

Vermont Public School Dropout and High School Completion Report

For the 2004-2005 School Year



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Executive Summary

Dropout Rates

The dropout section of this report presents and summarizes information on students in grades 7 through 12 who withdrew from secondary schools in Vermont during the 2004-2005 school year and the preceding summer. Data included in this report were collected as part of the Department of Education's 2005 Student Census Update.

A dropout by state and federal definition is an individual student who is not enrolled in an approved educational program and who has not graduated from high school. In Vermont, a student who is absent for more than 10 consecutive school days without authorization is classified as "withdrawn". If a truant officer is unable to verify that the student has transferred to a different school or approved educational program (e.g., home school) before the end of the year, the student is considered a dropout for the purposes of this report. A summer dropout is a student who completed the previous school year, who was absent for the first 10 days of the current school year, and who does not transfer to a different educational program. Appendix A is a guide published by the National Center of Education Statistics to clarify whether a student no longer attending school is classified as a dropout.

In FY05, the overall Vermont event dropout rate for grades 7 through 12 was 1.70% while the rate for grades 9 through 12 was 2.40%, and the rate for 10 through 12 was 2.84%.

Completion Rates

We are reporting two separate completion rates in this report. The event completion rate represents the percentage of 12th grade students who were promoted from Vermont High Schools in the 2004-2005 school year. The statewide 04-05 event completion rate for twelfth graders is 93.6%. To calculate this rate we simply divide the number of promoted 12th graders by the adjusted enrollment of 12th graders during the same school year (see below for a definition of adjusted enrollment).

The longitudinal completion rate is calculated by dividing the total number of graduates in a particular class (in this report the class of 2005) and dividing it by the cumulative number of dropouts over the four-year period when the specified class would have attended high school. This rate attempts to estimate the graduation rate for a single class of students when actual cohort data are unavailable. The statewide longitudinal completion rate for the class of 2005 is 87%.

It is important to note that the longitudinal completion rate has real limitations. It cannot account for students who may dropout and re-enroll in either the same school or another the following year. The rate includes both graduates and dropouts who may not have been part of the original cohort that started in the school in the ninth grade. However, until a statewide student tracking system is fully implemented, the longitudinal completion rate provides the best information available on high school completion.

Data Collection Methodology

The data used to calculate the event rates included in this report were collected in the Spring Student Census Update 2005. The longitudinal completion rates include data reported in the same collection in the previous year and the register data collection in the two years prior. The register data collection includes a count of students who were promoted from one grade to the next (or graduated in the case of 12th graders), students not promoted, students receiving GEDs from a public high school, students transferring to other schools, students who withdraw from school during the school year or previous summer, and students who are deceased. This report includes data from all public schools and the five independent schools: Bellows Free Academy, Burr & Burton, Lyndon Institute, St. Johnsbury Academy and Thetford Academy.

The Spring Student Census Update data are used to calculate the adjusted enrollment that serves as the denominator for both the event dropout rate and the event completion rate. The adjusted enrollment estimates the membership of the school by counting all of the students except those who transferred to other educational programs or died during the school year. The adjusted enrollment for any particular grade or group of grades is calculated as follows.

Adjusted Enrollment =

(Promoted + Receiving a GED +Not Promoted +School year dropouts + Preceding Summer Dropouts)

Dropout Rates

An event dropout rate is simply the number of dropouts in a particular grade level, divided by the adjusted enrollment for that grade level in a single school year. For instance, the 9-12th grade dropout rate is:

$$\text{Event Dropout Rate} = \frac{\text{Reported Grades 9-12 Dropout Counts}}{\text{Reported Grades 9-12 Adjusted Enrollment}}$$

Completion Rates

Similarly, an event completion rate is the number of promoted 12th graders divided by the adjusted enrollment of 12th grade in a given school year.

$$\text{Event Completion Rate} = \frac{\text{Reported 12}^{\text{th}} \text{ Grade Students Promoted}}{\text{Reported 12}^{\text{th}} \text{ Grade Adjusted Enrollment}}$$

An estimated four-year high school completion rate or longitudinal completion rate is calculated by dividing the number of high school completers by the cumulative count of high school dropouts plus the completers for the four years between 9th and 12th grade.

$$\text{Longitudinal (Estimated Four-Year High School) Completion Rate} = \frac{\text{Reported 12}^{\text{th}} \text{ Grade Students Promoted}}{\text{Reported 12}^{\text{th}} \text{ Grade Students Promoted, plus} \\ \text{Reported 12}^{\text{th}} \text{ Grade Dropouts in current year, plus} \\ \text{Reported 11}^{\text{th}} \text{ Grade Dropouts in previous year, plus} \\ \text{Reported 10}^{\text{th}} \text{ Grade Dropouts two years prior, plus} \\ \text{Reported 9}^{\text{th}} \text{ Grade Dropouts three years prior}}$$

Results

Dropout Data

Grade by Grade Comparison of Dropout Rates

As in previous years, dropout rates increase with grade level. Statewide, 7th grade dropout levels are still below 0.10%, while 8th grade drop out levels have increased to 0.20%. Dropout rates in high school vary from 1.20% in the 9th grade to 3.10% in the 11th grade.

Table 1: Grade-by-Grade Comparison of Dropout Rates

Grade	7	8	9	10	11	12	7-12	9-12
FY 95	0.37%	0.42%	2.56%	4.07%	5.78%	6.50%	3.08%	4.60%
FY 96	0.17%	0.30%	3.22%	4.65%	6.46%	7.25%	3.45%	5.26%
FY 97	0.14%	0.23%	3.26%	4.25%	6.21%	6.60%	3.24%	4.96%
FY 98	0.07%	0.10%	3.39%	5.06%	6.07%	6.11%	3.36%	5.06%
FY 99	0.22%	0.19%	2.90%	4.38%	5.99%	5.19%	3.06%	4.52%
FY 00	0.15%	0.23%	3.15%	4.38%	5.76%	5.66%	3.16%	4.67%
FY 01	0.06%	0.11%	2.92%	4.53%	5.70%	5.69%	3.13%	4.66%
FY 02	0.12%	0.25%	2.22%	3.74%	4.80%	5.07%	2.67%	3.90%
FY 03	0.04%	0.05%	1.69%	3.35%	4.64%	4.31%	2.31%	3.45%
FY 04	0.08%	0.22%	1.35%	2.65%	3.25%	3.14%	1.77%	2.57%
FY 05	0.07%	0.20%	1.20%	2.60%	3.10%	2.83%	1.70%	2.40%

Dropout Trends for 1995 through 2005

As shown in Table 2 and Figure 1, the total number of dropouts and the dropout rate in grades 7 - 12th and grades 9 - 12th increased slightly each year and peaked in FY 1996. These numbers have been on the decline since. In FY 2005, the dropout rates for grades 7-12th and grades 9-12th are at the lowest in the past ten years.

Table 2: Dropout Trends for 1995 through 2005

Year	Adjusted Enrollment		Number of Dropouts						Total Dropouts		Dropout Rate	
	7 th -12 th	9 th -12 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th	7-12 th	9-12 th	7-12 th	9-12 th
FY 95*	45,361	29,003	31	34	208	304	399	423	1,399	1,334	3.08%	4.60%
FY 96*	45,364	29,006	14	24	262	347	446	472	1,565	1,527	3.45%	5.26%
FY 97*	46,790	29,935	12	19	277	327	443	437	1,515	1,484	3.24%	4.96%
FY 98	47,661	31,329	6	8	300	406	448	432	1,600	1,586	3.36%	5.06%
FY 99	48,218	31,856	18	16	260	363	451	367	1,475	1,441	3.06%	4.52%
FY 00	48,112	31,936	12	19	274	364	446	407	1,522	1,491	3.16%	4.67%
FY 01	47,584	31,676	5	9	247	362	443	423	1,489	1,475	3.13%	4.66%
FY 02	48,544	32,423	10	20	193	309	371	393	1,296	1,266	2.67%	3.90%
FY 03	48,359	32,208	3	4	144	276	363	329	1,119	1,112	2.31%	3.45%
FY 04	47,830	32,154	6	17	116	217	251	241	848	825	1.77%	2.57%
FY 05	47,012	31,950	5	15	102	211	240	215	788	768	1.70%	2.40%

*Based on October 1 enrollment from previous year (ex: FY94 figure is enrollment as of October 1, 1993).

Figure 1

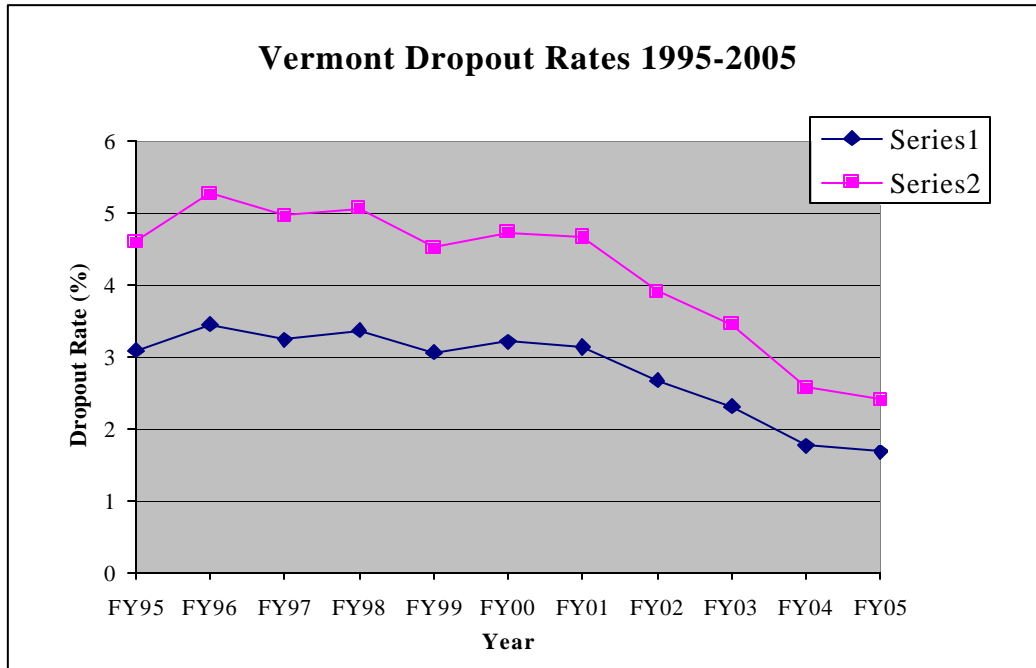


Table 3 shows 1995 and 2005 dropout rates by grade level. When 1995 dropout rates are compared to 2005 figures, decreases are seen in grades 7 through 12 with the largest changes in 9th and 12th grade.

Table 3: Ten Year Comparison of Dropout Rates by Grade Level

Grade	1995 Dropout Rate	2005 Dropout Rate	Change
7	.37%	0.07%	- 0.30%
8	.42%	0.20%	- 0.22%
9	2.56%	1.20%	- 1.36%
10	4.07%	2.60%	- 1.47%
11	5.78%	3.10%	- 2.68%
12	6.50%	2.83%	- 3.67%

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Table 4 shows schools listed alphabetically and includes the grades 7-12 dropout rate and the grades 9-12 dropout rates per school.

Table 4: Dropout Rates by School

School Name		7th-12th Dropout Rate	9th-12th Dropout Rate
Statewide Totals		1.70%	2.40%
PS007	Albany Community School	0.00%	0.00%
PS009	Albert D. Lawton School	0.00%	0.00%
PS010	Alburg Community Ed Center	2.13%	0.00%
PS011	Arlington Memorial	0.43%	0.63%
PS015	Bakersfield School	0.00%	0.00%
PS018	Barnet Elementary School	0.00%	0.00%
PS381	Barre City Elem/Middle School	0.00%	0.00%
PS020	Barre Town Elementary School	0.00%	0.00%
PS021	Barstow Memorial School	0.00%	0.00%
PS022	Barton Graded School	0.00%	0.00%
PS024	Bellows Falls Middle School	1.01%	0.00%
PS025	Bellows Falls UHSD #27	4.57%	4.57%
PA001	Bellows Free Academy (St. Albans)	3.45%	3.45%
PS027	Bellows Free Academy (Fairfax)	0.58%	0.00%
PS405	Bellows Free Academy (Fairfax)	1.40%	1.40%
PS031	Benson Village School	0.00%	0.00%
PS032	Berkshire Elementary School	0.00%	0.00%
PS035	Black River USD #39	1.27%	1.76%
PS036	Blue Mountain USD #21	1.44%	1.55%
PS367	Bratt. Area Middle Sch UHSD #6	0.00%	0.00%
PS040	Brattleboro Sr. UHSD #6	0.48%	0.48%
PS044	Brighton Elementary School	2.27%	0.00%
PS050	Browns River Middle USD #17	0.00%	0.00%
PS051	Burke Town School	0.00%	0.00%
PS052	Burlington Senior High Sch	3.98%	3.98%
PA002	Burr & Burton Academy	0.00%	0.00%
PS055	Cabot School	0.77%	0.00%
PS058	Camels Hump Middle USD #17	0.00%	0.00%
PS059	Canaan Schools	3.03%	4.35%
PS061	Castleton-Hubbardton USD#42	0.00%	0.00%
PS066	Champlain Valley UHSD #15	0.15%	0.15%
PS067	Charleston Elem. School	0.00%	0.00%
PS068	Charlotte Central School	0.00%	0.00%
PS069	Chelsea Elem. High School	1.88%	1.65%
PS072	Colchester High School	0.93%	0.93%
PS073	Colchester Middle School	0.00%	0.00%
PS074	Concord Schools	3.88%	5.43%
PS077	Coventry Village School	7.69%	0.00%
PS078	Craftsbury Schools	2.75%	4.69%
PS391	Crossett Brook Middle USD #45	0.00%	0.00%
PS082	Danville School	0.47%	0.70%

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PS085	Dorset School	0.00%	0.00%
PS087	Dummerston Schools	0.00%	0.00%
PS090	East Haven River School	0.00%	0.00%
PS095	Edmunds Middle School	0.87%	0.00%
PS098	Enosburg Falls Jr/Sr High Sch	4.79%	5.90%
PS388	Essex Comm. Ed. Ctr. UHSD #46	1.39%	1.39%
PS101	Essex Middle School	0.00%	0.00%
PS103	Fair Haven Grade School	0.00%	0.00%
PS104	Fair Haven UHSD #16	3.31%	3.31%
PS105	Fairfield Center School	0.00%	0.00%
PS111	Flood Brook USD #20	0.00%	0.00%
PS112	Folsom Ed. & Community Ctr	0.00%	0.00%
PS273	Frederick H. Tuttle Middle Sch	0.00%	0.00%
PS117	Georgia Elementary School	0.00%	0.00%
PS118	Glover Village School	0.00%	0.00%
PS122	Grand Isle Elem. School	0.00%	0.00%
PS124	Green Mountain UHSD #35	3.36%	4.64%
PS128	Guilford Central School	0.00%	0.00%
PS129	Halifax West School	0.00%	0.00%
PS134	Hartford High School	3.02%	3.02%
PS135	Hartford Mem. Middle School	0.00%	0.00%
SU054	Hartford S.D.	50.00%	50.00%
PS137	Hartland Elementary School	0.00%	0.00%
PS138	Harwood UHSD #19	0.46%	0.46%
PS393	Harwood Union Middle UHSD #19	0.00%	0.00%
PS139	Hazen UHSD #26	3.00%	4.46%
PS143	Hinesburg Elementary School	0.00%	0.00%
PS147	Irasburg Village School	0.00%	0.00%
PS157	Lake Region UHSD #24	2.84%	2.84%
PS158	Lamoille UHSD #18	2.40%	2.40%
PS404	Lamoille Union Middle School #18	0.00%	0.00%
PS161	Leland & Gray UHSD #34	3.86%	5.54%
PS166	Lowell Village School	0.00%	0.00%
PS168	Lunenburg Schools	2.70%	0.00%
PS169	Lyman C. Hunt Middle School	0.00%	0.00%
PA003	Lyndon Institute	2.77%	2.77%
PS170	Lyndon Town School	0.69%	0.00%
PS173	Main Street School	0.00%	0.00%
PS175	Manchester Elem/Middle School	0.00%	0.00%
PS177	Marlboro Elementary School	0.00%	0.00%
PS180	Middlebury Sr. UHSD #3	1.86%	1.86%
PS366	Middlebury Union Middle Sch #3	0.00%	0.00%
PS183	Mill River USD #40	1.26%	1.59%
PS184	Millers Run USD #37	0.00%	0.00%
PS185	Milton Jr High School	0.00%	0.00%
PS186	Milton Sr High School	1.66%	1.66%
PS187	Missisquoi Valley UHSD #7	2.99%	4.37%
PS190	Montgomery Center School	0.00%	0.00%
PS191	Montpelier High School	2.86%	2.86%
PS195	Mount Abraham UHSD #28	0.83%	1.26%

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PS196	Mt. Anthony Sr. UHSD #14	5.23%	5.23%
PS197	Mt. Anthony Union Middle Sch	0.00%	0.00%
PS199	Mt. Mansfield USD #17	0.75%	0.75%
PS201	Newark School	0.00%	0.00%
PS205	Newport Town School	0.00%	0.00%
PS206	Newton Elementary School	0.00%	0.00%
PS364	North Country Jr UHSD #22	0.00%	0.00%
PS208	North Country Sr UHSD #22	2.53%	2.53%
PS209	North Hero Elem. School	0.00%	0.00%
PS211	Northfield Middle/High School	1.49%	2.26%
PS369	Ontop	13.33%	20.00%
PS215	Orange Center School	0.00%	0.00%
PS217	Orleans Elementary School	0.00%	0.00%
SU031	Orleans Essex North S.U.	16.67%	25.00%
PS218	Orwell Village School	0.00%	0.00%
PS219	Otter Valley UHSD #8	1.52%	2.36%
PS220	Oxbow UHSD #30	3.11%	4.12%
PS224	Peoples Academy	2.07%	2.07%
PS394	Peoples Academy Middle School	0.00%	0.00%
PS230	Poultney High School	1.39%	2.05%
PS233	Proctor Jr/Sr High School	2.04%	2.97%
PS234	Putney Central School	0.00%	0.00%
PS237	Randolph UHSD #2	1.74%	2.47%
PS240	Readsboro Elementary School	0.00%	0.00%
PS242	Richford Jr/Sr High School	3.46%	4.76%
PI004	Rivendell Academy	3.69%	5.32%
PS245	Riverside School	0.00%	0.00%
PS247	Rochester Elem/High School	3.31%	4.90%
PS365	Rutland Middle School	0.72%	0.00%
PS253	Rutland Senior High School	2.03%	2.03%
PS258	Rutland Town Elem School	0.00%	0.00%
PS264	Shelburne Community School	0.00%	0.00%
PS266	Sheldon Elementary School	0.00%	0.00%
PS272	So. Burlington High School	0.93%	0.93%
PS274	So. Royalton Elem/High School	1.49%	2.04%
PS276	Spaulding HSUD #41	4.90%	4.90%
PS278	Springfield High School	6.02%	6.02%
PS288	St Albans City School	0.00%	0.00%
PS289	St. Albans Town Educ. Center	0.00%	0.00%
PA004	St. Johnsbury Academy	0.00%	0.00%
PS400	St. Johnsbury Schools	0.00%	0.00%
PS284	Stamford Elementary School	0.00%	0.00%
PS287	Stowe Middle/High School	0.00%	0.00%
PS294	Sutton Village School	0.00%	0.00%
PA005	Thetford Academy	1.07%	1.38%
PS302	Troy School	0.00%	0.00%
PS303	Tunbridge Central School	0.00%	0.00%
PS403	Twin Valley Middle School	0.00%	0.00%
PS304	Twinfield USD #33	1.64%	2.45%
PS305	U-32 High School (UHSD #32)	2.05%	3.03%

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PS312	Vergennes UHSD #5	0.15%	0.22%
PS310	Waits River Valley USD #36	0.00%	0.00%
PS316	Walden School	0.00%	0.00%
PS322	Washington Village School	0.00%	0.00%
PS324	Waterford Elementary School	0.00%	0.00%
PS361	Weathersfield Middle School	0.00%	0.00%
PS331	West Rutland School	2.55%	3.88%
PS333	Westford Elementary School	0.00%	0.00%
PS338	Whitcomb Jr/Sr High School	2.89%	3.85%
PS344	Williamstown Middle/High Sch	2.44%	3.68%
PS398	Williston Schools	0.00%	0.00%
PS346	Wilmington Middle High School	1.49%	1.50%
PS348	Windsor High School	3.61%	4.70%
PS351	Winooski High School	5.42%	5.42%
PS401	Winooski Middle School	0.00%	0.00%
PS356	Woodstock Sr. UHSD #4	1.43%	1.43%
PS368	Woodstock Union Middle School	0.00%	0.00%

Graduation /Completion Data

The statewide event completion rate, previously referred to as the graduation rate, for the 04-05 school year is 94%. Data from fiscal year 1995 to the present are listed in Table 5.

Table 5: Event Completion Rate - Statewide Totals

Year	Total Graduates	Adjusted 12th Grade Enrollment	Completion/Graduation Rate
FY95	6,145	6,885	89%
FY96	5,944	6,671	89%
FY97	6,055	6,784	89%
FY98	6,383	7,076	90%
FY99	6,391	7,048	91%
FY00	6,468	7,192	91%
FY01	6,658	7,437	89%
FY02	6,978	7,749	90%
FY03	6,938	7,625	90%
FY04	7,070	7,667	92%
FY05	7,094	7,584	94%

Event Completion and Longitudinal Completion Rate Data

Table 6: The Event and Longitudinal Completion Rates for school year 2004-2005

School Name		2005 12th Grade Adjusted Enrollment	2005 Event Completion Rate	2005 Longitudinal Completion Rate
Statewide Totals		7,094	94%	87%
PS011	Arlington Memorial	42	95%	98%
PS025	Bellows Falls UHSD #27	102	83%	73%
PA001	Bellows Free Academy (St. Albans)	266	95%	85%
PS405	Bellows Free Academy (Fairfax)	94	95%	88%
PS035	Black River USD #39	48	94%	83%
PS036	Blue Mountain USD #21	27	100%	82%
PS040	Brattleboro Sr. UHSD #6	283	99%	91%
PS052	Burlington Senior High Sch	293	92%	84%
PA002	Burr & Burton Academy	144	97%	99%
PS055	Cabot School	20	100%	91%
PS059	Canaan Schools	20	85%	89%
PS066	Champlain Valley UHSD #15	323	100%	95%
PS069	Chelsea Elem. High School	42	93%	91%
PS072	Colchester High School	170	99%	97%
PS074	Concord Schools	18	89%	70%
PS078	Craftsbury Schools	14	93%	93%
PS082	Danville School	29	97%	82%

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School Name		2005 12th Grade Adjusted Enrollment	2005 Event Completion Rate	2005 Longitudinal Completion Rate
PS098	Enosburg Falls Jr/Sr High Sch	79	90%	79%
PS388	Essex Comm. Ed. Ctr. UHSD #46	377	92%	91%
PS104	Fair Haven UHSD #16	141	91%	85%
PS124	Green Mountain UHSD #35	60	93%	89%
PS134	Hartford High School	182	96%	86%
PS138	Harwood UHSD #19	159	95%	99%
PS139	Hazen UHSD #26	73	86%	83%
PS157	Lake Region UHSD #24	84	92%	79%
PS158	Lamoille UHSD #18	186	78%	83%
PS161	Leland & Gray UHSD #34	83	90%	85%
PA003	Lyndon Institute	126	90%	86%
PS180	Middlebury Sr. UHSD #3	167	94%	93%
PS183	Mill River USD #40	120	91%	87%
PS186	Milton Sr High School	125	98%	87%
PS187	Missisquoi Valley UHSD #7	133	98%	83%
PS191	Montpelier High School	86	92%	84%
PS195	Mount Abraham UHSD #28	152	99%	95%
PS196	Mt. Anthony Sr. UHSD #14	285	84%	88%
PS199	Mt. Mansfield USD #17	261	92%	94%
PS208	North Country Sr UHSD #22	240	88%	80%
PS211	Northfield Middle/High School	72	96%	84%
PS219	Otter Valley UHSD #8	108	89%	81%
PS220	Oxbow UHSD #30	85	96%	87%
PS224	Peoples Academy	79	94%	85%
PS230	Poultney High School	45	96%	80%
PS233	Proctor Jr/Sr High School	13	100%	93%
PS237	Randolph UHSD #2	94	88%	86%
PS242	Richford Jr/Sr High School	45	100%	88%
PI004	Rivendell Academy	31	90%	76%
PS247	Rochester Elem/High School	24	88%	78%
PS253	Rutland Senior High School	267	93%	87%
PS272	So. Burlington High School	215	97%	91%
PS274	So. Royalton Elem/High School	49	96%	89%
PS276	Spaulding HSUD #41	232	99%	92%
PS278	Springfield High School	136	90%	83%
PA004	St. Johnsbury Academy	247	100%	96%
PS287	Stowe Middle/High School	37	100%	93%
PA005	Thetford Academy	68	93%	89%

School Name		2005 12th Grade Adjusted Enrollment	2005 Event Completion Rate	2005 Longitudinal Completion Rate
PS304	Twinfield USD #33	39	90%	88%
PS305	U-32 High School (UHSD #32)	129	92%	90%
PS312	Vergennes UHSD #5	102	100%	91%
PS331	West Rutland School	37	86%	91%
PS338	Whitcomb Jr/Sr High School	31	100%	94%
PS344	Williamstown Middle/High Sch	43	93%	78%
PS346	Wilmington Middle/High School	72	93%	96%
PS348	Windsor High School	93	95%	84%
PS351	Winooski High School	30	93%	60%
PS356	Woodstock Sr. UHSD #4	100	93%	85%

*Because of the high stakes of graduation rate under the No Child Left Behind Act and because of the inaccuracies inherent in estimating cohort graduation rates, some high schools submitted graduation and dropout data tracking individual students from ninth through twelfth grades. This provides those schools with a more accurate cohort graduation rate and is the data reported here.

Summary

The annual event dropout rate describes the proportion of students who leave school each year without completing a high school program. The event dropout rates for the school year 2004-2005 of 1.68% for grades 7 through 12th and 2.40% for grades 9 through 12th are at the lowest levels in the past ten years.

The event completion/graduation rate data for school year 2004-2005 are reported alongside with a longitudinal completion rate for the class of 2005. The event graduation rate represents the number of students enrolled in the senior class who graduate at the end of their senior year. The statewide event graduation rate for school year 04-05 is 94%. The longitudinal completion rate is an attempt to estimate a cohort rate for a class of students and calculate the percentage of students that complete the high school requirements for receiving a diploma or for receiving a certificate of attendance or other certificate of completion, in lieu of a diploma. The statewide longitudinal completion rate for the class of 2005 is 88%.

It is important to distinguish the difference between the event graduation rate and the longitudinal completion rate. The event rate is the percentage of twelfth grade students that complete twelfth grade in a given year; it represents a measure of one year. The longitudinal completion rate is intended to mimic a true cohort approach by following consecutive grades through four years; that is, of those students who leave school, what percentage graduated. Until a statewide student tracking system is in place, the estimated cohort rate/ longitudinal completion rate provides the best information available on high school completion.

Appendix A - Dropout Reporting Instructions

Summary of School Leaver Status

A Student Who:	Dropout or Classified As Withdrawn?
1. Graduated or received some other recognized credential, such as a certificate of attendance or GED	No
2. Only attended summer school in this school district (was not enrolled during the regular school year).	No
3. Left school without a diploma or other certification after passing age up to which the district was required to provide free, public education	Yes
4. Died	No
5. Gone; status is unknown	Yes
6. Moved to another district in this or some other state, not known to be in school	Yes
7. Moved out of the United States, enrollment status not known	No
8. Transferred, enrolled in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Another public school, a private school, or charter school • Home Schooling • Early college (Baccalaureate or associate's degree) • Adult education program not administered by a regular school district 	No No No Yes
9. Is in an institution that is not primarily academic (military, possibly Job Corps, corrections, etc) that:: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offers a secondary education program • Does not offer a secondary education program 	No Yes
10. Is not in school, but known to be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning to enroll late (e.g., extended family vacation, seasonal work) • Ill, verified as legitimate • Ill, not verified as legitimate • Suffering long-term illness and not receiving education services (residential drug treatment, severe physical or mental illness) • Suspended or expelled, term of suspension or expulsion not yet over • Suspended or expelled, term of suspension or expulsion over • Expelled, no option to return • Expelled, enrolled in another school and/or district 	No No Yes No No Yes Yes No
11. In a nontraditional education setting, such as hospital/homebound instruction, residential special education, correctional institution, community or technical college. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program administered by agency considered a special school district or extension of regular school district • Program is off-campus offering of regular school district • Program not approved or administered by regular district; classified as adult education 	No No Yes

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