

Education

Average Daily Attendance divides the total number of days present by the number of days taught within the accounting period (20 days) reported to the fourth decimal place. To calculate FTEADA for vocational classes, divide total hours attended by 120 (a 6-hour day times a 20-day accounting period).

Cohort Dropout Rate represents the percentage of an entering 9th grade class that has dropped out by the end of the 12th grade. The cohort rate measures what happens to a single group, or cohort, of students over a period of time. Cohort rates are important because they reveal how many students starting in a specific grade drop out over time. This is a new data category in Tennessee.

Early Head Start was designed with the advice of the Advisory Committee on Services to Families with Infants and Toddlers. Established by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Committee consisted of the leading academic and programmatic experts in early childhood development and family support. Early Head Start builds upon both the latest research and the experiences of such pioneering initiatives as the Parent and Child Centers and the Comprehensive Child Development Program.

Event Dropout Rate represents the percentage of a specific school population who drop out during a calendar year. The event dropout rate provides a measure of recent dropout experiences. Event rates are important because they reveal the proportion of students who leave high school each year without completing a high school program. Tennessee defines it as the number of dropouts (grades 9-12) in a given calendar year divided by the net enrollment (grades 9-12) for the same year.

Expulsion occurs when a student is prohibited from attendance at school, usually long term. A student is not recorded as being a part of the public school attendance program during the expulsion term. According to TCA 49-6-3401(g) expelled means removed from the pupil's regular school program at the location where the violation occurred or removed from school attendance altogether, as determined by the school official.

Head Start is a national program that provides comprehensive developmental services for America's low-income, preschool children ages 3 to 5 and social services for their families. Specific services for children focus on education, socio-emotional development, physical and mental health, and nutrition.

High School (Grade 9-12) Dropout Data represent the number of dropouts per 100 students in grades 9 to 12 in a calendar year from June to June (the school year and preceding summer) divided by net enrollment at the end of school year. The number of dropouts is collected and reported by school systems using the Tennessee School Register (TSR). The data in this report were compiled by the Tennessee Department of Education for school year 1997-98.

Net Enrollment is the sum of original students who were enrolled after the last day of the previous school year and students entering for the first time in this school year or who transferred from another state.

Regulated Child Care Agencies and Spaces Data represent the capacities of child-care agencies measured by the number of agencies and spaces. The data in this report were compiled by the Tennessee Department of Human Services on July 1, 1998.

Students in Special Education Data represent the percent of students in Tennessee school systems who received special education services. This group includes gifted children, those with disabling conditions, such as learning disabilities, mental retardation, speech or language impaired, emotionally disturbed, autistic, health impaired, physically impaired, deaf, hearing impaired, visually impaired, deaf/blind, multi-handicapped, functionally retarded, developmentally delayed, or traumatic brain injury. The data in this report were compiled by the Tennessee Department of Education for school year 1997-1998.

Students Participating in Free and Reduced-Breakfast Program Data represent the percent of students who received free or reduced-price breakfasts because their family incomes met certain criteria based on U.S. poverty