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ABSTRACT

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A survey of all New Mexico public schools with students enrolled in grade nine or higher gathered data on the extent and nature of the school dropout problem during the 1986-87 school year. All 88 New Mexico school districts and 100% of the 146 schools surveyed provided information on grade, sex, ethnicity, and reason for dropping out for students who left school prematurely. During 1986-87, 6,495 ninth through twelfth grade students dropped out, resulting in a dropout rate of 8.0%, up from 7.4% the previous school year. Males dropped out of school proportionately more than females, an effect which has been true each year of this annual study. The highest dropout rates occurred among Native American students (12.0%) and Hispanic students (9.0%), the lowest among Asian students (4.1%). Native American students have consistently experienced the highest dropout rates. Anglo, Black, and Hispanic students experienced the highest dropout rates in grade 10, and Native American students in grade 9. The most frequent reason for dropping out was lack of motivation or interest (22.0% overall). Native American students had a disproportionately high rate of expuision (17.3% versus 1.5-2.1% for other ethnic groups). The report contains seven figures and three tables, and provides dropout rates from 1978-79 through 1986-87. Appendices list enrollments and Gropout rates for each school and district and include the survey instrument. (SV)

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1986-87 SCHOOL YEAR

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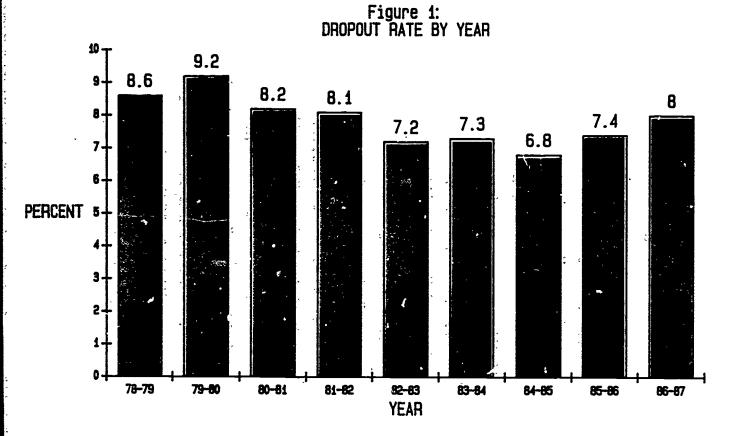
INTRODUCTION

Each year the New Mexico State Department of Education's Evaluation, Testing, and Data Management Unit, conducts a statewide school dropout study. The purpose of the study is to gather and publish information bearing on the extent and nature of the school dropout problem in New Mexico. Data on the grade, sex, ethnicity, and reason for dropping out are collected for students who prematurely discontinued their formal education. It is hoped this information will assist state and local educational decision makers toward the design, implementation, and evaluation of corrective interventions.

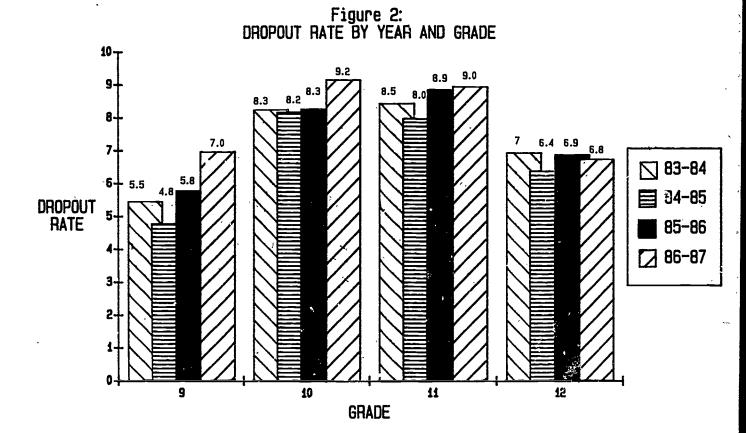
This issue of the <u>Dropout Study</u> provides detailed information covering the 1986-87 school year. Survey instruments were sent to each public school in New Mexico that had students enrolled in grade nine or higher. At the end of the school year, local administrators compiled and reported the data for their respective schools.

The information presented in this issue also includes data from prior years' surveys which are intended to shed light on trends over time. This year's data include information from all 88 New Mexico public school districts and from 100% of the schools surveyed. A listing of the school districts and schools included in this report, along with their reported number of dropouts, 180-day membership and dropout rates, can be found in Appendix I. Statewide summary data by ethnicity, sex and grade can be found in Table 1. The reader is cautioned to the limitations inherent in self-report data.

Most of the data presented in this publication consist of dropout rates. A dropout rate is a percent derived by taking the number of dropouts and dividing it by the sum of the 180th day membership plus the number of dropouts. A copy of the data collection instrument and the instructions which accompanied the instrument are attached as Appendix II.

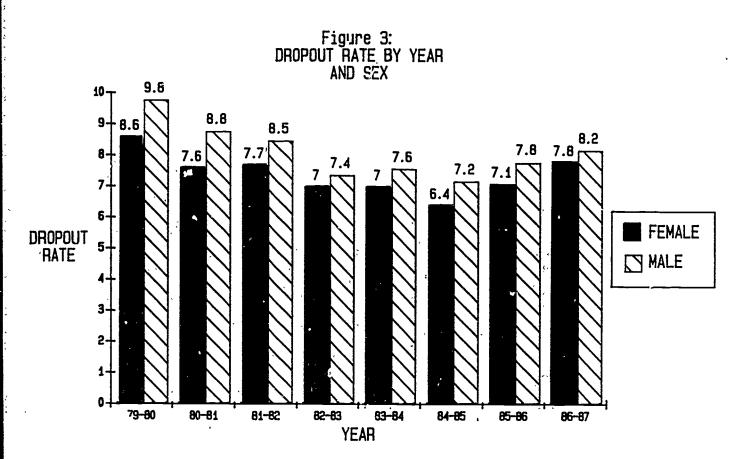


During the 1986-87 school year, 6,495 ninth through twelfth grade students dropped out of New Mexico public schools. With a total of 81,058 students (6,495 dropouts plus 74,563 students enrolled on the 180th day of school), this resulted in a dropout rate of 8%.



Dropout data are collected each year for all New Mexico public school students in grades 9 through 12. In Figure 2, the dropout rates by year and grade are presented. The highest dropout rate occurred among tenth grade students and the lowest dropout rate occurred among twelfth grade students. During the 1986-87 school year, the number of students to drop out of school at each grade level was: 1,585, 1,981, 1,761, and 1,168 respectively.

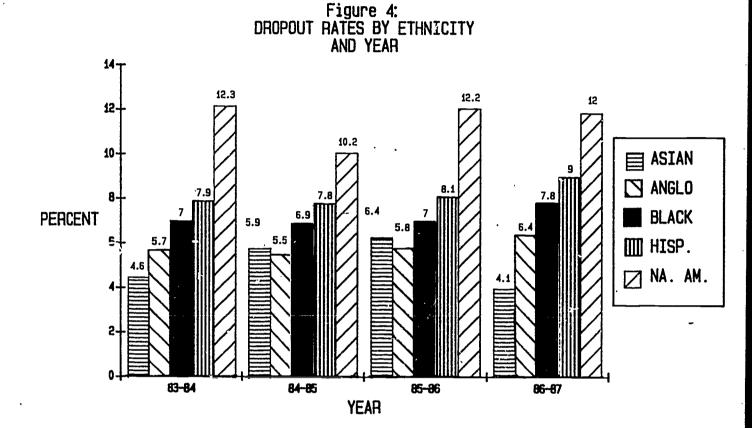
The reader should note that the data presented in Figure 2 represents dropout rates, by grade and year, for all students regardless of sex or ethnicity (see Table II, Page 8). The pattern does not hold, however, for members of various ethnic groups. A separate discussion of dropout rates among ethnic groups by grade can be found in Figure 5.



The rates at which male and female students drop out of school are presented in Figure 3 for each school year. Males tend to drop out of school proportionally more than females, an effect which has been true for each school year.

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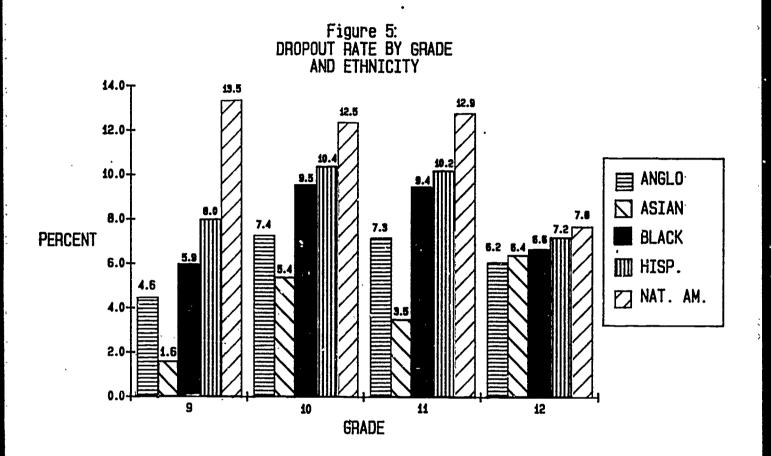
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Dropout rates by year and ethnicity are presented in Figure 4. During the 1986-87 school year, the highest dropout rate occurred among Native American students (12.0%); the second highest among Hispanic students (9.0%). The dropout rate for Asian students (4.1%) is the lowest dropout rate recorded for any ethode group.

Native American students have consistently experienced the highest dropout rates; and over the last five years, Hispanic students have experienced the second highest dropout rate.





When dropout rates by grade and ethnicity are reviewed, differences across ethnic groups can be observed. Dropout rates, by grade and ethnicity for the 1986-87 school year, are presented in Figure 5. Anglo, Black, and Hispanic students experienced the highest dropout rates at grade 10.

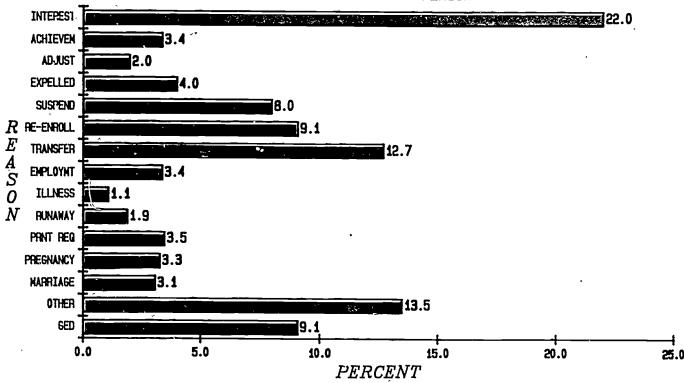
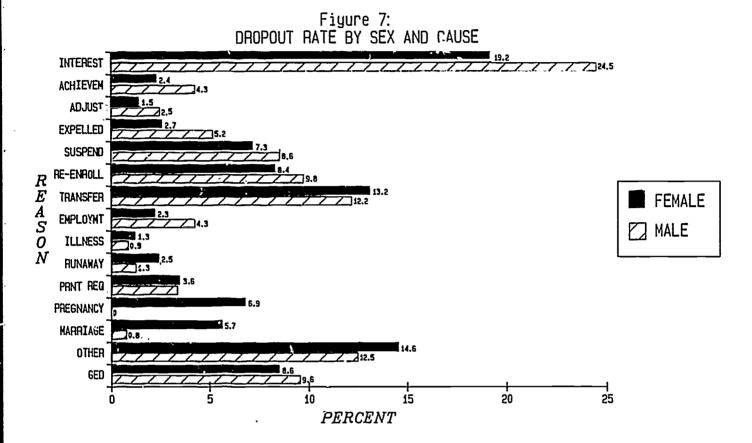


Figure 6: DROPOUT RATE BY REASON

Table III and graphs on this and the following page provide information about why students drop out of school. At the time the data were collected, each student dropout was classified into one of fifteen categories using information provided by the student or, where necessary, by school personnel. A listing of these fifteen reason categories can be found in Appendix II. For the purpose of this report, these fifteen categories were labeled in Figures 6 and 7 as follows: Lack of Interest as INTEREST, Poor Achievement as ACHIEVEM, Inability to Adjust as ADJUST, Suspended (did not return) as SUSPEND, Did not Re-enroll, Transcript not Requested as RE-ENROLL, Indicated Transfer, but no Transcript Requested as TRANSFER, Employment as EMPLOYMT, Parent Request as PRNT REQ, and Non-graduate Completer (GED Candidate) as GED.

Of the 6,495 students who dropped out of school during the 1986-87 school year, the highest portion (22.0%) dropped out for reasons related to "lack of motivation or interest" and the second largest reason (13.5%) for "other".





The percentage of students who dropped out of school during the 1986-87 school year, by sex and reason, are displayed in Figure 7.

A number of the school districts indicated that we should have added another category labeled "Lack of Child Care". It would seem that a number of young mothers had to drop out of school because they could not take care of a small child and attend school at the same time.

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Group	Number of Dropouts	180-Day <u>Membership</u>	Dropout Rate
Ethnicity			
Anglo	2,389	35,108	6.4
Hispanic	2,964	29,962	9.0
Native American	974	7,174	12.0
Black	140	1,660	7.8
Asian	28	659	4.1
Sex			
Male	3,416	38,261	8.2
Female	3,079	36,302	7.8
Grade			
9	1,585	21,036	7.0
10	1,981	19,614	9.2
11	1,761	17,785	9.0
12	1,168	16,128	6.8
TOTAL	6,495	74,563	8.0

TABLE I: DROPOUT DATA FOR THE 1986-87 SCHOOL YEAR

TABLE II: 1986-87 SCHOOL YEAR DROPOUT RATES BY SEX AND GRADE

Sex	<u>Grade 9</u>	<u>Grade 10</u>	Grade 11	<u>Grade 12</u>
Male	7.0	9.5	9.2	7.1
Female	7.0	8.8	8.9	6.4

TABLE III: 1986-87 SCHOOL YEAR DROPOUT RATES BY ETHNICITY AND REASON

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	ANGLO	ASIAN	BLACK	HISPANIC	NATIVE AMERICAN
Lack of Interest	21.7	21.4	27.0	22.5	20.6
Poor Achievement	2.4		0.7	4.0	4.4
Inability to Adjust	1.4		2.1	2.1	3.5
Expelled	1.5		2.1	1.8	17.3
Suspended (Did Not Return)	7.5	7.1	8.5	8.7	7.0
Did Not Re-enroll	11.3	10.7	14.2	8.6	4.4
Indicated Transfer (Transcript					
Not Requested)	13.6	25.0	12.8	13.7	7.1
Employment	3.8	21.4	2.1	3.3	2.3
Illness	1.5		0.7	1.0	0.5
Runaway	2.9	3.6	3.5	1.2	1.0
Parent Request	3.9	3.6	2.8	3.0	4.2
Pregnancy	2.2		3.5	3.5	5.2
Marriage	3.2		0.7	3.6	1.6
Other	10.1	3.6	12.8	14.9	17.6
Non-Graduate Completer (G.E.D.					
Candidate)	13.1	3.6	6.4	8.1	3.3

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APPENDIX 1

NEW MEXICO SCHOOL DISTRICT DROPOUT STUDY 1986-87 NUMBER OF DROPOUTS, MEMBERS AND DROPOUT RATES BY DISTRICT AND SCHOOL

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DIS	TRICT	SCHODL		DROPOUTS	MEMBERS	RATE
	MÓGORDO			148	2043	6.75
		ALAMOGORDE HIGH		71	946	6.98
•		MID HIGH		77	1066	6.74
		WEED HIGH		0	31	0.00
	UQUERQUE			1975	22635	8.03
		ALBUQUERQUE EVENIN		.158	760	17.21
2		ALBUQUERQUE HIGH		139	1442	8.79
		CIBOLA HIGH		139	1985	6.54
		DEL NORTE HIGH		232	1950	10.63
		ELDORADO HIGH		86	2141	3.86
		FREEDOM HIGH		63	223	22.03
		HIGHLAND HIGH		162	2246	6.73
		LA CUEVA HIGH		29	1452	1.96
		MANZANO HIGH	•	206	2560	7.45
		NEN FUTURES SCHOOL		168	190	46.93
		RIO GRANDE HIGH		143	1845	7.19
		SANDIA HIGH		-148	1968	6.99
		SCHOOL ON WHEELS		74	224	24.83
	•	VALLEY HIGH		128	1540	7.67
		WEST MESA HIGH		100	2109	4.53
ANT	MAS			9	162 •	5.26
		ANIMAS HIGH		9	162	5.26
ART	ESIA			76	858	8.14
		ARTESIA HIGH		64	616	9+41
		PARK JR HIGH		12	242	4.72
AZT	EC			64	755	7.81
,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,		AZTEC HIGH		55	530	9.40
		CV KOOGLEP JR HIGH		9	225	3.85
BEL	EN			59	1049	5.32
		BELEN HIGH		59	1049	5.32
BER	NALILLO			53	839	9.98
		BERNALILLO HIGH		93	839	9,98
BLC	OMFIELD			109	938	10.33
		BLOOMFIELD HIGH		108	938	10.33
CAP	ITAN			5	132	3.65
		CAPITAN HIGH		5	132	3.65
CAR	LSBAD			125	1701	6.85
		CARLSBAD HIGH		101	1212	7.69
		CARLSEAD J H S		24	489	4.68
CAR	RIZOZO			9	81	10.00
		CARRIZOZO HIGH		9	61	10.00
CEN	TRAL			234	1566	13.00
		CENTRAL HIGH		1 3 1	654	16.69
		NEWCOMB HIGH		38	234	13.97
		SHIPROCK HIGH		65	678	8.75
СНА	MA			10	188	5.05
		ESCALANTE HIGH		10	188	5.05
CIM	IARRON			2	102	1.92
		CIMARRON HIGH		2	102	1.92
CLA	YTON			18	253	6.64
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DISTRICT	SCHOOL	DROPOUTS	MEMBERS ·	RATE
		• 7	99	6.60
CLOUDCROFT	CLOUDCROFT HIGH	7	99	6.60
	CLUJUCRUFT HIGH	102	2002	4.85
CLÙVIS		98	1417	6.47
	CLOVIS HIGH	2	188	1.05
	MARSHALL JR HIGH W D GATTIS JR HIGH	2	188	1.05
		0	209	0.00
	YUCCA JR HIGH	56	537	9.44
COBRE		56	537	9.44
	COBRE HIGH	0	32	0.00
CORONA		0	32	0.00
-	CORCNA HIGH	27	318	7.83
CUBA		27	318	7.83
*	CUBA HIGH	192	878	17.94
DEMING		192	878	17.94
	DEMING HIGH	0	50	0.00
DES MOINES		0	· 50	0.00
•	DES MOINES HIGH	7	184	3.66
DEXTER		•	184	3.66
	DEXTER HIGH	7	· 48	2.04
DÜRA		1	. 48	2.04
	DORA HIGH	1		
DULCE		6	161	3.59 3.59
•	DULCE HIGH	6	161	2.33
ELIDA		1	42	
	ELIDA HIGH	1	42	2•33 3•94
ESPANOLA		56	1366	20.93
	ALTERNATIVE HIGH	18	68	
	· ESPANOLA VALLEY HI	38 .	1298	2.84
ESTANCIA		6	144	4.00
	ESTANCIA HIGH	6	144	4.00 6.94
EUNICE		12	161	
	EUNICE HIGH	12	161	6 . 94
FARMINGTON		116	2042	5.38
	FARMINGTON HIGH	101	1513	6.26
	HEIGHTS JR HIGH	3	181	1.63 1.43
	HERMOSA JR HIGH	3	207	6.00
	TIBBETTS JR HIGH	9	141	1.59
FLOYD		1	62	1.59
	FLOYD HIGH	1	62	4.20
FT SUMNER		5	114	4.20
	FORT SUMNER HIGH	5	114	
GADSDEN		283	1953	12.66
	GADSDEN HIGH	264	1350	16.36
	GADSDEN JR HIGH	12	323	3.58
	SANTA TERESA JR HS	7	280	2.44
GALLUP		431	3101	12.20
- · ·	CROWNPOINT HIGH	58	335	14.76
	GALLUP HIGH	206	1707	10.77
	NAVAJO PINE HIGH	33	201	14.10
ζ. · .	RAMAH HIGH SCHOOL	5	79	5.95
	THOREAU HIGH	72	342	17.39

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DISTRICT	SCHOOL	DROPOUTS	MEMBERS	RATE
	ТОНАТСНІ НІСН	57	437	11.54
GRADY		0	46	0.00
	GRADY HIGH	0	46	0.00
GRANTS		326	1259	, 20.67
	GRANTS HIGH	287	978	22.69
	LAGUNA ACOMA HIGH	41	281	12.73
HAGERMAN	•	17	97	14.91
	HAGERMAN HIGH	17	97	14.91
НАТСН		44	243	15.33
	HATCH VALLEY HIGH	44	243	15.33
HOBBS		106	1986	5.07
	HEIZER JR HIGH	5	172	2.82
	HIGHLAND JR HIGH	0	194	0.00
	HOBBS ALTERNATIVE	25	27	48.08
	HO38S HIGH	76	1370	5.26
	HOUSTON JR HIGH	0	223	0.00
HONDO		2	36	5.26
	HONDG HIGH	2	36	5.26
HOUSE		0	32	0.00
	HOUSE HIGH	0	32	0.00
JAL		11	161	6.40
U.L.	JAL HIGH	11	161	6.40
JEMEZ MOUNTAIN		2	101	1.94
JEMEZ MOONTAIN	CORONADO HIGH	2		1.94
JEMEZ SPRINGS	CORDINADO HIGH		101	
JEMEZ SPRINGS	JEMEZ VALLEY HIGH	16	204	7.27
LAKE ARTHUR	JEMEZ VALLEY HIGH	16	204	7.27
LAKE APTHOR		2	46	4.17
LAS CRUCES	LAKE ARTHUR HIGH	2	46	4.17
EAS CROCES		393	4779	7.60
	LAS CRUCES HIGH	104	1749	5.61
	LYNN JR HIGH	8	304	2.56
	MAYFIELD HIGH	176	1735	9.21
	MAYFIELD NIGHT HIG	27	8	77.14
	PICACHD JR HIGH	11	328	3.24
	SAN ANDRES HIGH	44	97	31.21
	SIERRA JUNIOR HIGH	16	293	5.08
	WHITE SANDS JR HIG	0	31	0.00
	ZIA JR HIGH	7	228	2.98
LAS VEGAS CITY		21	721	2.83
	ROBERTSON HIGH	21	721	2.83
LOGAN		2	76	2.56
	LOGAN HIGH	2	76	2.56
LÜRDSBURG		13	234	5.26
	LORDSBURG HIGH	13	234	5.26
LOS ALAMOS		15	1 3 3 4	1.11
	LOS ALAMOS HIGH	15	1334	1.11
LOS LUNAS		228	1046	17.90
	LOS LUNAS HIGH	228	1046	17.90
LOV ING		1	32	3.03
	LOVING JR HIGH	1	32	3.03
LOVINGTON		34	758	4.29
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DISTRICT	SCHOOL	DROPOUTS	MEMBERS	RATE
	LOVINGTON HIGH	30	548	5.19
	LOYINGTON JR HIGH	4	210	1.87
MAGDALENA		5	110	4.35
·	MAGDALENA HIGH	5	110	4.35
MAXWELL		6	28	17.65
	MAXWELL HIGH	6	28	17.65
MELROSE		· 2	96	2.04
	MELROSE HIGH	2	96	2.04
MESA VISTA		5	114	4.20
	MESA VISTA HIGH	5	114	4.20
MORA		11	226	4.64
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MORIARTY		44	528	7.69
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MOSQUERO	FURIARII HIGH	0	14.	0.00
2 MUSQUERU		0	14	0.00
	MOSQUERO HIGH	2	88 /	2.22
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nénan	• MOUNTAINAIR HIGH	2	88	2.22
PECOS		5	202	2.42
	PECOS HIGH	5	202	2.42
PENASCO		10	236	4.07
•	PENASCO HIGH	10	236	4.07
POJOAQUE		32	499	6.03
	POJOAQUE HIGH	32	499	6.03
PORTALES		54	666	7.50
-	PORTALES HIGH	54	• 666	7.50
QUEMADO		1	67	1.47
	V QUEMADO HIGH	1	67	1.47
QUESTA		6	186	3.13
	'QUESTA HIGH	6	186	3.13
RATON		31	503	5.81
• •	. RATON HIGH	31	503	5.81
RESERVE		3	87	3.33
	RESERVE HIGH	3	87	3.33
ROSWELL		184	2448	6.99
	GODDARD HIGH	59	1096	5.11
	NUEVO COMIENZO HIG	53	137	27.89
	ROSWELL HIGH	72	1215	5.59
ROY		0	27	0.00
	ROY HIGH		27	0.00
RUIDOSO		4 -	479	8.94
	RUIDOSO HIGH	4	479	8.94
ŠAN JON		2	32	5.88
	SAN JON HIGH	2	32	5.88
SANTA FE		245	2406	9.24
JAMA IL	SANTA FE HIGH	131	1890	6.48
	SANTA FE HIGH	93	440	17.45
	SIERRA VISTA HIGH	21	76	21.65
CANTA DOCA	STERRA AISIN UTOU	11	230	•
SANTA ROSA	CANTA DOCA HICH	11	230	4.56
CTUNCO CITY	SANTA ROSA HIGH		1131	4.88
SINVER CITY	• 10	58	1151	4800
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DISTRICT	SCHOOL	DROPOUTS	MEMBERS	RATE
	CLIFF HIGH	2	68	2.86
	LA PLATA JR HIGH	10	267	3.61
x	SILVER HIGH	46	796	5.46
SOCORRO		55	525	9.48
	SOCORRO HIGH	55	525	9.48
SPRINGER		2	139	1.42
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TADS		32	1015	3.06
	TAOS HIGH	29	747	3.74
·	TAOS JR HIGH	3	268	1.11
TATUM		4	140	2.78
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TEXICO		16	131	10.88
	TEXICO HIGH	16	131	10.88
TRUTH OR CONSEQ		35	343	9.26
	HOT SPRINGS HIGH	35	343	9.26
TUCUMCARI		24	502	4.56
	TUCUMCARI HIGH	24	502	4.56
TULÁROSA		37	306	10.79
	TULAROSA HIGH	37	306	10.79
VAUGHN		0	65	0.00
	VAUGHN HIGH	0	65	0.00
WAGON MOUND		1	26	3.70
	WAGON MOUND HIGH	1	26	3.70
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ZUNI		30	511	5.55
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APPENDIX II

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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DROPOUT STUDY

THIS SURVEY IS DUE JUNE 15, 1987

This study is for the period of May 31, 1986 through the end of school 1987.

- For the purpose of this study, the following definitions will be used: A dropout is any student who leaves or is disenrolled from a school without attaining a diploma for any reason except transferring to another educational institution, attendance in a vocational training program, or death.
- ANG=Anglo

Not of Hispanic origin. All persons having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, North Africa, or the Middle East.

- All persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central SP=Hispanic or South American, or other Spanish culture or Origin, regardless of race.
- All persons having origins in any of the original NA=Native American peoples of North America, and who maintain cultural affiliation identification through tribal or community recognition.
- Not of Hispanic origin. All persons having origins BLK=Black in any of the black racial groups of Africa.
- ASI=Asian or All persons having origins in any of the original Pacific Islander peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian Subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands. The area includes, for example, China, Japan, Korea, India, the Philippine Islands, and Samoa.
- 1. Enter the School Name, District Name, and Person Responding in the spaces provided at the top of the survey.
- The reasons for dropping out should be self-explanatory except for the 2. following:

The category <u>Did Not Re-Enroll</u> means that your school did not receive a transcript request from another school.

The category Indicated Transfer means that the student indicated that he or she was transferring to another school, but a transcript was never requested from another school.

The category Other is to be used if the students cannot be contacted for their own explanation. Please infer the reason as best you can or enter under "Other". If the reason is known but cannot be placed in any of the categories that are listed, please enter under "Other".

The category <u>Non-Graduate Completer (GED Candidate)</u> is to be used if the student indicated he or she was quitting school to take the GED and it can be <u>verified</u> through a sign off on a GED Underage Permission Form.

The following reasons should not be listed as dropout:

- a. Transfer to a federal or state-sponsored training program such as Job Corps or HEP.
- b. Graduation.
- c. Death.
- d. Transfer to another school which grants a high school degree. This would include the New Mexico Boy's School because they do have a high school degree program, but would not include a commercial school.
- 3. Total Dropouts: Enter the sum of the column of dropouts.
- 4. 180-Day Membership: Enter the school's 180-Day Membership (as reported to The Office of Education).

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