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Maryland Public School Students in the State Child Welfare System

Selected Data: 2021-2022

In the 2021-2022 school year, 1,820 Maryland public school students were in the State child welfare system. Pursuant to the Family Law Article § 5-1312 (C), the following information is provided for this group of students. Data in this report is suppressed to maintain the confidentiality of information on children and foster youth in the State child welfare system and ensure that no personally identifiable information is disclosed. If the number of students is fewer than 10 then an asterisk is reported in the cell. Percentages are reported as $\leq 5\%$ and $\geq 95\%$ when the actual percentages fall within those ranges.

Table 1: Number of foster students by Local Education Agency (LEA) (SY 2021-2022): State of Maryland

| LEA Name | Number of Foster Students |
|------------------|---------------------------|
| Allegany | 38 |
| Anne Arundel | 15 |
| Baltimore County | 395 |
| Calvert | 17 |
| Caroline | 21 |
| Carroll | 23 |
| Cecil | 61 |
| Charles | 76 |
| Dorchester | 13 |
| Frederick | 27 |
| Garrett | 26 |
| Harford | 121 |
| Howard | 36 |
| Kent | * |
| Montgomery | 87 |
| Prince George's | 242 |
| Queen Anne's | * |
| Saint Mary's | * |

| LEA Name | Number of Foster Students |
|----------------|---------------------------|
| Somerset | * |
| Talbot | * |
| Washington | 69 |
| Wicomico | 13 |
| Worcester | * |
| Baltimore City | 520 |
| SEED | * |

Table 2: The number of foster students disaggregated by student group (SY 2021-2022): State of Maryland

| Student Group | Student Count |
|---|---------------|
| Female | 907 |
| Male | 913 |
| American Indian or Alaska Native | * |
| Asian | 10 |
| Black or African American | 1057 |
| Hispanic/Latino of Any Race | 177 |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | * |
| Two or More Races | 124 |
| White | 445 |

Table 3: The number of foster students by grade (SY 2021-2022): State of Maryland

| Grade | Student Count |
|---------|---------------|
| Grade 1 | 135 |
| Grade 2 | 137 |
| Grade 3 | 137 |
| Grade 4 | 104 |
| Grade 5 | 106 |
| Grade 6 | 111 |
| Grade 7 | 132 |

| Grade | Student Count |
|--------------|---------------|
| Grade 8 | 151 |
| Grade 9 | 221 |
| Grade 10 | 163 |
| Grade 11 | 145 |
| Grade 12 | 143 |
| Kindergarten | 135 |

STABILITY OF SCHOOL PLACEMENTS (§ 5-1312 (C)(1)).

Table 4: Foster student mobility rates by grade span (SY 2021-2022)

| Grade | Mobility Rate |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| Elementary School (grades K-5) | 53.5 |
| Middle School (grades 6-8) | 70.5 |
| High School (grades 9-12) | 77.3 |
| All Grades | 65.8 |

Table 5: Foster student mobility rates by student group (SY 2021-2022)

| Grade | Student Group | Mobility Rate |
|------------|----------------------------------|---------------|
| All Grades | Female | 62.3 |
| All Grades | Male | 69.2 |
| All Grades | American Indian or Alaska Native | 18.4 |
| All Grades | Asian | 20.0 |
| All Grades | Black or African American | 75.5 |
| All Grades | Hispanic/Latino of Any Race | 54.8 |
| All Grades | Two or More Races | 48 |
| All Grades | White | 54 |

NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PLANS (IEPS) OR A PLAN UNDER § 504 OF THE FEDERAL REHABILITATION ACT (§ 5-1312 (C)(2) AND (3))

Table 6: The number of foster students with Individualized Education Plans / 504 (SY 2021-2022): State of Maryland

| Student Group | Grade | Student Count |
|-------------------------------------|------------|---------------|
| Americans with Disability Act / 504 | All Grades | 131 |
| Students with Disabilities | All Grades | 683 |

NUMBER OF CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN RETAINED IN A GRADE, DISAGGREGATED BY GRADE (§ 5-1312 (C)(4)).

Table 7: The number of foster students, by grade, who were retained in a grade (SY 2021-2022): State of Maryland

| Grade | Students Not Promoted |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Elementary School (grades K-5) | * |
| Middle School (grades 6-8) | * |
| High School (grades 9-12) | 210 |
| Grade 9 | 77 |
| Grade 10 | 40 |
| Grade 11 | 28 |
| Grade 12 | 65 |
| All Grades | 219 |

Table 8: The number of foster students, by student group, who were retained in a grade (SY 2021-2022): State of Maryland

| Student Group | Grade | Students Not Promoted |
|----------------------------------|------------|-----------------------|
| Female | All Grades | 122 |
| Male | All Grades | 97 |
| American Indian or Alaska Native | All Grades | * |
| Asian | All Grades | * |
| Black or African American | All Grades | 167 |

| Student Group | Grade | Students Not Promoted |
|---|------------|-----------------------|
| Hispanic/Latino of Any Race | All Grades | 23 |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | All Grades | * |
| Two or More Races | All Grades | * |
| White | All Grades | 20 |

NUMBER OF CHILDREN WHO GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL AND DROPOUT RATES (§ 5-1312 (C)(5) AND (6)).

Table 9: The number of foster students who graduate from high school and 4-year cohort graduation rates, disaggregated by student group (SY 2021-2022): State of Maryland

| Student Group | Count of Students Earning a Diploma | 4-Year Cohort Graduation Rate | 4-Year Cohort Dropout Rate |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| All foster students | 78 | 42 | 32.3 |
| Female | 50 | 45 | 32.1 |
| Male | 28 | 38 | 32.4 |
| Asian | * | >=95% | * |
| Black or African American | 47 | 37 | 33.9 |
| Hispanic/Latino of Any Race | * | 50 | 38.9 |
| Two or More Races | * | 71 | 28.6 |
| White | 16 | 49 | 24.2 |

NUMBER OF CHILDREN WHO ARE TRUANT STUDENTS. (§ 5-1312 (C)(7)).**Table 10: The number of foster students, by grade, who were truant (SY 2021-2022): State of Maryland**

| Grade | Habitual Truant Students |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Elementary School (Grades K-5) | 61 |
| Middle School (grades 6-8) | 45 |
| High School (grades 9-12) | 245 |
| Grade 9 | 88 |
| Grade 10 | 55 |
| Grade 11 | 47 |
| Grade 12 | 55 |
| All Grades | 351 |

Table 11: The number of foster students, by student group, who were truant (SY 2021-2022): State of Maryland

| Student Group | Grade | Habitual Truant Students |
|---|------------|--------------------------|
| Female | All Grades | 200 |
| Male | All Grades | 151 |
| American Indian or Alaska Native | All Grades | * |
| Asian | All Grades | * |
| Black or African American | All Grades | 265 |
| Hispanic/Latino of Any Race | All Grades | 21 |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | All Grades | * |
| Two or More Races | All Grades | 24 |
| White | All Grades | 40 |

RATES OF ABSENTEEISM FOR CHILDREN AND FOSTER YOUTH IN THE STATE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM (§ 5-1312 (C)(8)).

Table 12: Foster student chronic absenteeism rates by grade span (2021-2022)

| Grade | Chronic Absenteeism Rate |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Elementary School (grades K-5) | 31.0 |
| Middle School (grades 6-8) | 38.6 |
| High School (grades 9-12) | 66.9 |
| All Grades | 46.2 |

Table 13: Foster student chronic absenteeism rates by student group (2021-2022)

| Grade | Student Group | Chronic Absenteeism Rate |
|------------|---|--------------------------|
| All Grades | Male | 44.6 |
| All Grades | Female | 47.9 |
| All Grades | American Indian or Alaska Native | 16.7 |
| All Grades | Asian | 25.0 |
| All Grades | Black or African American | 52.8 |
| All Grades | Hispanic/Latino of Any Race | 40.5 |
| All Grades | Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | * |
| All Grades | Two or More Races | 44.1 |
| All Grades | White | 34.0 |

Table 14: Foster student absentee rates, absent fewer than 5 days, by grade span (SY 2021-2022)

| Grade | Absentee Rate (Less than 5 days) |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Elementary School (grades 1-5) | 20.6 |
| Middle School (grades 6-8) | 19.2 |
| High School (grades 9-12) | 9.2 |
| All Grades | 15.9 |

Table 15: Foster student absentee rates, absent fewer than 5 days, by student group (2021-2022)

| Grade | Student Group | Absentee Rate (Less than 5 days) |
|------------|---|----------------------------------|
| All Grades | Male | 15.9 |
| All Grades | Female | 15.8 |
| All Grades | American Indian or Alaska Native | 25.0 |
| All Grades | Asian | 33.3 |
| All Grades | Black or African American | 13.8 |
| All Grades | Hispanic/Latino of Any Race | 21.5 |
| All Grades | Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | * |
| All Grades | Two or More Races | 15.5 |
| All Grades | White | 18.9 |

Table 16: Foster student absentee rates, absent more than 20 days, by grade span (2021-2022)

| Grade | Absentee Rate (More than 20 Days) |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Elementary School (grades 1-5) | 24.5 |
| Middle School (grades 6-8) | 30.1 |
| High School (grades 9-12) | 59.8 |
| All Grades | 39.5 |

Table 17: Foster student absentee rates, absent more than 20 days, by student group (2021-2022)

| Grade | Student Group | Absentee Rate (More than 20 Days) |
|------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| All Grades | Male | 37.5 |
| All Grades | Female | 41.4 |
| All Grades | American Indian or Alaska Native | * |
| All Grades | Asian | * |
| All Grades | Black or African American | 46.0 |

| Grade | Student Group | Absentee Rate (More than 20 Days) |
|------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| All Grades | Hispanic/Latino of Any Race | 31.6 |
| All Grades | Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | * |
| All Grades | Two or More Races | 40.9 |
| All Grades | White | 27.9 |

RATES OF SUSPENSION (§ 5-1312 (C)(9)) AND RATES OF EXPULSION (§ 5-1312 (C)(10)).

Table 18: Suspension rates for foster students by grade (SY 2021-2022): State of Maryland

| Grade | Suspension Rate |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Elementary School (grades K-5) | <=5% |
| Middle School (grades 6-8) | 23.6 |
| High School (grades 9-12) | 23.1 |
| All Grades | 14.8 |

Table 19: Suspension rates for foster students by student group (SY 2021-2022): State of Maryland

| Student Group | Suspension Rate |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Female | 11.8 |
| Male | 17.8 |
| American Indian or Alaska Native | 16.7 |
| Black or African American | 16.5 |
| Hispanic/Latino of Any Race | 9.8 |
| Two or More Races | 18.8 |
| White | 12.2 |

Table 20: Expulsion rate for foster students by grade (SY 2021-2022): State of Maryland

| Grade Span | Expulsion Rate |
|------------|----------------|
| All Grades | <=5% |

NUMBER OF SCHOOL-BASED ARRESTS (§ 5-1312 (C)(11)).**Table 21: Number of school-based arrests of foster students by grade (SY 2021-2022): State of Maryland**

| Grade | Number of School-Based Arrests |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| All Middle School Grades | * |
| All High School Grades | * |
| All Grades | 13 |

Table 22: Number of school-based arrests of foster students by summary group (SY 2021-2022): State of Maryland

| Summary Group | Number of School-Based Arrests |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Female | * |
| Male | 11 |
| Black or African American | * |
| Two or More Races | * |
| White | * |

Source: MSDE Student Data Information System.