



# Dropout Rates in Massachusetts Public Schools: 1998-99

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Dear Friends,

I am pleased to issue our annual publication, *Dropout Rates in Massachusetts Public Schools: 1998-99*. This report provides information on students who dropped out of Massachusetts public schools during the 1998-99 reporting year. I hope that this information will contribute to ongoing local and state efforts to strengthen dropout prevention programs.

The completion of high school is a crucial basis for a productive life of citizenship and work. The high school dropout rate, therefore, is an important indicator of school performance.

## Summary of Key Findings

- **Annual Dropout Rate** The 1998-99 annual dropout rate was 3.6 percent, an increased rate from the previous three years. A total of 9,188 students enrolled in grades nine through twelve dropped out of Massachusetts public schools in the 1998-99 school year and did not return to school by October 1, 1998.
- **Rate Over Time** The annual statewide dropout rate has increased from the previous three years' rates of 3.4 percent to 3.6 percent in 1999.
- **Distribution of Rates for Individual Schools** The annual dropout rate varied widely among individual schools, ranging from zero percent to 87 percent. More than half of the schools (55 percent) had a dropout rate of 2.5 percent or less. Approximately six percent of the schools had a rate higher than 10 percent.
- **Grade** Students in grade eleven dropped out at a higher rate, 4.3 percent, than did students in other grades. The 1998-99 dropout rate was 3.8 percent for tenth graders, 3.1 percent for twelfth graders and 3.1 percent for ninth graders. These differences according to grade level are consistent with data from previous years.
- **Gender** The 1998-99 dropout rate was 4.0 percent for males and 3.1 percent for females. Males have dropped out at a higher rate than females for the past several years.
- **Race/Ethnicity** Dropout rates varied widely by race/ethnicity. Hispanic students had the highest annual dropout rate at 9.8 percent. The dropout rate was 6.7 percent for African-American students and 4.0 percent for Native American students. Asian students had a rate of 3.6 percent and white students had the lowest dropout rate, 2.5

percent.

- **Vocational-Technical Schools** The annual dropout rate for students enrolled in vocational-technical schools was 2.9 percent, somewhat lower than the statewide rate. The rate for city/town vocational-technical schools was 4.9 percent, and the rate for regional, independent and county vocational-technical schools was 2.4 percent.

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Thank you for your interest in this report.

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## Introduction

The following report provides information on students who dropped out of Massachusetts public schools during the 1998-99 reporting year (July 1, 1998, to June 30, 1999). Dropouts are defined as students in grades nine through twelve who leave school prior to graduation for reasons other than transfer to another school. The Massachusetts Department of Education reports a dropout measure that was developed by the U.S. Department of Education. According to this measure, students who drop out during a particular reporting year, but return to school by October 1 of the following year, referred to in this report as *returned dropouts*, are not counted as dropouts. The dropout rate is the number of students who drop out over a one-year period, from July 1 to June 30, minus the number of returned dropouts, divided by the October 1 enrollment. This measure will eventually be adopted by all states, allowing for comparisons between states and with the national average.

*A dropout is defined as a student in grade nine through twelve who leaves school prior to graduation for reasons other than transfer to another school and does not re-enroll before the following October 1.*

*The dropout rate is the number of students who drop out over a one-year period, from July 1 to June 30, minus the number of returned dropouts, divided by the October 1 enrollment.*

This is the seventh consecutive year that the Massachusetts Department of Education has reported dropout data using this measure. Prior to 1993, the Department reported a dropout rate that counted all students who dropped out of school regardless of whether they returned to school. This rate, called the *unadjusted dropout rate*, is not included in the textual analysis section of this report. Therefore, data in this section of the report are not comparable to data for years prior to 1993. Data comparable with earlier years are available from the Department. The unadjusted rate for 1999 is included in the list of annual dropout data for schools and districts at the end of this report.



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## Analysis of Dropout Rates

During the 1998-99 reporting year, a total of 9,188 ninth- through twelfth-graders dropped out of Massachusetts public schools and did not return to school by October 1, 1999. These students represented 3.6 percent of the 258,026 students enrolled in grades nine through twelve in the state's public schools on October 1, 1998.

In addition to the 9,188 dropouts, another 1,969 students dropped out of school during the 1998-99 reporting year and were not in school at the end of the year but returned to school by October 1, 1999. These students, referred to in this report as *returned dropouts*, represented 17.6 percent of the total number of students who dropped out during the 1998-99 school year. The Department does not collect data on students who drop out of school in a reported year, but return before the end of the same school year. The 1998-99 annual dropout rate of 3.6 percent was an increase from the prior three years, when the state rate had been stable at 3.4 percent.

Based on the annual dropout rate for each grade level, it is projected that 14 percent of the students who entered ninth grade in the 1998-99 reporting year will have dropped out by the end of their senior year in 2002. This statistic, known as the *projected four-year dropout rate*, is an estimation of the cumulative effect of four years of students dropping out of school

**Table 1. Dropout Rates: 1998-99**

	Enrollment	Number of Dropouts	Annual Rate	Projected Four-year Rate*	Returns as % of Dropouts**
<b>Total, Grade 9-12</b>	258,026	9,188	3.6%	--	17.6%
<b>Grade</b>					
Grade 9	74,874	2,334	3.1%	14%	14.0%
Grade 10	66,499	2,530	3.8%	--	18.4%
Grade 11	61,242	2,618	4.3%	--	18.3%
Grade 12	55,411	1,706	3.1%	--	20.2%
<b>Gender</b>					
Male	131,119	5,206	4.0%	15%	18.3%
Female	126,907	3,982	3.1%	12%	16.8%
<b>Race/Ethnic Group</b>					
African-American	21,655	1,446	6.7%	24%	15.3%
Asian	11,150	396	3.6%	14%	25.1%
Hispanic	22,375	2,193	9.8%	33%	15.4%
Native American	601	24	4.0%	17%	11.1%
White	202,245	5,129	2.5%	10%	17.6%

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<b>Vocational-Technical Schools***</b>	32,333	947	2.9%	12%	16.6%
City/Town	6,653	328	4.9%	19%	19.4%
Regional/County/Independent	25,680	619	2.4%	9%	15.0%

\* Percentage of ninth graders (Class of 2002) projected to drop out over a four-year period

\*\* Percentage of 1998-99 dropouts who returned to school by Oct. 1, 1999

\*\*\* Figures do not include vocational-technical students enrolled in comprehensive high schools

for the Class of 2002. The projected four-year dropout rate of 14 percent for the class of 2002 had increased from the class of 2001's rate (13 percent). The projected four-year rate for the class of 1999 and 2000 was 13 percent. When comparing dropouts to graduates for the class of 1999 over those four years, the actual dropout rate is estimated to be 14 percent. This rate was computed by adding the number of dropouts each year for the class of 1999 and dividing that number by the number of graduates plus the total number of dropouts. The Department can not guarantee the accuracy of this rate because it is calculated with aggregate data rather than student level data. It is only an estimated rate. If districts and/or schools are interested in calculating dropout rates for the class of 1999 for their individual district or school, the Department recommends that student level data be used to calculate the rate. At present, the Department does not have student level data available for this purpose. Progress is being made to collect and analyze data at the student level; however, the ability to provide the data for this rate is still several years away.

**Table 2. Annual Dropout Rates: 1995-1999**

	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
<b>Total Dropout Rate, Grade 9-12</b>	3.6%	3.4%	3.4%	3.4%	3.6%
<b>Total Number of Dropouts</b>	8,396	8,177	8,453	8,582	9,188
<b>Grade 9-12 Enrollment</b>	234,608	240,347	246,757	252,633	258,026
<b>Grade</b>					
Grade 9	3.1%	2.8%	2.8%	2.7%	3.1%
Grade 10	3.7%	3.7%	3.8%	3.6%	3.8%
Grade 11	4.5%	3.9%	4.0%	4.2%	4.3%
Grade 12	3.1%	3.3%	3.2%	3.3%	3.1%
<b>Gender</b>					
Male	4.1%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%	4.0%
Female	3.0%	2.9%	3.0%	2.9%	3.1%
<b>Race/Ethnic Group</b>					
African-American	7.3%	5.9%	5.6%	6.1%	6.7%
Asian	3.0%	2.3%	2.7%	3.5%	3.6%
Hispanic	9.3%	7.9%	8.2%	8.2%	9.8%
Native American	5.2%	4.5%	6.0%	5.3%	4.0%
White	2.6%	2.7%	2.7%	2.6%	2.5%
<b>Vocational-Technical Schools*</b>	4.0%	3.4%	3.2%	2.9%	2.9%
City/Town	11.1%	5.7%	6.1%	5.1%	4.9%
Regional/County/Independent	2.5%	2.9%	2.6%	2.5%	2.4%

\* Figures do not include vocational-technical students enrolled in comprehensive high schools

The statewide dropout rate masks the wide disparity in individual school rates and the persistently high rates at some schools. Among individual schools the dropout rate ranged from a low of zero percent to a high of 87 percent<sup>1</sup>. Nineteen schools reported no dropouts in 1998-99, an increase from 13 schools the previous year. Another 63 schools reported dropout rates of one percent or less in 1998-99. Nineteen schools reported dropout rates greater than 10 percent. These 19 schools comprised 5.7

percent of the state's grade nine through twelve enrollment, but accounted for 23.9 percent of the state's dropouts.

**Table 3. Projected Four-Year Dropout Rates:  
Class of 1998-2002**

	Class of 1998	Class of 1999	Class of 2000	Class of 2001	Class of 2002
<b>Total</b>	14%	13%	13%	13%	14%
<b>Gender</b>					
Male	16%	15%	15%	15%	15%
Female	12%	11%	11%	11%	12%
<b>Race/Ethnic Group</b>					
African-American	22%	21%	22%	24%	
Asian	9%	11%	13%	14%	
Hispanic	28%	28%	29%	33%	
Native American	17%	23%	21%	17%	
White	11%	10%	10%	10%	
<b>Vocational-Technical Schools*</b>					
City/Town	37%	21%	22%	19%	19%
Regional/County/Independent	10%	11%	10%	10%	9%

\* Figures do not include vocational-technical students enrolled in comprehensive high schools

**Table 4. Distribution of Annual Dropout Rates: 1996-1999**

Annual Rate (%)	Number and Percent of Schools*							
	1995-96		1996-97		1997-98		1998-99	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
<b>0</b>	10	3	12	4	13	4	19	6
<b>0.1 - 1.0</b>	62	21	53	17	69	22	63	20
<b>1.1 - 2.5</b>	95	32	101	33	89	29	93	30
<b>2.6 - 5.0</b>	83	28	84	27	93	30	83	26
<b>5.1 - 7.5</b>	28	9	32	10	26	8	28	9
<b>7.6 - 10.0</b>	12	4	11	4	7	2	12	4
<b>10.1 and above</b>	12	4	15	5	14	5	19	6
<b>Total Number of Schools</b>	300		302		311		317	

\*Excludes schools with enrollments fewer than 75. Percent of schools may not total to 100 percent due to rounding.

<sup>1</sup> Because dropout rates for schools with low enrollments are overly sensitive to small variations in the number of dropouts, the analysis of the distribution of dropout rates excludes schools with a grade 9-12 enrollment of fewer than 75 (25 schools in 1998-99).



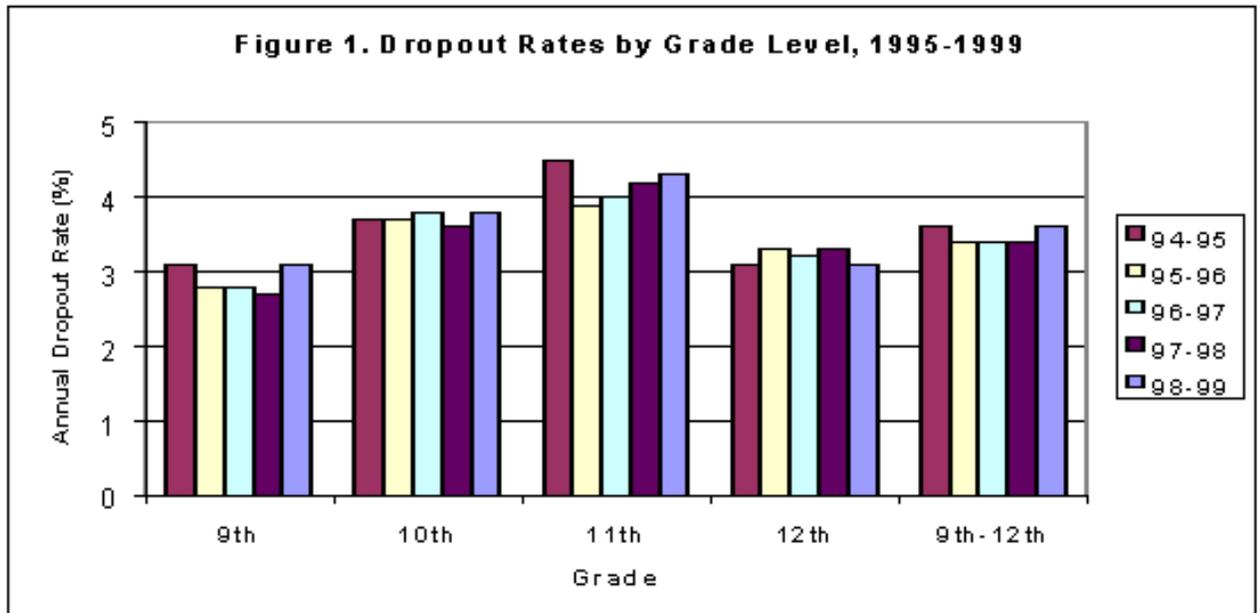
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## Results for Selected Student Populations

Because the dropout rate varies among specific student populations, examining the rate for specific populations is important in developing and targeting dropout prevention efforts. The data collected allow for an analysis by grade level, gender, race/ethnicity, and certain types of schools.

### Grade

- Students in grade eleven dropped out at a higher rate than did students in other grades. The 1998-99 dropout rate for eleventh-graders was 4.3 percent, followed by 3.8 percent for tenth-graders, and 3.1 percent for twelfth-graders. This pattern of dropout rates by grade has remained consistent over time. The rate for the ninth grade increased slightly from 2.7 percent in 1997-98 to 3.1 percent in 1998-99. Each grade level has neither consistently decreased nor increased, but instead has fluctuated slightly from year to year.



### Gender

- Consistent with previous years, the 1998-99 dropout rate was higher for males than for females. The annual rate was 4.0 percent for males, approximately a percentage point higher than the rate of 3.1 percent for females.
- The dropout rate for males increased slightly in 1998-99 from the prior year (3.9 percent). The dropout rate of 3.1 percent for females increased slightly from 2.9 percent the previous year.

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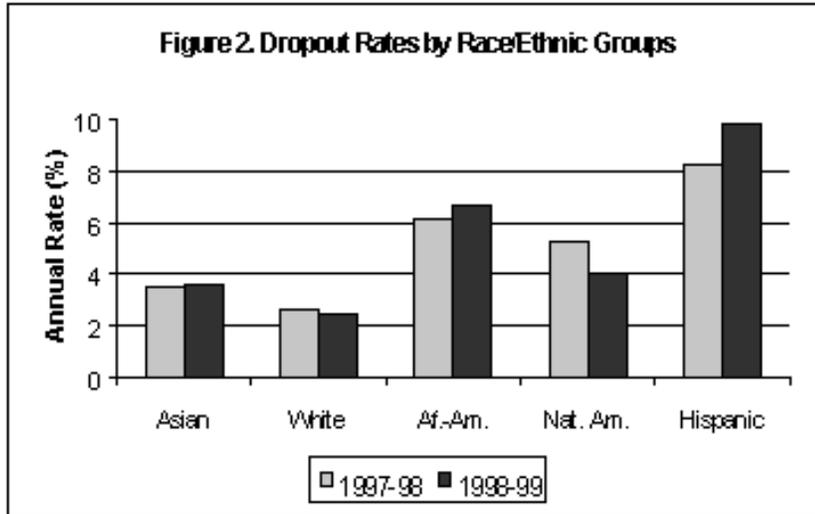
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- The projected four-year rate for males was unchanged from the prior year at 15 percent and had increased from 11 percent to 12 percent for females.

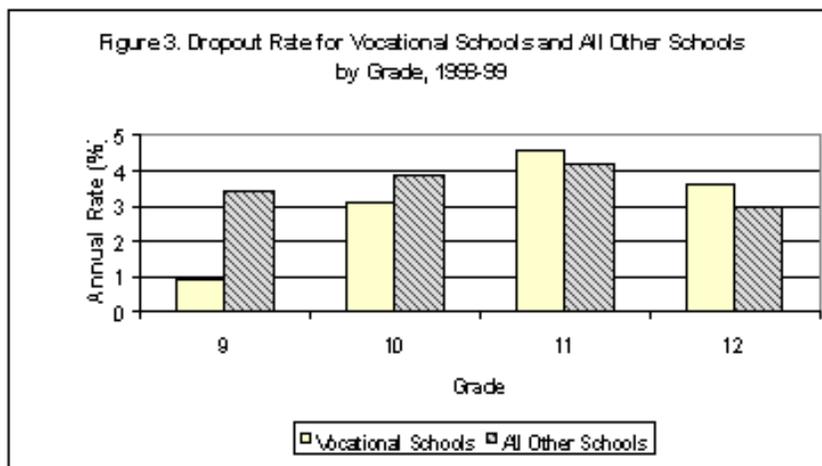
## Race/Ethnicity

- Consistent with previous years, the dropout rates in 1998-99 varied according to race/ethnicity. As in the prior four years, the rate of 9.8 percent for Hispanic students was the highest among the five reported race/ethnicity categories. The annual rate was 6.7 percent for African-American students and 4.0 percent for Native American students. The rate for Asian students was 3.6 and for white students was 2.5 percent.



- The Hispanic dropout rate showed the largest change of the five reported race/ethnicity categories. The rate increased for Hispanic students from 8.2 percent to 9.8 percent. The annual rate for African-American students increased from 6.1 percent in 1997-98 to 6.7 percent in 1998-99. The rate for Asian students increased slightly from the prior year, from 3.5 to 3.6 percent. The rate for white students decreased slightly from 2.6 to 2.5 percent. The rate for Native American students decreased from 5.3 to 4.0 percent. The rate for Native American students is susceptible to wide fluctuation due to a low number of Native American students enrolled in Massachusetts schools.
- The projected four-year dropout rate for the Class of 2002 showed similar disparity by race/ethnicity. The rate was highest for Hispanic students at 33 percent, followed by African-American students at 24 percent and Native American students at 17 percent. The rate was 14 percent for Asian students and 10 percent for white students.

## Vocational-Technical Schools



- In 1998-99, the dropout rate for students enrolled in grades nine through twelve in the state's vocational-technical schools was 2.9 percent, lower than the statewide rate. Of the vocational students who dropped out, 79.4 percent attended regional, county, or independent vocational-technical schools, and the remainder attended vocational-technical schools that were part of city and town school systems. The annual dropout rate of 4.9 percent for city/town vocational-technical schools was approximately twice the rate of 2.4 percent for regional, county and independent vocational-technical schools.
- The annual dropout rate for all vocational-technical schools remained the same between 1997-98 and 1998-99. The rate for regional vocational-technical schools decreased, from 2.5 to 2.4 percent, and the rate for city/town vocational-technical schools decreased from 5.1 to 4.9 percent. Figure 3 illustrates the dropout rate for vocational schools compared to other schools for the 1998-99 school year. In grades nine and ten, the dropout rate for vocational schools is lower than the rate for all other schools. The opposite is true in grades eleven and twelve.
- The projected four-year dropout rate for all vocational-technical schools was 12 percent. The projected four-year rate was 19 percent for city/town vocational-technical schools and 9 percent for regional, county and independent vocational-technical schools.

### Charter Schools

- During the 1998-99 school year, a total of 2,216 students in grades nine through twelve attended charter schools. Of these, 140 students dropped out, resulting in a dropout rate of 6.3 percent. Of the seventeen charter schools with any of the grades nine through twelve, six had no dropouts, six had a dropout rate between 0.1 and 3 percent, two had a rate between 5 and 9 percent, and three had a rate over 10 percent.

### Returned Dropouts

Of all students who dropped out during the 1998-99 reporting year, 17.6 percent returned to school by October 1, 1999. These students are referred to as returned dropouts. This percentage is higher than it was the prior year, when 15.8 percent of all dropouts returned to school.

**Table 5. Returned Dropouts as a Percentage of All Dropouts, 1998-99\***

<b>Returned Dropouts</b>	<b>Number of Schools</b>	<b>Percent of Schools</b>
0%	71	23
1-20%	141	46
21-40%	66	22
41-60%	13	4
61-80%	6	2
81-99%	1	0
100%	7	2

\* Table includes only those schools who had dropouts. Percent of schools may not total to 100 percent due to rounding.

- The percentage of returned dropouts varied by school. Of the 305 schools that had any of the grades nine through twelve and had dropouts during the 1998-99 reporting year, a majority (almost 70 percent) had less than 20 percent of their dropouts re-enroll in school.
- Approximately 23 percent (71 schools) had none of their dropouts return to school by October 1, 1998. Seven schools had all of their dropouts return to school.

The percentage of returned dropouts also varied among specific populations of students. In other words, certain student populations were more likely to return to school than others.

- *Grade* In 1998-99, students in grade twelve (20.2 percent) were most likely to return to school, followed by grade ten (18.4 percent), grade eleven (18.3 percent) and grade nine (14.0 percent). The figures for grades ten through twelve all showed an increase from the previous year, while grade nine showed a decrease.
- *Gender* Male dropouts were more likely to return to school in 1998-99 than female dropouts were. The percentage of returned dropouts for males, 18.3 percent, is an increase from the previous year, when 15.6 percent of all males and females who dropped out returned to school. The percentage of females who dropped out and returned to school in 1998-99 was 16.8 percent.
- *Race/Ethnicity* Asian students who dropped out were more likely to return to school than students of other racial/ethnic backgrounds. Of the Asian students who dropped out, 25.1 percent returned to school. White students (17.6 percent) were the second most likely to re-enroll, followed by Hispanic students (15.4 percent) and African-American students (15.3 percent). Native-American students (11.1 percent) were the least likely to re-enroll. For all race/ethnicity groups, the percentage of dropouts who returned to school increased from the previous year.
- *Vocational-Technical* Students at vocational-technical schools were less likely to return to school than were students statewide. Of the vocational students who dropped out, 16.6 percent returned to school, an increase from 12.8 percent the prior year. Students at city or town vocational schools were more likely to return to school than were students at regional, county or independent vocational schools (19.4 vs. 15.0 percent).
- *Charter Schools* Of the 150 students who dropped out of charter schools, 6.6 percent (ten students) returned to school by October 1, 1999.

## Technical Information

### Data Collection

In accordance with the U.S. Department of Education definition, a school dropout in Massachusetts

is defined as a student who leaves school prior to graduation for reasons other than transfer to another school and does not return to school by October 1 of the following reporting year. Individual public schools reported to the Department of Education the number of students who dropped out over a 12-month period beginning July 1, 1998, and ending June 30, 1999. Dropout figures were reported in the Year-End School Indicator Report for 1998-99. Schools then reported the number of dropouts who returned to school by October 1, 1999, in a supplement to the Individual School Report, commonly referred to as the October Enrollment Report. In both of these reports, dropouts were classified by gender within five racial/ethnic groups across grades six through twelve. Although the Department collects data on students in grades six through eight, the reported rate represents grades nine through twelve. Data on grades six through eight are available from the Department.

## Dropout Rate Formulas

### *Annual Dropout Rate*

In Massachusetts, the annual dropout rate is the number of dropouts from grades nine through twelve over a single one-year reporting period, minus the number of those dropouts who returned to school by the following October 1, divided by the October 1 enrollment for that reporting period. Enrollment data for October 1, 1998, collected in the Individual School Report, were used to determine the 1998-99 dropout rate. Because students who drop out between July 1 and October 1 are counted as dropouts but are not included in the enrollment figure against which the number of dropouts is compared, the rates may be slightly inflated to the extent to which students drop out prior to October 1.

Annual Dropout Rate =

$$(\text{number of dropouts} - \text{returned dropouts}) / \text{October enrollment} * 100$$

Example:

$$\text{Statewide annual dropout rate (1998-99)} = \\ (11,157 - 1,969) / 258,026 * 100 = 3.6\%$$

### *Projected Four-Year Dropout Rate*

The projected four-year dropout rate is determined by calculating the cumulative effect of four years of dropping out according to the following formula.

Projected Four-Year Dropout Rate =  $[1 - (1 - W)(1 - X)(1 - Y)(1 - Z)] * 100$

W = Annual Dropout Rate in Grade 9

X = Annual Dropout Rate in Grade 10

Y = Annual Dropout Rate in Grade 11

Z = Annual Dropout Rate in Grade 12

Example:

$$\text{Statewide Adjusted Projected Four-Year Dropout Rate (class of 2002)} = \\ [1 - (1 - .031)(1 - .038)(1 - .043)(1 - .031)] * 100 = 14\%$$

The methodology assumes that (1) current annual dropout rates for grades ten, eleven and twelve will remain constant over the next three years, and (2) students who drop out will not return to school after October 1 of the following year. Grade-specific dropout rates for individual schools and school districts, as well as projected four-year dropout rates for individual schools, are available from the Massachusetts Department of Education.



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### Districts A - F

District	Class of 1998 Rate %	Class of 1999 Rate %	Class of 2000 Rate %	Class of 2001 Rate %	Class of 2002 Rate %
Abington	11	6	12	16	14
Agawam	15	13	9	7	8
Amesbury	16	16	8	8	4
Andover	6	5	2	2	3
Arlington	6	5	7	6	5
Ashland	0	1	0	2	2
Attleboro	29	22	19	17	16
Auburn	6	0	2	3	12
Avon	0	5	5	4	6
Ayer	16	18	2	5	8
Barnstable	19	23	20	5	10
Bedford	5	3	1	0	1
Belchertown	10	10	9	13	13
Bellingham	3	6	7	6	12

Belmont	3	6	3	2	2
Beverly	22	24	20	9	14
Billerica	6	6	5	7	5
Boston	29	26	30	31	34
Bourne	12	11	4	7	7
Braintree	5	6	6	8	5
Brockton	30	25	20	13	14
Brookline	1	0	0	0	1
Burlington	1	4	6	6	4
Cambridge	15	13	8	9	9
Canton	3	0	4	9	8
Carver	17	16	14	15	20
Chatham	12	10	12	7	10
Chelmsford	5	2	3	5	5
Chelsea	27	25	14	43	39
Chicopee	14	40	23	21	13
Clinton	13	25	22	19	12
Cohasset	3	0	0	0	0
Danvers	7	11	6	10	5
Dartmouth	3	4	7	10	11
Dedham	15	5	15	13	5
Douglas	7	17	7	1	1
Dracut	7	15	11	3	6
Duxbury	3	1	1	2	0
East Bridgewater	11	12	12	14	9
Easthampton	15	16	20	17	21
East Longmeadow	2	2	1	2	3
Easton	4	3	3	2	2
Everett	13	15	15	17	19
Fairhaven	22	22	19	17	17
Fall River	21	27	16	16	16
Falmouth	17	20	24	12	12
Fitchburg	8	11	12	18	11
Foxborough	6	7	11	4	7

Framingham	14	9	14	15	8
Franklin	8	9	5	7	6

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### Districts G - L

District	Class of 1998 Rate %	Class of 1999 Rate %	Class of 2000 Rate %	Class of 2001 Rate %	Class of 2002 Rate %
Gardner	10	12	9	9	12
Georgetown	4	4	13	4	9
Gloucester	10	12	9	4	12
Grafton	15	7	15	14	19
Granby	9	11	6	7	9
Greenfield	22	19	22	28	22
Hadley	0	9	5	0	2
Hanover	3	3	3	4	1
Harvard	0	0	0	1	0
Harwich	3	12	6	11	9
Hatfield	0	9	5	3	6
Haverhill	14	14	15	17	14
Hingham	0	3	1	3	2
Holbrook	1	18	9	12	20

Holliston	4	1	1	1	2
Holyoke	29	19	33	22	26
Hopedale	8	5	0	2	4
Hopkinton	6	4	5	2	4
Hudson	11	12	6	13	11
Hull	15	7	15	2	3
Ipswich	10	9	11	8	5
Lawrence	30	23	33	50	53
Lee	7	9	4	6	5
Leicester	22	9	10	9	12
Lenox	0	3	3	2	2
Leominster	18	19	15	12	15
Lexington	7	3	2	3	3
Littleton	0	1	3	3	4
Longmeadow	0	2	0	2	0
Lowell	10	9	11	28	32
Ludlow	10	13	10	8	8
Lunenburg	15	17	10	6	8
Lynn	26	25	16	21	11
Lynnfield	4	4	6	7	5

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### Districts M - R

District	Class of 1998 Rate %	Class of 1999 Rate %	Class of 2000 Rate %	Class of 2001 Rate %	Class of 2002 Rate %
Malden	25	24	13	19	0
Manchester	5	4	8	8	3
Mansfield	11	1	14	13	7
Marblehead	1	3	1	4	2
Marlborough	11	9	16	9	13
Marshfield	6	5	6	12	10
Mashpee	0	0	1	7	10
Maynard	7	10	10	13	13
Medfield	2	2	0	3	1
Medford	10	8	10	10	9
Medway	4	7	9	7	4
Melrose	3	5	5	3	2
Methuen	5	11	15	6	0
Middleborough	10	7	10	18	10

Milford	12	8	11	15	11
Millbury	8	8	26	2	15
Millis	0	1	3	8	6
Milton	4	4	4	3	4
Monson	6	10	10	13	16
Nantucket	7	4	7	5	1
Natick	6	4	3	8	7
Needham	0	2	2	3	4
New Bedford	33	32	31	33	31
Newburyport	17	14	13	17	0
Newton	4	3	4	4	3
North Adams	11	11	14	13	14
Northampton	5	10	18	13	11
North Andover	4	12	7	9	10
North Attleborough	17	9	17	12	9
Northbridge	5	11	9	5	11
North Brookfield	24	21	26	11	11
North Reading	4	5	2	8	6
Norton	9	10	14	24	9
Norwell	0	2	1	0	0
Norwood	7	7	9	6	7
Oxford	5	2	12	4	2
Palmer	7	5	5	10	6
Peabody	14	14	20	13	13
Pittsfield	21	26	22	19	21
Plymouth	7	11	20	17	21
Provincetown	3	0	0	3	18
Quincy	4	4	6	6	7
Randolph	15	23	8	11	15
Reading	4	5	6	4	5
Revere	15	14	9	18	28
Rockland	12	12	14	10	14
Rockport	9	14	9	20	8



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### Districts S - W

District	Class of 1998 Rate %	Class of 1999 Rate %	Class of 2000 Rate %	Class of 2001 Rate %	Class of 2002 Rate %
Salem	20	22	23	22	15
Sandwich	4	6	8	9	5
Saugus	11	11	11	17	11
Scituate	3	5	1	4	0
Seekonk	5	5	11	7	7
Sharon	3	2	4	2	2
Shrewsbury	8	8	10	8	8
Somerset	8	6	7	6	5
Somerville	29	22	20	21	24
Southbridge	22	34	26	40	16
South Hadley	4	2	5	6	8
Springfield	37	11	18	17	25
Stoneham	2	3	2	5	6
Stoughton	12	5	5	11	9

Sutton	7	2	16	13	14
Swampscott	8	6	5	3	5
Swansea	8	10	12	8	12
Taunton	9	12	9	13	14
Tewksbury	7	6	12	15	13
Tyngsborough	3	1	0	3	7
Uxbridge	6	5	10	8	18
Wakefield	5	13	2	2	1
Walpole	5	5	2	6	3
Waltham	13	19	12	12	18
Ware	24	16	25	16	12
Wareham	10	12	23	7	8
Watertown	9	7	8	8	12
Wayland	1	1	2	1	1
Webster	16	12	12	27	11
Wellesley	2	3	1	3	1
Westborough	8	4	6	3	6
West Boylston	7	2	6	6	3
West Bridgewater	14	8	13	0	2
Westfield	21	20	11	14	14
Westford	3	2	3	5	1
Weston	1	1	0	0	0
Westport	6	12	16	16	8
West Springfield	14	12	15	19	18
Westwood	2	4	2	1	0
Weymouth	9	11	15	14	12
Wilmington	7	8	9	1	1
Winchendon	21	11	14	13	22
Winchester	1	0	1	0	2
Winthrop	7	4	15	20	14
Woburn	9	4	5	12	13
Worcester	28	27	25	22	26



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### Charter Schools

District	Class of 1998 Rate %	Class of 1999 Rate %	Class of 2000 Rate %	Class of 2001 Rate %	Class of 2002 Rate %
Boston Evening Acad HMCS	--	--	--	--	100
Boston University Charter	--	--	--	--	17
Chelmsford Alliance/Ed Ch	--	--	0	0	0
City On A Hill Charter	--	0	0	2	3
Sabis International	--	0	0	0	0
Health Careers Acad HMCS	--	--	--	--	5
Martha's Vineyard Charter	--	--	0	0	0
Ma Academy/Math & Science	--	0	0	0	0
North Star Academy Ch Sch	--	--	42	13	58

Francis W Parker Charter	--	--	0	0	5
Pioneer Valley Perf Arts	--	--	0	3	4
Boston Renaissance Ch Sch	--	--	0	0	0
Somerville Charter School	--	--	0	0	0
South Shore Charter Sch	--	0	24	5	34
Sturgis Charter School	--	--	--	--	0

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### Regional Districts

District	Class of 1998 Rate %	Class of 1999 Rate %	Class of 2000 Rate %	Class of 2001 Rate %	Class of 2002 Rate %
Acton-Boxborough	2	5	5	5	1
Adams-Cheshire	16	20	18	16	19
Amherst-Pelham	15	10	13	9	11
Ashburnham-Westminster	7	8	5	3	6
Athol-Royalston	22	18	21	22	16
Berkshire Hills	6	6	8	3	10
Berlin-Boylston	5	5	14	5	5
Blackstone-Millville	16	16	18	14	11
Bridgewater-Raynham	6	5	8	5	3
Central Berkshire	6	5	12	14	7
Concord-Carlisle	2	1	1	2	0
Dennis-Yarmouth	16	20	18	22	27
Dighton-Rehoboth	7	8	6	7	6
Dover-Sherborn	3	0	0	0	0

Dudley-Charlton Reg	20	17	16	11	12
Nauset	5	8	6	7	11
Freetown-Lakeville	13	12	22	15	19
Frontier	5	1	3	5	5
Gateway	5	10	12	17	18
Groton-Dunstable	7	12	5	6	3
Gill-Montague	15	19	20	13	19
Hamilton-Wenham	4	3	3	3	4
Hampden-Wilbraham	7	6	5	5	5
Hampshire	9	6	9	4	10
King Philip	4	8	6	8	3
Lincoln-Sudbury	2	2	1	1	2
Marthas Vineyard	11	9	7	11	11
Masconomet	7	5	9	7	5
Mendon-Upton	4	2	5	0	3
Mount Greylock	6	10	12	3	12
Mohawk Trail	6	17	20	11	10
Narragansett	15	16	13	8	22
Nashoba	7	6	6	3	8
Northboro-Southboro	3	6	7	2	1
North Middlesex	15	13	8	9	10
Old Rochester	1	1	3	3	3
Pentucket	5	5	5	2	0
Pioneer Valley	11	9	4	12	10
Quabbin	9	15	12	14	12
Ralph C Mahar	19	17	24	22	27
Silver Lake	9	3	9	5	5
Southern Berkshire	14	8	6	15	13
Southwick-Tolland	14	9	6	12	10
Spencer-E Brookfield	17	19	13	11	10
Tantasqua	11	8	11	7	10
Triton	9	9	8	9	10
Wachusett	4	4	8	4	8
Quaboag Regional	11	15	11	14	19

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### Vocational/Technical and Agricultural Schools

District	Class of 1998 Rate %	Class of 1999 Rate %	Class of 2000 Rate %	Class of 2001 Rate %	Class of 2002 Rate %
Assabet Valley	16	16	14	15	20
Blackstone Valley Reg	1	0	1	10	11
Blue Hills Voc	0	6	10	6	6
Bristol-Plymouth Voc Tech	7	7	10	6	5
Cape Cod Region Voc Tech	8	12	19	10	17
Franklin County	7	16	25	11	20
Greater Fall River	5	7	1	5	10
Greater Lawrence RVT	13	13	8	7	15
Greater New Bedford	12	16	29	11	9
Greater Lowell Voc Tec	11	11	11	10	6
So Middlesex Voc Tech Reg	6	7	4	5	3
Minuteman Voc Tech	11	3	6	7	8

Montachusett Voc Tech Reg	16	24	18	13	18
Northern Berkshire Voc	6	3	2	4	2
Nashoba Valley Tech	16	2	8	4	0
Northeast Metro Voc	8	3	11	10	14
North Shore Reg Voc	12	11	14	11	24
Old Colony Reg Voc Tech	10	8	3	4	7
Pathfinder Voc Tech	7	14	13	10	6
Shawsheen Valley Voc Tech	9	9	10	10	7
Southeastern Reg Voc Tech	18	18	3	18	10
South Shore Reg Voc Tech	12	8	9	7	4
Southern Worcester Cty VT	5	8	16	16	3
Tri County	11	12	5	6	9
Upper Cape Cod Voc Tech	11	12	5	22	17
Whittier Voc	8	8	8	10	10
Bristol County Agr	5	1	1	2	4
Essex Agr Tech	12	12	11	7	11
Norfolk County Agr	0	0	5	7	4
Northampton-Smith	12	12	6	12	12

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### Districts A - B

District								
School	1995 Rate	1996 Rate	1997 Rate	1998 Rate	1999 Rate	1999 Unadjusted Rate	1999 Total Dropouts	1999 Total Enrollment
Abington								
Abington High	2.7	1.5	3.2	4.1	3.5	3.7	20	566
Agawam								
Agawam High	3.7	3.2	2.4	1.9	1.9	2.2	24	1296
Amesbury								
Amesbury High	4.1	4.0	2.2	2.3	1.1	1.6	8	704
Andover								
Andover High	1.4	1.3	0.6	0.4	0.7	1.1	11	1480

Arlington								
Arlington High	1.6	1.2	1.7	1.7	1.2	1.4	12	1037
Ashland								
Ashland High	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.4	0.4	0.4	2	550
Attleboro								
Attleboro High	8.0	6.2	5.1	4.4	5.4	6.1	79	1463
Attleboro Voc Tech High	7.5	4.1	4.6	5.6	0.0	8.3	0	385
<b>District Rate</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>1848</b>
Auburn								
Auburn Senior High	1.5	0.0	0.5	0.8	3.1	3.1	19	619
Avon								
Avon High School	0.0	1.3	1.3	0.9	1.4	1.4	3	218
Ayer								
Ayer High	3.6	4.2	0.3	1.6	2.4	3.0	8	334
Barnstable								
Barnstable High	5.1	6.4	5.3	1.1	2.7	3.3	48	1804
Bedford								
Bedford High	1.4	0.7	0.3	0.0	0.3	1.1	2	661
Belchertown								
Belchertown High	2.3	2.4	2.4	3.4	3.4	3.9	18	535
Bellingham								
Bellingham Memorial Jr/Sr	0.2	1.5	1.2	0.7	2.0	2.6	12	609

Primavera Jr/Sr HS	20.0	0.0	9.1	19.4	23.8	23.8	10	42
<b>District Rate</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>651</b>
Belmont								
Belmont High	0.7	1.4	0.8	0.4	0.5	0.6	5	965
Beverly								
Beverly High	6.1	6.6	5.5	2.4	3.5	4.2	43	1227
Billerica								
Billerica Mem High Sch	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.7	1.3	1.6	19	1428
Boston								
William McKinley	30.2	22.6	24.6	21.5	17.6	20.1	36	204
Brighton High	10.1	11.1	9.3	8.8	10.7	12.3	114	1068
Charlestown High	7.2	9.1	15.8	12.4	13.5	16.7	156	1153
Dorchester High	16.0	16.6	16.5	23.4	24.9	25.4	248	994
Jeremiah E Burke High	16.4	12.9	14.4	14.4	17.8	17.9	125	702
East Boston High	5.7	4.9	5.6	5.0	4.8	5.4	61	1267
The English High	11.9	10.0	10.4	11.7	11.1	11.1	147	1329
Madison Park High	18.3	12.5	11.8	12.9	11.3	11.5	188	1657
Fenway Middle College	--	6.0	10.9	5.7	5.9	6.3	16	270
Another Course To College	--	3.8	7.4	3.7	11.1	11.1	12	108
Multicultural Middle Coll	--	--	1.4	4.4	7.8	21.6	13	167
Egleston Comm High School	--	--	45.2	25.4	47.8	52.2	32	67

Boston Latin Academy	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	3	1018
Boston Arts Academy	--	--	--	--	2.1	2.1	3	142
Hyde Park High School	7.4	5.0	7.6	14.8	23.5	24.2	207	879
Boston Latin	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.6	9	1590
South Boston High	7.2	7.3	8.2	11.3	16.1	20.5	172	1068
West Roxbury Sch	3.0	1.2	4.7	3.5	5.4	6.0	71	1310
O'Bryant Sch Math/Science	1.8	1.5	2.2	1.6	1.4	1.7	14	1007
Expulsion Alt School	--	--	--	--	0.0	0.0	0	37
Boston High School	4.0	4.8	3.6	4.0	4.7	5.3	34	731
Snowden Int'l High	6.2	7.4	7.2	6.3	8.1	8.1	34	421
Horace Mann	2.9	10.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	26
<b>District Rate</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>9.8</b>	<b>10.8</b>	<b>1695</b>	<b>17215</b>
Bourne								
Bourne High	3.2	2.8	0.9	1.9	1.7	3.4	10	582
Braintree								
Braintree High	1.3	1.4	1.5	2.1	1.3	2.4	18	1346
Brockton								
The Ithaka School	27.5	14.0	30.0	25.7	23.5	23.5	8	34
Brockton High	8.1	7.3	5.4	3.4	4.0	6.7	149	3703
<b>District Rate</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>3737</b>
Brookline								

Brookline High	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.5	6	1710
Burlington								
Burlington High	0.3	1.0	1.5	1.6	1.0	1.1	9	911

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### Districts C - G

District								
School	1995 Rate	1996 Rate	1997 Rate	1998 Rate	1999 Rate	1999 Unadjusted Rate	1999 Total Dropouts	1999 Total Enrollment
Cambridge								
Camb Rindge & Latin	4.2	3.0	2.0	2.5	2.4	2.5	46	1910
Canton								
Canton High	0.9	0.0	0.9	2.2	2.1	2.1	15	703
Carver								
Carver High School	4.6	4.1	3.9	4.0	5.3	5.8	30	565
Chatham								

Chatham High	3.4	2.8	2.7	1.6	2.5	3.0	5	202
Chelmsford								
Chelmsford High	1.3	0.5	0.9	1.4	1.3	2.3	20	1537
Chelsea								
Chelsea High	7.4	6.6	4.0	12.8	10.4	13.6	117	1123
The Alternative School	--	--	--	--	262.5	337.5	21	8
<b>District Rate</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>12.8</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>15.9</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>1131</b>
Chicopee								
Horizon Academy	--	--	0.0	3.6	5.4	7.1	3	56
Chicopee High	1.3	16.1	8.4	6.7	5.9	7.5	60	1020
Chicopee Comprehensive HS	6.0	9.0	4.9	5.2	2.2	7.9	28	1297
<b>District Rate</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>2373</b>
Clinton								
Clinton Senior High	3.8	6.4	6.0	4.9	3.2	3.6	14	444
Cohasset								
Cohasset Jr Sr High	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	302
Danvers								
Danvers High	1.5	2.3	1.4	2.6	1.1	1.5	11	989
Dartmouth								
Dartmouth High	0.8	1.1	1.8	2.6	3.0	3.2	35	1178
Dedham								
Dedham High	3.8	1.3	3.8	3.3	1.3	2.9	9	715
Douglas								

Douglas Memorial High	1.4	4.9	1.9	0.4	0.4	1.4	1	279
Dracut								
Dracut Senior High	1.6	3.7	3.0	0.8	1.6	2.1	15	966
Duxbury								
Duxbury High	0.7	0.4	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.1	1	826
East Bridgewater								
East Bridgewater High	2.9	3.0	3.2	3.8	2.5	2.8	16	646
Easthampton								
Easthampton High	3.9	4.2	5.3	4.6	5.5	5.7	24	440
East Longmeadow								
East Longmeadow High	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.6	5	829
Easton								
Easton Junior High	1.4	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	219
Oliver Ames High	1.0	1.0	1.1	0.6	0.7	1.1	5	725
<b>District Rate</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>944</b>
Everett								
Everett High	3.5	4.1	3.9	4.6	5.2	6.2	70	1345
Fairhaven								
Fairhaven High	5.8	5.8	5.2	4.5	4.7	5.8	26	556
Fall River								
B M C Durfee High	6.1	8.1	4.6	4.5	5.2	7.0	149	2841
Falmouth								
Falmouth High	4.4	5.2	6.5	3.3	3.2	3.4	42	1309

Fitchburg								
Fitchburg High	2.0	2.9	3.1	4.9	3.2	4.6	37	1174
Foxborough								
Foxborough High	1.5	1.6	2.6	1.0	1.9	2.5	14	747
Framingham								
Framingham H S	3.6	2.5	3.8	3.8	2.1	2.5	34	1651
Franklin								
Franklin High	2.0	2.2	1.3	1.9	1.7	1.8	17	1001
Gardner								
Gardner High	2.5	3.2	2.4	2.2	3.1	3.4	26	842
Georgetown								
Georgetown Middle/High	1.0	1.0	3.2	1.0	2.3	2.6	7	302
Gloucester								
Gloucester High	2.9	2.9	1.9	0.9	2.6	3.0	29	1118
Gloucester Alt High	8.3	8.8	14.8	6.9	8.6	17.1	3	35
<b>District Rate</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>1153</b>
Grafton								
Grafton Memorial Senior	3.9	1.7	3.8	3.9	5.1	5.3	24	473
Granby								
Granby Jr Sr High Sch	2.6	3.0	1.5	2.1	2.4	2.8	7	288
Greenfield								
Greenfield High	5.7	5.1	6.3	8.0	5.8	6.9	36	622



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### Districts H - M

District								
School	1995 Rate	1996 Rate	1997 Rate	1998 Rate	1999 Rate	1999 Unadjusted Rate	1999 Total Dropouts	1999 Total Enrollment
Hadley								
Hopkins Academy	0.0	2.1	1.4	0.0	0.6	0.6	1	171
Hanover								
Hanover High	0.8	0.9	0.7	1.0	0.3	0.3	2	609
Harvard								
Bromfield	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0	335
Harwich								
Harwich High	0.8	2.9	1.5	2.7	2.2	2.9	9	415

Hatfield								
Smith Academy	0.0	2.2	1.4	0.7	1.5	2.2	2	137
Haverhill								
Haverhill High	3.9	3.8	4.1	4.8	3.9	5.3	65	1666
Hingham								
Hingham High	0.0	0.7	0.4	0.9	0.5	1.6	4	832
Holbrook								
Holbrook Jr Sr High	0.4	4.8	2.3	3.0	5.3	7.4	15	284
Holliston								
Holliston High	0.9	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.6	5	839
Holyoke								
Holyoke High	9.2	7.6	10.5	6.4	7.4	9.8	98	1325
Holyoke Intensive Prog	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.0	25.0	1	4
Wm J Dean Voc Tech High	6.9	1.6	8.6	5.2	7.5	8.8	54	719
<b>District Rate</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>9.8</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>2048</b>
Hopedale								
Hopedale Jr Sr High	1.7	1.4	0.0	0.4	1.2	1.2	3	258
Hopkinton								
Hopkinton High	1.5	1.0	1.2	0.4	1.0	1.2	5	512
Hudson								
Hudson High	3.0	3.1	1.5	3.2	2.9	3.3	17	577
Hull								
Hull Jr/Sr High	4.0	1.7	3.8	0.5	0.8	1.5	3	388

Ipswich								
Ipswich High	2.5	2.2	2.8	2.1	1.3	2.2	6	453
Lawrence								
Lawrence High	8.6	6.4	10.4	17.4	19.2	22.2	376	1962
Lee								
Lee High	1.6	1.9	0.9	1.5	1.2	1.5	4	329
Leicester								
Leicester High	6.1	2.2	2.6	2.4	3.1	3.3	15	485
Lenox								
Lenox Memorial High	0.0	0.8	0.9	0.4	0.4	0.4	1	251
Leominster								
Leominster Senior High	4.6	3.9	3.4	2.9	2.8	3.0	32	1133
Leominster Ctr Tech Educ	5.1	8.0	5.7	3.7	6.6	6.6	30	454
<b>District Rate</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>1587</b>
Lexington								
Lexington High	1.9	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.8	12	1543
Littleton								
Littleton Jr Sr High	0.0	0.3	0.7	0.7	1.0	1.7	3	295
Longmeadow								
Longmeadow High	0.0	0.5	0.1	0.4	0.0	0.0	0	986
Lowell								
Lowell High	2.8	2.6	3.1	8.2	9.4	12.0	315	3352
Ludlow								

Ludlow Senior High	2.4	3.2	2.4	2.0	2.0	2.2	19	935
Lunenburg								
Lunenburg High	3.9	4.4	2.4	1.6	2.0	2.0	11	542
Lynn								
Career Development Center	--	--	--	--	9.9	9.9	7	71
Classical High	6.3	2.9	2.9	3.5	2.5	2.8	28	1128
Lynn English High	8.2	9.8	5.1	5.1	0.1	3.9	1	1307
Lynn Alternative HS	40.0	27.1	27.3	36.2	26.2	26.2	11	42
Environmental School	--	--	--	29.2	29.5	29.5	18	61
Second Chance	--	--	--	--	0.0	0.0	0	11
Lynn Voc Tech Institute	5.5	6.6	3.1	5.9	3.3	3.6	31	944
<b>District Rate</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>3564</b>
Lynnfield								
Lynnfield High	1.0	1.1	1.5	1.8	1.3	1.3	7	519
Malden								
Malden High	7.3	6.1	3.2	4.9	0.0	0.0	0	1385
Manchester								
Manchester Jr-Sr High	1.4	0.9	1.5	2.0	0.6	1.3	2	316
Mansfield								
Mansfield High	2.9	0.4	3.7	3.5	1.7	2.4	14	802
Marblehead								
Marblehead High	0.1	0.7	0.3	1.0	0.4	0.7	3	711

Marlborough								
Marlborough High	2.9	2.4	4.3	2.5	3.1	3.6	26	852
Marshfield								
Marshfield High	1.6	1.3	1.6	2.8	2.5	2.6	30	1178
Mashpee								
Mashpee High	--	--	1.0	3.5	3.3	3.6	11	335
Maynard								
Maynard High	1.7	1.9	2.6	3.8	3.2	3.2	9	283
Medfield								
Medfield Senior High	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.7	0.2	0.2	1	586
Medford								
Medford High	2.8	1.1	2.0	2.0	1.8	1.8	19	1065
Curtis-Tufts	10.3	23.7	17.2	12.1	5.1	7.7	2	39
Medford Voc Tech High	1.2	2.7	3.0	3.1	3.8	6.4	9	234
<b>District Rate</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1338</b>
Medway								
Medway High	1.0	1.8	2.2	1.9	0.9	1.1	5	563
Melrose								
Melrose High	0.7	1.4	1.2	0.8	0.6	0.6	6	966
Methuen								
Methuen High	1.1	3.0	4.1	1.6	0.0	0.7	0	1633
Middleborough								
Middleborough High	2.5	1.8	2.6	4.7	2.6	3.0	21	797
Milford								

Milford High	3.2	2.0	2.8	3.8	2.8	3.7	30	1068
Millbury								
Millbury Memorial High	2.3	2.1	7.1	0.5	3.4	3.9	15	440
Millis								
Millis High School	0.0	0.4	0.7	1.9	1.6	2.3	4	258
Milton								
Milton High	0.9	1.0	1.1	0.7	1.0	1.1	9	928
Monson								
Monson Junior-Senior High	1.5	2.5	2.4	3.6	4.4	6.7	15	343

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### Districts N - R

District								
School	1995 Rate	1996 Rate	1997 Rate	1998 Rate	1999 Rate	1999 Unadjusted Rate	1999 Total Dropouts	1999 Total Enrollment
Nantucket								
Nantucket High	1.6	0.8	1.6	1.2	0.3	0.3	1	328
Natick								
Natick High	1.1	1.1	0.7	2.2	1.7	1.8	17	973
Needham								
Needham High	0.0	0.4	0.6	0.9	0.9	1.2	10	1154
New Bedford								

New Bedford High	9.2	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.5	11.3	280	3288
West Side Jr-Sr Hs	35.7	39.3	37.8	54.8	39.6	39.6	21	53
<b>District Rate</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>3341</b>
Newburyport								
Newburyport High	4.6	3.7	3.5	4.3	0.0	2.4	0	659
Newton								
Newton North High	1.4	1.0	1.2	1.0	0.8	0.9	16	1981
Newton South High	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.8	0.3	0.3	4	1199
<b>District Rate</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>3180</b>
North Adams								
Drury High	2.7	2.5	3.4	3.6	3.4	5.0	21	620
Northampton								
Northampton High	1.5	2.7	5.0	3.6	2.8	3.0	22	787
North Andover								
North Andover High	1.1	3.2	1.7	2.3	2.5	2.5	23	931
North Attleborough								
North Attleboro High	4.3	2.3	4.7	3.0	2.3	2.7	25	1074
Northbridge								
Northbridge High	1.2	2.7	2.2	1.5	2.8	3.2	14	493
North Brookfield								
North Brookfield High	6.1	5.3	7.3	2.8	2.8	3.3	5	180

North Reading								
North Reading High	0.9	1.3	0.6	1.8	1.3	2.2	7	556
Norton								
Norton High	2.5	2.3	3.9	6.5	2.4	3.2	14	590
Norwell								
Norwell High	0.0	0.5	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	504
Norwood								
Norwood High	1.9	1.8	2.2	1.6	1.9	2.7	17	877
Oxford								
Oxford High	1.4	0.4	3.0	1.0	0.6	0.6	3	526
Palmer								
Palmer High	1.9	1.3	1.5	2.5	1.5	1.8	8	542
Peabody								
Veterans Memorial High	3.8	3.9	5.3	3.3	3.3	4.5	56	1672
Pittsfield								
Pittsfield High	4.3	5.6	4.6	2.5	4.7	4.8	39	835
Taconic High	3.3	2.9	3.8	4.5	3.9	4.0	28	719
Hibbard Alternative	21.5	38.8	38.8	36.1	17.5	18.6	17	97
Pittsfield Vocational	7.4	12.3	9.9	7.1	7.9	7.9	29	365
<b>District Rate</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>2016</b>
Plymouth								
Plymouth North High	2.4	2.0	3.4	4.1	6.0	7.1	62	1033

Plymouth South High	1.3	3.7	7.2	5.1	5.3	6.0	44	838
Plymouth South Technical	0.9	2.8	6.1	4.1	3.3	3.7	17	518
<b>District Rate</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>2389</b>
Provincetown								
Provincetown High	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.8	5.3	6.1	6	114
Quincy								
Quincy High	0.8	0.7	1.6	1.2	2.0	2.6	23	1129
North Quincy High	1.2	1.3	1.5	1.7	1.4	1.8	18	1298
<b>District Rate</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>2427</b>
Randolph								
Randolph Jr/Sr High	4.0	6.3	2.2	2.7	3.8	4.7	38	995
Reading								
Reading Memorial High	0.9	1.3	1.5	1.1	1.2	1.5	13	1071
Revere								
Revere High	3.7	3.6	2.5	4.6	7.7	9.2	104	1356
Rockland								
Rockland Senior High	3.1	2.9	3.5	2.6	3.6	3.6	26	724
Rockport								
Rockport High	2.2	3.5	2.5	5.5	2.0	3.1	5	256



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### Districts S - W

District								
School	1995 Rate	1996 Rate	1997 Rate	1998 Rate	1999 Rate	1999 Unadjusted Rate	1999 Total Dropouts	1999 Total Enrollment
Salem								
Salem High	5.3	5.9	6.3	6.0	3.8	4.8	42	1116
Sandwich								
Sandwich High	1.0	1.4	2.0	2.1	1.2	1.5	11	940
Saugus								
Saugus High	3.0	3.0	2.8	4.3	2.9	3.6	26	883
Scituate								

Scituate High School	0.8	1.2	0.3	1.0	0.0	0.4	0	717
Seekonk								
Seekonk High	1.2	1.2	2.7	1.7	1.8	1.8	11	608
Sharon								
Sharon High	0.8	0.5	0.8	0.3	0.5	0.6	5	951
Shrewsbury								
Shrewsbury Sr High	2.0	2.0	2.7	2.1	2.1	2.2	19	919
Somerset								
Somerset High	2.1	1.6	1.9	1.5	1.3	1.6	13	965
Somerville								
Somerville High	7.1	5.2	4.4	4.1	5.8	7.4	109	1868
Full Circle High School	29.8	27.1	41.4	26.2	23.8	28.6	15	63
<b>District Rate</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>1931</b>
Southbridge								
Southbridge High	6.0	9.9	7.6	7.9	4.6	7.9	24	518
South Hadley								
South Hadley High	0.9	0.5	1.3	1.5	1.9	1.9	12	631
Springfield								
Springfield Central High	1.4	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.7	1.4	13	1832
High School Of Commerce	18.5	3.6	2.4	8.0	7.6	8.0	81	1069
Bridge Academy Jr & Sr	36.9	6.2	46.4	41.0	21.7	46.7	33	152
S.A.G.E.	--	--	--	40.0	39.3	39.3	11	28

High School/Science-Tech	--	--	1.9	2.8	5.0	5.0	80	1605
Springfield H S	--	--	20.8	24.6	87.0	120.0	100	115
Martin Luther King Acad	--	--	50.0	41.2	53.3	73.3	8	15
Mass Career Dev Institute	0.0	51.9	32.9	14.4	39.6	44.8	38	96
Putnam Voc Tech High Sch	21.3	4.0	6.6	5.2	6.4	7.4	100	1556
<b>District Rate</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>6468</b>
Stoneham								
Stoneham High	0.5	0.6	0.6	1.2	1.4	1.8	11	765
Stoughton								
Stoughton High	3.1	1.3	1.2	2.5	2.2	2.2	24	1074
Sutton								
Sutton Jr/Sr High School	1.7	0.6	4.0	3.3	3.4	3.4	11	323
Swampscott								
Swampscott High	2.2	1.5	1.2	0.8	1.4	1.6	10	735
Swansea								
Joseph Case High	2.0	2.7	3.1	2.1	3.2	3.7	21	648
Taunton								
Taunton High	2.2	3.2	2.3	3.6	4.4	5.9	77	1760
Tewksbury								
Tewksbury Memorial High	1.9	1.5	3.0	3.8	3.5	5.3	29	832
Tyngsborough								
Tyngsborough Jr Sr High	0.8	0.2	0.0	0.7	1.8	2.2	9	490

Uxbridge								
Uxbridge High	1.4	1.3	2.6	2.1	4.4	5.1	21	472
Wakefield								
Wakefield Memorial High	1.2	3.3	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.6	3	960
Walpole								
Walpole High	1.2	1.3	0.5	1.5	0.9	1.2	8	899
Waltham								
Waltham Sr High	2.4	2.8	1.8	3.3	4.9	6.4	74	1525
Ware								
Ware High	6.6	4.5	5.7	3.9	3.6	4.1	13	364
Wareham								
Wareham Senior High	2.5	3.2	6.0	2.0	2.2	2.2	18	818
Watertown								
Watertown High	2.3	1.7	2.0	2.1	3.0	3.5	22	735
Wayland								
Wayland High	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.1	1	711
Webster								
Bartlett Jr Sr High Sch	4.2	2.9	3.2	7.4	2.8	3.2	13	466
Wellesley								
Wellesley Sr High	0.4	0.7	0.1	0.7	0.4	0.5	3	848
Westborough								
Westborough High	1.9	1.2	1.4	0.8	1.6	1.6	12	763
West Boylston								

West Boylston Jr-Sr High	2.0	0.4	1.5	1.4	0.6	1.0	2	309
West Bridgewater								
W Bridgewater Jr-Sr	3.8	2.0	3.1	0.0	0.4	0.4	1	236
Westfield								
Westfield High	4.0	4.5	2.8	3.5	3.6	4.0	55	1538
Westfield Voc Tech High	11.2	8.1	3.2	4.3	3.3	3.7	18	547
<b>District Rate</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>2085</b>
Westford								
Westford Academy	0.8	0.6	0.8	1.4	0.3	0.5	3	985
Weston								
Weston High	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	475
Westport								
Westport High	1.5	2.9	4.5	3.7	2.0	2.4	10	491
West Springfield								
West Springfield High	3.8	3.5	3.7	5.1	5.0	6.4	63	1252
Westwood								
Westwood High	0.4	1.0	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.0	0	569
Weymouth								
Weymouth Jr H S	1.1	0.2	1.3	0.7	0.5	0.7	2	427
Weymouth High/Voc Tech	2.8	3.7	4.9	4.8	3.9	5.4	55	1427
<b>District Rate</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>1854</b>
Wilmington								
Wilmington High	1.9	2.0	2.0	0.3	0.3	1.4	2	736

Winchendon								
Murdock Middle/High	6.0	2.3	3.2	3.1	5.7	5.9	25	438
Winchester								
Winchester High School	0.4	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.6	0.6	5	835
Winthrop								
Winthrop Sr High	1.6	1.0	3.8	5.5	3.8	4.6	21	560
Woburn								
Woburn High	2.4	1.0	1.3	3.0	3.5	3.8	40	1135
Worcester								
Accelerated Learning Lab	0.0	0.0	3.3	1.9	2.8	2.8	3	106
Burncoat Senior High	9.2	9.0	9.9	7.3	9.7	11.2	110	1136
Doherty Memorial High	5.5	2.4	5.3	4.2	5.9	6.2	87	1483
North High	12.4	12.7	9.8	7.3	8.6	9.6	80	934
South High Community	6.4	7.8	3.5	5.9	8.5	9.1	101	1192
Worcester Voc High	--	--	--	--	4.3	5.4	40	931
<b>District Rate</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>5782</b>

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### Charter Schools

District								
School	1995 Rate	1996 Rate	1997 Rate	1998 Rate	1999 Rate	1999 Unadjusted Rate	1999 Total Dropouts	1999 Total Enrollment
Boston Evening Acad HMCS								
Boston Evening Acad HMCS	--	--	--	--	30.5	31.2	47	154
Boston University Charter								
Boston University	--	--	--	--	5.3	5.3	1	19
City On A Hill Charter								
City On A Hill CS	--	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.5	0.5	1	190

Sabis International								
Sabis International CS	--	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	92
Health Careers Acad HMCS								
Health Careers Acad HMCS	--	--	--	--	1.1	1.1	2	174
Lowell Middlesex Acad Ch								
Lowell Middlesex Acad CS	--	39.0	23.0	5.8	22.4	25.2	24	107
Martha's Vineyard Charter								
Martha's Vineyard	--	--	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	23
Ma Academy/Math & Science								
Ma Academy For Math & Sc	--	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	77
North Star Academy Ch Sch								
North Star Academy	--	--	16.7	8.3	24.5	24.5	35	143
Francis W Parker Charter								
Francis W Parker CS	--	--	0.0	0.0	1.2	1.2	2	161
Pioneer Valley Perf Arts								
Pioneer Valley CS	--	--	0.0	1.5	1.5	1.5	3	200
Boston Renaissance Ch Sch								
Boston Renaissance CS	--	--	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	67
Somerville Charter School								
Somerville CS	--	--	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	31

South Shore Charter Sch								
South Shore CS	--	0.0	3.9	1.0	9.0	13.5	8	89
Sturgis Charter School								
Sturgis Charter School	--	--	--	--	0.6	0.6	1	163

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### Regional Districts

District								
School	1995 Rate	1996 Rate	1997 Rate	1998 Rate	1999 Rate	1999 Unadjusted Rate	1999 Total Dropouts	1999 Total Enrollment
Acton-Boxborough								
Acton-Boxborough Reg High	0.6	1.3	1.2	1.3	0.2	0.2	3	1353
Adams-Cheshire								
Hoosac Valley High	3.9	5.3	4.8	4.1	5.0	5.3	26	524
Amherst-Pelham								
Amherst Regional High	5.2	3.5	4.5	2.4	2.8	3.3	37	1316
Ashburnham-Westminster								



Dudley-Charlton Reg								
Shepherd Hill Reg High	5.4	4.4	3.7	2.9	3.0	3.4	27	908
Nauset								
Nauset Regional High	1.2	1.9	1.4	1.7	2.9	3.1	28	965
Freetown-Lakeville								
Apponequet Reg High	3.2	3.0	5.5	3.8	5.1	5.4	40	782
Frontier								
Frontier Reg	1.4	0.3	0.7	1.2	1.1	1.1	5	441
Gateway								
Gateway Reg High	1.3	2.4	3.3	4.6	4.8	5.7	20	419
Groton-Dunstable								
Groton Dunstable Regional	1.8	2.7	1.2	1.5	0.6	0.6	3	489
Gill-Montague								
Turners Fall High	3.7	5.2	5.3	3.3	4.9	5.6	22	447
Hamilton-Wenham								
Hamilton-Wenham Reg High	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.9	6	699
Hampden-Wilbraham								
Minnechaug Reg High	1.9	1.6	1.1	1.0	1.2	1.5	13	1121
Hampshire								
Hampshire Reg High	2.2	1.5	2.3	1.0	2.6	2.8	14	530
King Philip								
King Philip Reg High	1.1	1.9	1.6	2.0	0.8	1.0	7	916
Lincoln-Sudbury								

Lincoln-Sudbury Reg High	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.4	5	1127
Marthas Vineyard								
Marthas Vineyard Reg High	2.9	2.3	1.8	2.8	3.0	3.6	22	743
Masconomet								
Masconomet Regional HS	1.7	1.1	2.2	1.6	1.2	1.4	12	969
Mendon-Upton								
Nipmuc Regional Middle/HS	0.9	0.6	1.2	0.0	0.7	0.7	3	410
Mount Greylock								
Mt Greylock Reg High	1.6	2.5	2.8	0.8	3.3	3.7	18	545
Mohawk Trail								
Mohawk Trail Reg High	1.7	4.6	5.3	3.0	2.5	3.3	13	522
Narragansett								
Narragansett Reg High	4.1	4.2	3.5	1.8	6.2	6.2	23	371
Nashoba								
Nashoba Regional	1.6	1.5	1.7	0.6	2.1	2.9	16	761
Northboro-Southboro								
Algonquin Reg High	0.7	1.5	1.7	0.5	0.3	0.5	3	921
North Middlesex								
North Middlesex Reg	4.0	3.2	2.1	2.4	2.5	3.1	29	1178
Old Rochester								
Old Rochester Reg High	0.3	0.3	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.9	4	642

Pentucket								
Pentucket Reg Sr High	1.2	1.1	1.1	0.5	0.0	1.0	0	802
Pioneer Valley								
Pioneer Valley Reg	2.7	2.1	1.3	2.7	2.4	2.7	8	335
Quabbin								
Quabbin Regional Jr Sr	2.3	3.9	3.2	3.8	3.2	3.7	23	726
Ralph C Mahar								
Ralph C Mahar Reg	5.2	4.8	6.6	5.9	7.5	8.8	34	453
Silver Lake								
Silver Lake Reg Kingston	3.1	0.8	2.1	1.2	1.3	1.5	23	1711
Southern Berkshire								
Mt Everett Regional	3.8	2.2	1.4	3.6	4.1	4.1	11	270
Southwick-Tolland								
Southwick High	3.5	2.3	1.4	3.3	2.5	2.5	15	593
Spencer-E Brookfield								
David Prouty High	4.3	5.2	3.5	2.7	2.8	3.1	16	576
Tantasqua								
Tantasqua Reg Jr High	1.4	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.4	1	247
Tantasqua Reg Sr High	4.0	2.1	3.9	2.2	3.2	3.8	19	586
Tantasqua Reg Voc	0.6	3.2	3.8	2.3	3.2	4.3	6	188
<b>District Rate</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>1021</b>
Triton								
Triton Reg High	2.2	2.3	2.2	2.1	2.5	2.6	19	767

Wachusett								
Wachusett Regional High	0.9	0.9	2.0	1.0	1.9	2.4	29	1535
Quaboag Regional								
Quaboag Regional High	2.7	3.7	2.6	3.3	5.1	5.9	20	391
Whitman-Hanson								
Whitman Hanson Regional	2.6	2.2	1.3	1.4	2.0	2.3	21	1070

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### Vocational/Technical and Agricultural Schools

District								
School	1995 Rate	1996 Rate	1997 Rate	1998 Rate	1999 Rate	1999 Unadjusted Rate	1999 Total Dropouts	1999 Total Enrollment
Assabet Valley								
Assabet Valley Voc H S	4.1	4.3	3.6	4.1	5.3	5.6	44	824
Blackstone Valley Reg								
Blackstone Valley	0.1	0.0	0.4	2.5	2.6	2.9	23	868
Blue Hills Voc								
Blue Hills Reg Voc Tech	0.0	1.4	2.5	1.8	2.0	2.0	16	797

Randolph Career Dev	--	--	--	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	263
<b>District Rate</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1060</b>
Bristol-Plymouth Voc Tech								
Bristol-Plymouth Voc Tech	1.9	1.7	2.3	1.6	1.1	1.1	9	827
Cape Cod Region Voc Tech								
Cape Cod Region Voc Tech	1.9	2.8	4.4	2.3	4.4	5.2	28	637
Franklin County								
Franklin County Tech	1.8	4.3	6.4	2.8	5.3	6.6	26	488
Greater Fall River								
Diman Reg Voc Tech High	1.2	1.9	0.3	1.3	2.4	2.4	28	1173
Greater Lawrence RVT								
Gr Lawrence Reg Voc Tech	3.5	4.6	2.0	1.8	3.8	4.8	52	1360
Greater New Bedford								
Gr New Bedford Voc Tech	2.9	4.5	8.3	2.8	2.2	2.8	40	1838
Greater Lowell Voc Tec								
Gr Lowell Reg Voc Tech	2.8	3.1	3.1	2.7	1.6	2.2	29	1789
So Middlesex Voc Tech Reg								
Joseph P Keefe Tech HS	1.6	1.6	1.1	1.1	0.7	1.5	5	730
Minuteman Voc Tech								
Minute Man Voc Tech High	2.6	0.8	1.4	1.7	1.9	2.1	16	824

Montachusett Voc Tech Reg								
Montachusett Voc Tech	4.0	6.2	4.7	3.1	4.6	4.8	50	1098
Northern Berkshire Voc								
Charles McCann Voc Tech	1.4	0.7	0.4	0.9	0.4	0.4	2	448
Nashoba Valley Tech								
Nashoba Valley Tech H S	4.1	0.6	1.7	1.1	0.0	1.4	0	560
Northeast Metro Voc								
Northeast Metro Reg Voc	1.8	0.7	2.8	2.4	3.4	3.6	39	1142
North Shore Reg Voc								
North Shore Reg Voc	2.9	2.7	4.0	2.6	5.8	5.8	25	430
Old Colony Reg Voc Tech								
Old Colony Reg Voc Tech	2.3	2.0	0.6	1.0	1.7	1.7	9	532
Pathfinder Voc Tech								
Pathfinder Voc Tech	1.8	3.3	3.1	2.6	1.5	2.3	9	597
Shawsheen Valley Voc Tech								
Shawsheen Valley Voc Tech	2.3	2.3	2.5	2.7	1.7	2.0	19	1126
Southeastern Reg Voc Tech								
Southeastern Reg Voc Tech	4.6	4.5	0.8	4.7	2.3	3.4	27	1156
South Shore Reg Voc Tech								
So Shore Voc Tech High	3.0	2.1	2.2	1.6	0.9	1.1	5	538
Southern Worcester Cty VT								

Bay Path Reg Voc Tech H S	1.2	2.0	3.8	4.0	0.7	0.7	7	1018
Tri County								
Tri County Reg Voc Tech	2.7	2.7	1.4	1.4	2.2	2.6	18	818
Upper Cape Cod Voc Tech								
Upper Cape Cod Voc Tech	2.7	3.0	1.3	5.4	4.5	4.5	25	550
Whittier Voc								
Whittier Reg Voc	1.7	2.0	1.9	2.4	2.2	3.0	30	1334
Bristol County Agr								
Bristol County Agr High	1.2	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.8	0.8	3	398
Essex Agr Tech								
Essex Agr & Tech Inst	3.2	3.1	2.5	1.8	2.6	2.6	9	346
Norfolk County Agr								
Norfolk County Agr	0.0	0.0	1.1	1.8	0.9	0.9	4	458
Northampton-Smith								
Smith Voc & Agr High	3.0	3.0	1.2	3.0	3.0	3.4	16	525

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