



2019-20 Chronic Absenteeism

Disaggregated by Student Ethnicity and Student Group

A "chronic absentee" is defined as "a pupil who is absent on 10 percent or more of the school days in the school year when the total number of days a pupil is absent is divided by the total number of days the pupil is enrolled and school was actually taught in the regular day schools of the district, exclusive of Saturdays and Sundays."¹

The "eligible" sample below includes only K-12 students who were enrolled with the school/district for at least 31 days and did not attend zero days (i.e., at least a partial day attended).

In 2019-20 schools were physically closed due to a pandemic and schools were not required to record attendance after February 29, 2020. The 2019-20 school year therefore covers the period from the start of the school year through February 29, 2020.

Table 1. Districtwide counts and percentages of chronic absenteeism by ethnicity

	2018-19				2019-20			
	Cumul. Enrollment #	CA Eligible #	Chronic Absentee #	Chronic Absentee %	Cumul. Enrollment #	CA Eligible #	Chronic Absentee #	Chronic Absentee %
Asian	880	862	23	2.67%	893	868	28	3.23%
Black/African-American	2082	2001	400	19.99%	2034	1867	371	19.87%
Filipino	324	321	11	3.43%	314	308	18	5.84%
Hispanic	10237	10057	1427	14.19%	10111	9775	1537	15.72%
Native American/Alaskan Native	34	34	7	20.59%	37	36	4	11.11%
Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian	34	34	2	5.88%	25	25	1	4.00%
Two or more/Multi-ethnic	557	548	51	9.31%	599	580	56	9.66%
White	2871	2821	229	8.12%	2896	2774	256	9.23%
Unknown/Declined to state	62	59	12	20.34%	76	62	9	14.52%
Districtwide	17081	16749	2162	12.92%	16700	16095	2280	14.17%

Table 2. Districtwide counts and percentages of chronic absenteeism by student group membership

	2018-19				2019-20			
	Cumul. Enrollment #	CA Eligible #	Chronic Absentee #	Chronic Absentee %	Cumul. Enrollment #	CA Eligible #	Chronic Absentee #	Chronic Absentee %
English Learner	2418	2349	416	17.71%	2249	2157	402	18.64%
Foster Youth ²	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Homeless	777	757	172	22.72%	775	749	188	25.10%
Students w/ disabilities	2683	2611	533	20.41%	2586	2376	546	22.98%
Socio-economically disadvantaged	11131	10905	1745	16.00%	11421	11054	1888	17.08%
Districtwide	17081	16749	2162	12.92%	16700	16095	2280	14.17%

Data source: CALPADS 14.2 Student Absences Student List

¹ California Education Code (EDC) § 60901

² Cumulative enrollment list of foster youth not currently available