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In the 2020-2021 school year, 2,404 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, or the percent of students is less than or equal to five percent or 95% or greater, it is reported with an asterisk (*) in this report.

Table 1: Number of foster students by Local Education Agency (LEA) (SY 2020-2021): State of Maryland

LEA Name	Number of Foster Students
Allegany	31
Anne Arundel	63
Baltimore County	431
Calvert	12
Caroline	23
Carroll	23
Cecil	71
Charles	87
Dorchester	18
Frederick	24
Garrett	17
Harford	105
Howard	35
Kent	*
Montgomery	117
Prince George's	244
Queen Anne's	*
Saint Mary's	19

LEA Name	Number of Foster Students
Somerset	*
Talbot	*
Washington	96
Wicomico	13
Worcester	13
Baltimore City	573
SEED	*

Table 2: The number of foster students disaggregated by student group (SY 2020-2021): State of Maryland

Student Group	Student Count
Female	988
Male	955
American Indian or Alaska Native	*
Asian	10
Black or African American	1159
Hispanic/Latino of Any Race	179
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*
Two or More Races	117
White	471

Table 3: The number of foster students by grade (SY 2020-2021): State of Maryland

Grade	Student Count
Grade 1	171
Grade 2	163
Grade 3	122
Grade 4	117
Grade 5	98
Grade 6	127
Grade 7	135

Grade	Student Count
Grade 8	135
Grade 9	205
Grade 10	190
Grade 11	142
Grade 12	197
Kindergarten	143

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

Table 4: Foster student mobility rates by grade span (SY 2020-2021)

Grade	Mobility Rate
Middle School (grades 6-8)	21.1
Elementary School (grades K-5)	25.9
All High School (grades 9-12)	31.3
All Grades	26.8

Table 5: Foster student mobility rates by student group (SY 2020-2021)

Grade	Student Group	Mobility Rate
All Grades	Non-binary	*
All Grades	Female	26.1
All Grades	Male	27.6
All Grades	Two or More Races	36.2
All Grades	White	27.1
All Grades	Black or African American	26.4
All Grades	Hispanic/Latino of Any Race	24
All Grades	American Indian or Alaska Native	35.3
All Grades	Asian	25.4
All Grades	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	65.8

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 2020-2021): State of Maryland

Student Group	Grade	Student Count
Students with Disabilities	All Grades	735
ADA/504	All Grades	121

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 2020-2021): State of Maryland

Grade	Students Not Promoted
Elementary School (grades preK-5)	20
Middle School (grades 6-8)	10
High School (grades 9-12)	329
Grade 9	114
Grade 10	80
Grade 11	42
Grade 12	93
All Grades	359

Table 8: The number of foster students, by student group, who were retained in a grade (SY 2020-2021): State of Maryland

Student Group	Grade	Students Not Promoted
Non-binary	All Grades	*
Female	All Grades	179
Male	All Grades	179
Hispanic/Latino of Any Race	All Grades	56
American Indian or Alaska Native	All Grades	*

Student Group	Grade	Students Not Promoted
Asian	All Grades	*
Black or African American	All Grades	222
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	All Grades	*
White	All Grades	63
Two or More Races	All Grades	10

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 2020-2021): State of Maryland

Student Group	Count of Students Earning a Diploma	4-Year Cohort Graduation Rate	4-Year Cohort Dropout Rate
All foster students	183	57.2	21.9
Female	115	59.6	23.8
Male	68	54	19
Non-binary	*	*	*
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	66.7	*
Asian	*	60	*
Black or African American	105	52.2	23.4
Hispanic/Latino of Any Race	17	51.5	30.3
Two or More Races	*	64.3	21.4
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	>=95%	*
White	46	73	15.9

NUMBER OF CHILDREN WHO ARE TRUANT STUDENTS. (§ 5-1312 (c)(7)).**Table 10: The number of foster students, by grade, who were truant (SY 2020-2021): State of Maryland**

Grade	Habitual Truant Students
Elementary School (Grades PK-5)	28
Middle School (grades 6-8)	22
High School (grades 9-12)	212
Grade 9	75
Grade 10	44
Grade 11	39
Grade 12	54
All Grades	267

Table 11: The number of foster students, by student group, who were truant (SY 2020-2021): State of Maryland

Student Group	Grade	Habitual Truant Students
Non-binary	All Grades	*
Female	All Grades	529
Male	All Grades	621
Hispanic/Latino of Any Race	All Grades	251
American Indian or Alaska Native	All Grades	12
Asian	All Grades	*
Black or African American	All Grades	616
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	All Grades	*
White	All Grades	203
Two or More Races	All Grades	64

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 (2020-2021)

Grade	Chronic Absenteeism Rate
Middle School (grades 6-8)	54.5
Elementary School (grades K-5)	40.4
All High School (grades 9-12)	68
All Grades	53.7

Table 13: Foster student chronic absenteeism rates by student group (2020-2021)

Grade	Student Group	Chronic Absenteeism Rate
All Grades	Non-binary	*
All Grades	Male	55.9
All Grades	Female	51.6
All Grades	Two or More Races	49
All Grades	White	46.1
All Grades	Black or African American	56.4
All Grades	Hispanic/Latino of Any Race	57.2
All Grades	American Indian or Alaska Native	73.1
All Grades	Asian	31.6
All Grades	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	50

Table 14: Foster student absentee rates, absent fewer than 5 days, by grade span (SY 2020-2021)

Grade	Absentee Rate (Less than 5 days)
Middle School (grades 6-8)	18.8
Elementary School (grades K-5)	27.8
All High School (grades 9-12)	13.8
All Grades	20.3

Table 15: Foster student absentee rates, absent fewer than 5 days, by student group (2020-2021)

Grade	Student Group	Absentee Rate (Less than 5 days)
All Grades	Non-binary	50.0
All Grades	Male	18.4
All Grades	Female	22.2
All Grades	Two or More Races	19.7
All Grades	White	25.4
All Grades	Black or African American	18.7
All Grades	Hispanic/Latino of Any Race	18.1
All Grades	American Indian or Alaska Native	14.3
All Grades	Asian	45.5
All Grades	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*

Table 16: Foster student absentee rates, absent more than 20 days, by grade span (2020-2021)

Grade	Absentee Rate (More than 20 Days)
Middle School (grades 6-8)	49.1
Elementary School (grades K-5)	35.6
All High School (grades 9-12)	65.0
All Grades	50.0

Table 17: Foster student absentee rates, absent more than 20 days, by student group (2020-2021)

Grade	Student Group	Absentee Rate (More than 20 Days)
All Grades	Non-binary	*
All Grades	Male	52.5
All Grades	Female	47.6
All Grades	Two or More Races	45.3

Grade	Student Group	Absentee Rate (More than 20 Days)
All Grades	White	42.8
All Grades	Black or African American	52.4
All Grades	Hispanic/Latino of Any Race	54.3
All Grades	American Indian or Alaska Native	76.2
All Grades	Asian	18.2
All Grades	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	66.7

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 2020-2021): State of Maryland

Grade	Suspension Rate
Middle School (grades 6-8)	0.1%
Elementary School (grades K-5)	1%
All High School (grades 9-12)	0.6%
All Grades	0.4%

Table 19: Suspension rates for foster students by student group (SY 2020-2021): State of Maryland

Student Group	Suspension Rate
Female	0.2%
Male	0.7%
Black or African American	0.5%
Two or More Races	0.8%
White	0.4%

Table 20: Expulsion rate for foster students by grade (SY 2020-2021): State of Maryland

Grade Span	Expulsion Rate
All Grades	*

NUMBER OF SCHOOL-BASED ARRESTS (§ 5-1312 (C)(11)).**Table 21: Number of school-based arrests of foster students by grade (SY 2020-2021): State of Maryland**

Grade	Number of School-Based Arrests
All Elementary Grades	1
All High School Grades	2
All Grades	3

Table 22: Number of school-based arrests of foster students by summary group (SY 2020-2021): State of Maryland

Summary Group	Number of School-Based Arrests
Female	1
Male	2
Black or African American	1
White	2

Source: MSDE Student Data Information System.