

# **Vermont Public School Dropout and High School Completion Report**

**For the 2005-2006 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 2005-2006 school year and the preceding summer. Data included in this report were collected as part of the Department of Education's 2006 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 In Vermont, a student who is absent for more than 10 consecutive school days without authorization is classified as "withdrawn".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 did 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 FY06, the overall Vermont event dropout rate for grades 7 through 12 was 1.99% while the rate for grades 9 through 12 was 2.85%.

### **Completion Rates**

We are reporting two separate completion rates in this report. The event completion rate represents the percentage of 12<sup>th</sup> grade students who were promoted from Vermont High Schools in the 2005-2006 school year. The statewide 05-06 event completion rate for twelfth graders is 91%. To calculate this rate we simply divide the number of promoted 12<sup>th</sup> graders by the adjusted enrollment of 12<sup>th</sup> graders during the same school year (see below for a definition of adjusted enrollment).

This year we are replacing the former longitudinal completion rate with a cohort graduation rate. The cohort graduation rate is the percentage of students enrolled at a school who graduate within four years of entering ninth grade. Graduates are those earning high school diplomas. Students earning high school credentials by passing General Educational Development (GED) tests are not considered graduates for the purpose of this definition. Transfers and deceased students are not included in the denominator. The cohort graduation rate is then a measure of on-time completion, with all students expected to finish within four years. The statewide cohort rate for the class of 2006 is 85.12%.

### **Data Collection Methodology**

The data used to calculate the event rates included in this report were collected in the Spring Student Census Update 2006. The cohort rate calculation requires both Spring and Fall Census data between Fall of the 2003-2004 school year and the Fall of the 2006-2007 school year. These data were supplemented by information kept by schools on their school register during those same years. This report includes dropout and completion event rates from all public schools and the four independent schools: Burr & Burton, Lyndon Institute, St. Johnsbury Academy and

Thetford Academy. Graduation and dropout information from these independent schools is collected in aggregate at the end of the school year. The cohort rate is calculated only for public schools as it serves as an Annual Yearly Progress indicator under the No Child Left Behind Act and comparable information from the independent schools does not exist.

The Spring Student Census Update data and the aggregate data collected from independent schools 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 range, divided by the adjusted enrollment for that range in a single school year. For instance, the 9-12<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> graders divided by the adjusted enrollment of 12<sup>th</sup> grade in a given school year.

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

The cohort rate is calculated by tracking the students from the time they enter grade nine. Students who graduate within four years are considered on-time graduates. The number of on-time graduates is divided by the total number of students in the cohort. Students who transfer into a school are included in the cohort, while students who transfer out are dropped from the cohort. For the 2006 graduation rate, all students that entered grade nine in 2002 are included in the cohort.

$$\text{Cohort Graduation Rate} = \frac{\text{On-time Graduates By Year X}}{(\text{First-time Entering Ninth Graders in Year } x-4) + (\text{Transfers In}) - (\text{Transfers Out})}$$

## Results

### Dropout Data

#### Grade by Grade Comparison of Dropout Rates

As in previous years, dropout rates increase with grade level. Seventh and Eighth grade dropout are 0.11% or less. This year, dropout rates in high school vary from 1.48% in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade to 3.88% in the 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

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

Grade	7	8	9	10	11	12	7-12	9-12
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%
FY 06	0.08%	0.11%	1.48%	2.71%	3.43%	3.88%	1.99%	2.85%

#### Dropout Trends for 1996 through 2006

As shown in Table 2 and Figure 1, the total number of dropouts and the dropout rate in grades 7 - 12<sup>th</sup> and grades 9 - 12<sup>th</sup> have been on the decline since FY 1996. In FY 2005, the dropout rates for grades 7-12<sup>th</sup> and grades 9-12<sup>th</sup> were at the lowest in the past ten years. The dropout rates for FY 2006 are slightly but not substantially higher than last year.

Table 2: Dropout Trends for 1996 through 2006

Year	Adjusted Enrollment		Number of Dropouts						Total Dropouts		Dropout Rate	
	7 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>	7-12 <sup>th</sup>	9-12 <sup>th</sup>	7-12 <sup>th</sup>	9-12 <sup>th</sup>
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%
FY 06	46,443	31,978	6	8	122	221	268	302	927	913	1.99%	2.85%

\*Based on October 1 enrollment from previous year (ex: FY97 figure is enrollment as of October 1, 1996).

Figure 1

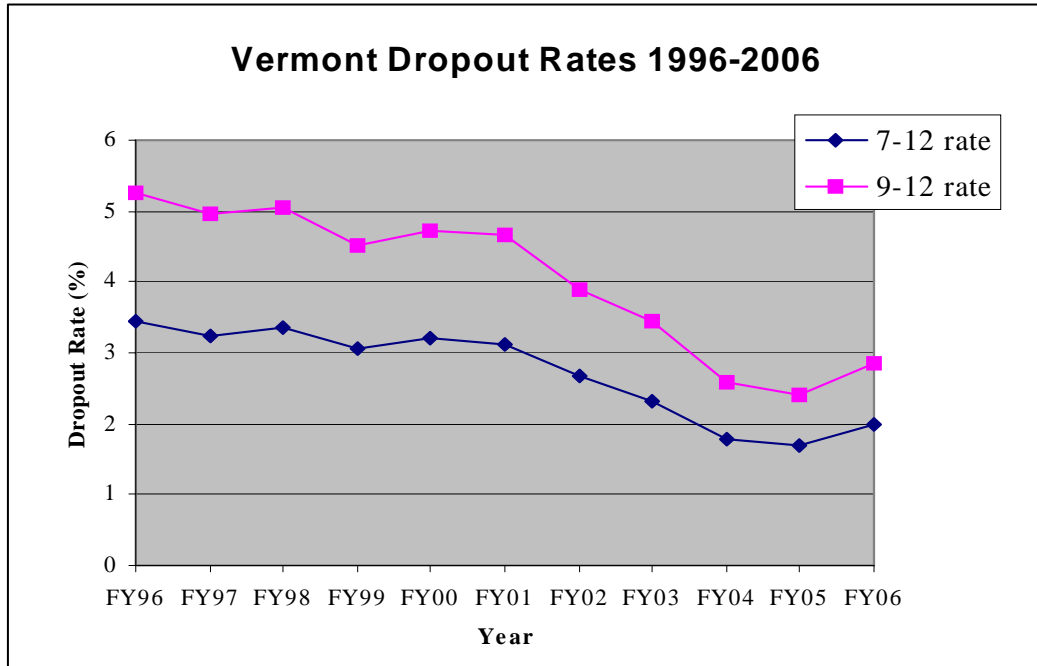


Table 3 shows 1996 and 2006 dropout rates by grade level. When 1996 dropout rates are compared to 2006 figures, decreases are seen in grades 7 through 12 with the largest changes in 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

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

Grade	1996 Dropout Rate	2006 Dropout Rate	Change
7	.17%	0.08%	- 0.09%
8	.30%	0.11%	- 0.19%
9	3.22%	1.48%	- 1.74%
10	4.65%	2.67%	- 1.98%
11	6.46%	3.43%	- 3.03%
12	7.25%	3.88%	- 3.39%

**Vermont Public School Dropout Data for School Year 2005-2006**

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
<b>Statewide Totals</b>		<b>1.99%</b>	<b>2.85%</b>
PS007	Albany Community School	0.00%	0.00%
PS009	Albert D. Lawton School	0.00%	0.00%
PS010	Alburgh Community Ed Center	0.00%	0.00%
PS011	Arlington Memorial	0.93%	1.27%
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	0.57%	0.00%
PS025	Bellows Falls UHSD #27	6.11%	6.11%
PS405	Bellows Free Academy (St. Albans)	1.99%	1.99%
PS027	Bellows Free Academy (Fairfax)	0.00%	0.00%
PS405	Bellows Free Academy (Fairfax)	1.99%	1.99%
PS031	Benson Village School	0.00%	0.00%
PS032	Berkshire Elementary School	0.00%	0.00%
PS035	Black River USD #39	1.69%	2.40%
PS036	Blue Mountain USD #21	3.23%	5.15%
PS367	Brattleboro Area Middle School UHSD #6	0.00%	0.00%
PS040	Brattleboro Sr. UHSD #6	4.42%	4.42%
PS044	Brighton Elementary School	0.00%	0.00%
PS050	Browns River Middle USD #17	0.00%	0.00%
PS051	Burke Town School	0.00%	0.00%
PS052	Burlington Senior High School	3.36%	3.36%
PA002	Burr & Burton Academy	0.00%	0.00%
PS055	Cabot School	2.70%	3.66%
PS058	Camels Hump Middle USD #17	0.00%	0.00%
PS059	Canaan Schools	1.24%	1.69%
PS061	Castleton-Hubbardton USD#42	0.00%	0.00%
PS066	Champlain Valley UHSD #15	0.88%	0.88%
PS067	Charleston Elem. School	0.00%	0.00%
PS068	Charlotte Central School	0.00%	0.00%

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School Name		7th-12th Dropout Rate	9th-12th Dropout Rate
PS069	Chelsea Elem. High School	1.55%	1.92%
PS072	Colchester High School	0.92%	0.92%
PS073	Colchester Middle School	0.00%	0.00%
PS074	Concord Schools	2.80%	3.85%
PS077	Coventry Village School	0.00%	0.00%
PS078	Craftsbury Schools	1.08%	1.56%
PS391	Crossett Brook Middle USD #45	0.00%	0.00%
PS082	Danville School	1.42%	1.94%
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	0.80%	0.00%
PS098	Enosburg Falls Jr/Sr High School	3.38%	4.24%
PS388	Essex Comm. Ed. Ctr. UHSD #46	2.77%	2.77%
PS101	Essex Middle School	0.00%	0.00%
PS103	Fair Haven Grade School	0.00%	0.00%
PS104	Fair Haven UHSD #16	3.44%	3.44%
PS105	Fairfield Center School	0.00%	0.00%
PS111	Flood Brook USD #20	1.47%	0.00%
PS112	Folsom Ed. & Community Ctr	0.00%	0.00%
PS273	Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School	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	3.02%	4.29%
PS128	Guilford Central School	0.00%	0.00%
PS129	Halifax West School	0.00%	0.00%
PS134	Hartford High School	2.38%	2.38%
PS135	Hartford Memorial Middle School	0.00%	0.00%
PS137	Hartland Elementary School	0.00%	0.00%
PS138	Harwood UHSD #19	2.34%	2.34%
PS393	Harwood Union Middle UHSD #19	0.00%	0.00%
PS139	Hazen UHSD #26	0.80%	1.27%
PS143	Hinesburg Elementary School	0.00%	0.00%
PS147	Irasburg Village School	0.00%	0.00%
PS157	Lake Region UHSD #24	1.92%	1.92%
PS158	Lamoille UHSD #18	3.20%	3.20%
PS404	Lamoille Union Middle School #18	0.00%	0.00%
PS161	Leland & Gray UHSD #34	5.41%	7.63%

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School Name		7th-12th Dropout Rate	9th-12th Dropout Rate
PS166	Lowell Village School	0.00%	0.00%
PS168	Lunenburg Schools	0.00%	0.00%
PS169	Lyman C. Hunt Middle School	0.00%	0.00%
PA003	Lyndon Institute	2.34%	2.34%
PS170	Lyndon Town School	0.00%	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	1.44%	1.44%
PS366	Middlebury Union Middle School #3	0.00%	0.00%
PS183	Mill River USD #40	1.68%	2.29%
PS184	Millers Run USD #37	0.00%	0.00%
PS185	Milton Jr High School	0.00%	0.00%
PS186	Milton Sr High School	3.08%	3.08%
PS187	Missisquoi Valley UHSD #7	2.46%	3.68%
PS190	Montgomery Center School	0.00%	0.00%
PS191	Montpelier High School	2.52%	2.52%
PS195	Mount Abraham UHSD #28	1.04%	1.38%
PS196	Mt. Anthony Sr. UHSD #14	6.23%	6.23%
PS197	Mt. Anthony Union Middle School	0.00%	0.00%
PS199	Mt. Mansfield USD #17	1.25%	1.25%
PS201	Newark 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	4.17%	4.17%
PS209	North Hero Elem. School	0.00%	0.00%
PS211	Northfield Middle/High School	0.53%	0.78%
PS215	Orange Center School	0.00%	0.00%
PS217	Orleans Elementary School	0.00%	0.00%
PS218	Orwell Village School	0.00%	0.00%
PS219	Otter Valley UHSD #8	2.07%	3.05%
PS220	Oxbow UHSD #30	2.91%	4.01%
PS224	Peoples Academy	1.28%	1.28%
PS394	Peoples Academy Middle School	0.00%	0.00%
PS230	Poultney High School	1.75%	2.50%
PS233	Proctor Jr/Sr High School	0.67%	0.90%
PS234	Putney Central School	0.00%	0.00%
PS237	Randolph UHSD #2	2.46%	3.12%
PS240	Readsboro Elementary School	0.00%	0.00%



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PS242	Richford Jr/Sr High School	2.40%	3.31%
PI004	Rivendell Academy	3.37%	4.64%
PS245	Riverside School	0.00%	0.00%
PS247	Rochester Elem/High School	1.27%	2.02%
PS365	Rutland Middle School	0.26%	0.00%
PS253	Rutland Senior High School	3.70%	3.70%
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	1.04%	1.04%
PS274	So. Royalton Elem/High School	1.17%	1.58%
PS276	Spaulding HSUD #41	4.62%	4.62%
PS278	Springfield High School	9.17%	9.17%
PS288	St Albans City School	0.00%	0.00%
PS289	St. Albans Town Educational 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	0.85%	1.29%
PS294	Sutton Village School	0.00%	0.00%
PA005	Thetford Academy	1.56%	1.95%
PS302	Troy School	0.00%	0.00%
PS303	Tunbridge Central School	0.00%	0.00%
PS403	Twin Valley Middle School	1.09%	0.00%
PS304	Twinfield USD #33	5.02%	6.40%
PS305	U-32 High School (UHSD #32)	1.80%	2.57%
PS312	Vergennes UHSD #5	0.76%	1.08%
PS310	Waits River Valley USD #36	1.54%	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	4.04%	6.15%
PS333	Westford Elementary School	0.00%	0.00%
PS338	Whitcomb Jr/Sr High School	4.00%	5.50%
PS344	Williamstown Middle/High School	3.91%	5.00%
PS398	Williston Schools	0.00%	0.00%
PS346	Wilmington Middle High School	1.52%	1.52%
PS348	Windsor High School	2.68%	2.82%

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School Name		7th-12th Dropout Rate	9th-12th Dropout Rate
PS351	Winooski High School	2.74%	2.74%
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 2005-2006 school year is 91.34%. Data from fiscal year 1996 to the present are listed in Table 5.

Table 5: Event Completion Rate - Statewide Totals

Year	Total Promoted 12 <sup>th</sup> Graders	Adjusted Enrollment	Event Completion Rate	Cohort Graduation Rate
FY96	5,944	6,671	89.10%	-
FY97	6,055	6,784	89.25%	-
FY98	6,383	7,076	90.21%	-
FY99	6,391	7,048	90.68%	-
FY00	6,468	7,192	89.93%	-
FY01	6,658	7,437	89.53%	-
FY02	6,978	7,749	90.05%	-
FY03	6,938	7,625	90.99%	-
FY04	7,070	7,667	92.21%	-
FY05	7,094	7,584	93.54%	87.18%
FY06	7,113	7,787	91.34%	85.12%

**Event Completion and Cohort Graduation Rate Data**

Table 6: The Event and Cohort Graduation Rates for school year 2005-2006

School Name		2006 12th Grade Adjusted Enrollment	2006 Event Completion Rate	2006 Cohort Graduation Rate
<b>Statewide Totals</b>		<b>7,787</b>	<b>91.34%</b>	<b>85.12%</b>
PS011	Arlington Memorial	37	91.89%	94.59%
PS025	Bellows Falls UHSD #27	87	82.76%	73.91%
PS405	Bellows Free Academy (Fairfax)	71	94.37%	85.14%
PS406	Bellows Free Academy (St. Albans)	280	91.07%	91.45%
PS035	Black River USD #39	50	90.00%	88.24%
PS036	Blue Mountain USD #21	30	83.33%	74.29%
PS040	Brattleboro Sr. UHSD #6	235	80.85%	81.47%
PS052	Burlington Senior High School	247	94.74%	81.15%
PA002	Burr & Burton Academy	161	96.89%	-
PS055	Cabot School	19	100.00%	95.00%
PS059	Canaan Schools	33	93.94%	82.35%
PS066	Champlain Valley UHSD #15	326	97.55%	89.91%
PS069	Chelsea Elem. High School	20	85.00%	80.00%
PS072	Colchester High School	192	91.67%	85.78%
PS074	Concord Schools	15	80.00%	54.55%
PS078	Craftsbury Schools	16	93.75%	77.78%
PS082	Danville School	45	97.78%	87.50%
PS098	Enosburg Falls Jr/Sr High School	79	94.94%	79.76%

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School Name		2006 12th Grade Adjusted Enrollment	2006 Event Completion Rate	2006 Cohort Graduation Rate
PS388	Essex Comm. Ed. Ctr. UHSD #46	383	87.47%	84.74%
PS104	Fair Haven UHSD #16	140	92.14%	85.71%
PS124	Green Mountain UHSD #35	63	98.41%	89.55%
PS134	Hartford High School	224	93.30%	90.04%
PS138	Harwood UHSD #19	168	90.48%	90.53%
PS139	Hazen UHSD #26	62	95.16%	77.94%
PS157	Lake Region UHSD #24	89	85.39%	73.96%
PS158	Lamoille UHSD #18	189	84.66%	91.52%
PS161	Leland & Gray UHSD #34	69	76.81%	70.67%
PA003	Lyndon Institute	153	92.81%	-
PS180	Middlebury Sr. UHSD #3	172	92.44%	91.86%
PS183	Mill River USD #40	130	96.15%	92.42%
PS186	Milton Sr High School	133	97.74%	89.93%
PS187	Missisquoi Valley UHSD #7	138	93.48%	79.08%
PS191	Montpelier High School	112	90.18%	90.20%
PS195	Mount Abraham UHSD #28	134	91.04%	87.41%
PS196	Mt. Anthony Sr. UHSD #14	324	78.40%	73.52%
PS199	Mt. Mansfield USD #17	292	93.84%	91.35%
PS208	North Country Sr UHSD #22	226	87.61%	76.92%
PS211	Northfield Middle/High School	64	95.31%	89.39%
PS219	Otter Valley UHSD #8	113	91.15%	79.34%
PS220	Oxbow UHSD #30	70	95.71%	75.90%
PS224	Peoples Academy	90	95.56%	88.30%
PS230	Poultney High School	50	96.00%	87.04%
PS233	Proctor Jr/Sr High School	29	96.55%	90.00%
PS237	Randolph UHSD #2	112	93.75%	85.59%
PS242	Richford Jr/Sr High School	38	97.37%	89.74%
PI004	Rivendell Academy	52	96.15%	78.33%
PS247	Rochester Elem/High School	31	93.55%	100.00%
PS253	Rutland Senior High School	283	91.52%	87.89%
PS272	So. Burlington High School	236	94.49%	93.33%
PS274	So. Royalton Elem/High School	46	95.65%	88.00%
PS276	Spaulding HSUD #41	239	92.05%	86.29%
PS278	Springfield High School	123	81.30%	69.47%
PA004	St. Johnsbury Academy	259	100.00%	-
PS287	Stowe Middle/High School	51	98.04%	98.08%
PA005	Thetford Academy	67	89.55%	-
PS304	Twinfield USD #33	49	81.63%	81.25%

School Name		2006 12th Grade Adjusted Enrollment	2006 Event Completion Rate	2006 Cohort Graduation Rate
PS305	U-32 High School (UHSD #32)	130	88.46%	82.35%
PS312	Vergennes UHSD #5	119	95.80%	89.06%
PS331	West Rutland School	30	83.33%	80.65%
PS338	Whitcomb Jr/Sr High School	37	91.89%	88.89%
PS344	Williamstown Middle/High School	45	86.67%	76.60%
PS346	Wilmington Middle/High School	65	98.46%	92.19%
PS348	Windsor High School	64	98.44%	87.32%
PS351	Winooski High School	48	83.33%	82.00%
PS356	Woodstock Sr. UHSD #4	103	93.20%	84.68%

### 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 2005-2006 of 1.99% for grades 7 through 12<sup>th</sup> and 2.85% for grades 9 through 12<sup>th</sup> and are consistent with the dropout rates for the past four years.

The event completion rate data for school year 2005-2006 are reported alongside with a cohort graduation rate for the class of 2006. The event completion rate represents the number of students enrolled in the senior class who graduate or complete school at the end of their senior year. The statewide event graduation rate for school year 2005-2006 is 91.34%. The cohort graduation rate is the percentage of students from a given class who receive a high school diploma. The cohort graduation rate for the class of 2006 is 85.12%.

It is important to distinguish the difference between the event completion rate and the cohort graduation 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 and it includes diploma recipients and students who receive certificates of completion. The cohort graduation rate follows students in a particular 9<sup>th</sup> grade class through consecutive grades through four years and is a percentage of the students who leave the cohort with a diploma.

# 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"> <li>• Another public school, a private school, or charter school</li> <li>• Home Schooling</li> <li>• Early college (Baccalaureate or associate's degree)</li> <li>• Adult education program not administered by a regular school district</li> </ul>	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"> <li>• Offers a secondary education program</li> <li>• Does not offer a secondary education program</li> </ul>	No Yes
10. Is not in school, but known to be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning to enroll late (e.g., extended family vacation, seasonal work)</li> <li>• Ill, verified as legitimate</li> <li>• Ill, not verified as legitimate</li> <li>• Suffering long-term illness and not receiving education services (residential drug treatment, severe physical or mental illness)</li> <li>• Suspended or expelled, term of suspension or expulsion not yet over</li> <li>• Suspended or expelled, term of suspension or expulsion over</li> <li>• Expelled, no option to return</li> <li>• Expelled, enrolled in another school and/or district</li> </ul>	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"> <li>• Program administered by agency considered a special school district or extension of regular school district</li> <li>• Program is off-campus offering of regular school district</li> <li>• Program not approved or administered by regular district; classified as adult education</li> </ul>	No No Yes