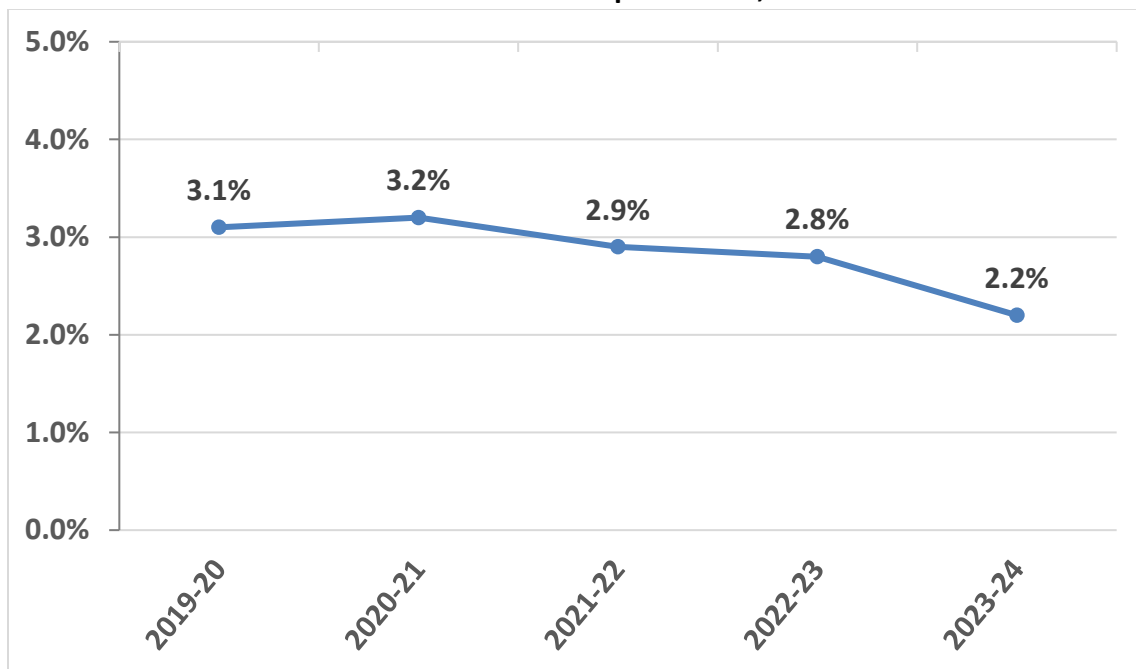# Florida's High School Cohort
2023-24 Dropout Rate
January 2025

Florida's Dropout Rate

Florida's cohort-based dropout rate has improved since 2019-20, with 0.9 percent fewer students dropping out prior to their scheduled graduation. The rate improved by declining from 3.1 percent in 2019-20 to 2.2 percent in 2023-24. Additionally, the dropout rate declined from 2.8 percent to 2.2 percent between 2022-23 and 2023-24. This is a 0.6 percentage-point decrease compared to last year. Exhibit 1 below shows the cohort-based dropout rates from 2019-20 to 2023-24.

Exhibit 1: Florida's Cohort-Based Dropout Rates, 2019-20 to 2023-24

The cohort-based dropout rate is the percentage of students who drop out of school within four years of their first enrollment in ninth grade. Subsequent to their enrollment in ninth grade, students who transfer out and deceased students are removed from the calculation. Entering transfer students are included in the rate for the class with which they are scheduled to graduate, based on their date of enrollment. In a cohort, at the end of four years students can be classified as graduates, dropouts or non-graduates. A dropout is defined as a student who withdraws from school for any of several reasons without transferring to another school, home education program or adult education program. In 2023-24, the cohort-based dropout rate was 2.2 percent, down from 3.1 percent in 2019-20.

The department used to publish a single-year dropout rate. The single-year dropout rate often caused confusion because it was not comparable to the graduation rate. It represented the percentage of high school students who dropped out in any one year and was not an inverse of the graduation rate. The department no longer produces a single-year dropout rate.

Exhibit 2 below provides the definitions for students counted as dropouts.

Exhibit 2: Dropout Withdrawal Codes and Definitions

Withdrawal Codes	Definitions
DNE	Any KG-12 student who was expected to attend a school but did not enter as expected for unknown reasons
W05	Any student age 16 or older who leaves school voluntarily with no intention of returning
W13	Any KG-12 student withdrawn from school due to court action
W15	Any KG-12 student who is withdrawn from school due to nonattendance
W18	Any KG-12 student who withdraws from school due to medical reasons
W21	Any KG-12 student who is withdrawn from school due to being expelled
W22	Any KG-12 student whose whereabouts is unknown
W23	Any KG-12 student who withdraws from school for any reason other than W01 - W22 or W24 - W27

Cohort-Based Dropout Rates by Race/Ethnicity and Sex

Florida's cohort-based dropout rates vary by race/ethnicity. The subgroup with the largest decrease since 2019-20 was American Indian or Alaska Native (-3.0 percentage points). The subgroup with the largest one-year decrease was also American Indian or Alaska Native (-1.5 percentage points). Exhibit 3 below shows the cohort-based dropout rates by race/ethnicity.

Exhibit 3: Cohort-Based Dropout Rates by Race/Ethnicity, 2019-2020 through 2023-2024

Year	White	Black or African American	Hispanic/ Latino	Asian	American Indian or Alaska Native	Two or More Races	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	Total
2019-20	2.5%	3.8%	3.6%	0.4%	7.4%	2.9%	4.0%	3.1%
2020-21	2.6%	4.0%	3.7%	0.7%	2.9%	3.1%	3.7%	3.2%
2021-22	2.5%	3.5%	3.2%	0.7%	4.0%	3.0%	4.0%	2.9%
2022-23	2.4%	3.4%	2.9%	0.5%	5.9%	2.9%	2.5%	2.8%
2023-24	2.0%	2.7%	2.3%	0.5%	4.4%	2.5%	1.4%	2.2%

Exhibit 4 provides the dropout rates for sex and by race/ethnicity within sex. Overall, the dropout rates for both females and males have decreased by 0.6 percent and 1.1 percent respectively, since 2019-20. Additional disaggregations for the cohort-based dropout rates may be obtained through the "Build A Table" feature in the High School Graduation Rates section of the Advanced Reports tool at Know Your Data Advanced Reports.

Exhibit 4: Cohort-Based Dropout Rates by Sex within Race/Ethnicity, 2019-20 through 2023-24

Year	White Female	White Male	Black or African America Female	Black or African American Male	Hispanic/ Latino Female	Hispanic/ Latino Male	Asian Female	Asian Male
2019-20	1.9%	3.1%	2.7%	4.8%	2.6%	4.4%	0.3%	0.5%
2020-21	1.8%	3.2%	2.8%	5.1%	2.6%	4.8%	0.6%	0.9%
2021-22	1.8%	3.2%	2.7%	4.3%	2.3%	4.0%	0.4%	1.0%
2022-23	1.9%	2.9%	2.8%	4.0%	2.2%	3.6%	0.3%	0.7%
2023-24	1.6%	2.4%	2.1%	3.3%	1.7%	2.9%	0.3%	0.6%

Exhibit 4 Continued: Dropout Rates by Sex within Race/Ethnicity, 2019-20 through 2023-24

Year	American Indian or Alaska Native Female	American Indian or Alaska Native Male	Two or More Races Female	Two or More Races Male	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander Female	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander Male	Total Female	Total Male
2019-20	4.8%	9.9%	2.3%	3.6%	3.0%	5.1%	2.3%	3.9%
2020-21	2.3%	3.5%	2.0%	4.1%	2.3%	4.9%	2.3%	4.1%
2021-22	2.8%	5.1%	2.5%	3.6%	2.2%	5.8%	2.2%	3.7%
2022-23	5.1%	6.7%	2.3%	3.5%	1.5%	3.6%	2.2%	3.4%
2023-24	4.0%	4.8%	2.0%	3.0%	1.5%	1.4%	1.7%	2.8%

Cohort-Based Dropout Rates by District

Exhibit 5 shows the cohort-based dropout rates by district from 2019-20 to 2023-24. School-level and additional district-level disaggregations for the cohort-based dropout rates may be obtained via the "Build A Table" feature in the High School Graduation Rates section of the Advanced Reports tool at Know Your Data Advanced Reports.

Exhibit 5: Cohort-Based Dropout Rates by District, 2019-20 through 2023-24

District Number	District	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
00	FLORIDA	3.1%	3.2%	2.9%	2.8%	2.2%
01	ALACHUA	2.0%	1.6%	2.5%	2.6%	2.5%
02	BAKER	2.0%	7.9%	6.9%	7.4%	6.6%
03	BAY	4.1%	7.3%	6.6%	5.4%	5.0%
04	BRADFORD	6.4%	10.0%	6.8%	9.4%	3.4%
05	BREVARD	2.3%	2.4%	2.8%	1.9%	1.9%
06	BROWARD	1.3%	2.0%	0.9%	1.2%	0.8%
07	CALHOUN	5.7%	3.5%	2.8%	3.7%	3.1%
08	CHARLOTTE	5.0%	5.5%	6.1%	5.9%	4.9%

District Number	District	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
09	CITRUS	5.4%	4.1%	5.2%	4.9%	2.9%
10	CLAY	2.1%	2.1%	3.6%	2.5%	2.5%
11	COLLIER	2.9%	4.7%	4.4%	4.6%	4.0%
12	COLUMBIA	1.6%	0.2%	2.7%	0.7%	3.0%
13	MIAMI-DADE	3.6%	4.3%	3.1%	2.7%	2.2%
14	DESOTO	7.5%	8.4%	6.2%	5.9%	4.1%
15	DIXIE	3.7%	6.1%	3.8%	6.0%	0.8%
16	DUVAL	3.7%	2.5%	1.9%	1.2%	1.0%
17	ESCAMBIA	0.7%	0.9%	1.8%	2.4%	2.2%
18	FLAGLER	3.9%	4.3%	4.1%	5.1%	4.7%
19	FRANKLIN	19.4%	15.4%	11.1%	20.3%	5.8%
20	GADSDEN	7.5%	6.1%	14.2%	7.0%	11.4%
21	GILCHRIST	4.2%	5.9%	4.3%	3.8%	4.0%
22	GLADES	7.8%	1.5%	1.5%	8.0%	1.3%
23	GULF	8.1%	6.0%	2.2%	7.5%	4.4%
24	HAMILTON	8.3%	8.8%	11.9%	12.4%	7.8%
25	HARDEE	4.0%	2.3%	3.5%	6.3%	3.9%
26	HENDRY	6.8%	9.5%	9.2%	8.8%	8.4%
27	HERNANDO	6.1%	6.4%	6.2%	5.2%	4.4%
28	HIGHLANDS	4.2%	5.7%	7.0%	6.4%	5.6%
29	HILLSBOROUGH	2.9%	2.6%	2.3%	2.4%	2.7%
30	HOLMES	3.1%	1.8%	4.4%	3.1%	4.9%
31	INDIAN RIVER	1.1%	1.4%	1.1%	1.1%	1.1%
32	JACKSON	2.9%	5.8%	3.9%	4.8%	2.0%
33	JEFFERSON	0.0%	4.5%	14.7%	14.8%	19.5%
34	LAFAYETTE	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.2%	0.0%
35	LAKE	3.4%	3.5%	4.9%	3.3%	2.7%
36	LEE	2.5%	2.4%	2.1%	2.4%	1.8%
37	LEON	0.9%	0.6%	1.6%	2.5%	2.0%
38	LEVY	5.8%	1.6%	2.0%	1.7%	2.6%
39	LIBERTY	1.2%	0.0%	3.3%	1.1%	0.9%
40	MADISON	4.7%	7.6%	7.1%	6.2%	8.3%
41	MANATEE	6.0%	6.7%	6.7%	4.6%	4.3%
42	MARION	3.7%	2.5%	2.6%	3.4%	4.0%
43	MARTIN	5.9%	3.8%	3.3%	3.0%	3.9%
44	MONROE	2.7%	3.6%	3.3%	5.6%	6.5%
45	NASSAU	1.6%	0.7%	1.2%	3.8%	3.0%
46	OKALOOSA	1.8%	1.0%	1.1%	1.0%	1.4%
47	OKEECHOBEE	5.8%	4.1%	4.9%	8.0%	4.7%
48	ORANGE	1.5%	1.3%	1.2%	1.3%	1.0%
49	OSCEOLA	2.6%	3.0%	3.3%	2.8%	2.1%
50	PALM BEACH	6.1%	6.1%	5.1%	4.6%	1.9%
51	PASCO	1.8%	1.5%	1.3%	1.5%	0.6%
52	PINELLAS	2.9%	2.3%	2.7%	3.9%	3.7%
53	POLK	6.3%	6.2%	5.7%	4.7%	4.4%
54	PUTNAM	5.3%	3.8%	4.0%	3.5%	3.4%
55	ST. JOHNS	2.1%	2.1%	2.7%	2.0%	1.1%

District Number	District	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
56	ST. LUCIE	2.0%	2.7%	2.8%	2.0%	1.5%
57	SANTA ROSA	2.3%	2.8%	2.4%	2.6%	2.4%
58	SARASOTA	4.1%	5.7%	4.5%	3.5%	2.1%
59	SEMINOLE	1.1%	1.4%	1.6%	1.9%	1.7%
60	SUMTER	5.4%	3.7%	4.0%	3.8%	3.3%
61	SUWANNEE	5.4%	1.3%	4.1%	8.4%	6.1%
62	TAYLOR	0.7%	3.1%	0.7%	3.1%	1.9%
63	UNION	1.3%	1.3%	1.2%	4.1%	4.6%
64	VOLUSIA	1.6%	1.4%	1.3%	0.7%	0.6%
65	WAKULLA	0.3%	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%
66	WALTON	3.8%	3.3%	0.2%	1.7%	1.2%
67	WASHINGTON	4.0%	5.6%	8.1%	11.2%	7.8%
68	DEAF/BLIND	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.4%
71	FL VIRTUAL	1.4%	0.2%	0.4%	0.2%	0.0%
72	FAU LAB SCHOOL	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
73	FSU LAB SCHOOL	1.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
74	FAMU LAB SCHOOL	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
75	UF LAB SCHOOL	2.7%	0.0%	0.9%	0.0%	0.0%