

1.2 MILLION STUDENTS  
FAIL TO GRADUATE



Projected Number of  
Nongraduates for Nation and  
States, Class of 2011

The EPE Research Center projected the number of graduates and nongraduates for the class of 2011 by multiplying the 2007-08 graduation rate by the number of 9th graders enrolled that year. The areas of the circles are proportional to the number of students failing to graduate.

Nationally, 1.2 million members of this year's graduating class will not earn diplomas. This represents 143,500 fewer dropouts than the previous year. A member of the class of 2011 will leave school every 27 seconds.

