9 | 2,360 | 7.6 | 71 | 0.2 | 5,057 | 16.2 | 26,067 | 83.8 |
| As of fall 2020 | 31,270 | 25,350 | 81.1 | 646 | 2.1 | 89 | 0.3 | 5,185 | 16.6 | 26,085 | 83.4 |
| Foster care in 9-12^j | | | | | | | | | | | |
| As of fall 2019 | 1,493 | 934 | 62.6 | 157 | 10.5 | 29 | 1.9 | 373 | 25.0 | 1,120 | 75.0 |
| As of fall 2020 | 1,486 | 1,004 | 67.6 | 68 | 4.6 | 37 | 2.5 | 377 | 25.4 | 1,109 | 74.6 |
| Foster care in last year^k | | | | | | | | | | | |
| As of fall 2019 | 661 | 429 | 64.9 | 38 | 5.7 | 15 | 2.3 | 179 | 27.1 | 482 | 72.9 |
| As of fall 2020 | 645 | 448 | 69.5 | 12 | 1.9 | 18 | 2.8 | 167 | 25.9 | 478 | 74.1 |
| Homeless in 9-12^l | | | | | | | | | | | |
| As of fall 2019 | 23,975 | 19,140 | 79.8 | 1,679 | 7.0 | 146 | 0.6 | 3,010 | 12.6 | 20,965 | 87.4 |
| As of fall 2020 | 24,074 | 20,162 | 83.8 | 555 | 2.3 | 180 | 0.7 | 3,177 | 13.2 | 20,897 | 86.8 |
| Immigrant | | | | | | | | | | | |
| As of fall 2019 | 4,938 | 3,611 | 73.1 | 327 | 6.6 | 12 | 0.2 | 988 | 20.0 | 3,950 | 80.0 |
| As of fall 2020 | 4,889 | 3,807 | 77.9 | 82 | 1.7 | 12 | 0.2 | 988 | 20.2 | 3,901 | 79.8 |
| Migrant | | | | | | | | | | | |
| As of fall 2019 | 1,910 | 1,660 | 86.9 | 76 | 4.0 | 3 | 0.2 | 171 | 9.0 | 1,739 | 91.0 |
| As of fall 2020 | 1,888 | 1,699 | 90.0 | 19 | 1.0 | 4 | 0.2 | 166 | 8.8 | 1,722 | 91.2 |

Note. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding. Students may be counted in more than one category.

^aThe total number of students with final statuses changed between fall 2019 and fall 2020 because: (a) some students who continued high school in fall 2019 left Texas public schools (TPS) by fall 2020 for reasons other than graduating, receiving a TxCHSE, or dropping out; and (b) some students who left TPS by fall 2019 without graduating returned to TPS and graduated, received a TxCHSE, continued high school, or dropped out by fall 2020. In addition, students with changes in year of final status were added to, or removed from, relevant student groups. ^bGraduates. ^cGraduation. ^dContinuers. ^eContinuation. ^fTexas Certificate of High School Equivalency. ^gStudents identified as English learners (ELs) at any time while attending TPS. ^hStudents identified as ELs at any time while attending Grades 9-12 in TPS. ⁱStudents identified as ELs in their last year in TPS. ^jStudents identified as in foster care at any time while attending Grades 9-12 in TPS. ^kStudents identified as in foster care in their last year in TPS. ^lStudents identified as homeless at any time while attending Grades 9-12 in TPS. ^mNot applicable.

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Table 33 (continued)
Grade 9 Four-Year and Five-Year Extended Longitudinal Graduation and Dropout Rates, by Student Characteristic, Texas Public Schools, Class of 2019 (continued)

| Status date | Class ^a | Grad. ^b (N) | Grad. ^c rate (%) | Cont. ^d (N) | Cont. ^e rate (%) | TxCHSE ^f recipients (N) | TxCHSE recipient rate (%) | Dropouts (N) | Dropout rate (%) | Grad., cont., or TxCHSE recipients (N) | Grad., cont., or TxCHSE recipient rate (%) |
|---|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|--|--|
| Military-connected – federal definition | | | | | | | | | | | |
| As of fall 2019 | n/a ^m | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| As of fall 2020 | 4,318 | 4,171 | 96.6 | 31 | 0.7 | 17 | 0.4 | 99 | 2.3 | 4,219 | 97.7 |
| Military-connected – state definition | | | | | | | | | | | |
| As of fall 2019 | 5,111 | 4,878 | 95.4 | 107 | 2.1 | 15 | 0.3 | 111 | 2.2 | 5,000 | 97.8 |
| As of fall 2020 | 5,148 | 4,952 | 96.2 | 68 | 1.3 | 18 | 0.3 | 110 | 2.1 | 5,038 | 97.9 |
| State | | | | | | | | | | | |
| As of fall 2019 | 382,451 | 344,021 | 90.0 | 14,039 | 3.7 | 1,729 | 0.5 | 22,662 | 5.9 | 359,789 | 94.1 |
| As of fall 2020 | 382,072 | 351,620 | 92.0 | 5,121 | 1.3 | 2,100 | 0.5 | 23,231 | 6.1 | 358,841 | 93.9 |

Note. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding. Students may be counted in more than one category.

^aThe total number of students with final statuses changed between fall 2019 and fall 2020 because: (a) some students who continued high school in fall 2019 left Texas public schools (TPS) by fall 2020 for reasons other than graduating, receiving a TxCHSE, or dropping out; and (b) some students who left TPS by fall 2019 without graduating returned to TPS and graduated, received a TxCHSE, continued high school, or dropped out by fall 2020. In addition, students with changes in year of final status were added to, or removed from, relevant student groups. ^bGraduates. ^cGraduation. ^dContinuers. ^eContinuation. ^fTexas Certificate of High School Equivalency. ^gStudents identified as English learners (ELs) at any time while attending TPS. ^hStudents identified as ELs at any time while attending Grades 9-12 in TPS. ⁱStudents identified as ELs in their last year in TPS. ^jStudents identified as in foster care at any time while attending Grades 9-12 in TPS. ^kStudents identified as in foster care in their last year in TPS. ^lStudents identified as homeless at any time while attending Grades 9-12 in TPS. ^mNot applicable.

Table 34

Grade 9 Five-Year Extended Longitudinal Graduation and Dropout Rates, by Race/Ethnicity, Economic Status, and Gender, Texas Public Schools, Class of 2016, as of Fall 2017, Class of 2017, as of Fall 2018, Class of 2018, as of Fall 2019, and Class of 2019, as of Fall 2020

| Class year | Class | Grad. ^a (N) | Grad. ^b rate (%) | Cont. ^c (N) | Cont. ^d rate (%) | TxCHSE ^e recipients (N) | TxCHSE recipient rate (%) | Dropouts (N) | Dropout rate (%) | Grad., cont., or TxCHSE recipients (N) | Grad., cont., or TxCHSE recipient rate (%) |
|-------------------------|---------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|--|--|
| African American | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Class of 2016 | 45,983 | 40,579 | 88.2 | 586 | 1.3 | 313 | 0.7 | 4,505 | 9.8 | 41,478 | 90.2 |
| Class of 2017 | 46,853 | 41,594 | 88.8 | 590 | 1.3 | 292 | 0.6 | 4,377 | 9.3 | 42,476 | 90.7 |
| Class of 2018 | 48,212 | 42,947 | 89.1 | 615 | 1.3 | 278 | 0.6 | 4,372 | 9.1 | 43,840 | 90.9 |
| Class of 2019 | 48,859 | 43,325 | 88.7 | 747 | 1.5 | 269 | 0.6 | 4,518 | 9.2 | 44,341 | 90.8 |
| American Indian | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Class of 2016 | 1,395 | 1,250 | 89.6 | 24 | 1.7 | 13 | 0.9 | 108 | 7.7 | 1,287 | 92.3 |
| Class of 2017 | 1,400 | 1,250 | 89.3 | 17 | 1.2 | 8 | 0.6 | 125 | 8.9 | 1,275 | 91.1 |
| Class of 2018 | 1,382 | 1,211 | 87.6 | 24 | 1.7 | 8 | 0.6 | 139 | 10.1 | 1,243 | 89.9 |
| Class of 2019 | 1,420 | 1,273 | 89.6 | 15 | 1.1 | 9 | 0.6 | 123 | 8.7 | 1,297 | 91.3 |
| Asian | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Class of 2016 | 13,759 | 13,337 | 96.9 | 103 | 0.7 | 10 | 0.1 | 309 | 2.2 | 13,450 | 97.8 |
| Class of 2017 | 14,359 | 13,958 | 97.2 | 123 | 0.9 | 24 | 0.2 | 254 | 1.8 | 14,105 | 98.2 |
| Class of 2018 | 15,854 | 15,462 | 97.5 | 123 | 0.8 | 15 | 0.1 | 254 | 1.6 | 15,600 | 98.4 |
| Class of 2019 | 16,903 | 16,493 | 97.6 | 120 | 0.7 | 21 | 0.1 | 269 | 1.6 | 16,634 | 98.4 |
| Hispanic | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Class of 2016 | 172,612 | 155,124 | 89.9 | 2,494 | 1.4 | 1,031 | 0.6 | 13,963 | 8.1 | 158,649 | 91.9 |
| Class of 2017 | 179,220 | 162,037 | 90.4 | 2,400 | 1.3 | 937 | 0.5 | 13,846 | 7.7 | 165,374 | 92.3 |
| Class of 2018 | 187,590 | 170,322 | 90.8 | 2,392 | 1.3 | 962 | 0.5 | 13,914 | 7.4 | 173,676 | 92.6 |
| Class of 2019 | 196,834 | 178,513 | 90.7 | 3,147 | 1.6 | 874 | 0.4 | 14,300 | 7.3 | 182,534 | 92.7 |
| Pacific Islander | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Class of 2016 | 475 | 437 | 92.0 | 4 | 0.8 | 4 | 0.8 | 30 | 6.3 | 445 | 93.7 |
| Class of 2017 | 577 | 525 | 91.0 | 8 | 1.4 | 5 | 0.9 | 39 | 6.8 | 538 | 93.2 |
| Class of 2018 | 568 | 510 | 89.8 | 3 | 0.5 | 7 | 1.2 | 48 | 8.5 | 520 | 91.5 |
| Class of 2019 | 580 | 520 | 89.7 | 6 | 1.0 | 6 | 1.0 | 48 | 8.3 | 532 | 91.7 |
| White | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Class of 2016 | 109,179 | 103,596 | 94.9 | 885 | 0.8 | 974 | 0.9 | 3,724 | 3.4 | 105,455 | 96.6 |
| Class of 2017 | 110,546 | 105,106 | 95.1 | 893 | 0.8 | 898 | 0.8 | 3,649 | 3.3 | 106,897 | 96.7 |
| Class of 2018 | 111,443 | 105,923 | 95.0 | 908 | 0.8 | 934 | 0.8 | 3,678 | 3.3 | 107,765 | 96.7 |
| Class of 2019 | 110,000 | 104,539 | 95.0 | 996 | 0.9 | 858 | 0.8 | 3,607 | 3.3 | 106,393 | 96.7 |
| Multiracial | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Class of 2016 | 6,277 | 5,831 | 92.9 | 85 | 1.4 | 68 | 1.1 | 293 | 4.7 | 5,984 | 95.3 |
| Class of 2017 | 6,637 | 6,253 | 94.2 | 58 | 0.9 | 56 | 0.8 | 270 | 4.1 | 6,367 | 95.9 |
| Class of 2018 | 7,066 | 6,597 | 93.4 | 53 | 0.8 | 58 | 0.8 | 358 | 5.1 | 6,708 | 94.9 |
| Class of 2019 | 7,476 | 6,957 | 93.1 | 90 | 1.2 | 63 | 0.8 | 366 | 4.9 | 7,110 | 95.1 |

Note. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding.

^aGraduates. ^bGraduation. ^cContinuers. ^dContinuation. ^eTexas Certificate of High School Equivalency.

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Table 34 (continued)

Grade 9 Five-Year Extended Longitudinal Graduation and Dropout Rates, by Race/Ethnicity, Economic Status, and Gender, Texas Public Schools, Class of 2016, as of Fall 2017, Class of 2017, as of Fall 2018, Class of 2018, as of Fall 2019, and Class of 2019, as of Fall 2020

| Class year | Class | Grad. ^a (N) | Grad. ^b rate (%) | Cont. ^c (N) | Cont. ^d rate (%) | TxCHSE ^e recipients (N) | TxCHSE recipient rate (%) | Dropouts (N) | Dropout rate (%) | Grad., cont., or TxCHSE recipients (N) | Grad., cont., or TxCHSE recipient rate (%) |
|--------------------------------|---------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|--|--|
| Economically disadvantaged | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Class of 2016 | 177,434 | 157,882 | 89.0 | 2,392 | 1.3 | 1,303 | 0.7 | 15,857 | 8.9 | 161,577 | 91.1 |
| Class of 2017 | 183,936 | 165,007 | 89.7 | 2,433 | 1.3 | 1,249 | 0.7 | 15,247 | 8.3 | 168,689 | 91.7 |
| Class of 2018 | 198,441 | 178,614 | 90.0 | 2,435 | 1.2 | 1,326 | 0.7 | 16,066 | 8.1 | 182,375 | 91.9 |
| Class of 2019 | 204,932 | 184,006 | 89.8 | 3,167 | 1.5 | 1,198 | 0.6 | 16,561 | 8.1 | 188,371 | 91.9 |
| Not economically disadvantaged | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Class of 2016 | 172,246 | 162,272 | 94.2 | 1,789 | 1.0 | 1,110 | 0.6 | 7,075 | 4.1 | 165,171 | 95.9 |
| Class of 2017 | 175,656 | 165,716 | 94.3 | 1,656 | 0.9 | 971 | 0.6 | 7,313 | 4.2 | 168,343 | 95.8 |
| Class of 2018 | 173,674 | 164,358 | 94.6 | 1,683 | 1.0 | 936 | 0.5 | 6,697 | 3.9 | 166,977 | 96.1 |
| Class of 2019 | 177,140 | 167,614 | 94.6 | 1,954 | 1.1 | 902 | 0.5 | 6,670 | 3.8 | 170,470 | 96.2 |
| Female | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Class of 2016 | 171,306 | 159,830 | 93.3 | 1,703 | 1.0 | 818 | 0.5 | 8,955 | 5.2 | 162,351 | 94.8 |
| Class of 2017 | 176,938 | 166,163 | 93.9 | 1,676 | 0.9 | 739 | 0.4 | 8,360 | 4.7 | 168,578 | 95.3 |
| Class of 2018 | 183,322 | 172,070 | 93.9 | 1,698 | 0.9 | 791 | 0.4 | 8,763 | 4.8 | 174,559 | 95.2 |
| Class of 2019 | 187,991 | 176,389 | 93.8 | 2,252 | 1.2 | 728 | 0.4 | 8,622 | 4.6 | 179,369 | 95.4 |
| Male | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Class of 2016 | 178,374 | 160,324 | 89.9 | 2,478 | 1.4 | 1,595 | 0.9 | 13,977 | 7.8 | 164,397 | 92.2 |
| Class of 2017 | 182,654 | 164,560 | 90.1 | 2,413 | 1.3 | 1,481 | 0.8 | 14,200 | 7.8 | 168,454 | 92.2 |
| Class of 2018 | 188,793 | 170,902 | 90.5 | 2,420 | 1.3 | 1,471 | 0.8 | 14,000 | 7.4 | 174,793 | 92.6 |
| Class of 2019 | 194,081 | 175,231 | 90.3 | 2,869 | 1.5 | 1,372 | 0.7 | 14,609 | 7.5 | 179,472 | 92.5 |
| State | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Class of 2016 | 349,680 | 320,154 | 91.6 | 4,181 | 1.2 | 2,413 | 0.7 | 22,932 | 6.6 | 326,748 | 93.4 |
| Class of 2017 | 359,592 | 330,723 | 92.0 | 4,089 | 1.1 | 2,220 | 0.6 | 22,560 | 6.3 | 337,032 | 93.7 |
| Class of 2018 | 372,115 | 342,972 | 92.2 | 4,118 | 1.1 | 2,262 | 0.6 | 22,763 | 6.1 | 349,352 | 93.9 |
| Class of 2019 | 382,072 | 351,620 | 92.0 | 5,121 | 1.3 | 2,100 | 0.5 | 23,231 | 6.1 | 358,841 | 93.9 |

Note. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding.

^aGraduates. ^bGraduation. ^cContinuers. ^dContinuation. ^eTexas Certificate of High School Equivalency.

Students who graduated under the FHSP were able to earn an endorsement and earn a distinguished level of achievement (DLA) (19 TAC §74.13, 2021, amended to be effective August 1, 2020; 19 TAC §74.11, 2021, amended to be effective August 1, 2020; TEC §28.025, 2019). Students in the class of 2019 receiving special education services were not eligible to pursue an endorsement before the 2019-20 school year if they received a modified curriculum in any course required for an endorsement or failed to perform satisfactorily on the required state assessments (19 TAC §89.1070(c), 2021, amended to be effective February 15, 2018). These students are excluded from the numbers and rates presented in Table 35 on page 101. Beginning with 2019-20 graduates, students receiving special education services were able to earn an endorsement if they successfully completed curriculum requirements with or without modifications (TEC §28.025, 2019).

Of the 347,414 graduates in the class of 2019 with diploma program information, 99.7 percent graduated under the FHSP by the fall of 2020 (Table 35). Because some students in the class of 2019 graduated under the MSHP, RHSP, or AHSP, three sets of diploma program rates were calculated. MSHP, RHSP, and AHSP rates were each calculated by dividing the number of students graduating under each program by the sum of graduates in the three programs. Each of the three rates for FHSP graduates was derived by dividing the number of graduates with the specified program options by the sum of all FHSP graduates. The rate for students graduating under the RHSP, AHSP, or FHSP with an endorsement (with or without a distinguished level of achievement) was calculated by dividing the sum of students graduating under each of the programs as specified by all graduates with diploma information. By the fall of 2020, of the 346,381 FHSP graduates who were eligible to earn an endorsement, 13.4 percent graduated without an endorsement, 4.3 percent graduated with an endorsement but did not earn a DLA, and 82.3 percent graduated with an endorsement and earned a DLA. Of all 347,414 graduates with diploma program information, 86.5 percent graduated under the RHSP or AHSP or the FHSP with an endorsement (with or without a DLA) by the fall of 2020, a decrease of 1.1 percentage points from the fall of 2019 (TEA, 2020b, Table 27).

Grade 9 Six-Year Extended Longitudinal Graduation and Dropout Rates

State summary. Students who began Grade 9 in Texas public schools for the first time in 2014-15 or who later joined the cohort were tracked into the fall semester two years following their anticipated graduation date of spring 2018. The total number of students with final statuses changed between fall 2018 and fall 2020 because: (a) some students who continued high school in fall 2018 left Texas public schools by fall 2020 for reasons other than graduating, receiving a TxCHSE, or dropping out; and (b) some students who left Texas public schools by fall 2018 without graduating returned to Texas public schools and graduated, received a TxCHSE, continued high school, or dropped out by fall 2020. In addition, students with changes in year of final status were added to, or removed from, relevant student groups.

By the fall of 2018, 90.0 percent of the class of 2018 had graduated, 3.8 percent were still in high school, 0.4 percent had received a TxCHSE, and 5.7 percent had dropped out (Table 36 on page 103). By the fall of 2020, 92.6 percent of the class had graduated, 0.6 percent were still in high school, 0.7 percent had received a TxCHSE, and 6.1 percent had dropped out (Table 36 on page 103 and Table 39 on page 108). The six-year graduation rate for the class of 2018 was 2.6 percentage points higher than the four-year graduation rate.

Rates by race/ethnicity, economic status, and gender. Across the five largest racial/ethnic groups in the class of 2018, the percentage-point increase between the four-year and six-year graduation rates was highest for Hispanic students (3.2 points), followed by African American (3.1 points), multiracial (2.3 points), White (1.8 points), and Asian (1.4 points) students (Table 36 on page 103). Over the two-year period, the graduation rate for students identified as economically disadvantaged increased by 3.3 percentage points, and the rate for those not identified as economically disadvantaged increased by 1.9 percentage points. Graduation rates increased by 3.2 percentage points for males and by 2.2 percentage points for females.

Table 35
Graduates Within Diploma Programs, by Race/Ethnicity, Economic Status, Gender, Program Participation, and Student Characteristic, Texas Public Schools, Class of 2019 Grade 9 Five-Year Extended Longitudinal Cohort, as of Fall 2020

| Group | Minimum (N) | Minimum (%) | Recom. ^a (N) | Recom. (%) | Advanced (N) | Advanced (%) | FHSP, ^b no endorsement (N) | FHSP, no endorsement (%) |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------------|------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| African American | 62 | 38.3 | 68 | 42.0 | 32 | 19.8 | 7,696 | 18.2 |
| American Indian | 2 | 28.6 | 3 | 42.9 | 2 | 28.6 | 217 | 17.4 |
| Asian | 14 | 16.9 | 25 | 30.1 | 44 | 53.0 | 789 | 4.8 |
| Hispanic | 128 | 28.4 | 160 | 35.5 | 163 | 36.1 | 24,883 | 14.2 |
| Pacific Islander | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 100 | 0 | 0.0 | 89 | 17.4 |
| White | 81 | 26.0 | 39 | 12.5 | 191 | 61.4 | 11,858 | 11.5 |
| Multiracial | 5 | 27.8 | 7 | 38.9 | 6 | 33.3 | 923 | 13.4 |
| Econ. disad. ^c | 197 | 32.4 | 205 | 33.7 | 206 | 33.9 | 29,830 | 16.5 |
| Not econ. disad. | 95 | 22.4 | 98 | 23.1 | 232 | 54.6 | 16,625 | 10.0 |
| Female | 141 | 26.4 | 161 | 30.1 | 232 | 43.4 | 18,851 | 10.8 |
| Male | 151 | 30.3 | 142 | 28.5 | 206 | 41.3 | 27,604 | 16.0 |
| Bilingual or ESL ^d | 60 | 28.4 | 120 | 56.9 | 31 | 14.7 | 4,775 | 21.1 |
| CTE ^e | 104 | 20.5 | 64 | 12.6 | 340 | 66.9 | 21,429 | 10.4 |
| Gifted and talented | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 1.2 | 83 | 98.8 | 696 | 2.0 |
| Special education | 72 | 77.4 | 13 | 14.0 | 8 | 8.6 | 12,513 | 56.4 |
| Title I | 117 | 25.6 | 195 | 42.7 | 145 | 31.7 | 19,525 | 12.7 |
| At-risk | 176 | 30.0 | 207 | 35.3 | 203 | 34.6 | 33,639 | 24.0 |
| Dyslexia | 5 | 31.3 | 1 | 6.3 | 10 | 62.5 | 1,913 | 18.4 |
| EL ^f | | | | | | | | |
| In K-12 ^g | 85 | 22.4 | 155 | 40.9 | 139 | 36.7 | 14,298 | 13.4 |
| In 9-12 ^h | 70 | 28.5 | 135 | 54.9 | 41 | 16.7 | 6,470 | 19.6 |
| In last year ⁱ | 64 | 29.0 | 124 | 56.1 | 33 | 14.9 | 5,369 | 21.9 |
| Foster care | | | | | | | | |
| In 9-12 ^j | 0 | 0.0 | 2 | 100 | 0 | 0.0 | 403 | 42.3 |
| In last year ^k | 0 | . | 0 | . | 0 | . | 187 | 44.4 |
| Homeless in 9-12 ^l | 37 | 42.5 | 27 | 31.0 | 23 | 26.4 | 4,726 | 24.1 |
| Immigrant | 24 | 20.3 | 88 | 74.6 | 6 | 5.1 | 635 | 17.3 |
| Migrant | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 100 | 0 | 0.0 | 218 | 13.0 |
| Military-connected | | | | | | | | |
| Federal definition | 4 | 40.0 | 2 | 20.0 | 4 | 40.0 | 452 | 11.0 |
| State definition | 4 | 40.0 | 2 | 20.0 | 4 | 40.0 | 532 | 10.9 |
| State | 292 | 28.3 | 303 | 29.3 | 438 | 42.4 | 46,455 | 13.4 |

Note. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding. Students may be counted in more than one category. The number of graduates summed across diploma programs does not match the state-level count of graduates presented elsewhere in this report because 4,202 students were not eligible to pursue an endorsement, and 4 students were missing diploma program information. A dot (.) indicates there were no students in the group.

^aRecommended. ^bFoundation High School Program. ^cEconomically disadvantaged. ^dEnglish as a second language. ^eCareer and technical education. ^fEnglish learner. ^gStudents identified as ELs at any time while attending Texas public schools (TPS). ^hStudents identified as ELs at any time while attending Grades 9-12 in TPS. ⁱStudents identified as ELs in their last year in TPS. ^jStudents identified as in foster care at any time while attending Grades 9-12 in TPS. ^kStudents identified as in foster care in their last year in TPS. ^lStudents identified as homeless at any time while attending Grades 9-12 in TPS. ^mDistinguished level of achievement.

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Table 35 (continued)
Graduates Within Diploma Programs, by Race/Ethnicity, Economic Status, Gender, Program Participation, and Student Characteristic, Texas Public Schools, Class of 2019 Grade 9 Five-Year Extended Longitudinal Cohort, as of Fall 2020

| Group | FHSP ^b with endorsement, no DLA ^m (N) | FHSP with endorsement, no DLA (%) | FHSP with endorsement and DLA (N) | FHSP with endorsement and DLA (%) | Recommended, Advanced, or FHSP with endorsement (N) | Recommended, Advanced, or FHSP with endorsement (%) |
|-------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|---|
| African American | 2,506 | 5.9 | 32,133 | 75.9 | 34,739 | 81.7 |
| American Indian | 63 | 5.0 | 969 | 77.6 | 1,037 | 82.6 |
| Asian | 495 | 3.0 | 15,095 | 92.2 | 15,659 | 95.1 |
| Hispanic | 8,374 | 4.8 | 142,445 | 81.1 | 151,142 | 85.8 |
| Pacific Islander | 17 | 3.3 | 406 | 79.3 | 424 | 82.7 |
| White | 3,256 | 3.2 | 88,202 | 85.4 | 91,688 | 88.5 |
| Multiracial | 228 | 3.3 | 5,737 | 83.3 | 5,978 | 86.6 |
| Econ. disad. ^c | 9,955 | 5.5 | 140,654 | 78.0 | 151,020 | 83.4 |
| Not econ. disad. | 4,984 | 3.0 | 144,333 | 87.0 | 149,647 | 89.9 |
| Female | 6,997 | 4.0 | 148,419 | 85.2 | 155,809 | 89.1 |
| Male | 7,942 | 4.6 | 136,568 | 79.3 | 144,858 | 83.9 |
| Bilingual or ESL ^d | 1,620 | 7.2 | 16,244 | 71.8 | 18,015 | 78.8 |
| CTE ^e | 8,725 | 4.2 | 176,420 | 85.4 | 185,549 | 89.6 |
| Gifted and talented | 660 | 1.9 | 32,972 | 96.0 | 33,716 | 98.0 |
| Special education | 2,006 | 9.0 | 7,648 | 34.5 | 9,675 | 43.5 |
| Title I | 8,788 | 5.7 | 125,172 | 81.6 | 134,300 | 87.2 |
| At-risk | 9,120 | 6.5 | 97,351 | 69.5 | 106,881 | 76.0 |
| Dyslexia | 632 | 6.1 | 7,852 | 75.5 | 8,495 | 81.6 |
| EL ^f | | | | | | |
| In K-12 ^g | 5,714 | 5.3 | 86,914 | 81.3 | 92,922 | 86.6 |
| In 9-12 ^h | 2,223 | 6.7 | 24,259 | 73.6 | 26,658 | 80.3 |
| In last year ⁱ | 1,769 | 7.2 | 17,352 | 70.9 | 19,278 | 78.0 |
| Foster care | | | | | | |
| In 9-12 ^j | 51 | 5.4 | 499 | 52.4 | 552 | 57.8 |
| In last year ^k | 21 | 5.0 | 213 | 50.6 | 234 | 55.6 |
| Homeless in 9-12 ^l | 1,241 | 6.3 | 13,682 | 69.6 | 14,973 | 75.9 |
| Immigrant | 240 | 6.5 | 2,796 | 76.2 | 3,130 | 82.6 |
| Migrant | 90 | 5.4 | 1,365 | 81.6 | 1,456 | 87.0 |
| Military-connected | | | | | | |
| Federal definition | 112 | 2.7 | 3,556 | 86.3 | 3,674 | 89.0 |
| State definition | 125 | 2.6 | 4,240 | 86.6 | 4,371 | 89.1 |
| State | 14,939 | 4.3 | 284,987 | 82.3 | 300,667 | 86.5 |

Note. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding. Students may be counted in more than one category. The number of graduates summed across diploma programs does not match the state-level count of graduates presented elsewhere in this report because 4,202 students were not eligible to pursue an endorsement, and 4 students were missing diploma program information. A dot (.) indicates there were no students in the group.

^aRecommended. ^bFoundation High School Program. ^cEconomically disadvantaged. ^dEnglish as a second language. ^eCareer and technical education. ^fEnglish learner. ^gStudents identified as ELs at any time while attending Texas public schools (TPS). ^hStudents identified as ELs at any time while attending Grades 9-12 in TPS. ⁱStudents identified as ELs in their last year in TPS. ^jStudents identified as in foster care at any time while attending Grades 9-12 in TPS. ^kStudents identified as in foster care in their last year in TPS. ^lStudents identified as homeless at any time while attending Grades 9-12 in TPS. ^mDistinguished level of achievement.

Table 36
Grade 9 Four-Year, Five-Year Extended, and Six-Year Extended Longitudinal Graduation
and Dropout Rates, by Race/Ethnicity, Economic Status, and Gender, Texas Public Schools,
Class of 2018

| Status date | Class ^a | Grad. ^b (N) | Grad. ^c rate (%) | Cont. ^d (N) | Cont. ^e rate (%) | TxCHSE ^f recipients (N) | TxCHSE recipient rate (%) | Dropouts (N) | Dropout rate (%) | Grad., cont., or TxCHSE recipients (N) | Grad., cont., or TxCHSE recipient rate (%) |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|--|--|
| African American | | | | | | | | | | | |
| As of fall 2018 | 48,333 | 41,802 | 86.5 | 2,330 | 4.8 | 196 | 0.4 | 4,005 | 8.3 | 44,328 | 91.7 |
| As of fall 2019 | 48,212 | 42,947 | 89.1 | 615 | 1.3 | 278 | 0.6 | 4,372 | 9.1 | 43,840 | 90.9 |
| As of fall 2020 | 48,224 | 43,210 | 89.6 | 343 | 0.7 | 329 | 0.7 | 4,342 | 9.0 | 43,882 | 91.0 |
| American Indian | | | | | | | | | | | |
| As of fall 2018 | 1,382 | 1,176 | 85.1 | 74 | 5.4 | 5 | 0.4 | 127 | 9.2 | 1,255 | 90.8 |
| As of fall 2019 | 1,382 | 1,211 | 87.6 | 24 | 1.7 | 8 | 0.6 | 139 | 10.1 | 1,243 | 89.9 |
| As of fall 2020 | 1,386 | 1,227 | 88.5 | 9 | 0.6 | 11 | 0.8 | 139 | 10.0 | 1,247 | 90.0 |
| Asian | | | | | | | | | | | |
| As of fall 2018 | 15,867 | 15,300 | 96.4 | 322 | 2.0 | 15 | 0.1 | 230 | 1.4 | 15,637 | 98.6 |
| As of fall 2019 | 15,854 | 15,462 | 97.5 | 123 | 0.8 | 15 | 0.1 | 254 | 1.6 | 15,600 | 98.4 |
| As of fall 2020 | 15,852 | 15,506 | 97.8 | 72 | 0.5 | 17 | 0.1 | 257 | 1.6 | 15,595 | 98.4 |
| Hispanic | | | | | | | | | | | |
| As of fall 2018 | 188,106 | 165,858 | 88.2 | 8,562 | 4.6 | 710 | 0.4 | 12,976 | 6.9 | 175,130 | 93.1 |
| As of fall 2019 | 187,590 | 170,322 | 90.8 | 2,392 | 1.3 | 962 | 0.5 | 13,914 | 7.4 | 173,676 | 92.6 |
| As of fall 2020 | 187,675 | 171,448 | 91.4 | 1,319 | 0.7 | 1,078 | 0.6 | 13,830 | 7.4 | 173,845 | 92.6 |
| Pacific Islander | | | | | | | | | | | |
| As of fall 2018 | 572 | 494 | 86.4 | 27 | 4.7 | 3 | 0.5 | 48 | 8.4 | 524 | 91.6 |
| As of fall 2019 | 568 | 510 | 89.8 | 3 | 0.5 | 7 | 1.2 | 48 | 8.5 | 520 | 91.5 |
| As of fall 2020 | 568 | 510 | 89.8 | 2 | 0.4 | 9 | 1.6 | 47 | 8.3 | 521 | 91.7 |
| White | | | | | | | | | | | |
| As of fall 2018 | 111,598 | 104,418 | 93.6 | 2,787 | 2.5 | 690 | 0.6 | 3,703 | 3.3 | 107,895 | 96.7 |
| As of fall 2019 | 111,443 | 105,923 | 95.0 | 908 | 0.8 | 934 | 0.8 | 3,678 | 3.3 | 107,765 | 96.7 |
| As of fall 2020 | 111,440 | 106,267 | 95.4 | 526 | 0.5 | 1,004 | 0.9 | 3,643 | 3.3 | 107,797 | 96.7 |
| Multiracial | | | | | | | | | | | |
| As of fall 2018 | 7,061 | 6,452 | 91.4 | 248 | 3.5 | 38 | 0.5 | 323 | 4.6 | 6,738 | 95.4 |
| As of fall 2019 | 7,066 | 6,597 | 93.4 | 53 | 0.8 | 58 | 0.8 | 358 | 5.1 | 6,708 | 94.9 |
| As of fall 2020 | 7,064 | 6,618 | 93.7 | 28 | 0.4 | 65 | 0.9 | 353 | 5.0 | 6,711 | 95.0 |
| Economically disadvantaged | | | | | | | | | | | |
| As of fall 2018 | 199,025 | 173,685 | 87.3 | 9,225 | 4.6 | 967 | 0.5 | 15,148 | 7.6 | 183,877 | 92.4 |
| As of fall 2019 | 198,441 | 178,614 | 90.0 | 2,435 | 1.2 | 1,326 | 0.7 | 16,066 | 8.1 | 182,375 | 91.9 |
| As of fall 2020 | 198,456 | 179,710 | 90.6 | 1,366 | 0.7 | 1,474 | 0.7 | 15,906 | 8.0 | 182,550 | 92.0 |

Note. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding.

^aThe total number of students with final statuses changed between fall 2018 and fall 2020 because: (a) some students who continued high school in fall 2018 left Texas public schools (TPS) by fall 2020 for reasons other than graduating, receiving a TxCHSE, or dropping out; and (b) some students who left TPS by fall 2018 without graduating returned to TPS and graduated, received a TxCHSE, continued high school, or dropped out by fall 2020. In addition, students with changes in year of final status were added to, or removed from, relevant student groups. ^bGraduates. ^cGraduation. ^dContinuers.

^eContinuation. ^fTexas Certificate of High School Equivalency.

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Table 36 (continued)
Grade 9 Four-Year, Five-Year Extended, and Six-Year Extended Longitudinal Graduation and Dropout Rates, by Race/Ethnicity, Economic Status, and Gender, Texas Public Schools, Class of 2018

| Status date | Class ^a | Grad. ^b (N) | Grad. ^c rate (%) | Cont. ^d (N) | Cont. ^e rate (%) | TxCHSE ^f recipients (N) | TxCHSE recipient rate (%) | Dropouts (N) | Dropout rate (%) | Grad., cont., or TxCHSE recipients (N) | Grad., cont., or TxCHSE recipient rate (%) |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|--|--|
| Not economically disadvantaged | | | | | | | | | | | |
| As of fall 2018 | 173,894 | 161,815 | 93.1 | 5,125 | 2.9 | 690 | 0.4 | 6,264 | 3.6 | 167,630 | 96.4 |
| As of fall 2019 | 173,674 | 164,358 | 94.6 | 1,683 | 1.0 | 936 | 0.5 | 6,697 | 3.9 | 166,977 | 96.1 |
| As of fall 2020 | 173,753 | 165,076 | 95.0 | 933 | 0.5 | 1,039 | 0.6 | 6,705 | 3.9 | 167,048 | 96.1 |
| Female | | | | | | | | | | | |
| As of fall 2018 | 183,557 | 169,071 | 92.1 | 5,573 | 3.0 | 578 | 0.3 | 8,335 | 4.5 | 175,222 | 95.5 |
| As of fall 2019 | 183,322 | 172,070 | 93.9 | 1,698 | 0.9 | 791 | 0.4 | 8,763 | 4.8 | 174,559 | 95.2 |
| As of fall 2020 | 183,411 | 172,872 | 94.3 | 1,029 | 0.6 | 886 | 0.5 | 8,624 | 4.7 | 174,787 | 95.3 |
| Male | | | | | | | | | | | |
| As of fall 2018 | 189,362 | 166,429 | 87.9 | 8,777 | 4.6 | 1,079 | 0.6 | 13,077 | 6.9 | 176,285 | 93.1 |
| As of fall 2019 | 188,793 | 170,902 | 90.5 | 2,420 | 1.3 | 1,471 | 0.8 | 14,000 | 7.4 | 174,793 | 92.6 |
| As of fall 2020 | 188,798 | 171,914 | 91.1 | 1,270 | 0.7 | 1,627 | 0.9 | 13,987 | 7.4 | 174,811 | 92.6 |
| State | | | | | | | | | | | |
| As of fall 2018 | 372,919 | 335,500 | 90.0 | 14,350 | 3.8 | 1,657 | 0.4 | 21,412 | 5.7 | 351,507 | 94.3 |
| As of fall 2019 | 372,115 | 342,972 | 92.2 | 4,118 | 1.1 | 2,262 | 0.6 | 22,763 | 6.1 | 349,352 | 93.9 |
| As of fall 2020 | 372,209 | 344,786 | 92.6 | 2,299 | 0.6 | 2,513 | 0.7 | 22,611 | 6.1 | 349,598 | 93.9 |

Note. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding.

^aThe total number of students with final statuses changed between fall 2018 and fall 2020 because: (a) some students who continued high school in fall 2018 left Texas public schools (TPS) by fall 2020 for reasons other than graduating, receiving a TxCHSE, or dropping out; and (b) some students who left TPS by fall 2018 without graduating returned to TPS and graduated, received a TxCHSE, continued high school, or dropped out by fall 2020. In addition, students with changes in year of final status were added to, or removed from, relevant student groups. ^bGraduates. ^cGraduation. ^dContinuers.

^eContinuation. ^fTexas Certificate of High School Equivalency.

Rates by program participation and student characteristic. The six-year graduation rate for students participating in special education programs was 7.1 percentage points higher than the four-year rate, increasing from 77.9 percent to 85.0 percent (Table 37). Students identified as English learners in Grades 9-12 had a six-year graduation rate of 83.6 percent, 6.4 percentage points higher than their four-year rate (Table 38 on page 106). The six-year graduation rates for both groups continued to be lower than the state average (92.6%).

Table 37
Grade 9 Four-Year, Five-Year Extended, and Six-Year Extended Longitudinal Graduation and Dropout Rates, by Program Participation, Texas Public Schools, Class of 2018

| Status date | Class ^a | Grad. ^b (N) | Grad. ^c rate (%) | Cont. ^d (N) | Cont. ^e rate (%) | TxCHSE ^f recipients (N) | TxCHSE recipient rate (%) | Dropouts (N) | Dropout rate (%) | Grad., cont., or TxCHSE recipients (N) | Grad., cont., or TxCHSE recipient rate (%) |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|--|--|
| Bilingual or ESL^g | | | | | | | | | | | |
| As of fall 2018 | 23,212 | 18,054 | 77.8 | 2,053 | 8.8 | 31 | 0.1 | 3,074 | 13.2 | 20,138 | 86.8 |
| As of fall 2019 | 22,909 | 19,157 | 83.6 | 365 | 1.6 | 44 | 0.2 | 3,343 | 14.6 | 19,566 | 85.4 |
| As of fall 2020 | 22,997 | 19,440 | 84.5 | 168 | 0.7 | 48 | 0.2 | 3,341 | 14.5 | 19,656 | 85.5 |
| Career and technical education | | | | | | | | | | | |
| As of fall 2018 | 209,122 | 200,364 | 95.8 | 2,846 | 1.4 | 394 | 0.2 | 5,518 | 2.6 | 203,604 | 97.4 |
| As of fall 2019 | 209,202 | 202,394 | 96.7 | 648 | 0.3 | 567 | 0.3 | 5,593 | 2.7 | 203,609 | 97.3 |
| As of fall 2020 | 209,230 | 202,719 | 96.9 | 378 | 0.2 | 625 | 0.3 | 5,508 | 2.6 | 203,722 | 97.4 |
| Gifted and talented | | | | | | | | | | | |
| As of fall 2018 | 33,600 | 33,289 | 99.1 | 65 | 0.2 | 45 | 0.1 | 201 | 0.6 | 33,399 | 99.4 |
| As of fall 2019 | 33,602 | 33,346 | 99.2 | 6 | <0.1 | 58 | 0.2 | 192 | 0.6 | 33,410 | 99.4 |
| As of fall 2020 | 33,602 | 33,352 | 99.3 | 3 | <0.1 | 67 | 0.2 | 180 | 0.5 | 33,422 | 99.5 |
| Special education | | | | | | | | | | | |
| As of fall 2018 | 29,582 | 23,033 | 77.9 | 3,689 | 12.5 | 68 | 0.2 | 2,792 | 9.4 | 26,790 | 90.6 |
| As of fall 2019 | 29,625 | 24,499 | 82.7 | 2,103 | 7.1 | 102 | 0.3 | 2,921 | 9.9 | 26,704 | 90.1 |
| As of fall 2020 | 29,590 | 25,158 | 85.0 | 1,381 | 4.7 | 114 | 0.4 | 2,937 | 9.9 | 26,653 | 90.1 |
| Title I | | | | | | | | | | | |
| As of fall 2018 | 165,984 | 145,620 | 87.7 | 6,428 | 3.9 | 848 | 0.5 | 13,088 | 7.9 | 152,896 | 92.1 |
| As of fall 2019 | 166,446 | 149,522 | 89.8 | 1,829 | 1.1 | 1,141 | 0.7 | 13,954 | 8.4 | 152,492 | 91.6 |
| As of fall 2020 | 166,703 | 150,514 | 90.3 | 1,069 | 0.6 | 1,276 | 0.8 | 13,844 | 8.3 | 152,859 | 91.7 |
| State | | | | | | | | | | | |
| As of fall 2018 | 372,919 | 335,500 | 90.0 | 14,350 | 3.8 | 1,657 | 0.4 | 21,412 | 5.7 | 351,507 | 94.3 |
| As of fall 2019 | 372,115 | 342,972 | 92.2 | 4,118 | 1.1 | 2,262 | 0.6 | 22,763 | 6.1 | 349,352 | 93.9 |
| As of fall 2020 | 372,209 | 344,786 | 92.6 | 2,299 | 0.6 | 2,513 | 0.7 | 22,611 | 6.1 | 349,598 | 93.9 |

Note. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding. Program participation was assigned based on the year of a student's final status in the cohort. Students may be counted in more than one category.

^aThe total number of students with final statuses changed between fall 2018 and fall 2020 because: (a) some students who continued high school in fall 2018 left Texas public schools (TPS) by fall 2020 for reasons other than graduating, receiving a TxCHSE, or dropping out; and (b) some students who left TPS by fall 2018 without graduating returned to TPS and graduated, received a TxCHSE, continued high school, or dropped out by fall 2020. In addition, students with changes in year of final status were added to, or removed from, relevant student groups. ^bGraduates. ^cGraduation. ^dContinuers.

^eContinuation. ^fTexas Certificate of High School Equivalency. ^gEnglish as a second language.

Table 38
Grade 9 Four-Year, Five-Year Extended, and Six-Year Extended Longitudinal Graduation and Dropout Rates, by Student Characteristic, Texas Public Schools, Class of 2018

| Status date | Class ^a | Grad. ^b (N) | Grad. ^c rate (%) | Cont. ^d (N) | Cont. ^e rate (%) | TxCHSE ^f recipients (N) | TxCHSE recipient rate (%) | Dropouts (N) | Dropout rate (%) | Grad., cont., or TxCHSE recipients (N) | Grad., cont., or TxCHSE recipient rate (%) |
|---|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|--|--|
| At-risk | | | | | | | | | | | |
| As of fall 2018 | 160,781 | 136,560 | 84.9 | 10,281 | 6.4 | 822 | 0.5 | 13,118 | 8.2 | 147,663 | 91.8 |
| As of fall 2019 | 159,950 | 142,030 | 88.8 | 2,897 | 1.8 | 1,181 | 0.7 | 13,842 | 8.7 | 146,108 | 91.3 |
| As of fall 2020 | 159,987 | 143,293 | 89.6 | 1,662 | 1.0 | 1,317 | 0.8 | 13,715 | 8.6 | 146,272 | 91.4 |
| Dyslexia | | | | | | | | | | | |
| As of fall 2018 | 10,486 | 9,757 | 93.0 | 262 | 2.5 | 27 | 0.3 | 440 | 4.2 | 10,046 | 95.8 |
| As of fall 2019 | 10,465 | 9,914 | 94.7 | 56 | 0.5 | 40 | 0.4 | 455 | 4.3 | 10,010 | 95.7 |
| As of fall 2020 | 10,464 | 9,944 | 95.0 | 23 | 0.2 | 47 | 0.4 | 450 | 4.3 | 10,014 | 95.7 |
| Ever EL in K-12^g | | | | | | | | | | | |
| As of fall 2018 | 114,092 | 100,008 | 87.7 | 5,718 | 5.0 | 314 | 0.3 | 8,052 | 7.1 | 106,040 | 92.9 |
| As of fall 2019 | 113,741 | 103,049 | 90.6 | 1,510 | 1.3 | 419 | 0.4 | 8,763 | 7.7 | 104,978 | 92.3 |
| As of fall 2020 | 113,791 | 103,811 | 91.2 | 796 | 0.7 | 468 | 0.4 | 8,716 | 7.7 | 105,075 | 92.3 |
| Ever EL in 9-12^h | | | | | | | | | | | |
| As of fall 2018 | 35,225 | 27,186 | 77.2 | 3,148 | 8.9 | 74 | 0.2 | 4,817 | 13.7 | 30,408 | 86.3 |
| As of fall 2019 | 34,969 | 28,848 | 82.5 | 721 | 2.1 | 98 | 0.3 | 5,302 | 15.2 | 29,667 | 84.8 |
| As of fall 2020 | 35,005 | 29,271 | 83.6 | 339 | 1.0 | 107 | 0.3 | 5,288 | 15.1 | 29,717 | 84.9 |
| EL in last yearⁱ | | | | | | | | | | | |
| As of fall 2018 | 26,169 | 19,663 | 75.1 | 2,164 | 8.3 | 53 | 0.2 | 4,289 | 16.4 | 21,880 | 83.6 |
| As of fall 2019 | 26,147 | 20,971 | 80.2 | 441 | 1.7 | 73 | 0.3 | 4,662 | 17.8 | 21,485 | 82.2 |
| As of fall 2020 | 26,188 | 21,285 | 81.3 | 190 | 0.7 | 80 | 0.3 | 4,633 | 17.7 | 21,555 | 82.3 |
| Foster care in 9-12^j | | | | | | | | | | | |
| As of fall 2018 | 1,433 | 909 | 63.4 | 162 | 11.3 | 40 | 2.8 | 322 | 22.5 | 1,111 | 77.5 |
| As of fall 2019 | 1,423 | 985 | 69.2 | 49 | 3.4 | 48 | 3.4 | 341 | 24.0 | 1,082 | 76.0 |
| As of fall 2020 | 1,421 | 1,005 | 70.7 | 19 | 1.3 | 53 | 3.7 | 344 | 24.2 | 1,077 | 75.8 |
| Foster care in last year^k | | | | | | | | | | | |
| As of fall 2018 | 610 | 394 | 64.6 | 38 | 6.2 | 16 | 2.6 | 162 | 26.6 | 448 | 73.4 |
| As of fall 2019 | 601 | 413 | 68.7 | 11 | 1.8 | 19 | 3.2 | 158 | 26.3 | 443 | 73.7 |
| As of fall 2020 | 599 | 415 | 69.3 | 5 | 0.8 | 20 | 3.3 | 159 | 26.5 | 440 | 73.5 |
| Homeless in 9-12^l | | | | | | | | | | | |
| As of fall 2018 | 22,768 | 18,222 | 80.0 | 1,732 | 7.6 | 130 | 0.6 | 2,684 | 11.8 | 20,084 | 88.2 |
| As of fall 2019 | 22,828 | 19,187 | 84.1 | 454 | 2.0 | 204 | 0.9 | 2,983 | 13.1 | 19,845 | 86.9 |
| As of fall 2020 | 22,862 | 19,418 | 84.9 | 225 | 1.0 | 233 | 1.0 | 2,986 | 13.1 | 19,876 | 86.9 |

Note. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding. Students may be counted in more than one category.

^aThe total number of students with final statuses changed between fall 2018 and fall 2020 because: (a) some students who continued high school in fall 2018 left Texas public schools (TPS) by fall 2020 for reasons other than graduating, receiving a TxCHSE, or dropping out; and (b) some students who left TPS by fall 2018 without graduating returned to TPS and graduated, received a TxCHSE, continued high school, or dropped out by fall 2020. In addition, students with changes in year of final status were added to, or removed from, relevant student groups. ^bGraduates. ^cGraduation. ^dContinuers.

^eContinuation. ^fTexas Certificate of High School Equivalency. ^gStudents identified as English learners (ELs) at any time while attending TPS. ^hStudents identified as ELs at any time while attending Grades 9-12 in TPS. ⁱStudents identified as ELs in their last year in TPS. ^jStudents identified as in foster care at any time while attending Grades 9-12 in TPS. ^kStudents identified as in foster care in their last year in TPS. ^lStudents identified as homeless at any time while attending Grades 9-12 in TPS. ^mNot applicable.

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Table 38 (continued)
Grade 9 Four-Year, Five-Year Extended, and Six-Year Extended Longitudinal Graduation and Dropout Rates, by Student Characteristic, Texas Public Schools, Class of 2018

| Status date | Class ^a | Grad. ^b (N) | Grad. ^c rate (%) | Cont. ^d (N) | Cont. ^e rate (%) | TxCHSE ^f recipients (N) | TxCHSE recipient rate (%) | Dropouts (N) | Dropout rate (%) | Grad., cont., or TxCHSE recipients (N) | Grad., cont., or TxCHSE recipient rate (%) |
|--|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|--|--|
| Immigrant | | | | | | | | | | | |
| As of fall 2018 | 4,442 | 3,249 | 73.1 | 318 | 7.2 | 2 | <0.1 | 873 | 19.7 | 3,569 | 80.3 |
| As of fall 2019 | 4,395 | 3,428 | 78.0 | 59 | 1.3 | 3 | 0.1 | 905 | 20.6 | 3,490 | 79.4 |
| As of fall 2020 | 4,376 | 3,457 | 79.0 | 10 | 0.2 | 4 | 0.1 | 905 | 20.7 | 3,471 | 79.3 |
| Migrant | | | | | | | | | | | |
| As of fall 2018 | 2,050 | 1,737 | 84.7 | 113 | 5.5 | 14 | 0.7 | 186 | 9.1 | 1,864 | 90.9 |
| As of fall 2019 | 2,049 | 1,807 | 88.2 | 21 | 1.0 | 18 | 0.9 | 203 | 9.9 | 1,846 | 90.1 |
| As of fall 2020 | 2,045 | 1,818 | 88.9 | 9 | 0.4 | 19 | 0.9 | 199 | 9.7 | 1,846 | 90.3 |
| Military-connected - federal definition | | | | | | | | | | | |
| As of fall 2018 | n/a ^m | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| As of fall 2019 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| As of fall 2020 | 4,247 | 4,120 | 97.0 | 8 | 0.2 | 16 | 0.4 | 103 | 2.4 | 4,144 | 97.6 |
| Military-connected - state definition | | | | | | | | | | | |
| As of fall 2018 | 4,975 | 4,767 | 95.8 | 88 | 1.8 | 13 | 0.3 | 107 | 2.2 | 4,868 | 97.8 |
| As of fall 2019 | 4,983 | 4,826 | 96.8 | 24 | 0.5 | 18 | 0.4 | 115 | 2.3 | 4,868 | 97.7 |
| As of fall 2020 | 4,994 | 4,838 | 96.9 | 23 | 0.5 | 19 | 0.4 | 114 | 2.3 | 4,880 | 97.7 |
| State | | | | | | | | | | | |
| As of fall 2018 | 372,919 | 335,500 | 90.0 | 14,350 | 3.8 | 1,657 | 0.4 | 21,412 | 5.7 | 351,507 | 94.3 |
| As of fall 2019 | 372,115 | 342,972 | 92.2 | 4,118 | 1.1 | 2,262 | 0.6 | 22,763 | 6.1 | 349,352 | 93.9 |
| As of fall 2020 | 372,209 | 344,786 | 92.6 | 2,299 | 0.6 | 2,513 | 0.7 | 22,611 | 6.1 | 349,598 | 93.9 |

Note. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding. Students may be counted in more than one category.

^aThe total number of students with final statuses changed between fall 2018 and fall 2020 because: (a) some students who continued high school in fall 2018 left Texas public schools (TPS) by fall 2020 for reasons other than graduating, receiving a TxCHSE, or dropping out; and (b) some students who left TPS by fall 2018 without graduating returned to TPS and graduated, received a TxCHSE, continued high school, or dropped out by fall 2020. In addition, students with changes in year of final status were added to, or removed from, relevant student groups. ^bGraduates. ^cGraduation. ^dContinuers.

^eContinuation. ^fTexas Certificate of High School Equivalency. ^gStudents identified as English learners (ELs) at any time while attending TPS. ^hStudents identified as ELs at any time while attending Grades 9-12 in TPS. ⁱStudents identified as ELs in their last year in TPS. ^jStudents identified as in foster care at any time while attending Grades 9-12 in TPS. ^kStudents identified as in foster care in their last year in TPS. ^lStudents identified as homeless at any time while attending Grades 9-12 in TPS. ^mNot applicable.

Table 39
Grade 9 Six-Year Extended Longitudinal Graduation and Dropout Rates, by Race/Ethnicity, Economic Status, and Gender, Texas Public Schools, Class of 2015, as of Fall 2017, Class of 2016, as of Fall 2018, Class of 2017, as of Fall 2019, and Class of 2018, as of Fall 2020

| Class year | Class | Grad. ^a (N) | Grad. ^b rate (%) | Cont. ^c (N) | Cont. ^d rate (%) | TxCHSE ^e recipients (N) | TxCHSE recipient rate (%) | Dropouts (N) | Dropout rate (%) | Grad., cont., or TxCHSE recipients (N) | Grad., cont., or TxCHSE recipient rate (%) |
|-------------------------|---------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|--|--|
| African American | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Class of 2015 | 44,421 | 39,217 | 88.3 | 268 | 0.6 | 426 | 1.0 | 4,510 | 10.2 | 39,911 | 89.8 |
| Class of 2016 | 45,954 | 40,807 | 88.8 | 259 | 0.6 | 406 | 0.9 | 4,482 | 9.8 | 41,472 | 90.2 |
| Class of 2017 | 46,859 | 41,818 | 89.2 | 294 | 0.6 | 394 | 0.8 | 4,353 | 9.3 | 42,506 | 90.7 |
| Class of 2020 | 48,224 | 43,210 | 89.6 | 343 | 0.7 | 329 | 0.7 | 4,342 | 9.0 | 43,882 | 91.0 |
| American Indian | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Class of 2015 | 1,481 | 1,319 | 89.1 | 7 | 0.5 | 21 | 1.4 | 134 | 9.0 | 1,347 | 91.0 |
| Class of 2016 | 1,397 | 1,260 | 90.2 | 11 | 0.8 | 14 | 1.0 | 112 | 8.0 | 1,285 | 92.0 |
| Class of 2017 | 1,396 | 1,256 | 90.0 | 2 | 0.1 | 10 | 0.7 | 128 | 9.2 | 1,268 | 90.8 |
| Class of 2020 | 1,386 | 1,227 | 88.5 | 9 | 0.6 | 11 | 0.8 | 139 | 10.0 | 1,247 | 90.0 |
| Asian | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Class of 2015 | 13,423 | 12,991 | 96.8 | 59 | 0.4 | 36 | 0.3 | 337 | 2.5 | 13,086 | 97.5 |
| Class of 2016 | 13,757 | 13,371 | 97.2 | 66 | 0.5 | 11 | 0.1 | 309 | 2.2 | 13,448 | 97.8 |
| Class of 2017 | 14,357 | 14,002 | 97.5 | 70 | 0.5 | 24 | 0.2 | 261 | 1.8 | 14,096 | 98.2 |
| Class of 2020 | 15,852 | 15,506 | 97.8 | 72 | 0.5 | 17 | 0.1 | 257 | 1.6 | 15,595 | 98.4 |
| Hispanic | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Class of 2015 | 164,116 | 147,846 | 90.1 | 1,103 | 0.7 | 1,500 | 0.9 | 13,667 | 8.3 | 150,449 | 91.7 |
| Class of 2016 | 172,476 | 156,168 | 90.5 | 1,006 | 0.6 | 1,248 | 0.7 | 14,054 | 8.1 | 158,422 | 91.9 |
| Class of 2017 | 179,172 | 163,004 | 91.0 | 1,114 | 0.6 | 1,155 | 0.6 | 13,899 | 7.8 | 165,273 | 92.2 |
| Class of 2020 | 187,675 | 171,448 | 91.4 | 1,319 | 0.7 | 1,078 | 0.6 | 13,830 | 7.4 | 173,845 | 92.6 |
| Pacific Islander | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Class of 2015 | 541 | 497 | 91.9 | 3 | 0.6 | 7 | 1.3 | 34 | 6.3 | 507 | 93.7 |
| Class of 2016 | 476 | 439 | 92.2 | 2 | 0.4 | 7 | 1.5 | 28 | 5.9 | 448 | 94.1 |
| Class of 2017 | 577 | 531 | 92.0 | 2 | 0.3 | 6 | 1.0 | 38 | 6.6 | 539 | 93.4 |
| Class of 2020 | 568 | 510 | 89.8 | 2 | 0.4 | 9 | 1.6 | 47 | 8.3 | 521 | 91.7 |
| White | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Class of 2015 | 109,069 | 103,678 | 95.1 | 432 | 0.4 | 1,305 | 1.2 | 3,654 | 3.4 | 105,415 | 96.6 |
| Class of 2016 | 109,163 | 103,929 | 95.2 | 476 | 0.4 | 1,117 | 1.0 | 3,641 | 3.3 | 105,522 | 96.7 |
| Class of 2017 | 110,547 | 105,457 | 95.4 | 482 | 0.4 | 1,033 | 0.9 | 3,575 | 3.2 | 106,972 | 96.8 |
| Class of 2020 | 111,440 | 106,267 | 95.4 | 526 | 0.5 | 1,004 | 0.9 | 3,643 | 3.3 | 107,797 | 96.7 |
| Multiracial | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Class of 2015 | 5,761 | 5,437 | 94.4 | 19 | 0.3 | 66 | 1.1 | 239 | 4.1 | 5,522 | 95.9 |
| Class of 2016 | 6,266 | 5,865 | 93.6 | 25 | 0.4 | 82 | 1.3 | 294 | 4.7 | 5,972 | 95.3 |
| Class of 2017 | 6,634 | 6,272 | 94.5 | 30 | 0.5 | 67 | 1.0 | 265 | 4.0 | 6,369 | 96.0 |
| Class of 2020 | 7,064 | 6,618 | 93.7 | 28 | 0.4 | 65 | 0.9 | 353 | 5.0 | 6,711 | 95.0 |

Note. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding.

^aGraduates. ^bGraduation. ^cContinuers. ^dContinuation. ^eTexas Certificate of High School Equivalency.

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Table 39 (continued)

Grade 9 Six-Year Extended Longitudinal Graduation and Dropout Rates, by Race/Ethnicity, Economic Status, and Gender, Texas Public Schools, Class of 2015, as of Fall 2017, Class of 2016, as of Fall 2018, Class of 2017, as of Fall 2019, and Class of 2018, as of Fall 2020

| Class year | Class | Grad. ^a (N) | Grad. ^b rate (%) | Cont. ^c (N) | Cont. ^d rate (%) | TxCHSE ^e recipients (N) | TxCHSE recipient rate (%) | Dropouts (N) | Dropout rate (%) | Grad., cont., or TxCHSE recipients (N) | Grad., cont., or TxCHSE recipient rate (%) |
|---------------------------------------|---------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|--|--|
| Economically disadvantaged | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Class of 2015 | 168,821 | 150,453 | 89.1 | 1,045 | 0.6 | 1,916 | 1.1 | 15,407 | 9.1 | 153,414 | 90.9 |
| Class of 2016 | 177,363 | 158,948 | 89.6 | 990 | 0.6 | 1,573 | 0.9 | 15,852 | 8.9 | 161,511 | 91.1 |
| Class of 2017 | 183,845 | 166,014 | 90.3 | 1,095 | 0.6 | 1,526 | 0.8 | 15,210 | 8.3 | 168,635 | 91.7 |
| Class of 2020 | 198,456 | 179,710 | 90.6 | 1,366 | 0.7 | 1,474 | 0.7 | 15,906 | 8.0 | 182,550 | 92.0 |
| Not economically disadvantaged | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Class of 2015 | 169,991 | 160,532 | 94.4 | 846 | 0.5 | 1,445 | 0.9 | 7,168 | 4.2 | 162,823 | 95.8 |
| Class of 2016 | 172,126 | 162,891 | 94.6 | 855 | 0.5 | 1,312 | 0.8 | 7,068 | 4.1 | 165,058 | 95.9 |
| Class of 2017 | 175,697 | 166,326 | 94.7 | 899 | 0.5 | 1,163 | 0.7 | 7,309 | 4.2 | 168,388 | 95.8 |
| Class of 2020 | 173,753 | 165,076 | 95.0 | 933 | 0.5 | 1,039 | 0.6 | 6,705 | 3.9 | 167,048 | 96.1 |
| Female | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Class of 2015 | 166,402 | 155,531 | 93.5 | 821 | 0.5 | 1,104 | 0.7 | 8,946 | 5.4 | 157,456 | 94.6 |
| Class of 2016 | 171,233 | 160,561 | 93.8 | 768 | 0.4 | 968 | 0.6 | 8,936 | 5.2 | 162,297 | 94.8 |
| Class of 2017 | 176,925 | 166,831 | 94.3 | 833 | 0.5 | 906 | 0.5 | 8,355 | 4.7 | 168,570 | 95.3 |
| Class of 2020 | 183,411 | 172,872 | 94.3 | 1,029 | 0.6 | 886 | 0.5 | 8,624 | 4.7 | 174,787 | 95.3 |
| Male | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Class of 2015 | 172,410 | 155,454 | 90.2 | 1,070 | 0.6 | 2,257 | 1.3 | 13,629 | 7.9 | 158,781 | 92.1 |
| Class of 2016 | 178,256 | 161,278 | 90.5 | 1,077 | 0.6 | 1,917 | 1.1 | 13,984 | 7.8 | 164,272 | 92.2 |
| Class of 2017 | 182,617 | 165,509 | 90.6 | 1,161 | 0.6 | 1,783 | 1.0 | 14,164 | 7.8 | 168,453 | 92.2 |
| Class of 2020 | 188,798 | 171,914 | 91.1 | 1,270 | 0.7 | 1,627 | 0.9 | 13,987 | 7.4 | 174,811 | 92.6 |
| State | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Class of 2015 | 338,812 | 310,985 | 91.8 | 1,891 | 0.6 | 3,361 | 1.0 | 22,575 | 6.7 | 316,237 | 92.8 |
| Class of 2016 | 349,489 | 321,839 | 92.1 | 1,845 | 0.5 | 2,885 | 0.8 | 22,920 | 6.6 | 326,569 | 93.4 |
| Class of 2017 | 359,542 | 332,340 | 92.4 | 1,994 | 0.6 | 2,689 | 0.7 | 22,519 | 6.3 | 337,023 | 93.7 |
| Class of 2020 | 372,209 | 344,786 | 92.6 | 2,299 | 0.6 | 2,513 | 0.7 | 22,611 | 6.1 | 349,598 | 93.9 |

Note. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding.

^aGraduates. ^bGraduation. ^cContinuers. ^dContinuation. ^eTexas Certificate of High School Equivalency.

Grade 9 Seven-Year Extended Longitudinal Graduation and Dropout Rates

Students who began Grade 9 in Texas public schools for the first time in 2013-14 or who later joined the cohort were tracked into the fall semester three years following their anticipated graduation date of spring 2017. The total number of students with final statuses changed between fall 2017 and fall 2020 because: (a) some students who continued high school in fall 2017 left Texas public schools by fall 2020 for reasons other than graduating, receiving a TxCHSE, or dropping out; and (b) some students who left Texas public schools by fall 2017 without graduating returned to Texas public schools and graduated, received a TxCHSE, continued high school, or dropped out by fall 2020.

In addition, students with changes in year of final status were added to, or removed from, relevant student groups.

By the fall of 2017, 89.7 percent of the class of 2017 had graduated, 4.0 percent were still in high school, 0.4 percent had received a TxCHSE, and 5.9 percent had dropped out (Table 40). By the fall of 2020, 92.7 percent of the class of 2017 had graduated, 0.3 percent were still in high school, 0.8 percent had received a TxCHSE, and 6.2 percent had dropped out.

Table 40
Grade 9 Four-Year, Five-Year Extended, Six-Year Extended, and Seven-Year Extended
Longitudinal Graduation and Dropout Rates, Texas Public Schools, Class of 2017

| Status date | Class ^a | Grad. ^b (N) | Grad. ^c rate (%) | Cont. ^d (N) | Cont. ^e rate (%) | TxCHSE ^f recipients (N) | TxCHSE recipient rate (%) | Dropouts (N) | Dropout rate (%) |
|-----------------|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| As of fall 2017 | 360,606 | 323,373 | 89.7 | 14,454 | 4.0 | 1,608 | 0.4 | 21,171 | 5.9 |
| As of fall 2018 | 359,592 | 330,723 | 92.0 | 4,089 | 1.1 | 2,220 | 0.6 | 22,560 | 6.3 |
| As of fall 2019 | 359,542 | 332,340 | 92.4 | 1,994 | 0.6 | 2,689 | 0.7 | 22,519 | 6.3 |
| As of fall 2020 | 359,621 | 333,418 | 92.7 | 993 | 0.3 | 2,912 | 0.8 | 22,298 | 6.2 |

Note. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding.

^aThe total number of students with final statuses changed between fall 2017 and fall 2020 because: (a) some students who continued high school in fall 2017 left Texas public schools (TPS) by fall 2020 for reasons other than graduating, receiving a TxCHSE, or dropping out; and (b) some students who left TPS by fall 2017 without graduating returned to TPS and graduated, received a TxCHSE, continued high school, or dropped out by fall 2020.

^bGraduates. ^cGraduation. ^dContinuers. ^eContinuation. ^fTexas Certificate of High School Equivalency.

Attrition Rates

An attrition rate is the percentage change in fall enrollment between two grades across years. It provides a measure of school leavers when aggregate enrollment numbers are the only data available. For Grades 9-12, the rate is calculated by subtracting the number of students enrolled in Grade 12 in Texas public schools in the fall of one school year from Grade 9 enrollment three years earlier, and dividing by the Grade 9 enrollment (Table 41). Grade 7 enrollment five years earlier is used to calculate the Grade 7-12 attrition rate (Table 42 on page 112). The attrition rate calculations are on page 8.

Table 41
Attrition Rate, Grades 9-12, by Race/Ethnicity and Economic Status,
Texas Public Schools, 2019-20

| Group | Fall 2016 Grade 9 enrollment | Fall 2019 Grade 12 enrollment | Fall enrollment change | Attrition rate (%) |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| African American | 56,025 | 43,540 | 12,485 | 22.3 |
| American Indian | 1,625 | 1,191 | 434 | 26.7 |
| Asian | 16,994 | 17,290 | -296 | -1.7 |
| Hispanic | 227,208 | 180,076 | 47,132 | 20.7 |
| Pacific Islander | 604 | 558 | 46 | 7.6 |
| White | 121,294 | 104,464 | 16,830 | 13.9 |
| Multiracial | 7,995 | 7,193 | 802 | 10.0 |
| Economically disadvantaged | 245,342 | 177,698 | 67,644 | 27.6 |
| Not economically disadvantaged | 186,403 | 176,614 | 9,789 | 5.3 |
| State | 431,745 | 354,312 | 77,433 | 17.9 |

The attrition rate does not take into account any of the reasons beginning and ending enrollments differ (Table 43 on page 112). For example, the Grade 9-12 attrition rate does not take into account Grade 9 enrollment that may be high because some students are repeating Grade 9. The attrition rate also does not take into account Grade 12 enrollment that may be lower than Grade 9 enrollment three years earlier because some students left Texas public schools for other educational settings, graduated early, or are in school but not yet in Grade 12. Because the attrition rate is based on enrollment figures from the fall of the first year and fall three years later, it excludes some students. For example, Grade 9 students who enroll after the fall of the first year are excluded from the Grade 9 enrollment count. Moreover, students who enter the school system after the first year and leave before Grade 12 are excluded from rate calculations. Additionally, because the attrition rate is based on data from the fall before expected graduation, rather than after expected graduation, it does not take into account whether a student enrolled in Grade 12 in the fall goes on to graduate. The attrition rates were not adjusted for growth in student enrollment over the time period covered.

Table 42
Attrition Rate, Grades 7-12, by Race/Ethnicity and Economic Status,
Texas Public Schools, 2019-20

| Group | Fall 2014 Grade 7 enrollment | Fall 2019 Grade 12 enrollment | Fall enrollment change | Attrition rate (%) |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| African American | 48,103 | 43,540 | 4,563 | 9.5 |
| American Indian | 1,402 | 1,191 | 211 | 15.0 |
| Asian | 14,914 | 17,290 | -2,376 | -15.9 |
| Hispanic | 197,186 | 180,076 | 17,110 | 8.7 |
| Pacific Islander | 474 | 558 | -84 | -17.7 |
| White | 113,882 | 104,464 | 9,418 | 8.3 |
| Multiracial | 7,043 | 7,193 | -150 | -2.1 |
| Economically disadvantaged | 221,744 | 177,698 | 44,046 | 19.9 |
| Not economically disadvantaged | 161,260 | 176,614 | -15,354 | -9.5 |
| State | 383,004 | 354,312 | 28,692 | 7.5 |

Table 43
Comparison of Class of 2020 Four-Year Longitudinal Rate and 2019-20 Attrition Rate
Calculations, Texas Public Schools

| | | | |
|--|----------------|--|----------------|
| Four-year longitudinal rates, based on tracking individual students | Number or rate | Attrition rate, based on aggregate numbers | Number or rate |
| Students who: (a) began Grade 9 in Texas public schools (TPS) in 2016-17, with repeaters excluded; or (b) entered TPS in Grade 10 in 2017-18, Grade 11 in 2018-19, or Grade 12 in 2019-20. | 434,000 | Students in Grade 9 in TPS in fall 2016, with students repeating Grade 9 included. | 431,745 |
| minus | | minus | |
| Students reported to have left TPS in 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, or 2019-20 for reasons other than graduating, receiving a Texas Certificate of High School Equivalency (TxCHSE), or dropping out. | 46,127 | Students in Grade 12 in TPS in fall 2019. Individual students are not tracked. Students enrolled in Grade 12 in TPS in fall 2019 may or may not have been enrolled in Grade 9 in TPS in fall 2016. | 354,312 |
| minus | | equals | |
| Students who could not be tracked across years because of data errors. ^a | 3,273 | Change in enrollment | 77,433 |
| equals | | | |
| Class of 2020 | 384,600 | | |
| Graduates | 347,392 | | |
| Continuers | 14,861 | | |
| TxCHSE recipients | 1,459 | | |
| Dropouts | 20,888 | | |
| Graduation rate | 90.3 | | |
| Continuation rate | 3.9 | | |
| TxCHSE recipient rate | 0.4 | | |
| Dropout rate | 5.4 | Attrition rate | 17.9 |

^aData errors can result from missing student records (i.e., underreported students) or misreported student identification information. Districts with high numbers or percentages of underreported students, high numbers or percentages of data errors, or high use of certain leaver codes are subject to compliance reviews.

Data Quality Measures

Data Quality in the Annual Rates

From 1997-98 through 2004-05, districts were required to report the statuses of all students who attended Grades 7-12 during the previous school year. In 2004-05, there were only 3,449 underreported student records. This was a substantial decrease from the 67,281 underreported student records in 1997-98. On a percentage basis, students in Grades 7-12 who had not been accounted for the next fall decreased from 3.6 percent in 1997-98 to 0.2 percent in 2004-05. As a result of major changes in leaver reporting following adoption of the national dropout definition in 2005-06, underreported student rates for 2004-05 and prior school years are not comparable to rates for 2005-06 and beyond.

Beginning with students who attended in 2005-06, TEA has accounted for students who: (a) graduated in a previous school year; (b) moved from one public school district and enrolled in another; or (c) received high school equivalency certificates. Districts must report the statuses of all other Grade 7-12 students. From 2005-06 to 2019-20, the percentage of students who were not accounted for decreased overall from 0.8 percent to 0.2 percent (Table 44). Across the five largest racial/ethnic groups in 2019-20, African American and Hispanic students accounted for larger percentages of underreported students than of reported students. The percentage-point difference was greatest for Hispanic students (57.4% vs. 52.6%) (Table 45 on page 114).

Table 44
Reported and Underreported Students, Grades 7-12, Texas Public Schools, 2005-06 Through 2019-20

| Year | Students accounted for ^a (N) | Students accounted for (%) | Underreported students (N) | Underreported students (%) |
|---------|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 2005-06 | 2,006,156 | 99.2 | 15,887 | 0.8 |
| 2006-07 | 2,012,621 | 99.3 | 13,316 | 0.7 |
| 2007-08 | 2,031,807 | 99.4 | 12,668 | 0.6 |
| 2008-09 | 2,054,752 | 99.5 | 10,045 | 0.5 |
| 2009-10 | 2,086,735 | 99.6 | 8,667 | 0.4 |
| 2010-11 | 2,117,269 | 99.6 | 8,149 | 0.4 |
| 2011-12 | 2,145,440 | 99.6 | 7,620 | 0.4 |
| 2012-13 | 2,184,207 | 99.7 | 7,351 | 0.3 |
| 2013-14 | 2,231,873 | 99.6 | 8,429 | 0.4 |
| 2014-15 | 2,278,043 | 99.7 | 7,834 | 0.3 |
| 2015-16 | 2,325,546 | 99.7 | 6,686 | 0.3 |
| 2016-17 | 2,372,390 | 99.8 | 5,588 | 0.2 |
| 2017-18 | 2,404,513 | 99.7 | 6,321 | 0.3 |
| 2018-19 | 2,434,817 | 99.8 | 5,686 | 0.2 |
| 2019-20 | 2,475,689 | 99.8 | 6,039 | 0.2 |

^aStudents enrolled in Grades 7-12 in one school year who were accounted for by districts or the Texas Education Agency the following fall.

Table 45
Reported and Underreported Students, Grades 7-12, by Race/Ethnicity,
Texas Public Schools, 2019-20

| Group | Students accounted for ^a (N) | Students accounted for (%) | Underreported students (N) | Underreported students (%) |
|------------------|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| African American | 312,422 | 12.6 | 879 | 14.6 |
| American Indian | 7,840 | 0.3 | 31 | 0.5 |
| Asian | 111,350 | 4.5 | 131 | 2.2 |
| Hispanic | 1,302,213 | 52.6 | 3,466 | 57.4 |
| Pacific Islander | 3,829 | 0.2 | 17 | 0.3 |
| White | 679,744 | 27.5 | 1,398 | 23.1 |
| Multiracial | 58,291 | 2.4 | 117 | 1.9 |
| State | 2,475,689 | 100 | 6,039 | 100 |

Note. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding.

^aStudents enrolled in Grades 7-12 in 2019-20 who were accounted for by districts or the Texas Education Agency the following fall.

Data Quality in the Longitudinal Rates

Calculating longitudinal rates requires tracking a cohort of students over a number of years, from the time they enter Grade 9 until after their anticipated graduation date. Using information submitted through the Texas Student Data System and other data files, most students are assigned one of the four final statuses that make up the class: graduate, continuer, TxCHSE recipient, or dropout.

Two groups of students from a cohort are not assigned final statuses because of data errors: students who cannot be tracked from year to year because districts submitted their records to the Texas Education Agency with identification errors; and students for whom districts did not submit final status records, who are considered underreported. For the class of 2020 Grade 9 cohort, 37 students (<0.1%) could not be tracked because of identification errors, and 3,236 students (0.7%) were underreported by districts (Table 46).

In addition to tracking students in the class of 2020, TEA tracked continuers in the class of 2019 through 2019-20 to determine whether they dropped out that year. There were 14,039 students in the class of 2019 who remained enrolled in fall 2019. Of these, 1,833 dropped out in 2019-20, resulting in a dropout rate for continuing students of 13.1 percent.

Table 46
Grade 9 Four-Year Longitudinal Cohort, Texas Public Schools, Classes of 2016 Through 2020

| Cohort ending year | Graduated | Continued | Received TxCHSE ^a | Dropped out | Other leavers ^b | Student ID errors | Underreported students | Cohort |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|---------|
| 2016 | 312,605 | 14,762 | 1,707 | 21,610 | 47,504 | 471 | 3,675 | 402,334 |
| 2017 | 323,373 | 14,454 | 1,608 | 21,171 | 47,970 | 361 | 3,139 | 412,076 |
| 2018 | 335,500 | 14,350 | 1,657 | 21,412 | 48,767 | 246 | 3,233 | 425,165 |
| 2019 | 344,021 | 14,039 | 1,729 | 22,662 | 48,132 | 101 | 3,113 | 433,797 |
| 2020 | 347,392 | 14,861 | 1,459 | 20,888 | 46,127 | 37 | 3,236 | 434,000 |

^aTexas Certificate of High School Equivalency. ^bOther leavers are students who left the Texas public school system for reasons other than graduating, receiving a TxCHSE, or dropping out. For more information on other leavers, see Table A-1 in Appendix A.

**Uses of Texas Annual Dropout Data
and Longitudinal Graduation and Dropout Data**

State Accountability System

Federal Accountability and Reporting

National Center for
Education Statistics Reporting

State Accountability System

The public school accountability system consists of three domains: Student Achievement, School Progress, and Closing the Gaps (TEA, 2021c). Annual dropout rates, longitudinal graduation rates, and diploma program rates are components of the state accountability system. For the 2021 accountability cycle, TEA received approval to waive accountability requirements under the Every Student Succeeds Act (U.S. Department of Education, April 6, 2021). All districts and campuses received a label of *Not Rated: Declared State of Disaster*. This section describes how longitudinal graduation rates, annual dropout rates, and diploma program rates would have been used to determine the ratings for districts and campuses if districts and campuses had received *A-F* ratings for their overall performance and performance in each domain in 2021.

In 2021, the following rates, calculated with state accountability exclusions, were used in the Student Achievement domain for campuses and districts: the class of 2020 four-year graduation rate, the class of 2019 five-year graduation rate, or the class of 2018 six-year graduation rate. For alternative education campuses and districts, the class of 2020 four-year, class of 2019 five-year extended, and class of 2018 six-year extended graduation, continuation, or Texas Certificate of High School Equivalency (TxCHSE) recipient rates were used. If a campus or district did not have a longitudinal rate, its Grade 9-12 annual dropout rate was used in the domain. Campuses and districts were evaluated on these rates for all students as one group; no separate student groups were evaluated.

The federal four-year graduation rate, calculated with federal accountability exclusions, was used in the Closing the Gaps domain for campuses and districts in 2021 for state accountability ratings. Campuses and districts were evaluated on this rate for different student groups, including all students, seven racial/ethnic groups, economically disadvantaged students, students served in special education programs, and students identified as English learners. For more information on federal accountability and reporting, see page 124.

Campuses and districts that received a rating of *A*, *B*, *C*, or *D* were eligible to earn distinction designations under the state accountability system in 2021. The four-year longitudinal graduation rate used in the Student Achievement domain and a diploma program rate were included as indicators for the postsecondary readiness distinction designation. The diploma program rate measured the percentage of Minimum (MHSP), Recommended (RHSP), and Advanced (AHSP) graduates and Foundation (FHSP) graduates with and without an endorsement who graduated under the RHSP or AHSP or the FHSP with an endorsement (with or without a distinguished level of achievement [DLA]) and was calculated as follows.

$$\frac{\text{RHSP} + \text{AHSP} + \text{FHSP with endorsement (with or without DLA)}}{\text{MHSP} + \text{RHSP} + \text{AHSP} + \text{FHSP without endorsement} + \text{FHSP with endorsement (with or without DLA)}}$$

Under Texas Education Code (TEC) §39.053(g-1) (2019), a student who meets at least one of the following criteria is excluded from campus and district rate calculations used for state accountability purposes: (a) a student who is ordered by a court to attend a high school equivalency certificate

program but has not earned a high school equivalency certificate; (b) a student previously reported to the state as a dropout; (c) a student in attendance but who is not in membership for purposes of average daily attendance (i.e., students for whom school districts are not receiving state Foundation School Program [FSP] funds); (d) a student whose initial enrollment in a school in the United States in Grades 7 through 12 was as an unschooled refugee or asylee as defined by TEC §39.027(a-1); (e) a student who is in the district exclusively as a function of having been detained at a county detention facility but is otherwise not a student of the district, or a student who is being provided services by an open-enrollment charter school exclusively as the result of having been detained at the facility; (f) a student who is incarcerated in a state jail or federal penitentiary as an adult or as a person certified to stand trial as an adult; or (g) a student who has suffered a condition, injury, or illness that requires substantial medical care and leaves the student unable to attend school and assigned to a medical or residential treatment facility. In addition, any student in a Texas Juvenile Justice Department facility (e.g., a county- or state-operated juvenile justice facility) or residential treatment facility served by a Texas public school district is excluded from campus and district rate calculations used for state accountability purposes (TEC §§39.053(g-3) and 39.055, 2019).

A student is also excluded from campus and district longitudinal rate calculations if the student: (a) is at least 18 years of age as of September 1 of the school year and has satisfied the credit requirements for high school graduation; (b) has not completed his or her individualized education program (IEP); and (c) is enrolled and receiving IEP services (TEC §39.053(g-2), 2019).

A total of 25,434 students, 4,879 of whom were dropouts, were excluded from the 2019-20 campus and district Grade 9-12 annual dropout rates for state accountability ratings in 2021 (Table 47 on page 120). For each student enrolled in Texas public schools in 2019-20, the exclusion criteria he or she met were summed across all districts attended. The majority of excluded students, represented in the first seven rows of the table, met one exclusion criterion at a single district. Some students met multiple exclusion criteria at one district or across multiple districts. Such students were counted only in the "two or more exclusions" category in the "students" column. Exclusions for dropouts were counted somewhat differently. A student was attributed as a dropout only to the last district he or she attended; therefore, the student was counted as a dropout only in the exclusion category reported by that district. If the district reported multiple exclusion criteria for the student, he or she was counted only in the "two or more exclusions" category. The following example illustrates the difference in methods and helps explain why the number of excluded dropouts exceeded the number of excluded students in some cases. A student reported as ineligible for FSP funding at one district transfers to another district. In the second district, the student is determined to be eligible for FSP funding but is court-ordered to attend a high school equivalency certificate program, does not receive a TxCHSE, and drops out. In this case, in the "students" column, the student would be counted only in the "two or more exclusions" category, rather than in the separate categories, "ineligible for FSP funding" and "court-ordered high school equivalency certificate program, no TxCHSE earned." In the "dropouts" column, the same student would be counted only in the category "court-ordered high school equivalency certificate program, no TxCHSE earned."

Table 47**Students and Dropouts Excluded From Campus and District Annual Dropout Rates for State Accountability Purposes, Grades 9-12, Texas Public Schools, 2019-20**

| Exclusion ^a | Students (N) | Students (%) | Dropouts (N) | Dropouts (%) |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Court-ordered high school equivalency program, no TxCHSE ^b earned | 507 | 2.0 | 516 | 10.6 |
| Previously reported to the state as a dropout | 9,098 | 35.8 | 2,149 | 44.0 |
| Ineligible for FSP ^c funding | 2,371 | 9.3 | 269 | 5.5 |
| Unschooling refugee or asylee ^d | 1,140 | 4.5 | 58 | 1.2 |
| In a juvenile detention or residential treatment facility | 10,960 | 43.1 | 1,240 | 25.4 |
| Incarcerated in state jail or federal penitentiary as an adult | 129 | 0.5 | 138 | 2.8 |
| Medical injury | 20 | 0.1 | 20 | 0.4 |
| Two or more exclusions | 1,209 | 4.8 | 489 | 10.0 |
| State | 25,434 | 100 | 4,879 | 100 |

Note. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding.

^aStudents may be eligible for exclusion based on more than one criterion. ^bTexas Certificate of High School Equivalency. ^cFoundation School Program. ^dTo be excluded, the student must also be reported as an English learner.

A total of 8,885 students in the class of 2020, 9,425 students in the class of 2019, and 8,374 students in the class of 2018 were excluded from campus and district longitudinal rates calculated for state accountability purposes in 2021 (Table 48 on page 121, Table 49 on page 122, and Table 50 on page 123, respectively). For each student in the three classes, all exclusions that applied in the district of his or her final status were counted. The majority of students, represented in the first eight rows of each table, met one exclusion criterion in their districts of final status. Students who met multiple exclusion criteria were counted only in the "two or more exclusions" category. Some exclusions applied only to students assigned specific final statuses or whose final statuses were in specific years. For example, only students enrolled in the fifth, sixth, or seventh years of the cohort were excluded for being ineligible for FSP funding because students are considered eligible for funding during the first four years of high school. Also, only continuing special education students were excluded if they had met graduation requirements, were at least 18 years of age, but were still working toward completing an Individualized Educational Plan. In addition, students court-ordered to attend high school equivalency programs who did not earn a TxCHSE and students incarcerated in state jails or federal penitentiaries as adults were assigned final statuses of dropout because the exclusions were identified through leaver codes associated with dropping out (see the section "Accounting for Students by Districts" on page 38 for additional information). Students excluded from campus and district rates for state accountability purposes were not excluded from state-level rates. Nevertheless, had these students been excluded: (a) the four-year graduation rate for the class of 2020 would have been 1.8 percentage points higher (92.1%), the continuation, TxCHSE recipient, and dropout rates would have been 0.9, 0.1, and 0.8 percentage points lower (3.0%, 0.3%, and 4.6%, respectively); (b) the five-year extended graduation rate for the class of 2019 would have been 1.7 percentage points higher (93.7%), and the continuation and dropout rates would have been 0.7 and 0.9 percentage points lower (0.6% and 5.2%), respectively; and

Table 48

Students Excluded From Campus and District Grade 9 Four-Year Longitudinal Rates for State Accountability Purposes, Texas Public Schools, Class of 2020

| Exclusion ^a | Grad. ^b (N) | Grad. (%) | Cont. ^c (N) | Cont. (%) | TxCHSE ^d | | Dropouts (N) | Dropouts (%) | Total (N) | Total (%) |
|---|---------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|--------------|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
| | | | | | recipients (N) | recipients (%) | | | | |
| Court-ordered high school equivalency program, no TxCHSE earned | n/a ^e | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | 686 | 100 | 686 | 7.7 |
| Previously reported to the state as a dropout | 807 | 29.7 | 900 | 33.1 | 26 | 1.0 | 984 | 36.2 | 2,717 | 30.6 |
| Ineligible for FSP ^f funding | 0 | 0.0 | 765 | 100 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 765 | 8.6 |
| Unschooling refugee or asylee ^g | 243 | 60.6 | 48 | 12.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 110 | 27.4 | 401 | 4.5 |
| In a juvenile detention or residential treatment facility | 259 | 13.8 | 56 | 3.0 | 286 | 15.2 | 1,277 | 68.0 | 1,878 | 21.1 |
| Incarcerated in state jail or federal penitentiary as an adult | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | 125 | 100 | 125 | 1.4 |
| IEP ^h continuers | n/a | n/a | 1,771 | 100 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | 1,771 | 19.9 |
| Medical injury | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 100 | 1 | <0.1 |
| Two or more exclusions | 11 | 2.0 | 215 | 39.7 | 22 | 4.1 | 293 | 54.2 | 541 | 6.1 |
| State | 1,320 | 14.9 | 3,755 | 42.3 | 334 | 3.8 | 3,476 | 39.1 | 8,885 | 100 |

Note. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding.

^aStudents may be eligible for exclusion based on more than one criterion. ^bGraduates. ^cContinuers. ^dTexas Certificate of High School Equivalency. ^eNot applicable. ^fFoundation School Program. ^gTo be excluded, the student must also be reported as an English learner. ^hIndividualized education program.

Table 49
Students Excluded From Campus and District Grade 9 Five-Year Extended Longitudinal Rates
for State Accountability Purposes, Texas Public Schools, Class of 2019, as of Fall 2020

| Exclusion ^a | Grad. ^b (N) | Grad. (%) | Cont. ^c (N) | Cont. (%) | TxCHSE ^d recipients (N) | TxCHSE recipients (%) | Dropouts (N) | Dropouts (%) | Total (N) | Total (%) |
|---|---------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|--------------|--|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
| Court-ordered high school equivalency program, no TxCHSE earned | n/a ^e | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | 699 | 100 | 699 | 7.4 |
| Previously reported to the state as a dropout | 1,207 | 37.5 | 701 | 21.8 | 49 | 1.5 | 1,261 | 39.2 | 3,218 | 34.1 |
| Ineligible for FSP ^f funding | 601 | 62.2 | 257 | 26.6 | 3 | 0.3 | 105 | 10.9 | 966 | 10.2 |
| Unschooling refugee or asylee ^g | 196 | 67.4 | 3 | 1.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 92 | 31.6 | 291 | 3.1 |
| In a juvenile detention or residential treatment facility | 313 | 15.8 | 6 | 0.3 | 291 | 14.7 | 1,368 | 69.2 | 1,978 | 21.0 |
| Incarcerated in state jail or federal penitentiary as an adult | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | 174 | 100 | 174 | 1.8 |
| IEP ^h continuers | n/a | n/a | 1,562 | 100 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | 1,562 | 16.6 |
| Medical injury | 0 | . | 0 | . | 0 | . | 0 | . | 0 | 0.0 |
| Two or more exclusions | 28 | 5.2 | 194 | 36.1 | 27 | 5.0 | 288 | 53.6 | 537 | 5.7 |
| State | 2,345 | 24.9 | 2,723 | 28.9 | 370 | 3.9 | 3,987 | 42.3 | 9,425 | 100 |

Note. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding.

^aStudents may be eligible for exclusion based on more than one criterion. ^bGraduates. ^cContinuers. ^dTexas Certificate of High School Equivalency. ^eNot applicable. ^fFoundation School Program. ^gTo be excluded, the student must also be reported as an English learner. ^hIndividualized education program.

Table 50
Students Excluded From Campus and District Grade 9 Six-Year Extended Longitudinal Rates
for State Accountability Purposes, Texas Public Schools, Class of 2018, as of Fall 2020

| Exclusion ^a | Grad. ^b (N) | Grad. (%) | Cont. ^c (N) | Cont. (%) | TxCHSE ^d | TxCHSE | Dropouts (N) | Dropouts (%) | Total (N) | Total (%) |
|---|---------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|--------------|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
| | | | | | recipients (N) | recipients (%) | | | | |
| Court-ordered high school equivalency program, no TxCHSE earned | n/a ^e | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | 556 | 100 | 556 | 6.6 |
| Previously reported to the state as a dropout | 1,471 | 44.1 | 364 | 10.9 | 81 | 2.4 | 1,418 | 42.5 | 3,334 | 39.8 |
| Ineligible for FSP ^f funding | 583 | 62.2 | 101 | 10.8 | 15 | 1.6 | 239 | 25.5 | 938 | 11.2 |
| Unschooling refugee or asylee ^g | 161 | 62.6 | 2 | 0.8 | 1 | 0.4 | 93 | 36.2 | 257 | 3.1 |
| In a juvenile detention or residential treatment facility | 284 | 17.9 | 4 | 0.3 | 292 | 18.4 | 1,007 | 63.5 | 1,587 | 19.0 |
| Incarcerated in state jail or federal penitentiary as an adult | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | 158 | 100 | 158 | 1.9 |
| IEP ^h continuers | n/a | n/a | 1,039 | 100 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | 1,039 | 12.4 |
| Medical injury | 0 | . | 0 | . | 0 | . | 0 | . | 0 | 0.0 |
| Two or more exclusions | 46 | 9.1 | 120 | 23.8 | 30 | 5.9 | 309 | 61.2 | 505 | 6.0 |
| State | 2,545 | 30.4 | 1,630 | 19.5 | 419 | 5.0 | 3,780 | 45.1 | 8,374 | 100 |

Note. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding.

^aStudents may be eligible for exclusion based on more than one criterion. ^bGraduates. ^cContinuers. ^dTexas Certificate of High School Equivalency. ^eNot applicable. ^fFoundation School Program. ^gTo be excluded, the student must also be reported as an English learner. ^hIndividualized education program.

(c) the six-year extended graduation rate for the class of 2018 would have been 1.5 percentage points higher (94.1%), and the continuation, TxCHSE recipient, and dropout rates would have been 0.4, 0.1, and 0.9 percentage points lower (0.2%, 0.6%, and 5.2%), respectively.

Federal Accountability and Reporting

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) was first passed by Congress in 1965 as part of President Lyndon B. Johnson's War on Poverty. The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB, 2003) reauthorized this legislation. The primary function of the Act was to close the achievement gap between groups of students by requiring greater accountability and offering increased flexibility and choice. Under NCLB, the state and all public school districts and campuses were evaluated annually for adequate yearly progress (AYP), and AYP statuses were assigned to Texas public school districts and campuses from 2003 through 2012.

In 2013, the U.S. Department of Education (ED) approved a Texas Education Agency (TEA) request to waive 2012-13 and 2013-14 AYP calculations, noting that TEA's existing intervention systems adequately guided the support and improvement of schools (TEA, 2016). Specifically, TEA system safeguards identify schools that are eligible for additional federal funding while subject to a series of federally prescribed interventions. In 2014, TEA requested a one-year extension of ED's approval to implement ESEA flexibility through the end of the 2014-15 school year. ED approved the extension request with conditions related to the state's teacher and principal evaluation and support systems. Texas received another extension effective through the 2015-16 school year.

On December 10, 2015, the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA, 2015) reauthorized the ESEA and provided states with new flexibility to develop a state accountability system to meet federal accountability requirements. ESSA regulations did not require states to request AYP waivers for the 2016-17 school year, and the provisions of ESSA did not affect state accountability ratings that year. In 2018, ED approved the state's federal accountability plan. The state accountability system aligns with the ESSA requirements through the indicators and targets in the Closing the Gaps domain. For the 2020 and 2021 accountability cycles, TEA received approval to waive accountability requirements under ESSA (ED, April 6, 2021; TEA, 2020a). All districts and campuses received a label of *Not Rated: Declared State of Disaster*. This section describes how longitudinal graduation rates would have been used to determine the ratings for districts and campuses if districts and campuses had received *A-F* ratings for their performance in the Closing the Gaps domain in 2021.

For 2021, four components were evaluated in the Closing the Gaps domain: (1) academic achievement, (2) growth or graduation, (3) English language proficiency, and (4) school quality or student success (TEA, 2021c). The federal four-year graduation rate, calculated with federal accountability exclusions, was used in the domain. Specifically, students in a Texas Juvenile Justice Department facility (e.g., a county- or state-operated juvenile justice facility) or residential treatment facility served by a Texas public school district were excluded from campus and district federal graduation rate calculations. These students are also excluded from campus and district annual dropout rates and longitudinal graduation rates submitted to the federal government for reporting purposes.

The long-term statewide goal for the federal four-year graduation rate was 94.0 percent (TEA, 2021c). Baseline rates for each student group were based on the class of 2015 federal four-year graduation rates. For the class of 2020, student groups were evaluated against the four-year long-term

target (94.0%), the four-year interim target (90.0%) with a tenth of a percent improvement, or expected growth toward the four-year long-term target. The growth target is a 10 percent decrease in the difference between the prior year rate and the long-term target. In 2021, the targets applied to 11 student groups for federal accountability: all students, English learners, students served in special education programs, students identified as economically disadvantaged, and the seven racial/ethnic groups used for federal reporting (African American, American Indian, Asian, Hispanic, Pacific Islander, White, and multiracial).

To identify schools for improvement, TEA uses federal graduation rates to identify comprehensive, targeted, and additional targeted support and improvement schools (TEA, 2021c). In 2021, ED approved TEA's request for a waiver to delay identification of schools for improvement by one year, until August 2022, and to postpone the escalation of three-year additional targeted support schools to comprehensive support status until August 2023 (ED, April 6, 2021). Additionally, in 2021, ED approved an amendment to the school improvement requirement that allowed for a campus to be evaluated using its six-year federal graduation rate instead of its four-year rate (TEA, 2021a). When TEA resumes identifying schools for improvement in future accountability cycles, the six-year federal graduation rate will be used.

ESSA requires state agencies and local education agencies to prepare and publish annual Federal Report Cards for all public school districts, campuses, and the state. As part of its annual report card, each state must calculate and report federal four-year graduation rates disaggregated by various student subgroups. The report cards are required to provide subgroup information cross-tabulated by, at a minimum, each major racial/ethnic group, gender, English proficiency status, and children with or without disabilities and may include other subgroups, such as subgroups based on homeless status and foster care status. Table 51 on page 126 presents the statewide federal four-year graduation rates for the cross-tabulation groups associated with the 2020-21 Federal Report Card for Texas public schools.

Table 51
Grade 9 Four-Year Longitudinal Graduation Rates, Federal Report Card Cross-Tabulation
Groups, Texas Public Schools, Class of 2020

| Group | Female (N) | Female rate (%) | Male (N) | Male rate (%) | Spec. ed. ^a (N) | Spec. ed. rate (%) | Not spec. ed. (N) | Not spec. ed. rate (%) | English learner in 9-12 ^b (N) | English learner in 9-12 rate (%) | All grads. ^c (N) | All grads. rate (%) |
|----------------------------------|---------------|--------------------|-------------|------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|---|---|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| African American | 21,719 | 90.1 | 20,961 | 83.9 | 4,813 | 78.1 | 37,867 | 88.2 | 833 | 80.7 | 42,680 | 87.0 |
| American Indian | 603 | 90.3 | 565 | 82.5 | 95 | 77.9 | 1,073 | 87.2 | 110 | 70.5 | 1,168 | 86.3 |
| Asian | 8,324 | 97.5 | 8,436 | 95.9 | 352 | 68.3 | 16,408 | 97.5 | 2,168 | 88.9 | 16,760 | 96.7 |
| Hispanic | 89,491 | 91.4 | 86,877 | 85.8 | 13,024 | 78.6 | 163,344 | 89.5 | 31,103 | 78.8 | 176,368 | 88.6 |
| Pacific Islander | 272 | 91.6 | 272 | 86.9 | 28 | 58.3 | 516 | 91.8 | 56 | 82.4 | 544 | 89.2 |
| White | 50,741 | 95.1 | 52,053 | 92.9 | 7,010 | 80.8 | 95,784 | 95.1 | 995 | 75.9 | 102,794 | 94.0 |
| Multiracial | 3,648 | 92.7 | 3,430 | 89.5 | 478 | 76.2 | 6,600 | 92.4 | 68 | 73.1 | 7,078 | 91.1 |
| Econ. disad. ^d | 91,998 | 90.2 | 87,615 | 84.8 | 16,473 | 78.4 | 163,140 | 88.6 | 28,591 | 80.8 | 179,613 | 87.5 |
| Special education | 9,361 | 80.6 | 16,439 | 77.9 | n/a ^e | n/a | n/a | n/a | 3,845 | 81.3 | 25,800 | 78.9 |
| EL in 9-12 | 16,489 | 83.4 | 18,844 | 75.9 | 3,845 | 81.3 | 31,488 | 79.0 | n/a | n/a | 35,333 | 79.3 |
| Foster care in 9-12 ^f | 599 | 63.6 | 402 | 58.5 | 278 | 55.5 | 723 | 64.1 | 72 | 58.5 | 1,001 | 61.4 |
| Homeless in 9-12 ^g | 9,956 | 83.6 | 8,719 | 77.2 | 1,964 | 73.8 | 16,711 | 81.3 | 2,276 | 71.3 | 18,675 | 80.5 |
| All graduates | 174,798 | 92.6 | 172,594 | 88.1 | 25,800 | 78.9 | 321,592 | 91.4 | 35,333 | 79.3 | 347,392 | 90.3 |

^aSpecial education. ^bStudents identified as English learners at any time while attending Grades 9-12 in Texas public schools (TPS). ^cGraduates. ^dEconomically disadvantaged. ^eNot applicable. ^fStudents identified as in foster care at any time while attending Grades 9-12 in TPS. ^gStudents identified as homeless at any time while attending Grades 9-12 in TPS.

National Center for Education Statistics Reporting

Four-Year Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate

In 2004, the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) released a report with the recommendations of a panel of experts on graduation rate calculations. The lead recommendation was for all states to adopt a standard, four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate (NCES, 2004). The adjusted cohort graduation rate is based on the tracking of individual students from the time they begin Grade 9 until the fall following their expected graduation and is the same as the graduation rate that TEA calculates for federal accountability. NCES released the class of 2019 adjusted cohort graduation rates for all states and the District of Columbia through the Digest of Education Statistics (NCES, n.d.). For the class of 2019, graduation rates were highest for Alabama and Iowa (91.7% and 91.6%, respectively), although NCES noted that Alabama's reported rate should be used with caution. Nationwide, the District of Columbia had the lowest graduation rate, at 68.9 percent (Table 52 on page 128). Texas had the eighth-highest rate out of 50 states and the District of Columbia, with an adjusted cohort graduation rate of 90.0 percent.

Table 52

National Center for Education Statistics Four-Year Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rates (%), by Race/Ethnicity and State, Class of 2019

| State | Rank | All students | African American | American Indian | Asian/Pacific Islander | Hispanic | White | Multiracial |
|----------------------|----------|--------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|
| Alabama ^a | 1 | 91.7 | 89.8 | 94.0 | 95.0 | 90.6 | 92.8 | 93.0 |
| Iowa | 2 | 91.6 | 82.0 | 77.0 | 91.0 | 84.5 | 93.3 | 88.0 |
| West Virginia | 3 | 91.3 | 88.0 | 75.0 | >=95 ^b | 91.0 | 91.5 | 86.0 |
| Kentucky | 4 | 90.6 | 83.2 | >=90 | 94.0 | 84.0 | 92.1 | 89.0 |
| New Jersey | 4 | 90.6 | 83.3 | 92.0 | 96.9 | 84.5 | 94.9 | 91.0 |
| Tennessee | 6 | 90.5 | 84.6 | 90.0 | 95.0 | 84.4 | 93.4 | n/a ^c |
| Wisconsin | 7 | 90.1 | 71.4 | 79.0 | 92.0 | 82.8 | 93.8 | 86.0 |
| Texas | 8 | 90.0 | 86.2 | 87.0 | 96.1 | 88.2 | 93.7 | 91.4 |
| Missouri | 9 | 89.7 | 80.6 | 85.0 | 92.0 | 86.3 | 91.9 | 89.0 |
| Delaware | 10 | 89.0 | 88.0 | 83.0 | 94.0 | 86.0 | 90.6 | 89.0 |
| Connecticut | 11 | 88.5 | 79.9 | 92.0 | 96.0 | 80.2 | 93.3 | 88.0 |
| Nebraska | 12 | 88.4 | 78.0 | 71.0 | 84.0 | 80.5 | 92.5 | 82.0 |
| New Hampshire | 12 | 88.4 | 76.0 | >=80 | 91.0 | 76.0 | 89.5 | 85.0 |
| North Dakota | 14 | 88.3 | 81.0 | 72.0 | 86.0 | 74.0 | 91.8 | n/a |
| Massachusetts | 15 | 88.0 | 79.9 | 83.0 | 95.0 | 74.4 | 92.7 | 88.0 |
| Arkansas | 16 | 87.6 | 83.4 | 79.0 | 89.0 | 84.7 | 89.6 | 87.0 |
| Virginia | 17 | 87.5 | 84.1 | 87.0 | 93.8 | 72.9 | 92.1 | 91.3 |
| Maine | 18 | 87.4 | 80.0 | 78.0 | 94.0 | 82.0 | 87.8 | 82.0 |
| Utah | 18 | 87.4 | 75.0 | 79.0 | 88.0 | 79.5 | 89.7 | 87.0 |
| Florida | 20 | 87.2 | 81.9 | 78.0 | 95.2 | 86.1 | 90.4 | 88.4 |
| Indiana | 20 | 87.2 | 77.2 | 82.0 | 95.0 | 83.7 | 89.4 | 82.9 |
| Kansas | 20 | 87.2 | 80.0 | 76.0 | 94.0 | 83.2 | 89.3 | 83.0 |
| Maryland | 23 | 86.9 | 84.3 | 81.0 | 96.3 | 72.4 | 93.4 | 91.0 |
| Montana | 24 | 86.6 | 78.0 | 67.0 | 92.0 | 83.0 | 89.6 | 83.0 |
| North Carolina | 25 | 86.5 | 83.7 | 81.0 | 94.5 | 81.1 | 89.6 | 83.9 |
| Pennsylvania | 25 | 86.5 | 75.0 | 80.0 | 93.2 | 75.4 | 90.6 | 79.5 |
| Illinois | 27 | 86.2 | 76.5 | 78.0 | 94.9 | 82.2 | 90.8 | 86.9 |
| Hawaii | 28 | 85.2 | 83.0 | n/a | 85.6 | 85.0 | 84.0 | n/a |
| Mississippi | 29 | 85.0 | 81.9 | 82.0 | 92.0 | 83.0 | 88.4 | 86.0 |
| Oklahoma | 30 | 84.9 | 80.1 | 84.8 | 87.0 | 81.8 | 86.3 | 86.6 |

Source. Primary data from National Center for Education Statistics (n.d.).

^aUse data with caution. The Alabama State Department of Education has indicated that their adjusted cohort graduation rate data for some years was misstated. ^bThe result is presented in such a manner as to provide a general idea of the rate while maintaining student anonymity. ^cNot available.

^dA dash (-) indicates data were not reported to protect student anonymity. ^eThe rate for American Indian students in the United States was estimated assuming a count of zero American Indian students for Hawaii.

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Table 52 (continued)

National Center for Education Statistics Four-Year Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rates (%), by Race/Ethnicity and State, Class of 2019

| State | Rank | All students | African American | American Indian | Asian/Pacific Islander | Hispanic | White | Multiracial |
|----------------------|------|--------------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|
| California | 31 | 84.5 | 76.8 | 75.0 | 93.7 | 82.1 | 88.4 | 76.8 |
| Vermont | 31 | 84.5 | 71.0 | — ^d | 83.0 | 78.0 | 85.7 | 75.0 |
| Nevada | 33 | 84.1 | 72.2 | 74.0 | 93.3 | 83.0 | 87.3 | 86.0 |
| South Dakota | 33 | 84.1 | 79.0 | 54.0 | 90.0 | 74.0 | 89.7 | 75.0 |
| Rhode Island | 35 | 83.9 | 81.0 | 70.0 | 88.0 | 76.1 | 88.2 | 80.0 |
| Minnesota | 36 | 83.7 | 69.9 | 51.0 | 87.3 | 69.9 | 88.7 | 72.0 |
| New York | 37 | 82.8 | 73.9 | 70.0 | 89.7 | 72.9 | 90.2 | 83.6 |
| Wyoming | 38 | 82.1 | 78.0 | 59.0 | 87.0 | 77.0 | 83.8 | 82.0 |
| Georgia | 39 | 82.0 | 79.6 | 76.0 | 90.8 | 75.9 | 85.6 | 82.3 |
| Ohio | 39 | 82.0 | 69.4 | 71.0 | 90.7 | 73.4 | 85.3 | 76.9 |
| Michigan | 41 | 81.4 | 70.2 | 70.0 | 91.3 | 76.6 | 84.7 | 76.2 |
| Colorado | 42 | 81.1 | 74.4 | 65.0 | 89.0 | 74.0 | 85.9 | 81.0 |
| South Carolina | 42 | 81.1 | 76.4 | 71.0 | 93.0 | 79.5 | 84.2 | n/a ^e |
| Washington | 42 | 81.1 | 73.7 | 62.0 | 88.6 | 75.7 | 82.9 | 81.3 |
| Idaho | 45 | 80.8 | 74.0 | 68.0 | 86.0 | 73.9 | 82.6 | 79.0 |
| Alaska | 46 | 80.4 | 79.0 | 68.0 | 87.0 | 80.0 | 85.7 | 76.0 |
| Louisiana | 47 | 80.1 | 75.6 | 88.0 | 89.0 | 67.1 | 85.9 | 84.0 |
| Oregon | 48 | 80.0 | 70.0 | 68.0 | 90.0 | 76.2 | 81.3 | 80.0 |
| Arizona | 49 | 77.8 | 73.3 | 67.1 | 90.0 | 74.4 | 82.7 | 75.0 |
| New Mexico | 50 | 75.1 | 67.0 | 70.0 | 86.0 | 74.5 | 79.0 | n/a |
| District of Columbia | 51 | 68.9 | 68.7 | — | 90.0 | 60.0 | 93.0 | 79.0 |
| United States | | 85.8 | 79.6 | 74.3^e | 92.6 | 81.7 | 89.4 | n/a |

Source. Primary data from National Center for Education Statistics (n.d.).

^aUse data with caution. The Alabama State Department of Education has indicated that their adjusted cohort graduation rate data for some years was misstated. ^bThe result is presented in such a manner as to provide a general idea of the rate while maintaining student anonymity. ^cNot available.

^dA dash (—) indicates data were not reported to protect student anonymity. ^eThe rate for American Indian students in the United States was estimated assuming a count of zero American Indian students for Hawaii.

**Appendix A
Leaver Reason Codes
and Documentation Requirements
in the Public Education Information
Management System**

Introduction

General Documentation Requirements

Documentation Requirements
by LEAVER-REASON-CODE

Table A-1
Leaver Reason Codes
in the Public Education
Information Management System

Introduction

Table A-1 on page 137 provides expanded definitions and specific documentation guidelines for each of the leaver reason codes listed in Code Table C162 of the Texas Education Agency (TEA) *2020-2021 Texas Education Data Standards (TEDS)* (TEA, 2021b). The table is organized into the following broad categories of leavers:

- completed high school or high school equivalency program
- moved to other educational setting
- withdrawn by school district
- other

Leaver records are not submitted for students who enroll in other Texas public school districts or charters and students who obtain high school equivalency certificates at Texas examination sites by August 31. Students who move to other Texas public school districts are considered movers, not leavers. Documentation as described in this appendix is not required for movers; districts may wish to develop local policy on documentation for movers. The Unique ID Enrollment Tracking may be used to establish tentative local documentation that students are movers. The final determination of whether students are movers will be made by TEA.

General Documentation Requirements

Districts must document the withdrawal of students and maintain on file the appropriate paperwork associated with student withdrawals. Documentation is required for all leaver reason codes. Documentation requirements for leaver codes are provided in the Documentation Requirements by LEAVER-REASON-CODE section. Documentation supporting use of a leaver reason code must exist in the district at the time the leaver data are submitted, i.e., no later than the Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS) Submission 1 January resubmission date.

Timelines for Establishing Leaver Reasons and Obtaining Documentation

Students who leave during the school year. For students who leave during the school year, leaver reasons apply at the time of withdrawal, and documentation should be obtained at that time. For example, for students who are withdrawn by Child Protective Services (CPS), LEAVER-REASON-CODE 66, documentation would be obtained when the student is removed.

Students who fail to return in the fall. For students who fail to return the following fall, leaver reasons apply on the first day of school or its approximation, the school-start window. For the 2020-2021 school year, the school-start window extends from the first day of school through October 30, 2020. Districts should use the LEAVER-REASON-CODE that most appropriately describes the student's whereabouts during the school-start window. For example, to use LEAVER-REASON-CODE 60 student withdrew from/left school for home schooling, a district would establish that a student was being home schooled at some point during the school-start window. The district could obtain the documentation to support the leaver code at any time up until the PEIMS Submission 1 resubmission date.

Students who were attending and were withdrawn under LEAVER-REASON-CODE 83 when the district discovered that the student was not entitled to public school enrollment in the district. LEAVER-REASON-CODE 83, not entitled to public school enrollment in the district, applies to students who are attending and are withdrawn by the district because the district discovers, when verifying enrollment information, that the student was not entitled to enrollment in the district because the student was not a resident of the district or was not entitled under other provisions of Texas Education Code (TEC) §25.001 or as a transfer student. It is not for a student who was a resident and stops attending because he/she has moved out of the district.

This code is also used for those rare situations in which the student has not met the requirements under TEC §38.001 or a corresponding rule of the Texas Department of State Health Services for immunization, provisional enrollment, or exemption. Leaver reasons for LEAVER-REASON-CODE 83 apply at the time of withdrawal and documentation showing due process supporting the withdrawal should be obtained at that time.

Signatures on Documentation

Documentation must be signed and dated by an authorized representative of the district. The district should have a written policy stating who can act as an authorized representative for purposes of signing withdrawal forms and other leaver reason documentation.

Withdrawal documentation should also be signed for the student by a:

- parent, or
- guardian, or
- responsible adult as recorded in school records, such as a foster parent or a probation officer, or
- qualified student. A qualified student is one who, at the time he/she stops attending school:
 - is married, or
 - is 18 years or older, or
 - has established a residence separate and apart from the student's parent, guardian, or other person having lawful control of the student.

An original signature is not required on withdrawal forms received in the district by fax. Withdrawal forms received by e-mail do not need to be signed by the parent/guardian or qualified student. Written documentation of oral statements made in person or by telephone by the parent/guardian or qualified student is acceptable documentation in some situations if it is signed and dated by the district representative.

Evaluation of Documentation

Merits of leaver documentation are assessed at the time the documentation is requested during a data inquiry investigation. Determination of the acceptability of documentation is made by the professional staff conducting the investigation. These guidelines describe the most common types of documentation the investigator would expect to find supporting use of each leaver reason code. Other documentation that represents good business practice and shows a good faith effort on the part of the district to properly report leaver status will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

Completeness of Documentation

Withdrawal documentation shall be considered incomplete without a date, signature(s), and destination. Documentation will not be deemed insufficient when information is missing because the parent or parents refuse to provide information requested by the district. A district should document at the time of the conversation that the information was requested, and the parent refused to provide it. Appropriate documentation of a parent refusal to provide information includes the date, content of

conversation, name of person with whom the conversation was conducted, and the signature of the school official verifying the conversation.

Changing LEAVER-REASON-CODEs

Once a district meets the documentation standard that supports the leaver reason code used, the district is not required to obtain additional information on the student. Local policy will determine if an existing leaver reason code is updated for a student when additional information is received. The policy should be clearly stated in the district's published guidelines on leaver procedures. For example, if a district assigned LEAVER-REASON-CODE 60 *student withdrew from/left school for home schooling* for a student and later received a request for transcript information from a private school for the same student, the district may change the LEAVER-REASON-CODE to 81 *enroll in a Texas private school* but is not obligated to.

Documentation Requirements by LEAVER-REASON-CODE

In addition to general documentation requirements, requirements specific to leaver reason codes also apply. Following are the specific documentation requirements by leaver reason code. They are grouped into four major categories: graduated or received an out-of-state high school equivalency certificate, moved to other educational setting, withdrawn by school district, and other reasons. School leavers with this LEAVER-REASON-CODE are counted as dropouts for state accountability purposes: codes 08, 98. School leavers with this LEAVER-REASON-CODE are counted as dropouts for federal accountability purposes: codes 08, 20, 88, 89, 98.

**Table A-1
Leaver Reason Codes in the Public Education Information Management System**

| Leaver code | Explanation/clarification and documentation requirements |
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| Graduated or received an out-of-state high school equivalency certificate | |
| 01 | <p>Student graduated from a campus in this district or charter</p> <p>Definition and use: Use for students who meet all high school graduation requirements (which includes passing the exit-level TAAS or TAKS) at any time during the prior school year, including the summer (through August 31) following the close of the prior year.</p> <p>To graduate, a student must satisfy the requirements under 19 TAC Chapter 74, Subchapter B. Special education students must satisfy requirements under 19 TAC §89.1070. Students who complete all graduation requirements in one school year but do not pass the exit-level assessments until a later year, are reported as graduates in the school year in which the exit-level assessments are passed and the diploma is issued.</p> <p>Documentation requirement: Transcript showing sufficient credits, successful completion of the exit-level assessments (including testing dates), graduation seal, school official signature, and date of completion.</p> |
| 85 | <p>Student graduated outside Texas before entering a Texas public school, entered a Texas public school, and left again</p> <p>Definition and use: This code may be used for students who graduated in another state or country before entering Texas public schools. This code may also be used for students who graduated from Texhoma High School, Texhoma, Oklahoma.</p> <p>Documentation requirement: Transcript showing sufficient credits, date, and school official signature, and a diploma with a graduation seal.</p> |
| 86 | <p>Student completed a High School Equivalency Certificate outside Texas</p> <p>Definition and use: This code may be used for students who earned high school equivalency certificates outside Texas, including students living in Texas and earning high school equivalency certificates online from a testing company in another state, before enrolling or after leaving Texas public schools.</p> <p>Documentation requirement: Acceptable documentation is a copy of the high school equivalency certificate or some other written document provided by the testing company showing completion of the high school equivalency. Written documentation from the testing company must include the date of high school equivalency completion, location, address, and contact information of the company.</p> |
| 90 | <p>Student graduated from another state under provisions of the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children</p> <p>Definition and use: Per TEC §162.002, student lives in the household of an active-duty military serviceperson, transferred into Texas public schools at the beginning of or during his or her senior year, did not meet requirements to graduate from Texas public schools, did meet requirements to graduate from a school in the sending state, and, under provisions of the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children, graduated from a school or district in the sending state.</p> <p>Documentation requirement: Transcript showing sufficient credits, date, and school official signature, or a diploma with a graduation seal.</p> |
| Moved to other educational setting | |
| 24 | <p>Student entered college and is working towards an Associate's or Bachelor's degree</p> <p>Definition and use: This code is for students who leave secondary school to enter college early. It should be used for students who are enrolled full-time (at least 9 credit hours per semester). This code is also for students who leave school to enter a dual-credit program established by the Texas Legislature at the Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science at the University of North Texas, the Texas Academy of Leadership in the Humanities at Lamar University, the Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science at the University of Texas at Brownsville, and the Texas Academy of International Studies at Texas A&M International University.</p> <p>Documentation requirement: Documentation of enrollment in a college or university must indicate that the student is enrolled full-time in an academic program. Per federal requirement, it is <u>not</u> permissible for a district to document that, at the time of withdrawal, the student intended to enter a postsecondary educational setting. Beginning with students</p> |

Source: Texas Education Agency (2021b).

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Table A-1 (continued)
Leaver Reason Codes in the Public Education Information Management System

| Leaver code | Explanation/clarification and documentation requirements |
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| | <p>leaving in the 2011-12 school year, a district must document that the student has actually entered a postsecondary educational setting. One of the following types of documentation is required to verify enrollment:</p> <p>Transcript request. Acceptable documentation of enrollment in college is a records request from the college in which the student is enrolled. Telephone requests must be documented in writing, including the date of the call, the name of the college requesting the records, the name of the person making the request, and the name of the person who received the call. Telephone requests should appear on a standardized, district-approved form. The original of the form should be included in the student's permanent file. Documentation of the method of records dissemination also must be included in the student's permanent file (e.g., copy of fax activity log, certified mail receipt, encrypted e-mail receipt confirmation, or postage/mail log with complete address information for requesting school).</p> <p>Verification by an authorized representative of the college. A signed letter from the college verifying enrollment is also acceptable documentation. The letter must state the name and location of the college in which the student is enrolled and the date of enrollment. Other acceptable documentation is written documentation of an oral statement by a representative of the college providing the name and location of the college and verifying that the student is enrolled, signed and dated by an authorized representative of the district.</p> <p>Verification by the parent/guardian or qualified student. Acceptable documentation includes a letter, signed and dated from the parent, guardian, or qualified student stating that the student has enrolled in college in a program leading to an associate's or bachelor's degree.</p> |
| 60 | <p>Student is home schooled</p> <p>Definition and use: Student is being home schooled. This code may be used only for a student whose parent/guardian confirms that the student is pursuing, under direct supervision of the parent/guardian, a curriculum designed to meet basic education goals. The district is not required to obtain evidence that the program being provided meets educational standards.</p> <p>Documentation requirement: A district must document that the parent/guardian is home schooling the student. Per federal requirement, it is <u>not</u> permissible for a district to document that, at the time of withdrawal, the student intended to be home schooled. Beginning with students leaving in the 2011-12 school year, the following documentation is required to verify enrollment:</p> <p>Verification by the parent/guardian. A letter, signed and dated, from the parent/guardian stating that the student is being home schooled is acceptable documentation. Letters from parents/guardians must indicate the actual date home schooling began.</p> |
| 66 | <p>Student was removed by Child Protective Services (CPS) and the district has not been informed of the student's current status or enrollment</p> <p>Definition and use: This code applies only to Child Protective Services. Private agencies that provide asylum for students do not have the legal authority to remove students from school.</p> <p>Documentation requirement: Acceptable documentation includes due process documentation supporting the withdrawal; a written statement, signed and dated by the CPS officer, including the CPS officer's name and contact information; or written documentation of an oral statement by a CPS representative that the child was removed, including the CPS representative's name, the date of the conversation, and the signature of the school official.</p> |
| 81 82 | <p>Student enrolled in a private school in Texas</p> <p>Student enrolled in a public or private school outside of Texas</p> <p>Definition and use: Student is enrolled in a private school in Texas (code 81), the Texas Job Corps Diploma Program (code 81), or a public or private school outside Texas (code 82). Documentation of actual enrollment is required. This code is also used when a student moves from the district without withdrawing but the district receives a records request.</p> <p>If the student enrolls in another school in the district or another public school district in Texas, a leaver record is not submitted.</p> <p>If the district did not assign code 81 or code 82 when the student stopped attending, the district can change the original code assigned to the student when the records request or communication from the parent/guardian or qualified</p> |

Source. Texas Education Agency (2021b).

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Table A-1 (continued)
Leaver Reason Codes in the Public Education Information Management System

| Leaver code | Explanation/clarification and documentation requirements |
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| | <p>student is received. If the original withdrawal date for the student is later than the date the student enrolled in the other school, the withdrawal date must be changed and all attendance accounting records affected by this change must be updated.</p> <p>Documentation requirement: Per federal requirement, it is <u>not</u> permissible for a district to document that, at the time of withdrawal, the student intended to enter another educational setting. Beginning with students leaving in the 2011-12 school year, a district must document that the student has actually enrolled in a private school in Texas, the Texas Job Corps Diploma Program, or a private or public school outside Texas. One of the following types of documentation is required to verify enrollment:</p> <p>Transcript request. Acceptable documentation of enrollment in another school is a records request from the school in which the student is enrolled. Telephone requests are acceptable, but they must be documented in writing, including the date of the call, the name of the school requesting the records, the name of the person making the request, and the name of the person who received the call. Telephone requests should appear on a standardized, district-approved form. The original of the form should be included in the student's permanent file. Documentation of the method of records dissemination also must be included in the student's permanent file (e.g., copy of fax activity log, certified mail receipt, encrypted e-mail receipt confirmation, or postage/mail log with complete address information for requesting school).</p> <p>Verification by the superintendent or authorized campus or district administrator of the receiving district. A signed letter from the receiving school verifying enrollment is acceptable documentation. The letter must state the name and location of the school in which the student is enrolled and the date of enrollment. Other acceptable documentation is written documentation of an oral statement by a representative of the receiving school providing the name and location of and contact information for the school and verifying that the student is enrolled, signed and dated by an authorized campus or district administrator of the district.</p> <p>Verification by the parent/guardian or qualified student. Acceptable documentation includes a letter, signed and dated, from the parent/guardian or qualified student stating that the student has enrolled in a private school in Texas or a private or public school outside of Texas leading to the completion of a high school diploma.</p> |
| 87 | <p>Student withdrew from/left school to enroll in the Texas Tech University ISD High School Diploma Program or the University of Texas at Austin High School Diploma Program</p> <p>Definition and use: Student was withdrawn from school and parent/guardian or qualified student indicated at time of withdrawal that the student has enrolled in the State Board of Education-authorized Texas Tech University ISD High School Diploma Program or the University of Texas at Austin High School Diploma Program.</p> <p>Documentation requirement: The district must receive either a) a records or transcript request from the high school diploma program or b) a letter from the high school diploma program stating that the student is enrolled.</p> |
| Withdrawn by school district | |
| 78 | <p>Student was expelled under the provisions of TEC §37.007 and cannot return to school</p> <p>Definition and use: This code may only be used when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the student was expelled under the provisions of TEC §37.007, and • the term of expulsion has not expired or the student's failure to attend school is due to court action. <p>This code may only be used for a student who was expelled for an offense included in TEC §37.007. This code is not intended for use by districts which assign students to a Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP).</p> <p>Documentation requirement: Due process documentation supporting the expulsion.</p> |
| 83 | <p>Student was attending and was withdrawn from school by the district when the district discovered that the student was not entitled to enrollment in the district because a) the student was not a resident of the district, b) was not entitled under other provisions of TEC §25.001 or as a transfer student, or c) was not entitled to public school enrollment under TEC §38.001 or a corresponding rule of the Texas Department of State Health Services because the student was not immunized.</p> <p>Definition and use: This code is for situations in which the district discovers when verifying enrollment information that the student is not entitled to enrollment in the district because the student is not a resident of the district or is not entitled under other provisions of TEC §25.001 or as a transfer student. It is not for a student who was a resident of the district</p> |

Source. Texas Education Agency (2021b).

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Leaver Reason Codes in the Public Education Information Management System

| Leaver code | Explanation/clarification and documentation requirements |
|----------------------|---|
| | <p>and who stops attending because he/she has moved. This code is also for rare situations in which the student has not met the requirements under TEC §38.001 or a corresponding rule of the Texas Department of State Health Services for immunization, provisional enrollment, or exemption.</p> <p>Subject to the exceptions in TEC §38.001(c), a student is required to be fully immunized against disease as required by the Texas Department of State Health Services (TEC §38.001(a)). A student may be provisionally admitted if the student has begun the required immunizations and continues to receive the necessary immunizations as rapidly as medically feasible (TEC §38.001(e)). Except as provided by TEC §38.001(c) or by rule of the Department of State Health Services, a student who is not fully immunized and has not begun the required immunizations may not attend school. For further information about enrollment procedures, please see the <i>Student Attendance Accounting Handbook</i>. For further information about immunization requirements, immunization exemptions, and immunization documentation, please contact the Texas Department of State Health Services.</p> <p>Documentation requirement: Due process documentation supporting the withdrawal. All district actions to withdraw a student must be documented or the documentation for use of this leaver reason code may be considered insufficient. For purposes of leaver reason code 83, due process is defined as completion of the following steps:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. District provides oral or written notice, appropriately documented, to the student's parent, guardian, or qualified student him- or herself of intent to withdraw the student, reasons for the withdrawal, effective date of withdrawal, and date of hearing or conference at which the parent, guardian, or qualified student will have an opportunity to respond to the allegations that the student is not entitled to be enrolled in the district. Steps 2 and 3 are not required for cases in which the parent, guardian or qualified student agrees that the student is not entitled to enrollment in the district. Step 4 is always required for charter districts. 2. District provides a hearing or conference at which the district presents the reasons for withdrawal, and the parent, guardian, or qualified student is given the opportunity to respond to the reasons for withdrawal. 3. District provides a written report to the parent, guardian, or qualified student that contains the findings of fact and district decision following the hearing or conference. The written report shall include notice of the parent's, guardian's, or qualified student's right to appeal the district's decision. 4. Charter districts shall notify the school district in which the student resides within three business days of withdrawing a student from a charter school, per Texas Administrative Code §100.1211. |
| Other reasons | |
| 03 | <p>Student died while enrolled in school or during the summer break after completing the prior school year</p> <p>Definition and use: Self-explanatory.</p> <p>Documentation requirement: Acceptable documentation includes a copy of the death certificate or obituary, a program from the funeral or memorial service, a written statement from the parent or guardian, and written documentation of an oral statement by a parent or guardian stating that the student has died.</p> |
| 08 | <p>Student (female or male) withdrew from/left school because of pregnancy.</p> <p>Definition and use: This code should be used only if the parent, guardian, or student indicates verbally or in writing that the student is leaving school or left school because of pregnancy. This code should not be assigned based only on the fact that the student is pregnant at the time he or she leaves school.</p> <p>This code can be used for female or male students.</p> <p>Documentation requirement: Acceptable documentation is any written documentation, including documentation of oral statements by the parent, guardian, or student, indicating that the student is leaving school or left school because of pregnancy.</p> |
| 16 | <p>Student returned to family's home country</p> <p>Definition and use: Use for students who are leaving the United States to return to their home country. A student may be leaving with or without family members to live with his or her family, immediate or extended, in the home country. The citizenship of the student is not relevant in assigning this code. This code can also be used for foreign exchange students.</p> |

Source: Texas Education Agency (2021b).

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Table A-1 (continued)
Leaver Reason Codes in the Public Education Information Management System

| Leaver code | Explanation/clarification and documentation requirements |
|-------------|---|
| | <p>Documentation requirement: Acceptable documentation is a copy of the Transfer Document for Binational Migrant Student completed at the time the student withdraws from school, signed and dated by an authorized campus or district administrator. Acceptable documentation is also a copy of the withdrawal form signed and dated by the parent/guardian or qualified student and a campus or district administrator. The withdrawal form should indicate that the student is leaving school because the student is returning to the home country and should specify the destination. An original signature is not required on withdrawal forms received in the district by fax. Withdrawal forms received by e-mail do not need to be signed by the parent/guardian or qualified student. A signed letter from the parent/guardian or qualified student stating that the student is leaving school because the student is returning to the home country is also acceptable documentation. Acceptable documentation for foreign exchange students includes a written, signed, and dated statement from the student's host family or the foreign student advisor verifying the student's return to his or her home country. Other acceptable documentation is written documentation of an oral statement by an adult neighbor or other adult with knowledge of the family's whereabouts, signed and dated by an authorized campus or district administrator.</p> |
| 20 | <p>Student withdrew from/left school because of a medical injury</p> <p>Definition and use: Students who have suffered a condition, injury, or illness that requires substantial medical care and leaves the student unable to attend school and assigned to a medical or residential treatment facility are entitled to receive educational services. This code may be used if educational services are refused by the qualified student or the student's parent or guardian and the student is withdrawn from school.</p> <p>Local Education Agencies (LEAs) should be aware, however, that if the illness, condition, or injury suffered by the student leads the LEA to suspect that the illness, condition, or injury has resulted in a disability identified under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), along with a corresponding need for special education and related services, the LEA must comply with federal law requiring public agencies to locate, evaluate, and identify students with disabilities who need special education and related services. In this situation, once the LEA obtains informed consent from the parent, guardian, or qualified student consistent with the consent requirements in 34 C.F.R. §300.300, it must conduct a full and individual initial evaluation (FIE) for the student pursuant to the IDEA. The leaver code may be used in this situation if the parent, guardian, or qualified student denies the LEA's request for an FIE, refuses educational services, and withdraws the student from school.</p> <p>Documentation requirement: For general education students, acceptable documentation includes a written statement or an oral statement by the parent, guardian, or qualified student properly documented by a designated LEA staff member that: (a) the student has suffered a condition, injury, or illness that requires substantial medical care; (b) the student is unable to attend school as a result; (c) the student has been assigned to a medical or residential treatment facility; (d) the student has been offered education services; and (e) the parent, guardian, or qualified student has refused those services.</p> <p>With respect to students receiving special education and related services, the refusal to accept these services should be in writing pursuant to 34 C.F.R. §300.300(b)(4). Acceptable documentation in this case, thus, includes a written statement or an oral statement by a parent, guardian, or qualified student properly documented by a designated LEA staff member that: (a) the student has suffered a condition, injury, or illness that requires substantial medical care; (b) the student is unable to attend school as a result; (c) the student has been assigned to a medical or residential treatment facility; and (d) the student has been offered education services. A refusal or revocation of consent for special education services, however, should be in a written statement (rather than a documented oral statement) from the parent, guardian, or qualified student and maintained in the student's eligibility folder pursuant to 19 TAC §89.1075(a).</p> <p>If the student was not identified as eligible for special education prior to the illness, condition, or injury at issue, and the LEA suspects that the illness, condition, or injury has resulted in a disability and corresponding need for special education and related services, the following documentation is acceptable: a written statement or an oral statement by the parent, guardian, or qualified student properly documented by a designated LEA staff member that: (a) the student has suffered a condition, injury, or illness that requires substantial medical care; (b) the student is unable to attend school as a result; (c) the student has been assigned to a medical or residential treatment facility; (d) the student has been offered an FIE and education services, and (e) the parent, guardian, or qualified student has refused both the FIE and education services.</p> |

Source: Texas Education Agency (2021b).

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Table A-1 (continued)
Leaver Reason Codes in the Public Education Information Management System

| Leaver code | Explanation/clarification and documentation requirements |
|-------------|--|
| 88 | <p>Student was ordered by a court to attend a High School Equivalency program and has not earned a Texas Certificate of High School Equivalency (TxCHSE)</p> <p>Definition and use: This code is for students who are court-ordered to attend a high school equivalency program and have not earned a TxCHSE at any time during the prior school year, including the summer (through August 31) following the close of the prior year.</p> <p>Documentation requirement: Acceptable documentation is a copy of the court order stating that the student has been ordered to attend a high school equivalency program. Documentation must include the name of the student, the date of the order, the name of the judge making the order, and the county in which the judge presides. The order should state that the court is ordering the student to attend a high school equivalency program or to take a high school equivalency exam.</p> |
| 89 | <p>Student is incarcerated in a state jail or federal penitentiary as an adult or as a person certified to stand trial as an adult</p> <p>Definition and use: Student is incarcerated in a state jail or federal penitentiary as an adult or as a person certified to stand trial as an adult.</p> <p>Documentation requirement: Acceptable documentation is one of the following: 1) Oral notification from a law enforcement agency, the office of the prosecuting attorney, or the jail or penitentiary, to an authorized representative of the district, that the student is incarcerated. The written statement of the oral notification shall be signed and dated by the authorized representative. 2) Written notification from a law enforcement agency, the office of the prosecuting attorney, or the jail or penitentiary, that the student is incarcerated.</p> |
| 98 | <p>Other (reason unknown or not listed above)</p> <p>Definition and use: This code is used for students who are withdrawn by the school district after a period of time because they have quit attending school and their reason for leaving is not known. It is also used for students who withdrew from/left school for reasons not listed above.</p> |

Source: Texas Education Agency (2021b).

Appendix B
Student Characteristic and Program
Participation Data in Annual Dropout Rates
and Longitudinal Graduation and Dropout Rates

Introduction

Table B-1
Program Participation and Student
Characteristic Data in Annual Dropout Rate
and Longitudinal Graduation and Dropout Rate Calculations

Introduction

Overview

Table B-1 on page 146 specifies the criteria the Texas Education Agency (TEA) applies to the Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS) data elements used to calculate annual dropout rates and longitudinal graduation and dropout rates for students participating in special instructional programs and students with special demographic characteristics. Texas public school districts report the data to the TEA through the Texas Student Data System (TSDS). The table also identifies, when applicable, the subcategories through which the data elements are submitted. Refer to the *Texas Education Data Standards* (TEDS), published annually by TEA, for a detailed description of the data elements in Table B-1 (TEA, 2020c).

Annual Dropout Rates

The annual dropout rate for students with a special demographic characteristic is calculated as the number of students reported with the specified characteristic who drop out during a single school year divided by the total number of students reported with the specified characteristic enrolled during the same school year. Likewise, the annual dropout rate for students participating in a special instructional program is calculated as the number of students reported as participating in the specified program who drop out during a single school year divided by the total number of students reported as participating in the specified program who attended the same school year. A student may be reported with more than one special demographic characteristic or as participating in more than one special instructional program. Following, as an example, is the annual dropout rate calculation for immigrant students.

$$\frac{\text{number of students reported to TEA as immigrants who dropped out during the school year}}{\text{number of students reported to TEA as immigrants enrolled during the school year}}$$

Longitudinal Graduation and Dropout Rates

Calculating longitudinal four-year rates requires tracking a cohort of students from the time they enter Grade 9, or transfer into the cohort, until the fall following their anticipated graduation date. Calculating extended longitudinal rates requires tracking a cohort of students until the fall one or more years after their anticipated graduation date. The longitudinal graduation rate is the number of students who graduate divided by the total number of students in the cohort who have final statuses. The longitudinal dropout rate is the number of students who drop out divided by the total number of students who have final statuses.

PEIMS attendance data are used to build each cohort of students. Each cohort is identified by the starting grade and anticipated year of graduation. For example, students who attended Grade 9 in Texas public schools for the first time in 2016-17 make up the class of 2020 Grade 9 cohort. Students who did not attend Grade 9 in Texas public schools that year but entered the system over the next

three years were added to the cohort if, in the year they entered, they were in the grade level expected for the cohort. Each cohort was tracked using PEIMS data through the four or more years of the cohort. Students in the class of 2020 were tracked into the fall semester following their anticipated graduation date of spring 2020. Students in previous cohorts were tracked into the fall semester one or more years following their anticipated graduation date.

Any student who was determined to be a graduate, continuer, TxCHSE recipient, or dropout was counted in the class of 2020. This included students who began Grade 9 in Texas public schools, as well as students who later entered Texas public schools in the grade level expected for the cohort and were added to the cohort. A student whose final status could not be determined was not included as a member of the class. A student who left the Texas public school system during the time period covered for reasons other than graduating, receiving a TxCHSE, or dropping out was not included as a member of the class.

A student may be reported with more than one special demographic characteristic or as participating in more than one special instructional program. Program participation is assigned to a student based on data elements reported on the student's last record of attendance. For example, if the student last attended in 2019-20 and was identified as gifted and talented that year, the student is included in rate calculations for gifted and talented students. Demographic characteristics also are assigned based on data reported on the student's last record of attendance, except in the cases of students identified: (a) as English learners (ELs) at any time while attending Texas public schools, (b) as ELs at any time while attending Grades 9-12 in Texas public schools, (c) as in foster care at any time while attending Grades 9-12 in Texas public schools, or (d) as homeless at any time while attending Grades 9-12 in Texas public schools. Additionally, beginning with the 2020-21 school year, career and technical education (CTE) information is no longer available for continuing students in longitudinal rate calculations. CTE program participation for these students is assigned based on the student's prior record of attendance in the continuing district, if available.

As an example, the longitudinal graduation rate for migrant students is calculated as the number of students who graduated and were reported as migrants on their last records of attendance divided by the number of students in the class who were reported as migrants on their last records of attendance.

$$\frac{\text{graduates reported as migrants on last records of attendance}}{\text{graduates + continuers + TxCHSE recipients + dropouts reported as migrants on last records of attendance}}$$

Through the TEA Login (TEAL), school districts have access to the preliminary cohort for a given year, as well as technical documentation describing how TEA builds a cohort and how longitudinal rates are calculated. The technical documentation is also available on the agency's public website.

**Table B-1
Program Participation and Student Characteristic Data in Annual Dropout Rate and Longitudinal Graduation and Dropout Rate Calculations**

| Data element | TSDS ^a source and criteria |
|---|---|
| Instructional program | |
| Bilingual or English as a second language (ESL) | <p>Data source. For students enrolled in membership, PEIMS^b summer collection (Submission 3) on the 42401-Special Programs Attendance subcategory and 40100-Student Basic Information subcategory. For students enrolled but not in membership or enrolled in the fall after expected graduation, PEIMS fall collection (Submission 1) on the 40110-Enrollment subcategory and the 40100-Student Basic Information subcategory.</p> <p>Criteria. (a) Days present reported as greater than 0 on Total Elig Bilingual/ESL Days Present or Flex Attend Total Bilingual/ESL Days Eligible and (b) "1" for the LEP Indicator Code. Student coded as: (a) "2," "3," "4," or "5" for the Bilingual Program Type Code or "2" or "3" for the ESL Program Type Code or "01" or "02" for the Alternative Language Program Type Code; and (b) "1" for the LEP Indicator Code.</p> |
| Transitional bilingual/early exit | <p>Data source. PEIMS fall collection (Submission 1) on the 40110-Enrollment subcategory and the 40100-Student Basic Information subcategory.</p> <p>Criteria. Student coded as: (a) "2" for the Bilingual Program Type Code and (b) "1" for the LEP Indicator Code.</p> |
| Transitional bilingual/late exit | <p>Data source. PEIMS fall collection (Submission 1) on the 40110-Enrollment subcategory and the 40100-Student Basic Information subcategory.</p> <p>Criteria. Student coded as: (a) "3" for the Bilingual Program Type Code and (b) "1" for the LEP Indicator Code.</p> |
| Dual language immersion/two-way | <p>Data source. PEIMS fall collection (Submission 1) on the 40110-Enrollment subcategory and the 40100-Student Basic Information subcategory.</p> <p>Criteria. Student coded as: (a) "4" for the Bilingual Program Type Code and (b) "1" for the LEP Indicator Code.</p> |
| Dual language immersion/one-way | <p>Data source. PEIMS fall collection (Submission 1) on the 40110-Enrollment subcategory and the 40100-Student Basic Information subcategory.</p> <p>Criteria. Student coded as: (a) "5" for the Bilingual Program Type Code and (b) "1" for the LEP Indicator Code.</p> |
| ESL content-based | <p>Data source. PEIMS fall collection (Submission 1) on the 40110-Enrollment subcategory and the 40100-Student Basic Information subcategory.</p> <p>Criteria. Student coded as: (a) "2" for the ESL Program Type Code and (b) "1" for the LEP Indicator Code.</p> |
| ESL pull-out | <p>Data source. PEIMS fall collection (Submission 1) on the 40110-Enrollment subcategory and the 40100-Student Basic Information subcategory.</p> <p>Criteria. Student coded as: (a) "3" for the ESL Program Type Code and (b) "1" for the LEP Indicator Code.</p> |
| Bilingual Alternative Language Program | <p>Data source. PEIMS fall collection (Submission 1) on the 40110-Enrollment subcategory and the 40100-Student Basic Information subcategory.</p> <p>Criteria. Student coded as: (a) "01" for the Alternative Language Program Code and (b) "1" for the LEP Indicator Code.</p> |
| ESL Alternative Language Program | <p>Data source. PEIMS fall collection (Submission 1) on the 40110-Enrollment subcategory and the 40100-Student Basic Information subcategory.</p> <p>Criteria. Student coded as: (a) "02" for the Alternative Language Program Code and (b) "1" for the LEP Indicator Code.</p> |

^aTexas Student Data System. ^bPublic Education Information Management System.

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Table B-1 (continued)

Program Participation and Student Characteristic Data in Annual Dropout Rate and Longitudinal Graduation and Dropout Rate Calculations

| Data element | TSDS ^a source and criteria |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Career and technical education | <p>Data source. For students enrolled in membership, PEIMS^b summer collection (Submission 3) on the 40110-Enrollment subcategory.</p> <p>Criteria. Student coded as "2" or "3" for the Career and Technology Ed Indicator Code.</p> |
| Gifted and talented | <p>Data source. For students enrolled in membership, PEIMS summer collection (Submission 3) on the 40110-Enrollment subcategory. For students enrolled but not in membership or enrolled in the fall after expected graduation, PEIMS fall collection (Submission 1) on the 40110-Enrollment subcategory.</p> <p>Criteria. Student coded as "1" for the Gifted Talented Indicator Code.</p> |
| Section 504 | <p>Data source. For students enrolled in membership, PEIMS summer collection (Submission 3) on the 40110-Enrollment subcategory. For students enrolled but not in membership or enrolled in the fall after expected graduation, PEIMS fall collection (Submission 1) on the 40110-Enrollment subcategory.</p> <p>Criteria. Student coded as "1" for the Section 504 Indicator Code.</p> |
| Special education | <p>Data source. PEIMS summer collection (Submission 3) on either the 40110-Enrollment subcategory or the 42405-Special Education Attendance subcategory and either the 42500-Flexible Attendance subcategory or the 42505-Special Education Flexible Attendance subcategory. For students enrolled but not in membership or enrolled in the fall after expected graduation, PEIMS fall collection (Submission 1) on the 40110-Enrollment subcategory.</p> <p>Criteria. (a) a 42405-Special Education Attendance subcategory submission; (b) a 40110-Enrollment subcategory submission where Total Elig Sp Ed Mainstream Days Present is greater than 0; (c) a 42505-Special Education Flexible Attendance subcategory submission; (d) a 42500-Flexible Attendance subcategory submission where Flex Attend Total Sp Ed Mainstream Days Eligible is greater than 0; or (e) student coded as "1" on the Special Ed Indicator Code on the 40110-Enrollment subcategory.</p> |
| Title I | <p>Data source. PEIMS summer collection (Submission 3) on the 41461-Title I, Part A Program subcategory. For students enrolled but not in membership or enrolled in the fall after expected graduation, PEIMS fall collection (Submission 1) on the 41461-Title I, Part A Program subcategory.</p> <p>Criteria. Any 41461-Title I, Part A Program subcategory submission or student coded as "A," "6," "7," or "9" on the Title I, Part A, Indicator Code.</p> |
| Student characteristic | |
| At-risk | <p>Data source. PEIMS fall collection (Submission 1) on the 40100-Student Basic Information subcategory.</p> <p>Criteria. Student coded as "1" for the At-Risk Indicator Code.</p> |
| Dyslexia | <p>Data source. PEIMS fall collection (Submission 1) on the 40100-Student Basic Information subcategory.</p> <p>Criteria. Student coded as "1" for the Dyslexia Indicator Code.</p> |
| Economically disadvantaged | <p>Data source. For students enrolled in membership, PEIMS summer collection (Submission 3) on the 40100-Student Basic Information subcategory. For students enrolled but not in membership or enrolled in the fall after expected graduation, PEIMS fall collection (Submission 1) on the 40100-Student Basic Information subcategory.</p> <p>Criteria. Student coded as "01," "02," or "99" for the Economic Disadvantage Code.</p> |

^aTexas Student Data System. ^bPublic Education Information Management System.

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Table B-1 (continued)
Program Participation and Student Characteristic Data in Annual Dropout Rate and Longitudinal Graduation and Dropout Rate Calculations

| Data element | TSDS ^a source and criteria |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Not economically disadvantaged | <p>Data source. For students enrolled in membership, PEIMS^b summer collection (Submission 3) on the 40100-Student Basic Information subcategory. For students enrolled but not in membership or enrolled in the fall after expected graduation, PEIMS fall collection (Submission 1) on the 40100-Student Basic Information subcategory.</p> <p>Criteria. Student coded as "00" for the Economic Disadvantage Code.</p> |
| English learner | <p>Data source. For students enrolled in membership, PEIMS summer collection (Submission 3) on the 40100-Student Basic Information subcategory. For students enrolled but not in membership or enrolled in the fall after expected graduation, PEIMS fall collection (Submission 1) on the 40100-Student Basic Information subcategory.</p> <p>Criteria. Student coded as "1" for the LEP Indicator Code.</p> |
| Foster care | <p>Data source. For students enrolled in membership, PEIMS summer collection (Submission 3) on the 40100-Student Basic Information subcategory. For students enrolled but not in membership or enrolled in the fall after expected graduation, PEIMS fall collection (Submission 1) on the 40100-Student Basic Information subcategory.</p> <p>Criteria. Student coded as "1" or "2" for the Foster Care Type Indicator Code.</p> |
| Homeless | <p>Data source. For students enrolled in membership, PEIMS summer collection (Submission 3) on the 40100-Student Basic Information subcategory. For students enrolled but not in membership or enrolled in the fall after expected graduation, PEIMS fall collection (Submission 1) on the 40100-Student Basic Information subcategory.</p> <p>Criteria. Student coded as "1," "2," "3," "4," or "5" on Homeless Status Code.</p> |
| Immigrant | <p>Data source. PEIMS fall collection (Submission 1) on the 40100-Student Basic Information subcategory.</p> <p>Criteria. Student coded as "1" for the Immigrant Indicator Code.</p> |
| Military-connected | <p>Data source. For students enrolled in membership, PEIMS summer collection (Submission 3) on the 40100-Student Basic Information subcategory. For students enrolled but not in membership or enrolled in the fall after expected graduation, PEIMS fall collection (Submission 1) on the 40100-Student Basic Information subcategory.</p> <p>Criteria. For state definition, student coded as "1," "2," "3," "4," "5" or "6" for the Military-Connected Student Indicator Code. For federal definition, student coded as "1" or "2" for the Military-Connected Student Indicator Code.</p> |
| Migrant | <p>Data source. For students enrolled in membership, PEIMS summer collection (Submission 3) on the 40100-Student Basic Information subcategory. For students enrolled but not in membership or enrolled in the fall after expected graduation, PEIMS fall collection (Submission 1) on the 40100-Student Basic Information subcategory.</p> <p>Criteria. Student coded as "1" for the Migrant Indicator Code.</p> |
| Overage | <p>Data source. PEIMS summer collection (Submission 3) on the 40100-Student Basic Information subcategory, 42400-Basic Attendance subcategory, and 42500-Flexible Attendance subcategory.</p> <p>Criteria. For each district attended, the highest grade in the last six weeks is used. The Texas Education Agency calculates a student's age based on September 1 of the school year in question.</p> |

^aTexas Student Data System. ^bPublic Education Information Management System.

Appendix C Supplemental Tables

Table C-1

Annual Dropout Rate, Grades 7-8,
by Race/Ethnicity, Economic Status, and Gender,
Texas Public Schools, 2005-06 Through 2014-15

Table C-2

Annual Dropout Rate, Grades 9-12,
by Race/Ethnicity, Economic Status, and Gender,
Texas Public Schools, 2005-06 Through 2014-15

Table C-3

Annual Dropout Rate, Grades 7-12,
by Race/Ethnicity, Economic Status, and Gender,
Texas Public Schools, 2005-06 Through 2014-15

Table C-4

Annual Dropout Rate, Grades 9-12,
Charter Schools and Traditional Districts,
Texas Public Schools, 2019-20

Table C-5

Grade 9 Four-Year Longitudinal Graduation and Dropout Rates,
by Race/Ethnicity, Economic Status, and Gender,
Texas Public Schools, Classes of 2006 Through 2015

Table C-6

Grade 9 Four-Year Longitudinal Graduation and Dropout Rates,
Charter Schools and Traditional Districts,
Texas Public Schools, Class of 2020

Table C-7

Grade 7 Longitudinal Graduation and Dropout Rates,
by Race/Ethnicity and Economic Status,
Texas Public Schools, Classes of 2009 Through 2019

Table C-1
Annual Dropout Rate, Grades 7-8, by Race/Ethnicity, Economic Status,
and Gender, Texas Public Schools, 2005-06 Through 2014-15

| School year | Students (N) | Students (%) | Dropouts (N) | Dropouts (%) | Annual dropout rate (%) |
|-------------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| African American | | | | | |
| 2005-06 | 108,041 | 15.5 | 829 | 27.3 | 0.8 |
| 2006-07 | 102,967 | 14.9 | 740 | 25.6 | 0.7 |
| 2007-08 | 100,628 | 14.6 | 475 | 23.9 | 0.5 |
| 2008-09 | 100,818 | 14.3 | 505 | 22.9 | 0.5 |
| 2009-10 | 93,727 | 13.1 | 356 | 21.3 | 0.4 |
| 2010-11 | 95,360 | 13.1 | 321 | 21.0 | 0.3 |
| 2011-12 | 96,678 | 13.0 | 382 | 19.2 | 0.4 |
| 2012-13 | 97,887 | 12.9 | 364 | 11.4 | 0.4 |
| 2013-14 | 99,675 | 12.7 | 447 | 11.2 | 0.4 |
| 2014-15 | 99,661 | 12.6 | 537 | 20.8 | 0.5 |
| American Indian | | | | | |
| 2005-06 | 2,428 | 0.3 | 11 | 0.4 | 0.5 |
| 2006-07 | 2,454 | 0.4 | 10 | 0.3 | 0.4 |
| 2007-08 | 2,518 | 0.4 | 6 | 0.3 | 0.2 |
| 2008-09 | 2,603 | 0.4 | 13 | 0.6 | 0.5 |
| 2009-10 | <3,675 | 0.5 | - ^a | - | 0.2 |
| 2010-11 | <3,625 | 0.5 | - | - | 0.3 |
| 2011-12 | <3,475 | 0.5 | - | - | 0.2 |
| 2012-13 | <3,000 | 0.4 | - | - | 0.5 |
| 2013-14 | 2,915 | 0.4 | 15 | 0.4 | 0.5 |
| 2014-15 | <3,000 | 0.4 | - | - | 0.4 |
| Asian | | | | | |
| 2005-06 | n/a ^b | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| 2006-07 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| 2007-08 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| 2008-09 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| 2009-10 | 24,207 | 3.4 | 26 | 1.6 | 0.1 |
| 2010-11 | 24,994 | 3.4 | 15 | 1.0 | 0.1 |
| 2011-12 | 25,590 | 3.4 | 27 | 1.4 | 0.1 |
| 2012-13 | 26,438 | 3.5 | 27 | 0.8 | 0.1 |
| 2013-14 | 29,165 | 3.7 | 30 | 0.8 | 0.1 |
| 2014-15 | 30,749 | 3.9 | 54 | 2.1 | 0.2 |
| Hispanic | | | | | |
| 2005-06 | 303,028 | 43.4 | 1,680 | 55.3 | 0.6 |
| 2006-07 | 307,440 | 44.6 | 1,626 | 56.3 | 0.5 |

Note. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding.

^aA dash (-) indicates data are masked. When the number of dropouts is not reported, the total number of students is presented in such a manner as to provide a general idea of the number of students in the group. See the section "Data Masking" on page 44 for additional information. ^bNot available.

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Table C-1 (continued)
Annual Dropout Rate, Grades 7-8, by Race/Ethnicity, Economic Status,
and Gender, Texas Public Schools, 2005-06 Through 2014-15

| School year | Students (N) | Students (%) | Dropouts (N) | Dropouts (%) | Annual dropout rate (%) |
|-------------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| 2007-08 | 315,045 | 45.6 | 1,126 | 56.6 | 0.4 |
| 2008-09 | 327,594 | 46.5 | 1,289 | 58.5 | 0.4 |
| 2009-10 | 344,999 | 48.3 | 999 | 59.7 | 0.3 |
| 2010-11 | 356,057 | 48.9 | 870 | 56.9 | 0.2 |
| 2011-12 | 367,724 | 49.5 | 1,183 | 59.4 | 0.3 |
| 2012-13 | 381,097 | 50.1 | 2,311 | 72.5 | 0.6 |
| 2013-14 | 399,384 | 51.0 | 3,036 | 76.4 | 0.8 |
| 2014-15 | 405,126 | 51.4 | 1,473 | 57.0 | 0.4 |
| Pacific Islander | | | | | |
| 2005-06 | n/a ^b | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| 2006-07 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| 2007-08 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| 2008-09 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| 2009-10 | <870 | 0.1 | - ^a | - | 0.1 |
| 2010-11 | <900 | 0.1 | - | - | 0.3 |
| 2011-12 | <925 | 0.1 | - | - | 0.3 |
| 2012-13 | <1,000 | 0.1 | - | - | 0.2 |
| 2013-14 | 1,032 | 0.1 | 10 | 0.3 | 1.0 |
| 2014-15 | <1,100 | 0.1 | - | - | 0.4 |
| White | | | | | |
| 2005-06 | 263,909 | 37.8 | 476 | 15.7 | 0.2 |
| 2006-07 | 254,861 | 37.0 | 471 | 16.3 | 0.2 |
| 2007-08 | 249,849 | 36.1 | 343 | 17.3 | 0.1 |
| 2008-09 | 248,422 | 35.3 | 357 | 16.2 | 0.1 |
| 2009-10 | 235,537 | 33.0 | 258 | 15.4 | 0.1 |
| 2010-11 | 235,642 | 32.4 | 289 | 18.9 | 0.1 |
| 2011-12 | 236,001 | 31.8 | 365 | 18.3 | 0.2 |
| 2012-13 | 238,079 | 31.3 | 430 | 13.5 | 0.2 |
| 2013-14 | 237,598 | 30.3 | 403 | 10.1 | 0.2 |
| 2014-15 | 234,813 | 29.8 | 468 | 18.1 | 0.2 |
| Multiracial | | | | | |
| 2005-06 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| 2006-07 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| 2007-08 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| 2008-09 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| 2009-10 | 11,057 | 1.5 | 24 | 1.4 | 0.2 |
| 2010-11 | 11,338 | 1.6 | 21 | 1.4 | 0.2 |

Note. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding.

^aA dash (-) indicates data are masked. When the number of dropouts is not reported, the total number of students is presented in such a manner as to provide a general idea of the number of students in the group. See the section "Data Masking" on page 44 for additional information. ^bNot available.

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Table C-1 (continued)
Annual Dropout Rate, Grades 7-8, by Race/Ethnicity, Economic Status,
and Gender, Texas Public Schools, 2005-06 Through 2014-15

| School year | Students (N) | Students (%) | Dropouts (N) | Dropouts (%) | Annual dropout rate (%) |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| 2011-12 | 12,285 | 1.7 | 24 | 1.2 | 0.2 |
| 2012-13 | 13,142 | 1.7 | 37 | 1.2 | 0.3 |
| 2013-14 | 13,789 | 1.8 | 33 | 0.8 | 0.2 |
| 2014-15 | 14,410 | 1.8 | 35 | 1.4 | 0.2 |
| Economically disadvantaged | | | | | |
| 2005-06 | 361,820 | 51.8 | 1,665 | 54.8 | 0.5 |
| 2006-07 | 358,256 | 51.9 | 1,647 | 57.0 | 0.5 |
| 2007-08 | 356,732 | 51.6 | 1,054 | 53.0 | 0.3 |
| 2008-09 | 348,812 | 49.5 | 874 | 39.7 | 0.3 |
| 2009-10 | 368,495 | 51.6 | 685 | 41.0 | 0.2 |
| 2010-11 | 417,182 | 57.3 | 1,006 | 65.8 | 0.2 |
| 2011-12 | 441,937 | 59.5 | 1,431 | 71.9 | 0.3 |
| 2012-13 | 453,346 | 59.6 | 2,639 | 82.8 | 0.6 |
| 2013-14 | 470,835 | 60.1 | 3,314 | 83.4 | 0.7 |
| 2014-15 | 465,366 | 59.0 | 1,838 | 71.1 | 0.4 |
| Not economically disadvantaged | | | | | |
| 2005-06 | n/a ^b | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| 2006-07 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| 2007-08 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| 2008-09 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| 2009-10 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| 2010-11 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| 2011-12 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| 2012-13 | 307,277 | 40.4 | 548 | 17.2 | 0.2 |
| 2013-14 | 312,723 | 39.9 | 660 | 16.6 | 0.2 |
| 2014-15 | 323,449 | 41.0 | 746 | 28.9 | 0.2 |
| Female | | | | | |
| 2005-06 | 339,840 | 48.7 | 1,464 | 48.2 | 0.4 |
| 2006-07 | 335,173 | 48.6 | 1,338 | 46.3 | 0.4 |
| 2007-08 | 335,686 | 48.6 | 881 | 44.3 | 0.3 |
| 2008-09 | 342,418 | 48.6 | 995 | 45.2 | 0.3 |
| 2009-10 | 347,452 | 48.7 | 735 | 44.0 | 0.2 |
| 2010-11 | 353,919 | 48.6 | 756 | 49.4 | 0.2 |
| 2011-12 | 361,544 | 48.7 | 909 | 45.7 | 0.3 |
| 2012-13 | 370,903 | 48.8 | 966 | 30.3 | 0.3 |
| 2013-14 | 380,935 | 48.6 | 1,045 | 26.3 | 0.3 |
| 2014-15 | 384,056 | 48.7 | 1,219 | 47.2 | 0.3 |

Note. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding.

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Table C-1 (continued)
Annual Dropout Rate, Grades 7-8, by Race/Ethnicity, Economic Status,
and Gender, Texas Public Schools, 2005-06 Through 2014-15

| School year | Students (N) | Students (%) | Dropouts (N) | Dropouts (%) | Annual dropout rate (%) |
|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| Male | | | | | |
| 2005-06 | 358,637 | 51.3 | 1,574 | 51.8 | 0.4 |
| 2006-07 | 354,560 | 51.4 | 1,550 | 53.7 | 0.4 |
| 2007-08 | 355,596 | 51.4 | 1,107 | 55.7 | 0.3 |
| 2008-09 | 362,034 | 51.4 | 1,208 | 54.8 | 0.3 |
| 2009-10 | 366,608 | 51.3 | 937 | 56.0 | 0.3 |
| 2010-11 | 373,972 | 51.4 | 774 | 50.6 | 0.2 |
| 2011-12 | 381,123 | 51.3 | 1,082 | 54.3 | 0.3 |
| 2012-13 | 389,720 | 51.2 | 2,221 | 69.7 | 0.6 |
| 2013-14 | 402,623 | 51.4 | 2,929 | 73.7 | 0.7 |
| 2014-15 | 404,759 | 51.3 | 1,365 | 52.8 | 0.3 |
| State | | | | | |
| 2005-06 | 698,477 | 100 | 3,038 | 100 | 0.4 |
| 2006-07 | 689,733 | 100 | 2,888 | 100 | 0.4 |
| 2007-08 | 691,282 | 100 | 1,988 | 100 | 0.3 |
| 2008-09 | 704,452 | 100 | 2,203 | 100 | 0.3 |
| 2009-10 | 714,060 | 100 | 1,672 | 100 | 0.2 |
| 2010-11 | 727,891 | 100 | 1,530 | 100 | 0.2 |
| 2011-12 | 742,667 | 100 | 1,991 | 100 | 0.3 |
| 2012-13 | 760,623 | 100 | 3,187 | 100 | 0.4 |
| 2013-14 | 783,558 | 100 | 3,974 | 100 | 0.5 |
| 2014-15 | 788,815 | 100 | 2,584 | 100 | 0.3 |

Note. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding.

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Table C-2
Annual Dropout Rate, Grades 9-12, by Race/Ethnicity, Economic Status,
and Gender, Texas Public Schools, 2005-06 Through 2014-15

| School year | Students (N) | Students (%) | Dropouts (N) | Dropouts (%) | Annual dropout rate (%) |
|-------------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| African American | | | | | |
| 2005-06 | 202,072 | 15.3 | 10,863 | 22.3 | 5.4 |
| 2006-07 | 199,825 | 15.0 | 11,550 | 22.0 | 5.8 |
| 2007-08 | 201,866 | 14.9 | 10,017 | 22.9 | 5.0 |
| 2008-09 | 201,176 | 14.8 | 8,876 | 22.9 | 4.4 |
| 2009-10 | 191,211 | 13.9 | 7,392 | 22.2 | 3.9 |
| 2010-11 | 189,474 | 13.6 | 6,807 | 20.7 | 3.6 |
| 2011-12 | 187,634 | 13.3 | 7,062 | 20.6 | 3.8 |
| 2012-13 | 187,944 | 13.2 | 6,120 | 19.4 | 3.3 |
| 2013-14 | 189,446 | 13.0 | 5,868 | 18.7 | 3.1 |
| 2014-15 | 193,774 | 13.0 | 5,828 | 18.9 | 3.0 |
| American Indian | | | | | |
| 2005-06 | 4,590 | 0.3 | 133 | 0.3 | 2.9 |
| 2006-07 | 4,771 | 0.4 | 133 | 0.3 | 2.8 |
| 2007-08 | 4,995 | 0.4 | 129 | 0.3 | 2.6 |
| 2008-09 | 4,997 | 0.4 | 111 | 0.3 | 2.2 |
| 2009-10 | <7,530 | 0.5 | - ^a | - | 2.6 |
| 2010-11 | <7,190 | 0.5 | - | - | 2.8 |
| 2011-12 | <6,980 | 0.5 | - | - | 2.7 |
| 2012-13 | <6,350 | 0.4 | - | - | 2.5 |
| 2013-14 | 6,257 | 0.4 | 147 | 0.5 | 2.3 |
| 2014-15 | <6,300 | 0.4 | - | - | 2.8 |
| Asian | | | | | |
| 2005-06 | n/a ^b | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| 2006-07 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| 2007-08 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| 2008-09 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| 2009-10 | 45,870 | 3.3 | 385 | 1.2 | 0.8 |
| 2010-11 | 48,616 | 3.5 | 374 | 1.1 | 0.8 |
| 2011-12 | 50,991 | 3.6 | 464 | 1.4 | 0.9 |
| 2012-13 | 52,377 | 3.7 | 420 | 1.3 | 0.8 |
| 2013-14 | 55,019 | 3.8 | 411 | 1.3 | 0.7 |
| 2014-15 | 57,939 | 3.9 | 457 | 1.5 | 0.8 |
| Hispanic | | | | | |
| 2005-06 | 534,570 | 40.6 | 27,633 | 56.6 | 5.2 |
| 2006-07 | 558,007 | 41.8 | 30,200 | 57.6 | 5.4 |

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Table C-2 (continued)
Annual Dropout Rate, Grades 9-12, by Race/Ethnicity, Economic Status,
and Gender, Texas Public Schools, 2005-06 Through 2014-15

| School year | Students (N) | Students (%) | Dropouts (N) | Dropouts (%) | Annual dropout rate (%) |
|-------------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| 2007-08 | 580,114 | 42.9 | 25,332 | 57.8 | 4.4 |
| 2008-09 | 595,252 | 43.9 | 22,493 | 58.1 | 3.8 |
| 2009-10 | 631,184 | 45.8 | 19,597 | 59.0 | 3.1 |
| 2010-11 | 652,154 | 46.8 | 19,866 | 60.5 | 3.0 |
| 2011-12 | 670,390 | 47.6 | 20,662 | 60.3 | 3.1 |
| 2012-13 | 693,069 | 48.5 | 19,247 | 61.1 | 2.8 |
| 2013-14 | 714,253 | 49.1 | 19,306 | 61.5 | 2.7 |
| 2014-15 | 742,506 | 49.7 | 18,724 | 60.7 | 2.5 |
| Pacific Islander | | | | | |
| 2005-06 | n/a ^b | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| 2006-07 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| 2007-08 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| 2008-09 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| 2009-10 | <1,860 | 0.1 | - ^a | - | 2.5 |
| 2010-11 | <1,870 | 0.1 | - | - | 2.3 |
| 2011-12 | <1,900 | 0.1 | - | - | 1.7 |
| 2012-13 | <2,000 | 0.1 | - | - | 2.2 |
| 2013-14 | 2,067 | 0.1 | 61 | 0.2 | 3.0 |
| 2014-15 | <2,200 | 0.1 | - | - | 2.1 |
| White | | | | | |
| 2005-06 | 534,204 | 40.5 | 9,592 | 19.7 | 1.8 |
| 2006-07 | 527,469 | 39.5 | 9,922 | 18.9 | 1.9 |
| 2007-08 | 518,202 | 38.4 | 7,831 | 17.9 | 1.5 |
| 2008-09 | 506,473 | 37.3 | 6,767 | 17.5 | 1.3 |
| 2009-10 | 480,028 | 34.9 | 5,377 | 16.2 | 1.1 |
| 2010-11 | 474,110 | 34.0 | 5,280 | 16.1 | 1.1 |
| 2011-12 | 467,344 | 33.2 | 5,529 | 16.1 | 1.2 |
| 2012-13 | 463,355 | 32.4 | 5,155 | 16.4 | 1.1 |
| 2013-14 | 462,905 | 31.8 | 5,218 | 16.6 | 1.1 |
| 2014-15 | 466,430 | 31.2 | 5,228 | 16.9 | 1.1 |
| Multiracial | | | | | |
| 2005-06 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| 2006-07 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| 2007-08 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| 2008-09 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| 2009-10 | 19,670 | 1.4 | 246 | 0.7 | 1.3 |
| 2010-11 | 21,130 | 1.5 | 266 | 0.8 | 1.3 |

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Table C-2 (continued)
Annual Dropout Rate, Grades 9-12, by Race/Ethnicity, Economic Status,
and Gender, Texas Public Schools, 2005-06 Through 2014-15

| School year | Students (N) | Students (%) | Dropouts (N) | Dropouts (%) | Annual dropout rate (%) |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| 2011-12 | 22,479 | 1.6 | 349 | 1.0 | 1.6 |
| 2012-13 | 23,784 | 1.7 | 365 | 1.2 | 1.5 |
| 2013-14 | 24,895 | 1.7 | 373 | 1.2 | 1.5 |
| 2014-15 | 26,210 | 1.8 | 397 | 1.3 | 1.5 |
| Economically disadvantaged | | | | | |
| 2005-06 | 555,270 | 42.1 | 23,359 | 47.9 | 4.2 |
| 2006-07 | 567,425 | 42.5 | 24,330 | 46.4 | 4.3 |
| 2007-08 | 581,948 | 43.1 | 20,354 | 46.5 | 3.5 |
| 2008-09 | 569,299 | 42.0 | 15,181 | 39.2 | 2.7 |
| 2009-10 | 612,655 | 44.5 | 13,099 | 39.4 | 2.1 |
| 2010-11 | 712,439 | 51.1 | 19,232 | 58.6 | 2.7 |
| 2011-12 | 745,010 | 52.9 | 20,929 | 61.0 | 2.8 |
| 2012-13 | 763,807 | 53.5 | 20,217 | 64.2 | 2.6 |
| 2013-14 | 783,079 | 53.8 | 20,592 | 65.6 | 2.6 |
| 2014-15 | 793,461 | 53.1 | 20,177 | 65.4 | 2.5 |
| Not economically disadvantaged | | | | | |
| 2005-06 | n/a ^b | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| 2006-07 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| 2007-08 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| 2008-09 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| 2009-10 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| 2010-11 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| 2011-12 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| 2012-13 | 665,012 | 46.5 | 11,292 | 35.8 | 1.7 |
| 2013-14 | 671,763 | 46.2 | 10,792 | 34.4 | 1.6 |
| 2014-15 | 701,833 | 46.9 | 10,676 | 34.6 | 1.5 |
| Female | | | | | |
| 2005-06 | 642,469 | 48.7 | 21,588 | 44.2 | 3.4 |
| 2006-07 | 651,518 | 48.8 | 23,923 | 45.6 | 3.7 |
| 2007-08 | 659,584 | 48.8 | 19,737 | 45.1 | 3.0 |
| 2008-09 | 661,106 | 48.7 | 17,650 | 45.6 | 2.7 |
| 2009-10 | 670,319 | 48.7 | 14,914 | 44.9 | 2.2 |
| 2010-11 | 679,085 | 48.7 | 14,406 | 43.9 | 2.1 |
| 2011-12 | 685,384 | 48.7 | 14,771 | 43.1 | 2.2 |
| 2012-13 | 695,346 | 48.7 | 13,272 | 42.1 | 1.9 |
| 2013-14 | 708,579 | 48.7 | 12,857 | 41.0 | 1.8 |
| 2014-15 | 729,169 | 48.8 | 12,691 | 41.1 | 1.7 |

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Table C-2 (continued)
Annual Dropout Rate, Grades 9-12, by Race/Ethnicity, Economic Status,
and Gender, Texas Public Schools, 2005-06 Through 2014-15

| School year | Students (N) | Students (%) | Dropouts (N) | Dropouts (%) | Annual dropout rate (%) |
|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| Male | | | | | |
| 2005-06 | 675,524 | 51.3 | 27,215 | 55.8 | 4.0 |
| 2006-07 | 682,319 | 51.2 | 28,495 | 54.4 | 4.2 |
| 2007-08 | 691,337 | 51.2 | 24,071 | 54.9 | 3.5 |
| 2008-09 | 695,143 | 51.3 | 21,070 | 54.4 | 3.0 |
| 2009-10 | 707,011 | 51.3 | 18,321 | 55.1 | 2.6 |
| 2010-11 | 715,438 | 51.3 | 18,427 | 56.1 | 2.6 |
| 2011-12 | 722,313 | 51.3 | 19,514 | 56.9 | 2.7 |
| 2012-13 | 733,473 | 51.3 | 18,237 | 57.9 | 2.5 |
| 2013-14 | 746,263 | 51.3 | 18,527 | 59.0 | 2.5 |
| 2014-15 | 766,125 | 51.2 | 18,162 | 58.9 | 2.4 |
| State | | | | | |
| 2005-06 | 1,317,993 | 100 | 48,803 | 100 | 3.7 |
| 2006-07 | 1,333,837 | 100 | 52,418 | 100 | 3.9 |
| 2007-08 | 1,350,921 | 100 | 43,808 | 100 | 3.2 |
| 2008-09 | 1,356,249 | 100 | 38,720 | 100 | 2.9 |
| 2009-10 | 1,377,330 | 100 | 33,235 | 100 | 2.4 |
| 2010-11 | 1,394,523 | 100 | 32,833 | 100 | 2.4 |
| 2011-12 | 1,407,697 | 100 | 34,285 | 100 | 2.4 |
| 2012-13 | 1,428,819 | 100 | 31,509 | 100 | 2.2 |
| 2013-14 | 1,454,842 | 100 | 31,384 | 100 | 2.2 |
| 2014-15 | 1,495,294 | 100 | 30,853 | 100 | 2.1 |

Note. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding.

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Table C-3
Annual Dropout Rate, Grades 7-12, by Race/Ethnicity, Economic Status,
and Gender, Texas Public Schools, 2005-06 Through 2014-15

| School year | Students (N) | Students (%) | Dropouts (N) | Dropouts (%) | Annual dropout rate (%) |
|-------------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| African American | | | | | |
| 2005-06 | 310,113 | 15.4 | 11,692 | 22.6 | 3.8 |
| 2006-07 | 302,792 | 15.0 | 12,290 | 22.2 | 4.1 |
| 2007-08 | 302,494 | 14.8 | 10,492 | 22.9 | 3.5 |
| 2008-09 | 301,994 | 14.7 | 9,381 | 22.9 | 3.1 |
| 2009-10 | 284,938 | 13.6 | 7,748 | 22.2 | 2.7 |
| 2010-11 | 284,834 | 13.4 | 7,128 | 20.7 | 2.5 |
| 2011-12 | 284,312 | 13.2 | 7,444 | 20.5 | 2.6 |
| 2012-13 | 285,831 | 13.1 | 6,484 | 18.7 | 2.3 |
| 2013-14 | 289,121 | 12.9 | 6,315 | 17.9 | 2.2 |
| 2014-15 | 293,435 | 12.8 | 6,365 | 19.0 | 2.2 |
| American Indian | | | | | |
| 2005-06 | 7,018 | 0.3 | 144 | 0.3 | 2.1 |
| 2006-07 | 7,225 | 0.4 | 143 | 0.3 | 2.0 |
| 2007-08 | 7,513 | 0.4 | 135 | 0.3 | 1.8 |
| 2008-09 | 7,600 | 0.4 | 124 | 0.3 | 1.6 |
| 2009-10 | 11,183 | 0.5 | 200 | 0.6 | 1.8 |
| 2010-11 | <10,800 | 0.5 | - ^a | - | 1.9 |
| 2011-12 | <10,445 | 0.5 | - | - | 1.9 |
| 2012-13 | 9,299 | 0.4 | 175 | 0.5 | 1.9 |
| 2013-14 | 9,172 | 0.4 | 162 | 0.5 | 1.8 |
| 2014-15 | 9,267 | 0.4 | 187 | 0.6 | 2.0 |
| Asian | | | | | |
| 2005-06 | n/a ^b | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| 2006-07 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| 2007-08 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| 2008-09 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| 2009-10 | 70,077 | 3.4 | 411 | 1.2 | 0.6 |
| 2010-11 | 73,610 | 3.5 | 389 | 1.1 | 0.5 |
| 2011-12 | 76,581 | 3.6 | 491 | 1.4 | 0.6 |
| 2012-13 | 78,815 | 3.6 | 447 | 1.3 | 0.6 |
| 2013-14 | 84,184 | 3.8 | 441 | 1.2 | 0.5 |
| 2014-15 | 88,688 | 3.9 | 511 | 1.5 | 0.6 |
| Hispanic | | | | | |
| 2005-06 | 837,598 | 41.5 | 29,313 | 56.5 | 3.5 |
| 2006-07 | 865,447 | 42.8 | 31,826 | 57.5 | 3.7 |

Note. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding.

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Table C-3 (continued)
Annual Dropout Rate, Grades 7-12, by Race/Ethnicity, Economic Status,
and Gender, Texas Public Schools, 2005-06 Through 2014-15

| School year | Students (N) | Students (%) | Dropouts (N) | Dropouts (%) | Annual dropout rate (%) |
|-------------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| 2007-08 | 895,159 | 43.8 | 26,458 | 57.8 | 3.0 |
| 2008-09 | 922,846 | 44.8 | 23,782 | 58.1 | 2.6 |
| 2009-10 | 976,183 | 46.7 | 20,596 | 59.0 | 2.1 |
| 2010-11 | 1,008,211 | 47.5 | 20,736 | 60.3 | 2.1 |
| 2011-12 | 1,038,114 | 48.3 | 21,845 | 60.2 | 2.1 |
| 2012-13 | 1,074,166 | 49.1 | 21,558 | 62.1 | 2.0 |
| 2013-14 | 1,113,637 | 49.8 | 22,342 | 63.2 | 2.0 |
| 2014-15 | 1,147,632 | 50.2 | 20,197 | 60.4 | 1.8 |
| Pacific Islander | | | | | |
| 2005-06 | n/a ^b | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| 2006-07 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| 2007-08 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| 2008-09 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| 2009-10 | 2,717 | 0.1 | 47 | 0.1 | 1.7 |
| 2010-11 | <2,755 | 0.1 | - ^a | - | 1.6 |
| 2011-12 | <2,830 | 0.1 | - | - | 1.2 |
| 2012-13 | 2,971 | 0.1 | 45 | 0.1 | 1.5 |
| 2013-14 | 3,099 | 0.1 | 71 | 0.2 | 2.3 |
| 2014-15 | 3,224 | 0.1 | 49 | 0.1 | 1.5 |
| White | | | | | |
| 2005-06 | 798,113 | 39.6 | 10,068 | 19.4 | 1.3 |
| 2006-07 | 782,330 | 38.7 | 10,393 | 18.8 | 1.3 |
| 2007-08 | 768,051 | 37.6 | 8,174 | 17.8 | 1.1 |
| 2008-09 | 754,895 | 36.6 | 7,124 | 17.4 | 0.9 |
| 2009-10 | 715,565 | 34.2 | 5,635 | 16.1 | 0.8 |
| 2010-11 | 709,752 | 33.4 | 5,569 | 16.2 | 0.8 |
| 2011-12 | 703,345 | 32.7 | 5,894 | 16.2 | 0.8 |
| 2012-13 | 701,434 | 32.0 | 5,585 | 16.1 | 0.8 |
| 2013-14 | 700,503 | 31.3 | 5,621 | 15.9 | 0.8 |
| 2014-15 | 701,243 | 30.7 | 5,696 | 17.0 | 0.8 |
| Multiracial | | | | | |
| 2005-06 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| 2006-07 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| 2007-08 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| 2008-09 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| 2009-10 | 30,727 | 1.5 | 270 | 0.8 | 0.9 |
| 2010-11 | 32,468 | 1.5 | 287 | 0.8 | 0.9 |

Note. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding.

^aA dash (-) indicates data are masked. When the number of dropouts is not reported, the total number of students is presented in such a manner as to provide a general idea of the number of students in the group. See the section "Data Masking" on page 44 for additional information. ^bNot available.

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Table C-3 (continued)
Annual Dropout Rate, Grades 7-12, by Race/Ethnicity, Economic Status,
and Gender, Texas Public Schools, 2005-06 Through 2014-15

| School year | Students (N) | Students (%) | Dropouts (N) | Dropouts (%) | Annual dropout rate (%) |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| 2011-12 | 34,764 | 1.6 | 373 | 1.0 | 1.1 |
| 2012-13 | 36,926 | 1.7 | 402 | 1.2 | 1.1 |
| 2013-14 | 38,684 | 1.7 | 406 | 1.1 | 1.0 |
| 2014-15 | 40,620 | 1.8 | 432 | 1.3 | 1.1 |
| Economically disadvantaged | | | | | |
| 2005-06 | 917,090 | 45.5 | 25,024 | 48.3 | 2.7 |
| 2006-07 | 925,681 | 45.7 | 25,977 | 47.0 | 2.8 |
| 2007-08 | 938,680 | 46.0 | 21,408 | 46.7 | 2.3 |
| 2008-09 | 918,111 | 44.6 | 16,055 | 39.2 | 1.7 |
| 2009-10 | 981,150 | 46.9 | 13,784 | 39.5 | 1.4 |
| 2010-11 | 1,129,621 | 53.2 | 20,238 | 58.9 | 1.8 |
| 2011-12 | 1,186,947 | 55.2 | 22,360 | 61.6 | 1.9 |
| 2012-13 | 1,217,153 | 55.6 | 22,856 | 65.9 | 1.9 |
| 2013-14 | 1,253,914 | 56.0 | 23,906 | 67.6 | 1.9 |
| 2014-15 | 1,258,827 | 55.1 | 22,015 | 65.8 | 1.7 |
| Not economically disadvantaged | | | | | |
| 2005-06 | n/a ^b | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| 2006-07 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| 2007-08 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| 2008-09 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| 2009-10 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| 2010-11 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| 2011-12 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| 2012-13 | 972,289 | 44.4 | 11,840 | 34.1 | 1.2 |
| 2013-14 | 984,486 | 44.0 | 11,452 | 32.4 | 1.2 |
| 2014-15 | 1,025,282 | 44.9 | 11,422 | 34.2 | 1.1 |
| Female | | | | | |
| 2005-06 | 982,309 | 48.7 | 23,052 | 44.5 | 2.3 |
| 2006-07 | 986,691 | 48.8 | 25,261 | 45.7 | 2.6 |
| 2007-08 | 995,270 | 48.7 | 20,618 | 45.0 | 2.1 |
| 2008-09 | 1,003,524 | 48.7 | 18,645 | 45.6 | 1.9 |
| 2009-10 | 1,017,771 | 48.7 | 15,649 | 44.8 | 1.5 |
| 2010-11 | 1,033,004 | 48.7 | 15,162 | 44.1 | 1.5 |
| 2011-12 | 1,046,928 | 48.7 | 15,680 | 43.2 | 1.5 |
| 2012-13 | 1,066,249 | 48.7 | 14,238 | 41.0 | 1.3 |
| 2013-14 | 1,089,514 | 48.7 | 13,902 | 39.3 | 1.3 |
| 2014-15 | 1,113,225 | 48.7 | 13,910 | 41.6 | 1.2 |

Note. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding.

^aA dash (-) indicates data are masked. When the number of dropouts is not reported, the total number of students is presented in such a manner as to provide a general idea of the number of students in the group. See the section "Data Masking" on page 44 for additional information. ^bNot available.

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Table C-3 (continued)
Annual Dropout Rate, Grades 7-12, by Race/Ethnicity, Economic Status,
and Gender, Texas Public Schools, 2005-06 Through 2014-15

| School year | Students (N) | Students (%) | Dropouts (N) | Dropouts (%) | Annual dropout rate (%) |
|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| Male | | | | | |
| 2005-06 | 1,034,161 | 51.3 | 28,789 | 55.5 | 2.8 |
| 2006-07 | 1,036,879 | 51.2 | 30,045 | 54.3 | 2.9 |
| 2007-08 | 1,046,933 | 51.3 | 25,178 | 55.0 | 2.4 |
| 2008-09 | 1,057,177 | 51.3 | 22,278 | 54.4 | 2.1 |
| 2009-10 | 1,073,619 | 51.3 | 19,258 | 55.2 | 1.8 |
| 2010-11 | 1,089,410 | 51.3 | 19,201 | 55.9 | 1.8 |
| 2011-12 | 1,103,436 | 51.3 | 20,596 | 56.8 | 1.9 |
| 2012-13 | 1,123,193 | 51.3 | 20,458 | 59.0 | 1.8 |
| 2013-14 | 1,148,886 | 51.3 | 21,456 | 60.7 | 1.9 |
| 2014-15 | 1,170,884 | 51.3 | 19,527 | 58.4 | 1.7 |
| State | | | | | |
| 2005-06 | 2,016,470 | 100 | 51,841 | 100 | 2.6 |
| 2006-07 | 2,023,570 | 100 | 55,306 | 100 | 2.7 |
| 2007-08 | 2,042,203 | 100 | 45,796 | 100 | 2.2 |
| 2008-09 | 2,060,701 | 100 | 40,923 | 100 | 2.0 |
| 2009-10 | 2,091,390 | 100 | 34,907 | 100 | 1.7 |
| 2010-11 | 2,122,414 | 100 | 34,363 | 100 | 1.6 |
| 2011-12 | 2,150,364 | 100 | 36,276 | 100 | 1.7 |
| 2012-13 | 2,189,442 | 100 | 34,696 | 100 | 1.6 |
| 2013-14 | 2,238,400 | 100 | 35,358 | 100 | 1.6 |
| 2014-15 | 2,284,109 | 100 | 33,437 | 100 | 1.5 |

Note. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding.

*A dash (-) indicates data are masked. When the number of dropouts is not reported, the total number of students is presented in such a manner as to provide a general idea of the number of students in the group. See the section "Data Masking" on page 44 for additional information. ^bNot available.

Table C-4
Annual Dropout Rate, Grades 9-12, Charter Schools and Traditional
Districts, Texas Public Schools, 2019-20

| Group | Students (N) | Students (%) | Dropouts (N) | Dropouts (%) | Annual dropout rate (%) |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| Charter schools | 97,293 | 5.7 | 5,412 | 20.3 | 5.6 |
| Traditional districts | 1,601,951 | 94.3 | 21,233 | 79.7 | 1.3 |
| State | 1,631,776 | 100 | 26,626 | 100 | 1.6 |

Note. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding. Counts for charter schools and traditional districts will not add to state counts because students who attend more than one district are counted only once in state totals.

Table C-5
Grade 9 Four-Year Longitudinal Graduation and Dropout Rates, by Race/Ethnicity, Economic Status, and Gender, Texas Public Schools, Classes of 2006 Through 2015

| Class year | Class | Grad. ^a (N) | Grad. ^b rate (%) | Cont. ^c (N) | Cont. ^d rate (%) | GED ^e recipients (N) | GED recipient rate (%) | Dropouts (N) | Dropout rate (%) | Grad., cont., or GED recipients (N) | Grad., cont., or GED recipient rate (%) |
|-------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|---|---|
| African American | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Class of 2006 | 40,726 | 30,357 | 74.5 | 4,269 | 10.5 | 698 | 1.7 | 5,402 | 13.3 | 35,324 | 86.7 |
| Class of 2007 | 42,177 | 29,827 | 70.7 | 4,437 | 10.5 | 671 | 1.6 | 7,242 | 17.2 | 34,935 | 82.8 |
| Class of 2008 | 44,146 | 31,707 | 71.8 | 4,839 | 11.0 | 495 | 1.1 | 7,105 | 16.1 | 37,041 | 83.9 |
| Class of 2009 | 45,710 | 33,750 | 73.8 | 4,705 | 10.3 | 506 | 1.1 | 6,749 | 14.8 | 38,961 | 85.2 |
| Class of 2010 | 46,189 | 36,395 | 78.8 | 3,874 | 8.4 | 465 | 1.0 | 5,455 | 11.8 | 40,734 | 88.2 |
| Class of 2011 | 45,199 | 36,544 | 80.9 | 3,334 | 7.4 | 379 | 0.8 | 4,942 | 10.9 | 40,257 | 89.1 |
| Class of 2012 | 43,141 | 36,036 | 83.5 | 2,393 | 5.5 | 360 | 0.8 | 4,352 | 10.1 | 38,789 | 89.9 |
| Class of 2013 | 44,189 | 37,162 | 84.1 | 2,352 | 5.3 | 298 | 0.7 | 4,377 | 9.9 | 39,812 | 90.1 |
| Class of 2014 | 43,707 | 36,807 | 84.2 | 2,323 | 5.3 | 280 | 0.6 | 4,297 | 9.8 | 39,410 | 90.2 |
| Class of 2015 | 44,533 | 37,951 | 85.2 | 2,153 | 4.8 | 209 | 0.5 | 4,220 | 9.5 | 40,313 | 90.5 |
| American Indian | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Class of 2006 | 924 | 775 | 83.9 | 57 | 6.2 | 37 | 4.0 | 55 | 6.0 | 869 | 94.0 |
| Class of 2007 | 1,031 | 839 | 81.4 | 64 | 6.2 | 29 | 2.8 | 99 | 9.6 | 932 | 90.4 |
| Class of 2008 | 1,130 | 923 | 81.7 | 87 | 7.7 | 25 | 2.2 | 95 | 8.4 | 1,035 | 91.6 |
| Class of 2009 | 1,119 | 899 | 80.3 | 91 | 8.1 | 25 | 2.2 | 104 | 9.3 | 1,015 | 90.7 |
| Class of 2010 | 1,248 | 1,051 | 84.2 | 114 | 9.1 | 19 | 1.5 | 64 | 5.1 | 1,184 | 94.9 |
| Class of 2011 | 1,587 | 1,374 | 86.6 | 83 | 5.2 | 28 | 1.8 | 102 | 6.4 | 1,485 | 93.6 |
| Class of 2012 | <1,600 | – ^f | 86.7 | – | 4.2 | – | 2.0 | – | 7.1 | – | 92.9 |
| Class of 2013 | <1,500 | – | 85.8 | – | 4.4 | – | 1.3 | – | 8.5 | – | 91.5 |
| Class of 2014 | <1,450 | – | 87.1 | – | 4.0 | – | 1.1 | – | 7.9 | – | 92.1 |
| Class of 2015 | 1,486 | 1,283 | 86.3 | 62 | 4.2 | 11 | 0.7 | 130 | 8.7 | 1,356 | 91.3 |
| Asian | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Class of 2006 | n/a ^g | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Class of 2007 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Class of 2008 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Class of 2009 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Class of 2010 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Class of 2011 | 10,709 | 10,170 | 95.0 | 372 | 3.5 | 16 | 0.1 | 151 | 1.4 | 10,558 | 98.6 |
| Class of 2012 | 11,232 | 10,607 | 94.4 | 370 | 3.3 | 24 | 0.2 | 231 | 2.1 | 11,001 | 97.9 |
| Class of 2013 | 12,058 | 11,312 | 93.8 | 360 | 3.0 | 21 | 0.2 | 365 | 3.0 | 11,693 | 97.0 |
| Class of 2014 | 12,969 | 12,292 | 94.8 | 345 | 2.7 | 15 | 0.1 | 317 | 2.4 | 12,652 | 97.6 |
| Class of 2015 | 13,444 | 12,822 | 95.4 | 298 | 2.2 | 24 | 0.2 | 300 | 2.2 | 13,144 | 97.8 |

Note. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding. Dropouts are counted according to the dropout definition in place the year they drop out. The definition changed in 2005-06. Longitudinal rates for the class of 2009 and later classes are comparable to one another. Rates for classes in which the national dropout definition was phased in (i.e., classes of 2006, 2007, and 2008) are not comparable from one class to another, as indicated by the gray lines in the table, nor are they comparable to rates for prior or later classes.

^aGraduates. ^bGraduation. ^cContinuers. ^dContinuation. ^eGeneral Educational Development certificate. ^fA dash (–) indicates data are masked. When the number of students represented by a final status is not reported, the corresponding class size is presented in such a manner as to provide a general idea of the number of students in the class. See the section "Data Masking" on page 44 for additional information. ^gNot available. ^hNumbers in class for race/ethnicity may not sum to the state total because some student records did not correspond to any single new racial/ethnic category.

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Table C-5 (continued)

Grade 9 Four-Year Longitudinal Graduation and Dropout Rates, by Race/Ethnicity, Economic Status, and Gender, Texas Public Schools, Classes of 2006 Through 2015

| Class year | Class | Grad. ^a (N) | Grad. ^b rate (%) | Cont. ^c (N) | Cont. ^d rate (%) | GED ^e recipients (N) | GED recipient rate (%) | Dropouts (N) | Dropout rate (%) | Grad., cont., or GED recipients (N) | Grad., cont., or GED recipient rate (%) |
|------------------|------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|---|---|
| Hispanic | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Class of 2006 | 109,414 | 78,476 | 71.7 | 14,397 | 13.2 | 2,173 | 2.0 | 14,368 | 13.1 | 95,046 | 86.9 |
| Class of 2007 | 114,590 | 78,506 | 68.5 | 15,286 | 13.3 | 2,039 | 1.8 | 18,759 | 16.4 | 95,831 | 83.6 |
| Class of 2008 | 121,889 | 86,313 | 70.8 | 16,229 | 13.3 | 1,793 | 1.5 | 17,554 | 14.4 | 104,335 | 85.6 |
| Class of 2009 | 130,086 | 95,609 | 73.5 | 16,461 | 12.7 | 1,827 | 1.4 | 16,189 | 12.4 | 113,897 | 87.6 |
| Class of 2010 | 135,212 | 106,514 | 78.8 | 13,981 | 10.3 | 1,708 | 1.3 | 13,009 | 9.6 | 122,203 | 90.4 |
| Class of 2011 | 143,712 | 117,624 | 81.8 | 12,008 | 8.4 | 1,600 | 1.1 | 12,480 | 8.7 | 131,232 | 91.3 |
| Class of 2012 | 145,230 | 122,378 | 84.3 | 9,782 | 6.7 | 1,486 | 1.0 | 11,584 | 8.0 | 133,646 | 92.0 |
| Class of 2013 | 155,160 | 132,051 | 85.1 | 9,153 | 5.9 | 1,307 | 0.8 | 12,649 | 8.2 | 142,511 | 91.8 |
| Class of 2014 | 159,708 | 136,586 | 85.5 | 8,869 | 5.6 | 1,203 | 0.8 | 13,050 | 8.2 | 146,658 | 91.8 |
| Class of 2015 | 164,646 | 142,404 | 86.5 | 8,686 | 5.3 | 864 | 0.5 | 12,692 | 7.7 | 151,954 | 92.3 |
| Pacific Islander | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Class of 2006 | n/a ^g | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Class of 2007 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Class of 2008 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Class of 2009 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Class of 2010 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Class of 2011 | <450 | - ^f | 88.0 | - | 6.1 | - | 0.9 | - | 5.0 | - | 95.0 |
| Class of 2012 | <450 | - | 89.0 | - | 6.5 | - | 0.5 | - | 4.1 | - | 95.9 |
| Class of 2013 | <450 | - | 89.5 | - | 4.7 | - | 0.5 | - | 5.3 | - | 94.7 |
| Class of 2014 | <450 | - | 88.9 | - | 3.7 | - | 0.5 | - | 7.0 | - | 93.0 |
| Class of 2015 | 541 | 480 | 88.7 | 21 | 3.9 | 5 | 0.9 | 35 | 6.5 | 506 | 93.5 |
| White | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Class of 2006 | 123,046 | 109,550 | 89.0 | 5,165 | 4.2 | 3,484 | 2.8 | 4,847 | 3.9 | 118,199 | 96.1 |
| Class of 2007 | 122,784 | 108,313 | 88.2 | 5,048 | 4.1 | 2,896 | 2.4 | 6,527 | 5.3 | 116,257 | 94.7 |
| Class of 2008 | 122,901 | 109,130 | 88.8 | 5,206 | 4.2 | 2,262 | 1.8 | 6,303 | 5.1 | 116,598 | 94.9 |
| Class of 2009 | 120,629 | 108,190 | 89.7 | 4,943 | 4.1 | 2,011 | 1.7 | 5,485 | 4.5 | 115,144 | 95.5 |
| Class of 2010 | 119,938 | 109,887 | 91.6 | 4,156 | 3.5 | 1,705 | 1.4 | 4,190 | 3.5 | 115,748 | 96.5 |
| Class of 2011 | 113,472 | 104,448 | 92.0 | 3,768 | 3.3 | 1,380 | 1.2 | 3,876 | 3.4 | 109,596 | 96.6 |
| Class of 2012 | 110,034 | 102,338 | 93.0 | 2,967 | 2.7 | 1,241 | 1.1 | 3,488 | 3.2 | 106,546 | 96.8 |
| Class of 2013 | 109,915 | 102,213 | 93.0 | 2,845 | 2.6 | 996 | 0.9 | 3,861 | 3.5 | 106,054 | 96.5 |
| Class of 2014 | 109,354 | 101,737 | 93.0 | 2,694 | 2.5 | 1,026 | 0.9 | 3,897 | 3.6 | 105,457 | 96.4 |
| Class of 2015 | 109,200 | 102,000 | 93.4 | 2,622 | 2.4 | 848 | 0.8 | 3,730 | 3.4 | 105,470 | 96.6 |

Note. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding. Dropouts are counted according to the dropout definition in place the year they drop out. The definition changed in 2005-06. Longitudinal rates for the class of 2009 and later classes are comparable to one another. Rates for classes in which the national dropout definition was phased in (i.e., classes of 2006, 2007, and 2008) are not comparable from one class to another, as indicated by the gray lines in the table, nor are they comparable to rates for prior or later classes.

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Table C-5 (continued)

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| Class year | Class | Grad. ^a (N) | Grad. ^b rate (%) | Cont. ^c (N) | Cont. ^d rate (%) | GED ^e recipients (N) | GED recipient rate (%) | Dropouts (N) | Dropout rate (%) | Grad., cont., or GED recipients (N) | Grad., cont., or GED recipient rate (%) |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|---|---|
| Multiracial | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Class of 2006 | n/a ^g | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Class of 2007 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Class of 2008 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Class of 2009 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Class of 2010 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Class of 2011 | 4,338 | 3,996 | 92.1 | 165 | 3.8 | 42 | 1.0 | 135 | 3.1 | 4,203 | 96.9 |
| Class of 2012 | 5,074 | 4,687 | 92.4 | 145 | 2.9 | 52 | 1.0 | 190 | 3.7 | 4,884 | 96.3 |
| Class of 2013 | 5,345 | 4,899 | 91.7 | 165 | 3.1 | 48 | 0.9 | 233 | 4.4 | 5,112 | 95.6 |
| Class of 2014 | 5,691 | 5,193 | 91.2 | 183 | 3.2 | 41 | 0.7 | 274 | 4.8 | 5,417 | 95.2 |
| Class of 2015 | 5,776 | 5,322 | 92.1 | 171 | 3.0 | 33 | 0.6 | 250 | 4.3 | 5,526 | 95.7 |
| Economically disadvantaged | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Class of 2006 | 109,204 | 78,611 | 72.0 | 12,960 | 11.9 | 2,624 | 2.4 | 15,009 | 13.7 | 94,195 | 86.3 |
| Class of 2007 | 112,939 | 77,704 | 68.8 | 13,256 | 11.7 | 2,418 | 2.1 | 19,561 | 17.3 | 93,378 | 82.7 |
| Class of 2008 | 119,328 | 84,049 | 70.4 | 14,587 | 12.2 | 1,982 | 1.7 | 18,710 | 15.7 | 100,618 | 84.3 |
| Class of 2009 | 120,083 | 93,981 | 78.3 | 11,654 | 9.7 | 1,417 | 1.2 | 13,031 | 10.9 | 107,052 | 89.1 |
| Class of 2010 | 132,842 | 108,861 | 81.9 | 12,199 | 9.2 | 1,394 | 1.0 | 10,388 | 7.8 | 122,454 | 92.2 |
| Class of 2011 | 148,492 | 124,234 | 83.7 | 11,295 | 7.6 | 1,468 | 1.0 | 11,495 | 7.7 | 136,997 | 92.3 |
| Class of 2012 | 152,731 | 129,965 | 85.1 | 9,250 | 6.1 | 1,548 | 1.0 | 11,968 | 7.8 | 140,763 | 92.2 |
| Class of 2013 | 162,779 | 138,630 | 85.2 | 8,868 | 5.4 | 1,493 | 0.9 | 13,788 | 8.5 | 148,991 | 91.5 |
| Class of 2014 | 167,545 | 142,669 | 85.2 | 8,322 | 5.0 | 1,485 | 0.9 | 15,069 | 9.0 | 152,476 | 91.0 |
| Class of 2015 | 169,386 | 144,957 | 85.6 | 8,510 | 5.0 | 1,151 | 0.7 | 14,768 | 8.7 | 154,618 | 91.3 |
| Not economically disadvantaged | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Class of 2006 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Class of 2007 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Class of 2008 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Class of 2009 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Class of 2010 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Class of 2011 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Class of 2012 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Class of 2013 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Class of 2014 | 165,741 | 151,571 | 91.5 | 6,165 | 3.7 | 1,097 | 0.7 | 6,908 | 4.2 | 158,833 | 95.8 |
| Class of 2015 | 170,240 | 157,305 | 92.4 | 5,503 | 3.2 | 843 | 0.5 | 6,589 | 3.9 | 163,651 | 96.1 |

Note. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding. Dropouts are counted according to the dropout definition in place the year they drop out. The definition changed in 2005-06. Longitudinal rates for the class of 2009 and later classes are comparable to one another. Rates for classes in which the national dropout definition was phased in (i.e., classes of 2006, 2007, and 2008) are not comparable from one class to another, as indicated by the gray lines in the table, nor are they comparable to rates for prior or later classes.

^aGraduates. ^bGraduation. ^cContinuers. ^dContinuation. ^eGeneral Educational Development certificate. ^fA dash (–) indicates data are masked. When the number of students represented by a final status is not reported, the corresponding class size is presented in such a manner as to provide a general idea of the number of students in the class. See the section "Data Masking" on page 44 for additional information. ^gNot available. ^hNumbers in class for race/ethnicity may not sum to the state total because some student records did not correspond to any single new racial/ethnic category.

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Table C-5 (continued)

Grade 9 Four-Year Longitudinal Graduation and Dropout Rates, by Race/Ethnicity, Economic Status, and Gender, Texas Public Schools, Classes of 2006 Through 2015

| Class year | Class | Grad. ^a (N) | Grad. ^b rate (%) | Cont. ^c (N) | Cont. ^d rate (%) | GED ^e recipients (N) | GED recipient rate (%) | Dropouts (N) | Dropout rate (%) | Grad., cont., or GED recipients (N) | Grad., cont., or GED recipient rate (%) |
|----------------------------|---------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|---|---|
| Female | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Class of 2006 | 139,674 | 115,672 | 82.8 | 10,142 | 7.3 | 2,270 | 1.6 | 11,590 | 8.3 | 128,084 | 91.7 |
| Class of 2007 | 143,071 | 114,823 | 80.3 | 10,808 | 7.6 | 1,937 | 1.4 | 15,503 | 10.8 | 127,568 | 89.2 |
| Class of 2008 | 148,737 | 121,074 | 81.4 | 11,857 | 8.0 | 1,707 | 1.1 | 14,099 | 9.5 | 134,638 | 90.5 |
| Class of 2009 | 151,756 | 125,806 | 82.9 | 11,605 | 7.6 | 1,579 | 1.0 | 12,766 | 8.4 | 138,990 | 91.6 |
| Class of 2010 | 154,177 | 133,378 | 86.5 | 9,485 | 6.2 | 1,396 | 0.9 | 9,918 | 6.4 | 144,259 | 93.6 |
| Class of 2011 | 156,848 | 138,317 | 88.2 | 8,058 | 5.1 | 1,249 | 0.8 | 9,224 | 5.9 | 147,624 | 94.1 |
| Class of 2012 | 155,183 | 139,751 | 90.1 | 6,205 | 4.0 | 1,080 | 0.7 | 8,147 | 5.2 | 147,036 | 94.8 |
| Class of 2013 | 161,039 | 145,457 | 90.3 | 5,865 | 3.6 | 971 | 0.6 | 8,746 | 5.4 | 152,293 | 94.6 |
| Class of 2014 | 163,308 | 147,598 | 90.4 | 5,806 | 3.6 | 920 | 0.6 | 8,984 | 5.5 | 154,324 | 94.5 |
| Class of 2015 | 166,669 | 152,120 | 91.3 | 5,345 | 3.2 | 639 | 0.4 | 8,565 | 5.1 | 158,104 | 94.9 |
| Male | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Class of 2006 | 144,024 | 112,303 | 78.0 | 14,150 | 9.8 | 4,186 | 2.9 | 13,385 | 9.3 | 130,639 | 90.7 |
| Class of 2007 | 147,591 | 111,889 | 75.8 | 14,449 | 9.8 | 3,751 | 2.5 | 17,502 | 11.9 | 130,089 | 88.1 |
| Class of 2008 | 151,751 | 116,502 | 76.8 | 15,008 | 9.9 | 2,903 | 1.9 | 17,338 | 11.4 | 134,413 | 88.6 |
| Class of 2009 | 156,671 | 122,694 | 78.3 | 15,062 | 9.6 | 2,825 | 1.8 | 16,090 | 10.3 | 140,581 | 89.7 |
| Class of 2010 | 159,902 | 131,254 | 82.1 | 13,047 | 8.2 | 2,531 | 1.6 | 13,070 | 8.2 | 146,832 | 91.8 |
| Class of 2011 | 162,740 | 136,245 | 83.7 | 11,699 | 7.2 | 2,207 | 1.4 | 12,589 | 7.7 | 150,151 | 92.3 |
| Class of 2012 | 161,575 | 138,027 | 85.4 | 9,545 | 5.9 | 2,118 | 1.3 | 11,885 | 7.4 | 149,690 | 92.6 |
| Class of 2013 | 167,545 | 143,841 | 85.9 | 9,095 | 5.4 | 1,721 | 1.0 | 12,888 | 7.7 | 154,657 | 92.3 |
| Class of 2014 | 169,978 | 146,642 | 86.3 | 8,681 | 5.1 | 1,662 | 1.0 | 12,993 | 7.6 | 156,985 | 92.4 |
| Class of 2015 | 172,957 | 150,142 | 86.8 | 8,668 | 5.0 | 1,355 | 0.8 | 12,792 | 7.4 | 160,165 | 92.6 |
| State | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Class of 2006 | 283,698 | 227,975 | 80.4 | 24,292 | 8.6 | 6,456 | 2.3 | 24,975 | 8.8 | 258,723 | 91.2 |
| Class of 2007 | 290,662 | 226,712 | 78.0 | 25,257 | 8.7 | 5,688 | 2.0 | 33,005 | 11.4 | 257,657 | 88.6 |
| Class of 2008 | 300,488 | 237,576 | 79.1 | 26,865 | 8.9 | 4,610 | 1.5 | 31,437 | 10.5 | 269,051 | 89.5 |
| Class of 2009 | 308,427 | 248,500 | 80.6 | 26,667 | 8.6 | 4,404 | 1.4 | 28,856 | 9.4 | 279,571 | 90.6 |
| Class of 2010 | 314,079 | 264,632 | 84.3 | 22,532 | 7.2 | 3,927 | 1.3 | 22,988 | 7.3 | 291,091 | 92.7 |
| Class of 2011 ^h | 319,588 | 274,562 | 85.9 | 19,757 | 6.2 | 3,456 | 1.1 | 21,813 | 6.8 | 297,775 | 93.2 |
| Class of 2012 ^h | 316,758 | 277,778 | 87.7 | 15,750 | 5.0 | 3,198 | 1.0 | 20,032 | 6.3 | 296,726 | 93.7 |
| Class of 2013 | 328,584 | 289,298 | 88.0 | 14,960 | 4.6 | 2,692 | 0.8 | 21,634 | 6.6 | 306,950 | 93.4 |
| Class of 2014 | 333,286 | 294,240 | 88.3 | 14,487 | 4.3 | 2,582 | 0.8 | 21,977 | 6.6 | 311,309 | 93.4 |
| Class of 2015 | 339,626 | 302,262 | 89.0 | 14,013 | 4.1 | 1,994 | 0.6 | 21,357 | 6.3 | 318,269 | 93.7 |

Note. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding. Dropouts are counted according to the dropout definition in place the year they drop out. The definition changed in 2005-06. Longitudinal rates for the class of 2009 and later classes are comparable to one another. Rates for classes in which the national dropout definition was phased in (i.e., classes of 2006, 2007, and 2008) are not comparable from one class to another, as indicated by the gray lines in the table, nor are they comparable to rates for prior or later classes.

^aGraduates. ^bGraduation. ^cContinuers. ^dContinuation. ^eGeneral Educational Development certificate. ^fA dash (-) indicates data are masked. When the number of students represented by a final status is not reported, the corresponding class size is presented in such a manner as to provide a general idea of the number of students in the class. See the section "Data Masking" on page 44 for additional information. ^gNot available. ^hNumbers in class for race/ethnicity may not sum to the state total because some student records did not correspond to any single new racial/ethnic category.

Table C-6
Grade 9 Four-Year Longitudinal Graduation and Dropout Rates, Charter Schools and Traditional Districts, Texas Public Schools, Class of 2020

| Group | Class | Graduates (N) | Graduation rate (%) | Continuers (N) | Continuation rate (%) | TxCHSE ^a recipients (N) | TxCHSE recipient rate (%) | Dropouts (N) | Dropout rate (%) |
|-----------------------|---------|------------------|------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|--|---------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Charter schools | 21,020 | 13,782 | 65.6 | 3,302 | 15.7 | 269 | 1.3 | 3,667 | 17.4 |
| Traditional districts | 363,580 | 333,610 | 91.8 | 11,559 | 3.2 | 1,190 | 0.3 | 17,221 | 4.7 |
| State | 384,600 | 347,392 | 90.3 | 14,861 | 3.9 | 1,459 | 0.4 | 20,888 | 5.4 |

Note. Parts may not add to 100 percent because of rounding.

^aTexas Certificate of High School Equivalency.

Table C-7

Grade 7 Longitudinal Graduation and Dropout Rates, by Race/Ethnicity and Economic Status, Texas Public Schools, Classes of 2009 Through 2019

| Class year | Class | Graduates (N) | Graduation rate (%) | Continuers (N) | Continuation rate (%) | GED ^a / TxCHSE ^b recipients (N) | GED/ TxCHSE recipient rate (%) | Dropouts (N) | Dropout rate (%) |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|--|---|-----------------|---------------------|
| African American | | | | | | | | | |
| Class of 2009 | 45,933 | 33,378 | 72.7 | 5,195 | 11.3 | 494 | 1.1 | 6,866 | 14.9 |
| Class of 2010 | 46,885 | 36,069 | 76.9 | 4,527 | 9.7 | 455 | 1.0 | 5,834 | 12.4 |
| Class of 2011 | 45,520 | 36,037 | 79.2 | 3,899 | 8.6 | 367 | 0.8 | 5,217 | 11.5 |
| Class of 2012 | 43,051 | 35,322 | 82.0 | 2,884 | 6.7 | 338 | 0.8 | 4,507 | 10.5 |
| Class of 2013 | 43,915 | 36,476 | 83.1 | 2,698 | 6.1 | 290 | 0.7 | 4,451 | 10.1 |
| Class of 2014 | 43,649 | 36,359 | 83.3 | 2,609 | 6.0 | 272 | 0.6 | 4,409 | 10.1 |
| Class of 2015 | 44,668 | 37,667 | 84.3 | 2,499 | 5.6 | 202 | 0.5 | 4,300 | 9.6 |
| Class of 2016 | 46,150 | 39,106 | 84.7 | 2,582 | 5.6 | 184 | 0.4 | 4,278 | 9.3 |
| Class of 2017 | 47,353 | 40,254 | 85.0 | 2,643 | 5.6 | 200 | 0.4 | 4,256 | 9.0 |
| Class of 2018 | 48,556 | 41,531 | 85.5 | 2,658 | 5.5 | 189 | 0.4 | 4,178 | 8.6 |
| Class of 2019 | 49,234 | 41,923 | 85.2 | 2,542 | 5.2 | 213 | 0.4 | 4,556 | 9.3 |
| American Indian | | | | | | | | | |
| Class of 2009 | 1,127 | 894 | 79.3 | 98 | 8.7 | 25 | 2.2 | 110 | 9.8 |
| Class of 2010 | 1,271 | 1,045 | 82.2 | 135 | 10.6 | 15 | 1.2 | 76 | 6.0 |
| Class of 2011 | 1,596 | 1,357 | 85.0 | 102 | 6.4 | 31 | 1.9 | 106 | 6.6 |
| Class of 2012 | <1,600 | — ^c | 85.8 | — | 5.3 | — | 1.6 | — | 7.2 |
| Class of 2013 | <1,500 | — | 84.8 | — | 5.3 | — | 1.2 | — | 8.7 |
| Class of 2014 | <1,450 | — | 85.6 | — | 4.8 | — | 1.0 | — | 8.5 |
| Class of 2015 | 1,478 | 1,273 | 86.1 | 67 | 4.5 | 10 | 0.7 | 128 | 8.7 |
| Class of 2016 | 1,397 | 1,210 | 86.6 | 68 | 4.9 | 7 | 0.5 | 112 | 8.0 |
| Class of 2017 | 1,417 | 1,205 | 85.0 | 76 | 5.4 | 7 | 0.5 | 129 | 9.1 |
| Class of 2018 | 1,397 | 1,167 | 83.5 | 89 | 6.4 | 6 | 0.4 | 135 | 9.7 |
| Class of 2019 | 1,428 | 1,238 | 86.7 | 63 | 4.4 | 7 | 0.5 | 120 | 8.4 |
| Asian | | | | | | | | | |
| Class of 2009 | n/a ^d | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Class of 2010 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Class of 2011 | 10,727 | 10,148 | 94.6 | 412 | 3.8 | 18 | 0.2 | 149 | 1.4 |
| Class of 2012 | 11,183 | 10,527 | 94.1 | 400 | 3.6 | 19 | 0.2 | 237 | 2.1 |
| Class of 2013 | 11,975 | 11,213 | 93.6 | 392 | 3.3 | 19 | 0.2 | 351 | 2.9 |
| Class of 2014 | 12,991 | 12,253 | 94.3 | 393 | 3.0 | 15 | 0.1 | 330 | 2.5 |
| Class of 2015 | 13,455 | 12,775 | 94.9 | 344 | 2.6 | 23 | 0.2 | 313 | 2.3 |
| Class of 2016 | 13,760 | 13,129 | 95.4 | 334 | 2.4 | 6 | <0.1 | 291 | 2.1 |
| Class of 2017 | 14,407 | 13,790 | 95.7 | 346 | 2.4 | 12 | 0.1 | 259 | 1.8 |
| Class of 2018 | 15,911 | 15,273 | 96.0 | 368 | 2.3 | 15 | 0.1 | 255 | 1.6 |
| Class of 2019 | 16,937 | 16,259 | 96.0 | 360 | 2.1 | 19 | 0.1 | 299 | 1.8 |

^aGeneral Educational Development certificate. ^bTexas Certificate of High School Equivalency. ^cA dash (—) indicates data are not reported to protect student anonymity. When the number of students represented by a final status is not reported, the corresponding class size is presented in such a manner as to provide a general idea of the number of students in the class while maintaining student anonymity. ^dNot available. ^eNumbers in class for race/ethnicity may not sum to the state total because some student records did not correspond to any single new racial/ethnic category.

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Table C-7 (continued)
Grade 7 Longitudinal Graduation and Dropout Rates, by Race/Ethnicity and Economic Status,
Texas Public Schools, Classes of 2009 Through 2019

| Class year | Class | Graduates (N) | Graduation rate (%) | Continuers (N) | Continuation rate (%) | GED ^a / TxCHSE ^b recipients (N) | GED/ TxCHSE recipient rate (%) | Dropouts (N) | Dropout rate (%) |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|--|---|-----------------|---------------------|
| Hispanic | | | | | | | | | |
| Class of 2009 | 130,700 | 94,823 | 72.6 | 17,634 | 13.5 | 1,769 | 1.4 | 16,474 | 12.6 |
| Class of 2010 | 136,509 | 105,549 | 77.3 | 15,639 | 11.5 | 1,650 | 1.2 | 13,671 | 10.0 |
| Class of 2011 | 144,520 | 116,336 | 80.5 | 13,618 | 9.4 | 1,577 | 1.1 | 12,989 | 9.0 |
| Class of 2012 | 145,669 | 120,626 | 82.8 | 11,473 | 7.9 | 1,415 | 1.0 | 12,155 | 8.3 |
| Class of 2013 | 154,396 | 129,917 | 84.1 | 10,336 | 6.7 | 1,251 | 0.8 | 12,892 | 8.3 |
| Class of 2014 | 159,509 | 135,158 | 84.7 | 10,053 | 6.3 | 1,147 | 0.7 | 13,151 | 8.2 |
| Class of 2015 | 165,028 | 141,324 | 85.6 | 9,899 | 6.0 | 820 | 0.5 | 12,985 | 7.9 |
| Class of 2016 | 173,168 | 149,252 | 86.2 | 9,896 | 5.7 | 710 | 0.4 | 13,310 | 7.7 |
| Class of 2017 | 182,177 | 156,949 | 86.2 | 10,012 | 5.5 | 693 | 0.4 | 14,523 | 8.0 |
| Class of 2018 | 190,757 | 164,874 | 86.4 | 10,017 | 5.3 | 708 | 0.4 | 15,158 | 7.9 |
| Class of 2019 | 198,160 | 172,687 | 87.1 | 9,909 | 5.0 | 698 | 0.4 | 14,866 | 7.5 |
| Pacific Islander | | | | | | | | | |
| Class of 2009 | n/a ^d | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Class of 2010 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Class of 2011 | <500 | - ^c | 87.2 | - | 7.7 | - | 0.9 | - | 4.3 |
| Class of 2012 | <500 | - | 88.6 | - | 7.1 | - | 0.5 | - | 3.9 |
| Class of 2013 | <450 | - | 88.7 | - | 5.4 | - | 0.5 | - | 5.4 |
| Class of 2014 | <450 | - | 88.2 | - | 4.9 | - | 0.2 | - | 6.7 |
| Class of 2015 | 542 | 476 | 87.8 | 22 | 4.1 | 5 | 0.9 | 39 | 7.2 |
| Class of 2016 | 482 | 418 | 86.7 | 34 | 7.1 | 1 | 0.2 | 29 | 6.0 |
| Class of 2017 | 574 | 507 | 88.3 | 29 | 5.1 | 3 | 0.5 | 35 | 6.1 |
| Class of 2018 | 576 | 494 | 85.8 | 27 | 4.7 | 4 | 0.7 | 51 | 8.9 |
| Class of 2019 | 584 | 513 | 87.8 | 17 | 2.9 | 6 | 1.0 | 48 | 8.2 |
| White | | | | | | | | | |
| Class of 2009 | 120,536 | 107,317 | 89.0 | 5,759 | 4.8 | 1,941 | 1.6 | 5,519 | 4.6 |
| Class of 2010 | 120,238 | 109,184 | 90.8 | 5,098 | 4.2 | 1,621 | 1.3 | 4,335 | 3.6 |
| Class of 2011 | 113,502 | 103,647 | 91.3 | 4,536 | 4.0 | 1,344 | 1.2 | 3,975 | 3.5 |
| Class of 2012 | 109,292 | 100,971 | 92.4 | 3,549 | 3.2 | 1,165 | 1.1 | 3,607 | 3.3 |
| Class of 2013 | 108,977 | 100,928 | 92.6 | 3,282 | 3.0 | 942 | 0.9 | 3,825 | 3.5 |
| Class of 2014 | 109,403 | 101,146 | 92.5 | 3,255 | 3.0 | 1,010 | 0.9 | 3,992 | 3.6 |
| Class of 2015 | 109,269 | 101,498 | 92.9 | 3,137 | 2.9 | 805 | 0.7 | 3,829 | 3.5 |
| Class of 2016 | 109,433 | 101,633 | 92.9 | 3,267 | 3.0 | 696 | 0.6 | 3,837 | 3.5 |
| Class of 2017 | 111,175 | 103,169 | 92.8 | 3,504 | 3.2 | 672 | 0.6 | 3,830 | 3.4 |
| Class of 2018 | 111,864 | 103,958 | 92.9 | 3,327 | 3.0 | 688 | 0.6 | 3,891 | 3.5 |
| Class of 2019 | 110,320 | 102,667 | 93.1 | 3,130 | 2.8 | 700 | 0.6 | 3,823 | 3.5 |

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Table C-7 (continued)

Grade 7 Longitudinal Graduation and Dropout Rates, by Race/Ethnicity and Economic Status, Texas Public Schools, Classes of 2009 Through 2019

| Class year | Class | Graduates (N) | Graduation rate (%) | Continuers (N) | Continuation rate (%) | GED ^a / TxCHSE ^b recipients (N) | GED/ TxCHSE recipient rate (%) | Dropouts (N) | Dropout rate (%) |
|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|--|---|-----------------|---------------------|
| Multiracial | | | | | | | | | |
| Class of 2009 | n/a ^d | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Class of 2010 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Class of 2011 | 4,356 | 3,969 | 91.1 | 200 | 4.6 | 43 | 1.0 | 144 | 3.3 |
| Class of 2012 | 5,039 | 4,630 | 91.9 | 174 | 3.5 | 51 | 1.0 | 184 | 3.7 |
| Class of 2013 | 5,293 | 4,845 | 91.5 | 185 | 3.5 | 45 | 0.9 | 218 | 4.1 |
| Class of 2014 | 5,676 | 5,162 | 90.9 | 207 | 3.6 | 38 | 0.7 | 269 | 4.7 |
| Class of 2015 | 5,810 | 5,302 | 91.3 | 205 | 3.5 | 34 | 0.6 | 269 | 4.6 |
| Class of 2016 | 6,279 | 5,667 | 90.3 | 268 | 4.3 | 42 | 0.7 | 302 | 4.8 |
| Class of 2017 | 6,678 | 6,070 | 90.9 | 293 | 4.4 | 35 | 0.5 | 280 | 4.2 |
| Class of 2018 | 7,098 | 6,429 | 90.6 | 283 | 4.0 | 37 | 0.5 | 349 | 4.9 |
| Class of 2019 | 7,511 | 6,800 | 90.5 | 280 | 3.7 | 52 | 0.7 | 379 | 5.0 |
| Economically disadvantaged | | | | | | | | | |
| Class of 2009 | 120,732 | 92,957 | 77.0 | 13,080 | 10.8 | 1,367 | 1.1 | 13,328 | 11.0 |
| Class of 2010 | 134,449 | 107,832 | 80.2 | 14,247 | 10.6 | 1,361 | 1.0 | 11,009 | 8.2 |
| Class of 2011 | 149,384 | 122,654 | 82.1 | 13,281 | 8.9 | 1,458 | 1.0 | 11,991 | 8.0 |
| Class of 2012 | 152,986 | 127,793 | 83.5 | 11,206 | 7.3 | 1,501 | 1.0 | 12,486 | 8.2 |
| Class of 2013 | 161,745 | 136,055 | 84.1 | 10,298 | 6.4 | 1,448 | 0.9 | 13,944 | 8.6 |
| Class of 2014 | 167,210 | 140,943 | 84.3 | 9,655 | 5.8 | 1,432 | 0.9 | 15,180 | 9.1 |
| Class of 2015 | 169,731 | 143,722 | 84.7 | 9,887 | 5.8 | 1,094 | 0.6 | 15,028 | 8.9 |
| Class of 2016 | 178,024 | 151,639 | 85.2 | 10,031 | 5.6 | 903 | 0.5 | 15,451 | 8.7 |
| Class of 2017 | 186,964 | 159,352 | 85.2 | 10,437 | 5.6 | 914 | 0.5 | 16,261 | 8.7 |
| Class of 2018 | 201,757 | 172,461 | 85.5 | 10,889 | 5.4 | 958 | 0.5 | 17,449 | 8.6 |
| Class of 2019 | 206,771 | 177,742 | 86.0 | 10,725 | 5.2 | 967 | 0.5 | 17,337 | 8.4 |
| Not economically disadvantaged | | | | | | | | | |
| Class of 2009 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Class of 2010 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Class of 2011 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Class of 2012 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Class of 2013 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Class of 2014 | 165,890 | 150,741 | 90.9 | 6,952 | 4.2 | 1,066 | 0.6 | 7,131 | 4.3 |
| Class of 2015 | 170,519 | 156,593 | 91.8 | 6,286 | 3.7 | 805 | 0.5 | 6,835 | 4.0 |
| Class of 2016 | 172,645 | 158,776 | 92.0 | 6,418 | 3.7 | 743 | 0.4 | 6,708 | 3.9 |
| Class of 2017 | 176,817 | 162,592 | 92.0 | 6,466 | 3.7 | 708 | 0.4 | 7,051 | 4.0 |
| Class of 2018 | 174,402 | 161,265 | 92.5 | 5,880 | 3.4 | 689 | 0.4 | 6,568 | 3.8 |
| Class of 2019 | 177,403 | 164,345 | 92.6 | 5,576 | 3.1 | 728 | 0.4 | 6,754 | 3.8 |

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Table C-7 (continued)
Grade 7 Longitudinal Graduation and Dropout Rates, by Race/Ethnicity and Economic Status,
Texas Public Schools, Classes of 2009 Through 2019

| Class year | Class | Graduates (N) | Graduation rate (%) | Continuers (N) | Continuation rate (%) | GED ^a / TxCHSE ^b recipients (N) | GED/ TxCHSE recipient rate (%) | Dropouts (N) | Dropout rate (%) |
|----------------------------|---------|------------------|------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|--|---|-----------------|---------------------|
| State | | | | | | | | | |
| Class of 2009 | 309,171 | 246,399 | 79.7 | 29,194 | 9.4 | 4,264 | 1.4 | 29,314 | 9.5 |
| Class of 2010 | 316,417 | 262,609 | 83.0 | 25,845 | 8.2 | 3,771 | 1.2 | 24,192 | 7.6 |
| Class of 2011 ^e | 320,812 | 271,897 | 84.8 | 22,801 | 7.1 | 3,387 | 1.1 | 22,727 | 1.1 |
| Class of 2012 ^e | 316,277 | 273,762 | 86.6 | 18,591 | 5.9 | 3,016 | 1.0 | 20,908 | 6.6 |
| Class of 2013 ^e | 326,482 | 285,009 | 87.3 | 16,994 | 5.2 | 2,567 | 0.8 | 21,912 | 6.7 |
| Class of 2014 ^e | 333,100 | 291,684 | 87.6 | 16,607 | 5.0 | 2,498 | 0.7 | 22,311 | 6.7 |
| Class of 2015 | 340,250 | 300,315 | 88.3 | 16,173 | 4.8 | 1,899 | 0.6 | 21,863 | 6.4 |
| Class of 2016 | 350,669 | 310,415 | 88.5 | 16,449 | 4.7 | 1,646 | 0.5 | 22,159 | 6.3 |
| Class of 2017 | 363,781 | 321,944 | 88.5 | 16,903 | 4.6 | 1,622 | 0.4 | 23,312 | 6.4 |
| Class of 2018 | 376,159 | 333,726 | 88.7 | 16,769 | 4.5 | 1,647 | 0.4 | 24,017 | 6.4 |
| Class of 2019 | 384,174 | 342,087 | 89.0 | 16,301 | 4.2 | 1,695 | 0.4 | 24,091 | 6.3 |

Note. ^aGeneral Educational Development certificate. ^bTexas Certificate of High School Equivalency. ^cA dash (–) indicates data are not reported to protect student anonymity. When the number of students represented by a final status is not reported, the corresponding class size is presented in such a manner as to provide a general idea of the number of students in the class while maintaining student anonymity. ^dNot available. ^eNumbers in class for race/ethnicity may not sum to the state total because some student records did not correspond to any single new racial/ethnic category.

Appendix D
Comparison of a Grade 9-12
Longitudinal Dropout Rate
and a Grade 9-12 Attrition Rate

Table D-1
Example: Comparison of
a Grade 9-12 Longitudinal Dropout Rate
and a Grade 9-12 Attrition Rate

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Students in Attrition Rate Who Are Not Counted as Dropouts in Longitudinal Rate

Graduates. The attrition rate includes early graduates and any on-time graduates who were not enrolled in Grade 12 in the fall of 2019-20.

TxCHSE.^a The attrition rate includes students who received high school equivalency certificates rather than high school diplomas.

Continuing Students. The attrition rate includes continuing students if they were not in Grade 12 in 2019-20. The most common reason for students to fall behind a grade level is retention in Grade 9.

Students who Left the Texas Public School System. The attrition rate includes all students who left Texas public schools for any reason. The longitudinal rate excludes students who left Texas public schools for reasons other than dropping out. Reasons for exclusion from the longitudinal rate include the following.

- Enrolled in or withdrew with intent to enroll in another educational setting (private school in Texas, public or private school out of state, home schooling, or entered college early)
- Returned to home country
- Removed by district (expelled for criminal behavior; falsified enrollment information; no immunization; etc.)
- Removed by Child Protective Services
- Died

Students Entering the Texas Public School System and Enrollment Growth. Some attrition rates include a growth adjustment that is an estimate of the number of students entering Texas public schools. The attrition rate calculated by the Texas Education Agency is not adjusted for growth. The longitudinal rate assigns all students who enter the Texas public school system to the appropriate cohort and determines outcomes in the same way that outcomes for starting Grade 9 students are determined.

Students Previously Counted. The 2019-20 attrition rate includes students from the class of 2019 who were repeating Grade 9 in 2016-17. These students were also included in the 2018-19 attrition rate.

Data Errors. The attrition rate includes students removed from the longitudinal calculation because their statuses cannot be determined because of data errors.

Students Included in Both Longitudinal Dropout Rate and Attrition Rate

Both the longitudinal dropout rate and the attrition rate include students in the class of 2020 who left school before graduation for the following reasons.

- Academic performance (poor attendance, low grades, failing the exit-level assessment, etc.)
- Employment (pursue job or join military)
- Family (marriage or pregnancy)
- Alternative education
- Discipline (failure to return following expulsion or JJAEP^b term)
- Alcohol or other drug abuse problems
- Whereabouts unknown

Dropouts in Longitudinal Rate Who Are Not Included in Attrition Rate

The longitudinal dropout rate includes the following students who are excluded from the attrition rate.

- Grade 12 Dropouts. The attrition rate does not include students who enroll in Grade 12 in 2019-20 but drop out before graduating.

^aTexas Certificate of High School Equivalency. ^bJuvenile justice alternative education program.

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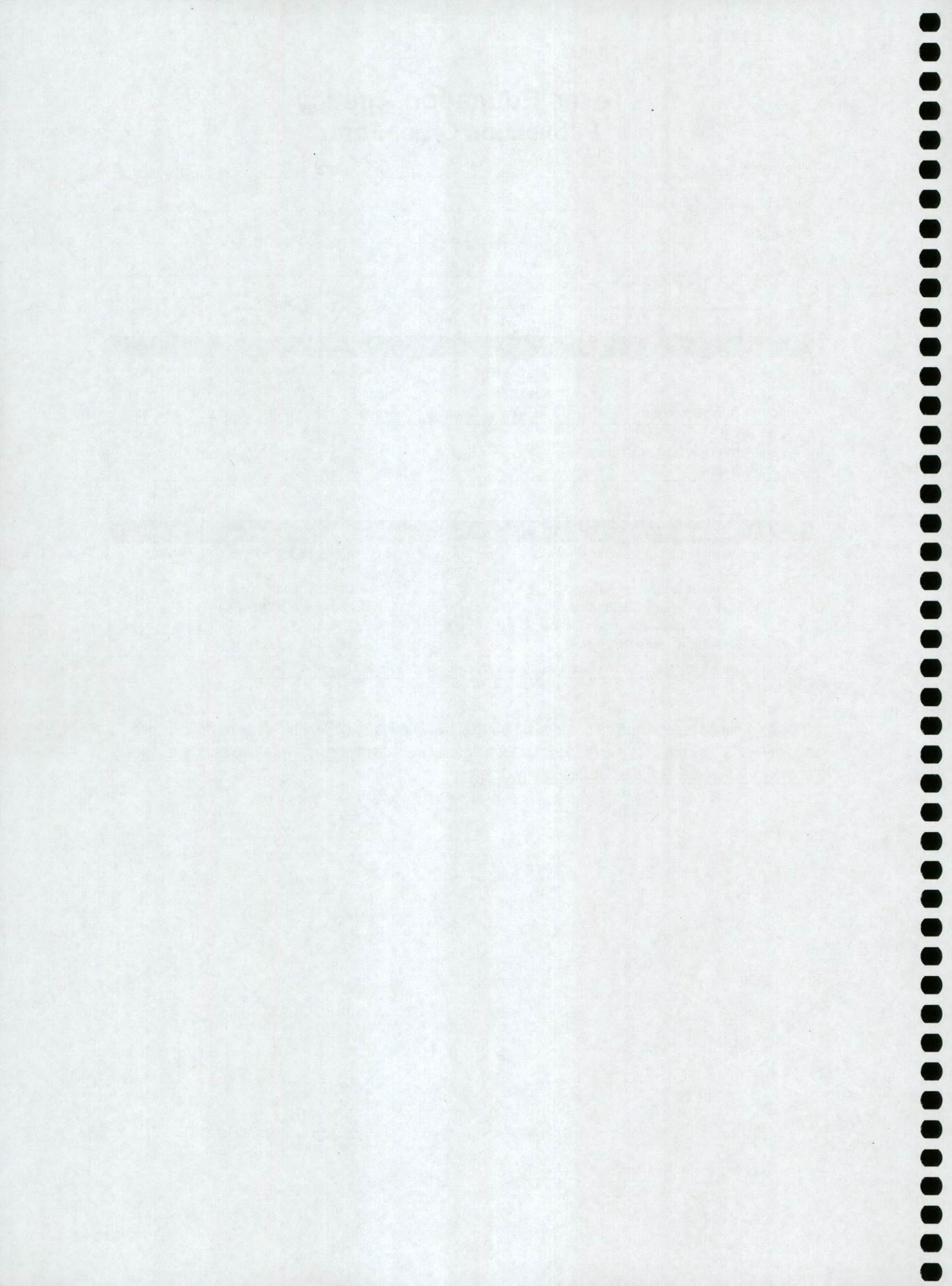
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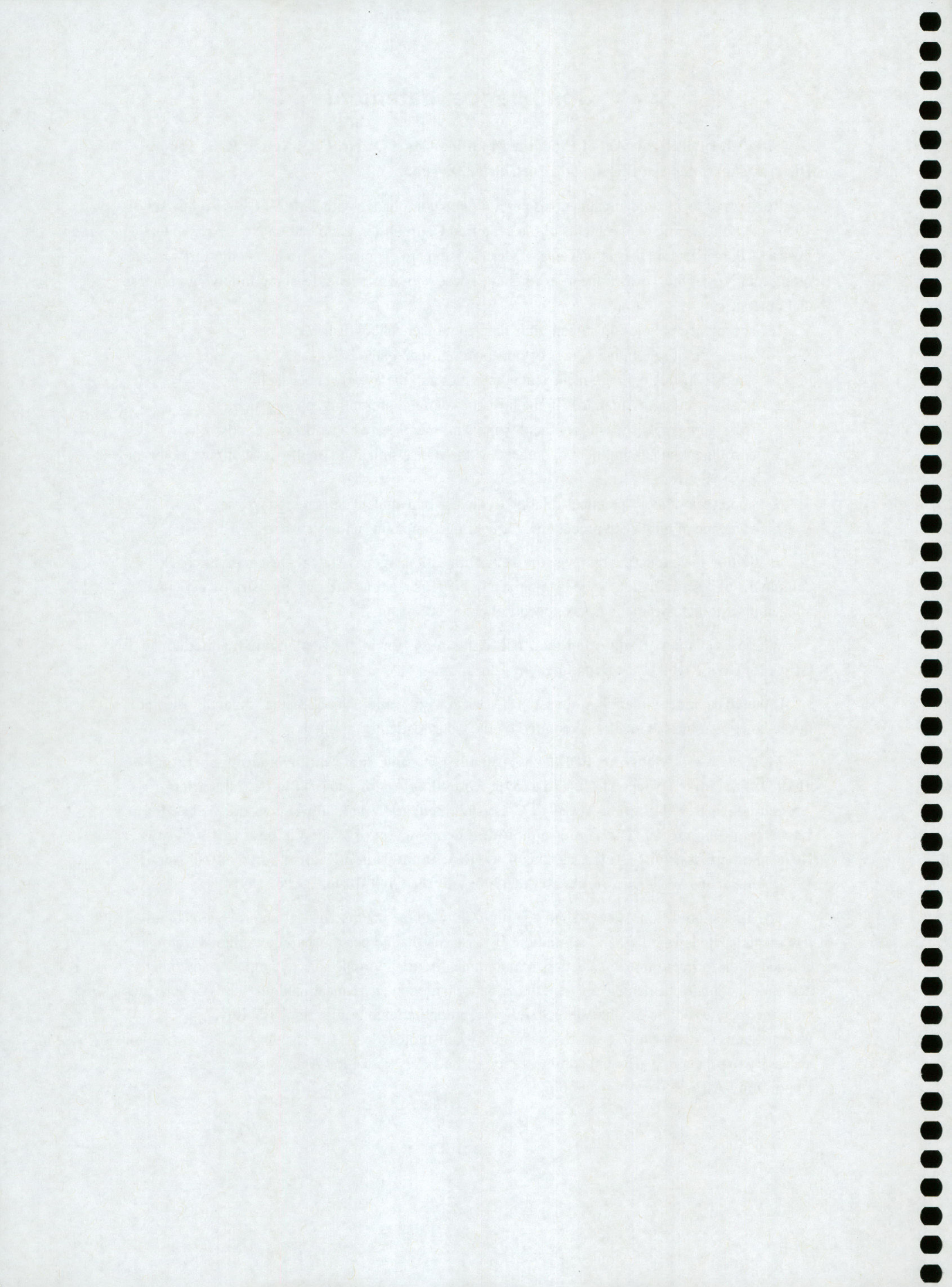
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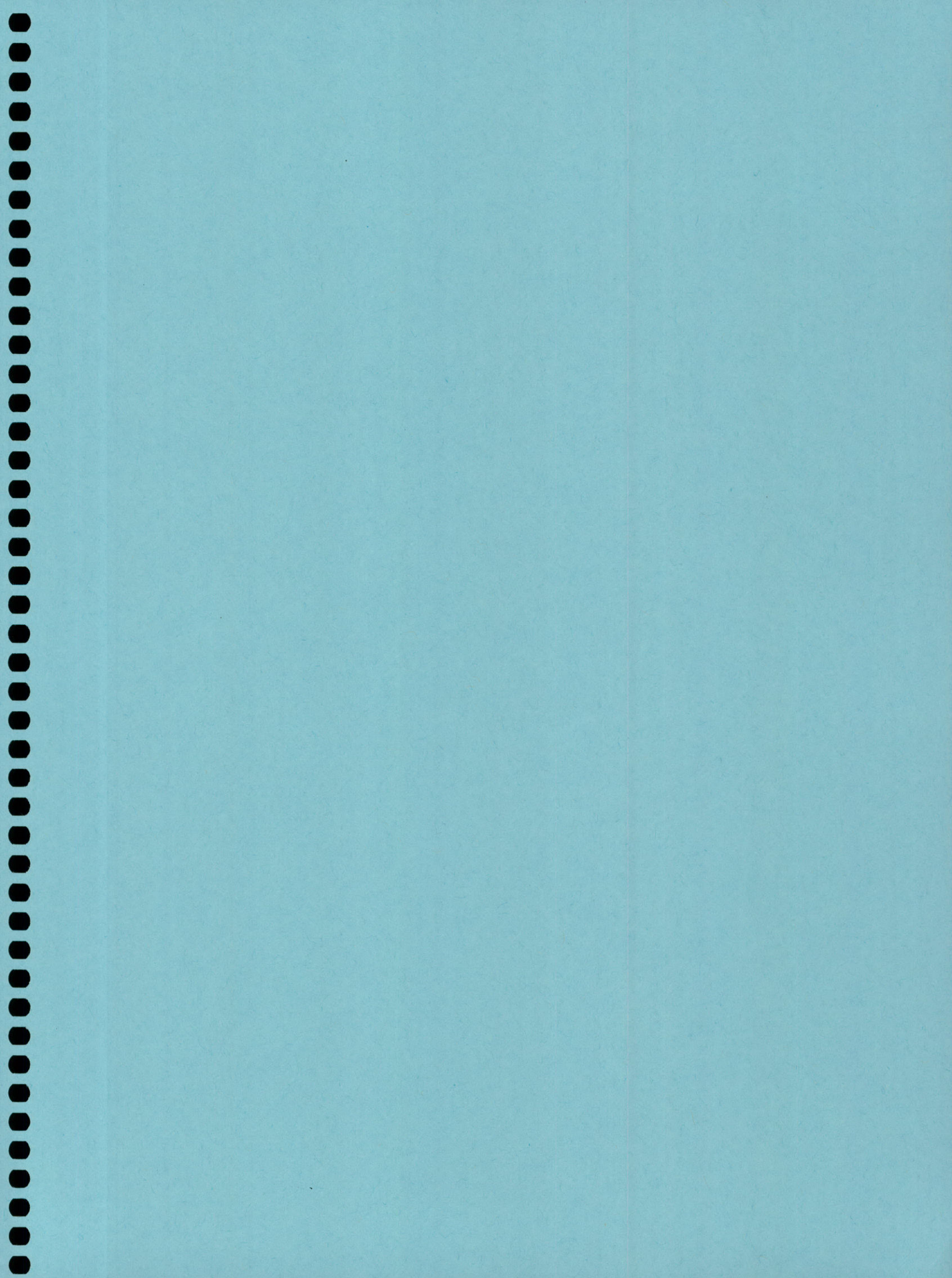
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