

Dropout Rates

		2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Annual Dropout Rate ¹ (Grades 7-12)	Number of Virginia Beach Dropouts	397	446	447	451	319	322	337	396	313	295
	Virginia Beach	1.15%	1.32%	1.34%	1.37%	0.98%	1.00%	1.05%	1.24%	0.98%	0.93%
	State of Virginia	1.89%	1.76%	1.49%	1.63%	1.37%	1.26%	1.23%	1.20%	1.33%	*

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Cohort Dropout Rate ² (Grades 9-12)	Virginia Beach	7.01%	6.94%	6.82%	6.19%	5.62%	4.89%	4.81%	5.27%	4.67%	4.58%
	State of Virginia	10.59%	9.65%	7.79%	7.13%	6.56%	5.89%	5.41%	5.24%	5.29%	5.80%

Sources: Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) Annual Dropout Rate by Division and State of Virginia and Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) State- and Division-Level Cohort Reports, Four-Year Rate (retrieved 9/27/17).

*Not available

¹ The annual dropout rate is based on the number of students in grades 7-12 who permanently left school during a specified reporting year and is based on the fall membership for that year. The annual dropout rate is lower than the cohort dropout rate because the denominator is based on all students in grades 7-12.

² A cohort is a group of first-time ninth-grade students followed over the course of their four-year high school career. The cohort dropout rate reflects the percentage of students in this group who left high school permanently over the course of four years or who cannot be accounted for elsewhere. The cohort dropout rate is higher than the annual dropout rate because the denominator is based only on the cohort of first-time ninth graders who entered in a given year. For more information about the Virginia High School Cohorts and cohort dropout rates, visit the following webpages: [VDOE News Release](#) and [Frequently Asked Questions](#).

³ The Cohort Dropout Rate was not calculated by VDOE prior to 2007-2008. The cohort dropout rates listed for 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 were calculated using the current VDOE methodology where students with an unconfirmed status were included in the dropout rate.

Questions about the information reported above may be directed to the Department of Planning, Innovation, and Accountability (263-1199).