

ABOUT AMERICA'S DROPOUT CRISIS

How big is America's dropout crisis? Who is affected? What is the impact of dropout rates on the economic future of our country? These questions and other general information regarding high school graduation rates can be answered by the resources and tools below.

Related Research and Publications

The High Cost of High School Dropouts: What the Nation Pays for Inadequate High Schools (2007)

Alliance for Excellent Education

<http://all4ed.org/files/HighCost.pdf>

The High Cost of High School Dropouts examines the lost economic potential that states and the nation experience due to high dropout rates.

Locating the Dropout Crisis: Which High Schools Produce the Nation's Dropouts? Where are they Located? Who Attends Them? (2004)

Robert Balfanz and Nettie Legters, Johns Hopkins University

<http://www.csos.jhu.edu/crespar/techReports/Report70.pdf>

Locating the Dropout Crisis uses "promoting power" to identify the number, location, and characteristics of the nation's dropout factories, which produce the majority of the nation's dropouts.

High School Dropouts in America (2007)

Alliance for Excellent Education

http://www.all4ed.org/files/GraduationRates_FactSheet.pdf

High School Dropouts in America provides some basic facts and statistics regarding dropout rates, including data regarding which populations are most affected, where most dropouts are located, and the costs of young people dropping out of school.

Related Websites and Web Tools

School District- and State-specific Graduation Rate Data

Both Christopher Swanson of *Education Weekly* and the Alliance for Excellent Education offer interactive tools for local and state advocates to better determine graduation rates at the district and state level.

- ◆ Editorial Projects in Education, Education Weekly
<http://mapsg.edweek.org/edweekv2/default.jsp>
- ◆ The Alliance for Excellent Education
http://www.all4ed.org/about_the_crisis/schools/state_cards

The Silent Epidemic

www.silentepidemic.org

This website, launched at the National Summit on America's Silent Epidemic in May 2007, includes resources for policy-makers, parents, educators, and students. The 10-Point Plan, which documents 10 action steps to reduce the number of dropouts in America, can be found on this site.

California Dropout Research Project

<http://lmri.ucsb.edu/dropouts/index.htm>

The California Dropout Research Project synthesizes existing research and undertakes new research to inform policymakers and the larger public about the nature of California's dropout challenge. However, the

site also serves as a repository for the latest research across the nation on the issue of high school dropouts and graduation rates.