

## EDUCATION

**Table 9.3**  
**PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL NUMBER OF GRADUATES, NUMBER OF HIGH SCHOOL DROPOUTS**  
**FOR GRADES 9–12, AND HIGH SCHOOL EVENT DROPOUT RATE FOR GRADES 9–12,**  
**BY GENDER AND STATE OR JURISDICTION: SCHOOL YEAR 2008–09**

State or other jurisdiction	Number of graduates (a)		High school dropouts (b)			
	Male	Female	Male		Female	
			Number of dropouts	Dropout rate (c)	Number of dropouts	Dropout rate (c)
<b>Reporting states (d)</b> .....	1,286,199	1,329,709	267,370	3.6	198,154	2.7
Alabama.....	20,207	21,826	1,987	1.8	1,326	1.2
Alaska.....	3,966	4,042	1,602	7.6	1,302	6.4
Arizona.....	30,459	31,843	12,733	7.9	9,845	6.4
Arkansas.....	14,091	13,965	3,305	4.7	2,327	3.5
California.....	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Colorado.....	23,227	24,232	8,075	6.7	6,496	5.6
Connecticut.....	17,270	17,696	3,508	3.9	1,876	2.2
Delaware.....	3,862	3,977	1,202	6.2	754	4.0
Florida.....	72,427	77,639	11,687	3.0	8,549	2.3
Georgia.....	41,306	44,857	11,691	5.1	7,768	3.4
Hawaii.....	6,026	5,482	1,496	5.4	1,071	4.2
Idaho.....	8,371	8,436	747	1.8	592	1.5
Illinois.....	63,901	66,193	35,414	11.5	27,568	8.6
Indiana.....	30,229	32,083	3,192	2.0	2,099	1.4
Iowa.....	16,857	17,069	2,761	3.6	2,020	2.7
Kansas.....	14,973	14,729	1,683	2.4	1,130	1.7
Kentucky.....	20,200	20,987	2,940	2.9	2,184	2.3
Louisiana.....	16,544	19,077	7,263	8.2	5,006	5.5
Maine.....	6,403	6,390	1,204	4.0	885	3.2
Maryland.....	28,217	30,087	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Massachusetts.....	32,388	32,870	5,039	3.4	3,542	2.5
Michigan.....	54,787	57,297	11,994	4.4	8,321	3.2
Minnesota.....	30,059	29,626	2,982	2.1	2,138	1.6
Mississippi.....	11,225	13,228	3,465	5.0	2,378	3.4
Missouri.....	31,392	31,577	6,777	4.7	5,157	3.7
Montana.....	5,089	4,988	1,288	5.6	984	4.5
Nebraska.....	9,682	9,819	1,313	2.8	865	2.0
Nevada.....	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
New Hampshire.....	7,434	7,323	670	2.0	445	1.4
New Jersey.....	47,721	47,364	3,975	1.8	2,944	1.4
New Mexico.....	8,745	9,186	2,697	5.4	2,095	4.4
New York.....	88,242	92,352	21,408	4.9	15,237	3.6
North Carolina.....	41,247	43,600	13,387	6.2	8,990	4.3
North Dakota.....	3,646	3,586	406	2.6	351	2.4
Ohio.....	59,687	60,141	12,469	4.3	10,508	3.8
Oklahoma.....	18,649	18,570	2,450	2.7	2,012	2.3
Oregon.....	16,864	17,151	3,257	3.7	2,579	3.2
Pennsylvania.....	64,759	65,483	7,620	2.6	5,559	2.0
Rhode Island.....	4,864	5,164	1,233	5.2	853	3.7
South Carolina.....	18,141	20,792	4,055	3.8	2,986	2.9
South Dakota.....	4,058	4,065	376	1.9	307	1.6
Tennessee.....	29,651	30,717	5,398	3.7	3,718	2.6
Texas.....	131,773	132,468	22,595	3.4	18,924	3.0
Utah.....	15,000	15,358	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Vermont.....	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Virginia.....	38,014	40,395	5,484	2.9	3,833	2.1
Washington.....	30,056	31,876	8,497	5.1	6,557	4.1
West Virginia.....	8,818	8,872	1,947	4.5	1,497	3.7
Wisconsin.....	32,919	32,491	3,941	2.7	2,471	1.8
Wyoming.....	2,753	2,740	157	1.1	105	0.8
District of Columbia.....	1,498	2,019	629	7.6	545	5.9
DoDDS: DoDs Overseas (e).....	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
DDESS: DoDs Domestic (e).....	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Bureau of Indian Education.....	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
American Samoa.....	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Guam.....	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
No. Mariana Islands.....	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Puerto Rico.....	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
U.S. Virgin Islands.....	397	543	256	10.4	131	4.8

See footnotes at end of table.

**PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL NUMBER OF GRADUATES, NUMBER OF HIGH SCHOOL DROPOUTS FOR GRADES 9–12, AND HIGH SCHOOL EVENT DROPOUT RATE FOR GRADES 9–12, BY GENDER AND STATE OR JURISDICTION: SCHOOL YEAR 2008–09—Continued**

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*Source:* U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Common Core of Data (CCD), “NCES Common Core of Data State Dropout and Completion Data File,” School Year 2008–09, Version 1a; and “NCES Common Core of Data Local Education Agency Universe Survey Dropout and Completion Restricted-Use Data File,” School Year 2008–09, Version 1a.

*Key:*

N.A. — Not available. State or jurisdiction did not report graduate counts or dropout counts by gender.

(a) Graduate counts were calculated using district-level data. Totals may differ from graduate counts on other tables due to different reporting levels. Graduation rates were not calculated due to missing data at the school district level.

(b) Ungraded dropouts are prorated by NCES into grades based on the graded dropout counts to calculate numerators for dropout rates. Ungraded student enrollments are prorated by NCES into grades based on graded enrollments to calculate denominators for dropout rates.

(c) The event dropout rate is defined as the count of dropouts from a given school year divided by the count of student enrollments within the same grade span at the beginning of the same school year.

(d) Reporting states totals include any of the 50 states and the District of Columbia that reported all data elements.

(e) DoDDS and DDESS are the Department of Defense Overseas Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools and the Department of Defense Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools, respectively.