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In the 2019-2020 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 school system (SY 2019-2020)

School System Name	Number of Foster Students
Allegany	49
Anne Arundel	75
Baltimore County	545
Calvert	20
Caroline	22
Carroll	25
Cecil	72
Charles	88
Dorchester	10
Frederick	16
Garrett	18
Harford	161
Howard	44
Kent	*
Montgomery	143
Prince George's	259
Queen Anne's	*
Saint Mary's	*
Somerset	*
Talbot	*
Washington	102
Wicomico	19
Worcester	15
Baltimore City	682
SEED School	*

Table 1: The number of foster students disaggregated by student group (SY 2019-2020): State of Maryland

Student Group	Count
All foster students	2404
Female	1221
Male	1183
American Indian or Alaska Native	*
Asian	16
Black or African American	1399
Hispanic/Latino of any race	236
Two or more races	160
White	584
Hawaiian/Other Pacific Island	*

Table 2: The number of foster students by grade (SY 2019-2020): State of Maryland

Grade	Count
Elementary (PreK-5)	1127
Middle (6-8)	449
High (9-12)	828

STABILITY OF SCHOOL PLACEMENTS (§ 5-1312 (c)(1)). Data for the 2018-2019 school year is being provided in place of data for the 2019-2020 school year due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, closure of schools in March 2020, and data collection rules and timelines.

Table 4: Foster student mobility rates by grade span (SY 2018-2019)

Grade	Mobility Rate
Elementary School (Grades K-5)	76.4
Middle School (grades 6-8)	100
High School (grades 9-12)	100
All Grades	100

Table 5: Foster student mobility rates by student group (SY 2018-2019)

Grade	Student group	Mobility Rate
All Grades	Female	91.9
All Grades	Male	100.0
All Grades	Hispanic/Latino of any race	96.3
All Grades	American Indian or Alaska Native	41.6
All Grades	Asian	72.6
All Grades	Black or African American	100.0
All Grades	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	100.0
All Grades	White	72.3
All Grades	Two or more races	75.8

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 (SY 2019-2020): State of Maryland

Student Group	Grades	Count
Students with Disabilities	All Grades	846
ADA/504	All Grades	148

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 2019-2020): State of Maryland

Grade	Students Not Promoted
Elementary School (grades PK-5)	*
Middle School (grades 6-8)	*
High School (grades 9-12)	186
Grade 9	65
Grade 10	36
Grade 11	23

Grade	Students Not Promoted
Grade 12	62
All grades	199

Table 8: The number of foster students, by student group, who were retained in a grade (SY 2019-2020): State of Maryland

Student Group	Grade	Students Not Promoted
Female	All Grades	118
Male	All Grades	81
Hispanic/Latino of any race	All Grades	17
Black or African American	All Grades	148
White	All Grades	25
American Indian or Alaska Native	All Grades	*
Asian	All Grades	*
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	All Grades	*
Two or more races	All Grades	*

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, 4-year Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rates, 4-year Adjusted Cohort Dropout Rate, disaggregated by student group (SY 2019-2020): State of Maryland

Student Group	Count of students earning a diploma	4-Year Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate (%)	4-Year Adjusted Cohort Dropout Rate (%)
All foster students	118	50.2	26.8
Female	72	52.2	26.1
Male	46	47.4	27.8
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*	*
Asian	*	*	*
Black or African American	62	42.2	31.3
Hispanic/Latino of any race	15	57.7	30.8
Two or more races	*	*	*
White	34	68.0	16.0
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*	*

NUMBER OF CHILDREN WHO ARE TRUANT STUDENTS. (§ 5-1312 (c)(7)).**Table 10: The number of foster students, by grade, who were truant (SY 2019-2020): State of Maryland**

Grade	Habitual Truants
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 2019-2020): State of Maryland

Student group	Habitual Truant Students
Female	159
Male	108
Hispanic/Latino of any race	19
American Indian or Alaska Native	*
Asian	*
Black or African American	217
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*
White	19
Two or more races	*

RATES OF ABSENTEEISM FOR CHILDREN AND FOSTER YOUTH IN THE STATE CHILD WELFARE system (§ 5-1312 (c)(8)). Data for the 2018-2019 school year is being provided in place of data for the 2019-2020 school year due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, closure of schools in March 2020, and data collection rules and timelines.

Table 12: Foster student chronic absenteeism rates by grade span (SY 2018-2019)

Grade	Chronic Absenteeism Rate
Elementary School (Grades K-5)	21.4
Middle School (grades 6-8)	35.3
High School (grades 9-12)	63.9
All Grades	40.2

Table 13: Foster student chronic absenteeism rates by student group (SY 2018-2019)

Grade	Student group	Chronic Absenteeism Rate
All Grades	Female	42.7
All Grades	Male	37.7
All Grades	Hispanic/Latino of any race	44.1
All Grades	American Indian or Alaska Native	50.0
All Grades	Asian	44.4
All Grades	Black or African American	46.7
All Grades	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	20.0
All Grades	White	27.5
All Grades	Two or more races	26.9

Table 14: Foster student absentee rates, absent fewer than 5 days, by student group (SY 2018-2019)

Grade	Student group	Absentee Rate (Less than 5 days)
All Grades	Female	21.3
All Grades	Male	22.1
All Grades	Hispanic/Latino of any race	19.6
All Grades	American Indian or Alaska Native	16.7
All Grades	Asian	12.5
All Grades	Black or African American	20.0
All Grades	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	33.3

Grade	Student group	Absentee Rate (Less than 5 days)
All Grades	White	25.7
All Grades	Two or more races	26.0

Table 15: Foster student absentee rates, absent more than 20 days, by grade span (SY 2018-2019)

Grade	Absentee Rate (More than 20 days)
Elementary School (Grades K-5)	14.7
Middle School (grades 6-8)	23.0
High School (grades 9-12)	52.9
All Grades	31.4

Table 16: Foster student absentee rates, absent more than 20 days, by student group (SY 2018-2019)

Grade	Student group	Absentee Rate (More than 20 days)
All Grades	Female	34.1
All Grades	Male	28.7
All Grades	Hispanic/Latino of any race	31.3
All Grades	American Indian or Alaska Native	16.7
All Grades	Asian	18.8
All Grades	Black or African American	39.2
All Grades	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*
All Grades	White	18.2
All Grades	Two or more races	19.1

RATES OF SUSPENSION (§ 5-1312 (C)(9)) AND RATES OF EXPULSION (§ 5-1312 (C)(10)).**Table 3: Suspension rates for foster students by grade (SY 2019-2020): State of Maryland**

Grade	Suspension Rate
Elementary School (Grades PK-5)	*
Middle School (grades 6-8)	*
High School (grades 9-12)	7.7%
All Grades	14.0%

Table 4: Suspension rates for foster students by student group (SY 2019-2020): State of Maryland

Student Group	Suspension Rate
Female	5.7%
Male	8.3%
American Indian or Alaska Native	*
Asian	*
Black or African American	8.9%
Hispanic/Latino of any race	*
Two or more races	*
White	*
American Indian or Alaska Native	*

Table 5: Expulsion rate for foster students by grade (SY 2019-2020): State of Maryland

Grade	Expulsion Rate
Elementary School (Grades PK-5)	*
Middle School (grades 6-8)	*
High School (grades 9-12)	*
All Grades	0.2%

NUMBER OF SCHOOL-BASED ARRESTS (§ 5-1312 (C)(11)).**Table 20: Number of school-based arrests of foster students (SY 2019-2020): State of Maryland**

Grade	Number of School-based Arrests
Elementary School (Grades PK-5)	*
Middle School (grades 6-8)	11
High School (grades 9-12)	21
All Grades	32

Table 21: Number of school-based arrests of foster students by gender (SY 2019-2020): State of Maryland

Student Group	Number of School-based Arrests
Female	19
Male	13
American Indian or Alaska Native	*
Asian	*
Black or African American	*
Hispanic/Latino of any race	*
Two or more races	*
White	*

Source: MSDE Student Data Information System.