

U.S. Public High Schools Losing 6,829 Students Per Day

Nearly 1.23 million members of the public high school class of 2008 will fail to graduate with a diploma. That amounts to a loss of 6,829 students from the U.S. graduation pipeline per day. With 900 students lost daily, California—the country's most populous state and the largest source of leakage from the graduation pipeline—accounts for one out of every eight nongraduates in the nation.

Projection of Graduates and Non-Graduates—Class of 2008				
	9th grade enrollment 2004-2005	Projected graduates 2007-2008	Projected nongraduates 2007-08	Total students lost each school day
Alabama	64,505	39,520	24,985	139
Alaska	11,934	8,069	3,865	21
Arizona	74,445	54,593	19,852	110
Arkansas	38,225	27,965	10,260	57
California	540,669	378,751	161,918	900
Colorado	64,383	47,743	16,640	92
Connecticut	44,634	34,870	9,764	54
Delaware	10,706	6,435	4,271	24
District of Columbia	4,570	2,633	1,937	11
Florida	248,943	151,444	97,499	542
Georgia	141,984	82,474	59,510	331
Hawaii	16,971	11,435	5,536	31
Idaho	21,217	16,263	4,954	28
Illinois	176,606	135,538	41,068	228
Indiana	86,901	63,981	22,920	127
Iowa	40,876	33,843	7,033	39
Kansas	39,054	29,011	10,043	56
Kentucky	56,661	40,501	16,160	90
Louisiana	58,589	32,069	26,520	147
Maine	16,759	12,945	3,814	21
Maryland	81,270	59,780	21,490	119
Massachusetts	64,321	48,023	16,298	91
Michigan	153,729	108,424	45,305	252
Minnesota	68,889	53,784	15,105	84
Mississippi	40,118	24,796	15,322	85
Missouri	78,089	59,752	18,337	102
Montana	13,147	9,956	3,191	18
Nebraska	25,129	19,998	5,131	29
Nevada	36,056	16,369	19,687	109
New Hampshire	18,564	14,320	4,244	24
New Jersey	110,862	92,388	18,474	103
New Mexico	30,134	16,297	13,837	77
New York	261,936	178,031	83,905	466
North Carolina	125,375	84,013	41,362	230
North Dakota	8,524	6,753	1,771	10
Ohio	157,212	119,355	37,857	210
Oklahoma	49,977	35,366	14,611	81
Oregon	45,612	32,126	13,486	75
Pennsylvania	156,169	125,591	30,578	170
Rhode Island	12,722	9,047	3,675	20
South Carolina	64,175	35,697	28,478	158
South Dakota	10,311	7,800	2,511	14
Tennessee	80,890	52,908	27,982	155
Texas	374,403	256,312	118,091	656
Utah	37,352	29,367	7,985	44
Vermont	8,528	6,839	1,689	9
Virginia	107,753	78,558	29,195	162
Washington	89,781	61,780	28,001	156
West Virginia	24,033	17,503	6,530	36
Wisconsin	76,042	61,178	14,864	83
Wyoming	7,219	5,358	1,861	10
U.S.	4,176,954	2,947,677	1,229,277	6,829

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