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ABSTRACT

The Child Care and Development Fund Program (CCDF) brings together four Federal Child Care Subsidy programs and allows states to design a comprehensive, integrated service delivery system to meet the needs of low-income working families. This fund assists low-income families and those transitioning off welfare to obtain child care so that they can work or attend training or education. Using data compiled from information received from Arkansas CCDF sites, this report provides statistical information on the children served and their households during fiscal year 1997-98. Statistics are presented in graphs and charts for student totals by county of residence and by program type, age, female-male ratio, race, household income, disabilities, percentage parent pays, eligibility categories, and student total by site. Eligible children are those under age 13 (or up to age 19, if disabled), who reside with a family whose income does not exceed 85% of the State median income for a family of the same size, and reside with a parent who is working or attending a job-training or educational program, or are receiving protective services. A total of 3,215 children were served as reported from the CCDF sites, an increase of 171% from the 1996-97 fiscal year. (JPB)

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Introduction

The Child Care and Development Fund Program (CCDF) was authorized by the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, P.L. 104-193. It brings together four Federal Child Care Subsidy programs and allows states to design a comprehensive, integrated service delivery system to meet the needs of low-income working families. Three programs, AFDC/JOBS Child Care, Transitional Child Care, and At-Risk of Welfare Dependency Child Care (formerly called Title IV-A Child Care), were repealed and all child care funding combined under the former Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) program. The CCDBG regulations applied to the combined Child Care and Development Fund when they corresponded with the statute. This fund assists low-income families and those transitioning off welfare to obtain child care so that they can work or attend training or education. Additionally, the Child Care and Development Fund sets aside a minimum of four percent of federal and state funds to improve the quality and availability of healthy and safe child care for all families.

The program objectives are: (1) to allow each state maximum flexibility in developing child care programs and policies that best suit the needs of children and parents within each state; (2) to promote parental choice to empower working parents to make their own decisions on the child care that best suits their family's needs; (3) to encourage states to provide consumer education information to help parents make informed choices about child care; (4) to assist states in providing child care to parents who are trying to achieve independence from public assistance; and (5) to assist states in implementing the health, safety, licensing, and registration standards established in state regulations.

Eligible children are those under age 13 (or up to age 19, if disabled), who reside with a family whose income does not exceed 85% of the state median income for a family of the same size, and reside with a parent or parents who are working or attending a job-training or educational program; or are in need of, or are receiving protective services. Priority is given to service children in very low-income families and children with special needs.

The data are compiled from information received from the CCDF sites. This statistical report provides information on the children served and their households during fiscal year 1997-98.

A total of 3,215 children were served as reported from the CCDF sites compared to 1,187 served by the CCDBG last year. This is an increase of 171%, or 2,028, from fiscal year 1996-97. Sites participating in this program increased during 1997-98 to 106 compared to 43 last year. Most of the students were served in nonprofit centers, 38.6%, and most were served in Pulaski County, 21.3%. Other counties immediately following Pulaski County in service were Clark, 5.9%; Washington, 5.5%; Sebastian, 5.2%; and Jefferson, 4.5%. Eighty-three percent of the children were scheduled for six or more hours of care.

Most of the children were in single-parent households, 80.0%, and the heads of households were 88.8% female. Of the single-parent households, only 4.6% reported receiving child support, and only 9.0% reported receiving Temporary Employment Assistance. Seventeen percent of all households were in HUD housing and 45% were receiving food stamps. Other significant data are reported in the tables and charts that follow.

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Student Total By County of Residence

Total Students 3,215

Arkansas	65
Baxter	3
Benton	50
Boone	2
Bradley	75
Calhoun	3
Chicot	130
Clark	187
Cleburne	3
Cleveland	6
Columbia	24
Conway	40
Craighead	13
Crawford	82
Crittenden	123
Cross	6
Dallas	69
Dallas-Calhoun County Line	2
Desha	13
Drew	3
Faulkner	39
Franklin	2
Garland	72
Grant	13
Greene	67
Hempstead	17
Hot Spring	28
Howard	4
Independence	87
Izard	9
Jackson	2
Jefferson	139
Johnson	14
Lawrence	2
Logan	42
Lonoke	5
Madison	5
Marion	22
Miller	46
Mississippi	95
Monroe	28
Montgomery	6
Nevada	16
Newton	74
Ouachita	110
Perry	1
Phillips	22
Poinsett	49
Polk	11
Pope	4
Pulaski	680
Randolph	23
Saline	51
Scott	10
Searcy	12
Sebastian	168
St. Francis	40
Stone	21
Union	8
Van Buren	20
Washington	173
White	67
Yell	8
Unreported	4

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Student Total By Program Type

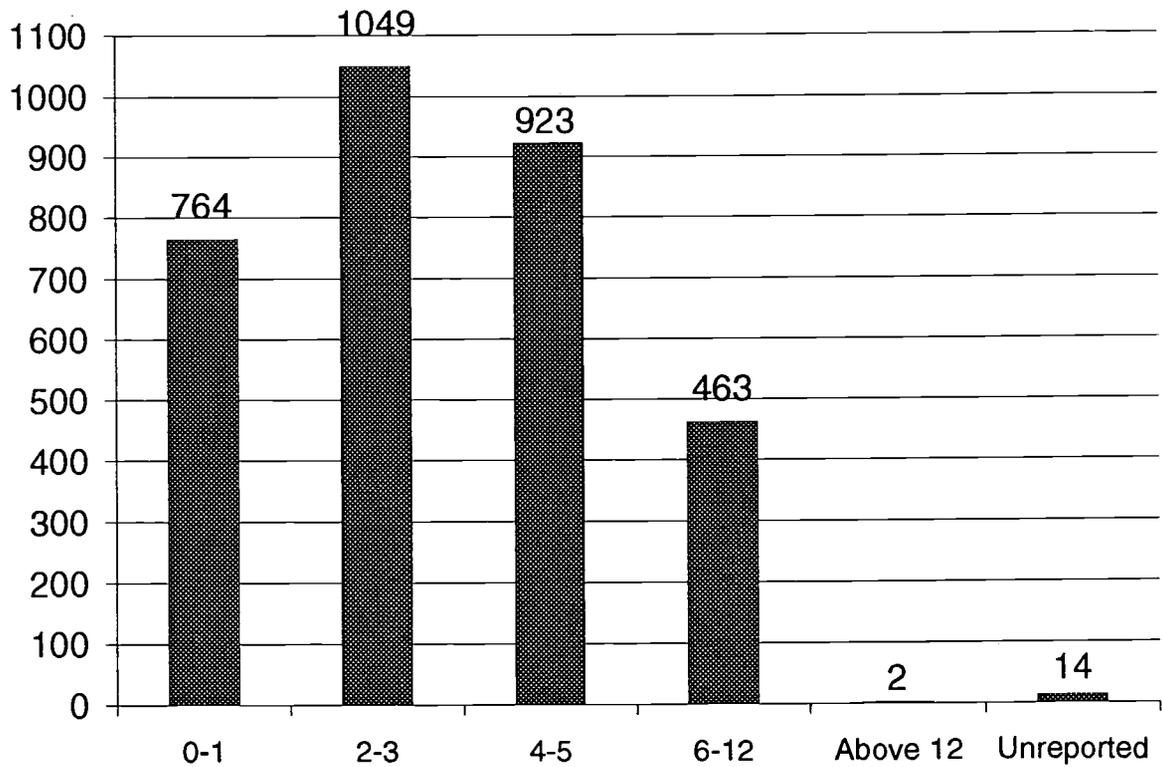
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Church Sponsored Center 4
Community Based 258
Day Care Family Home 33
For-profit Center 45
Head Start 685
Nonprofit Center 1,240
Operated by Coop 43
Operated by University 289
School Based 618

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Age

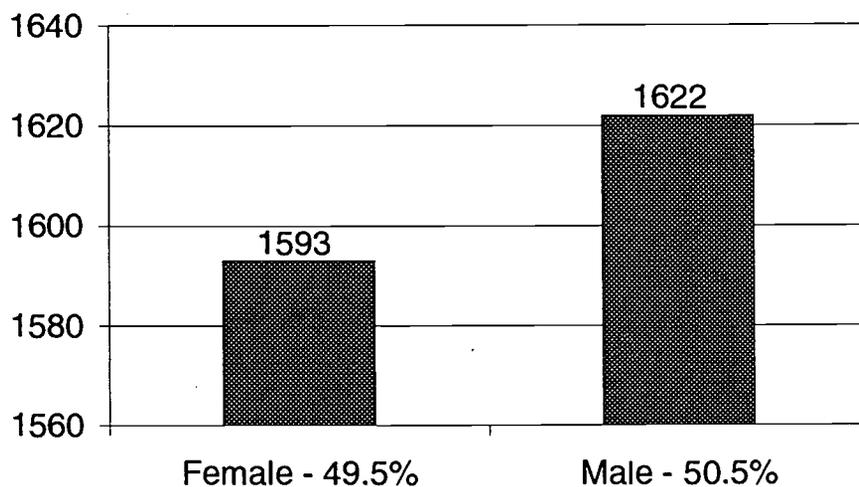
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Female-Male Ratio

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Race

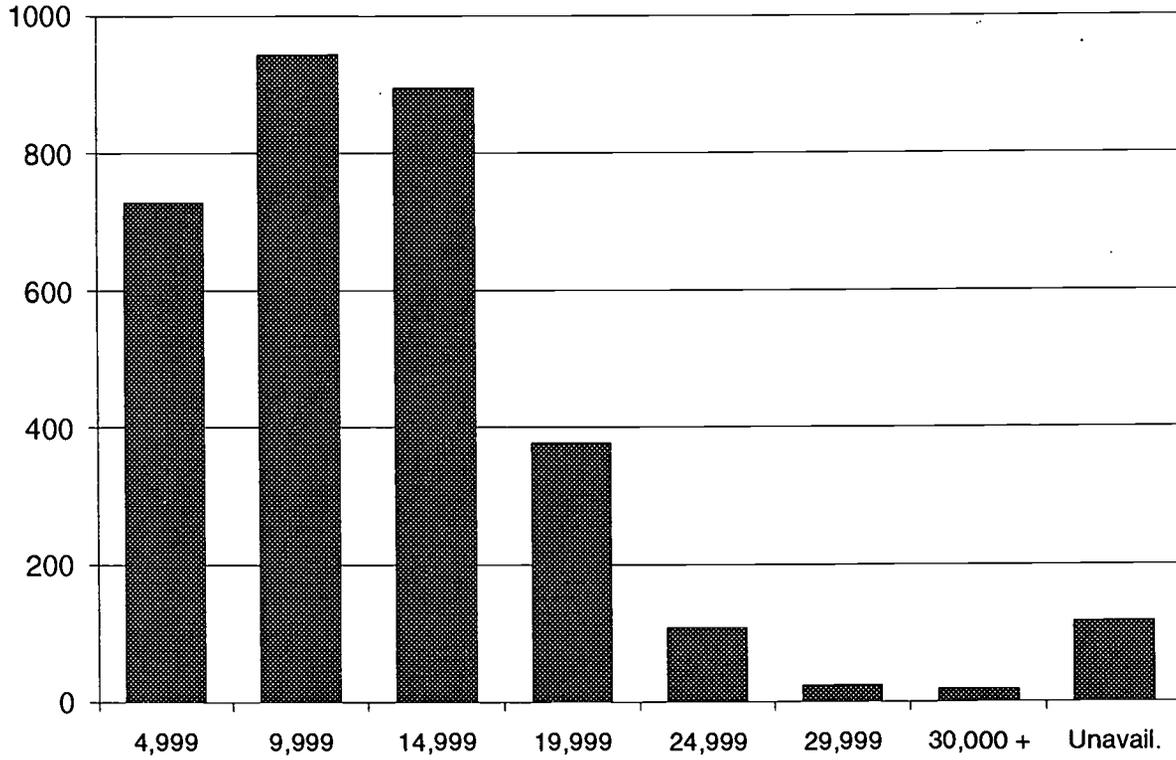
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Asian	8
Black	1,887
Hispanic	45
Multiracial	59
Native American	9
White	1,193
Other	6
Unreported	8

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Household Income

Total Students3,215

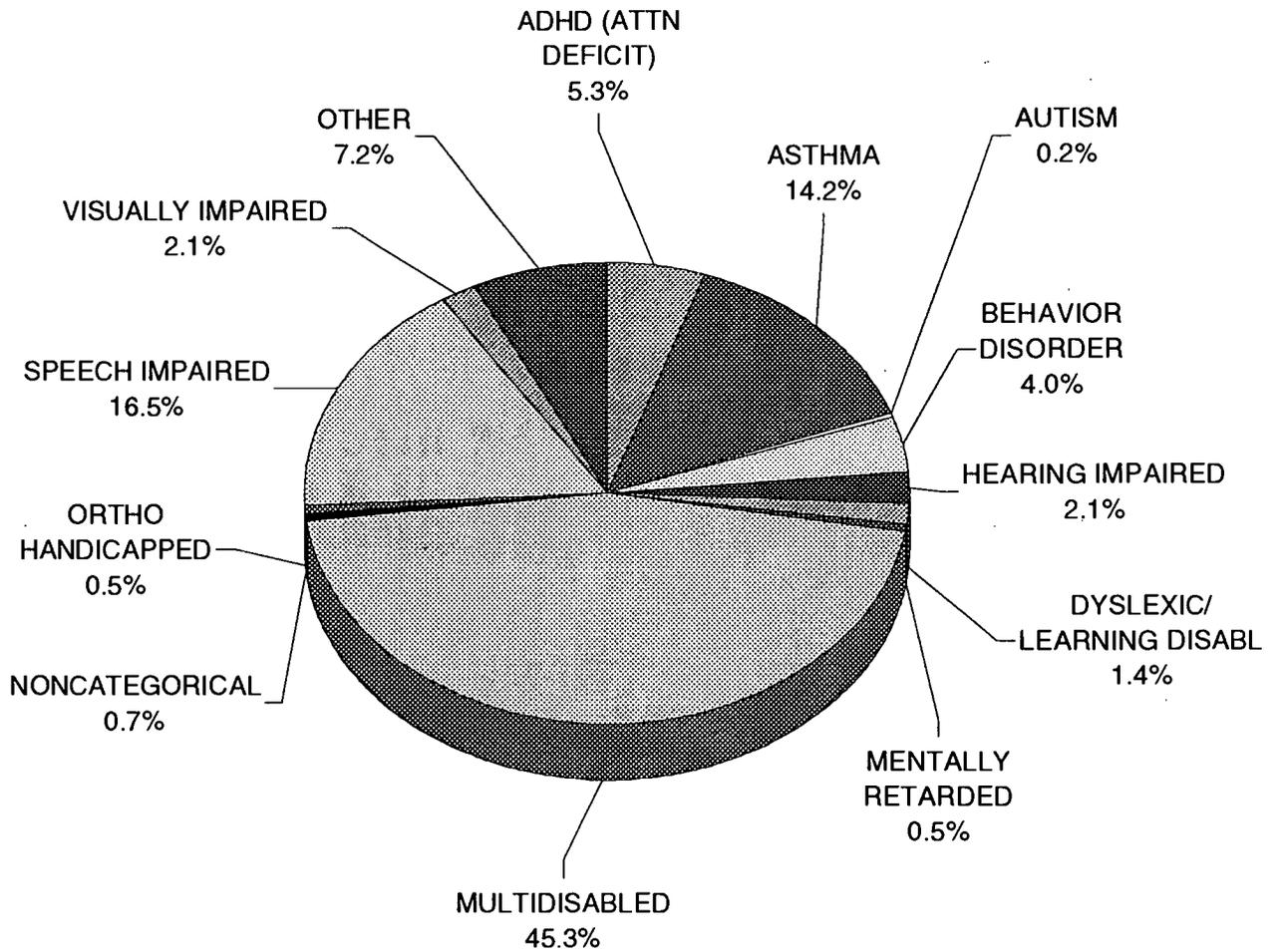


\$0	-	\$4,999	728
\$5,000	-	\$9,999	944
\$10,000	-	\$14,999	896
\$15,000	-	\$19,999	378
\$20,000	-	\$24,999	108
\$25,000	-	\$29,999	25
\$30,000 and above			19
Unavailable			117

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Disabilities

Total Students3,215



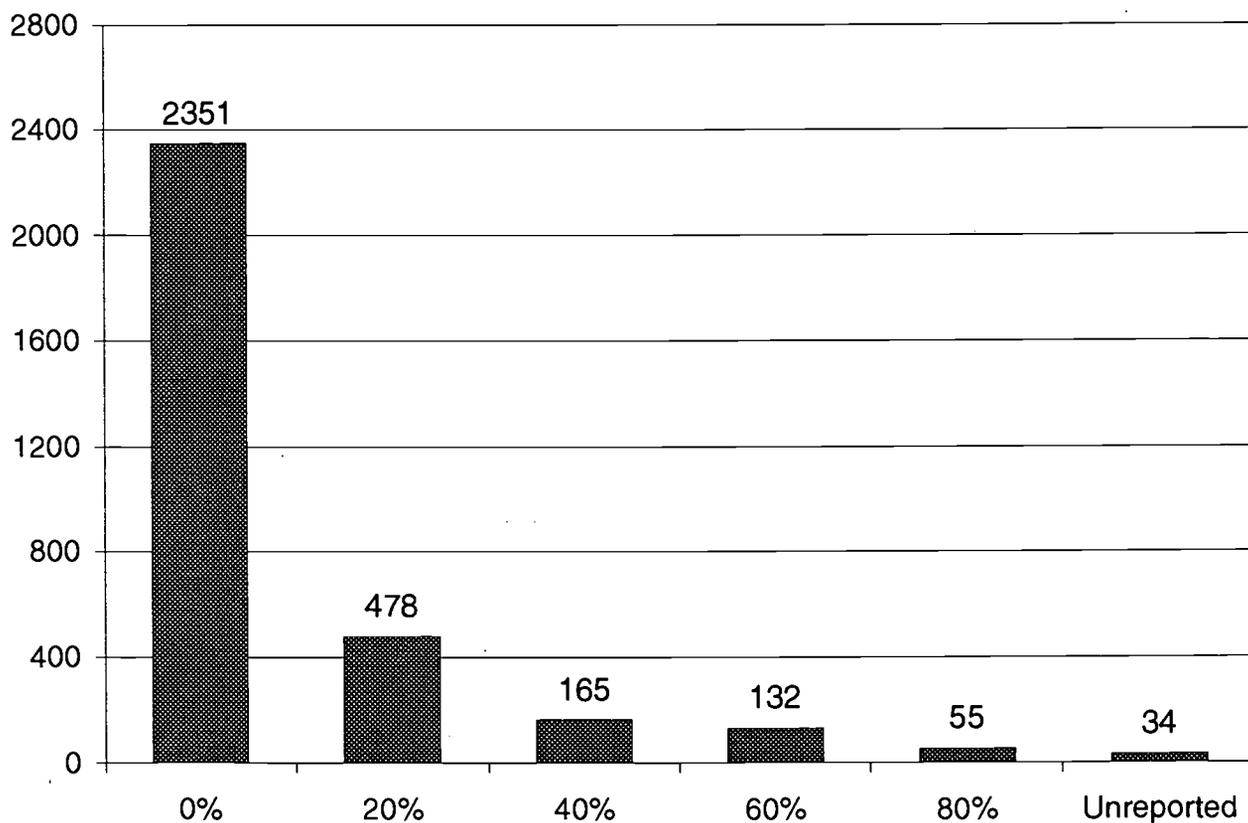
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Note: Percentages are based on total disabilities reported (not children). A child may have more than one disability.

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Percentage Parent Pays

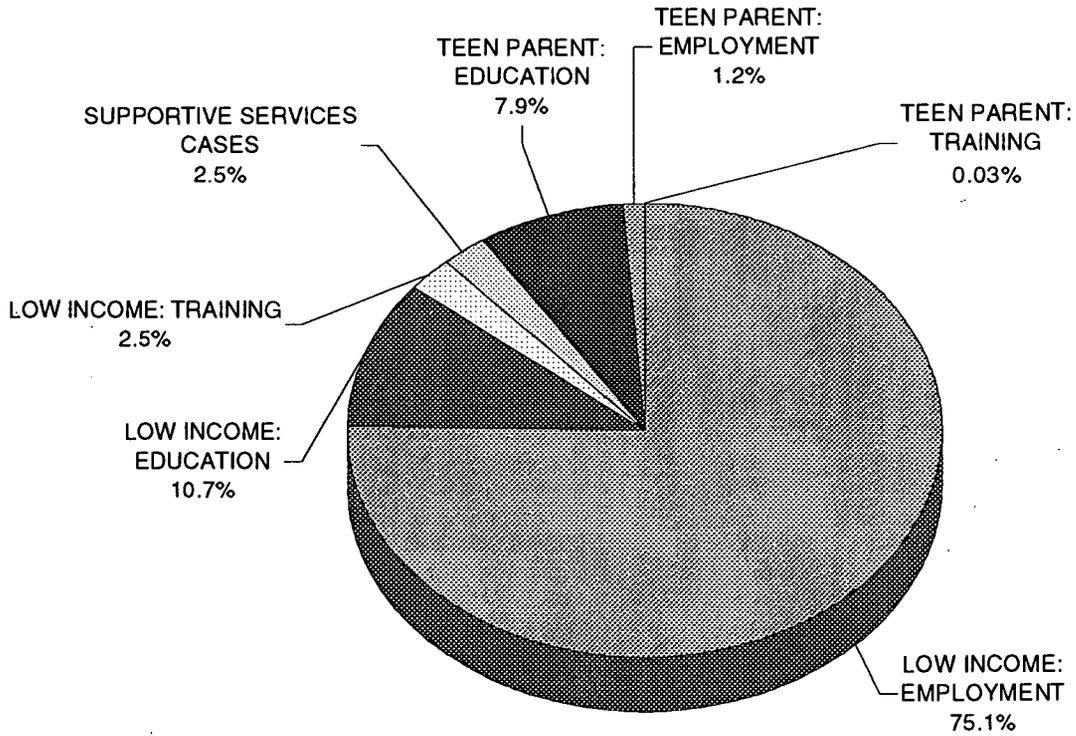
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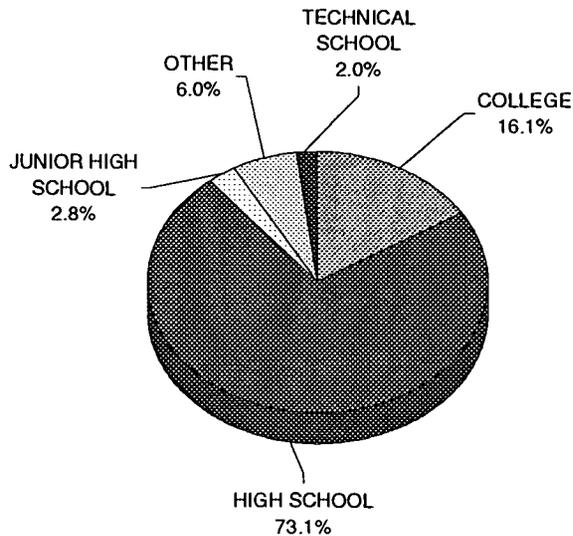
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Eligibility Categories

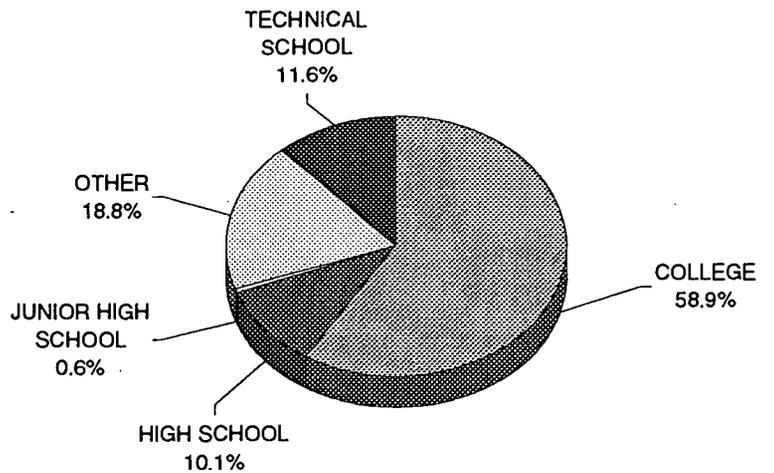
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Teen Parent: Education Level Currently Being Completed



Low Income: Education Level Currently Being Completed



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Student Total By Site

Total Students 3,215

Site Number	Number of Children	Site Number	Number of Children
001	20	058	59
002	36 *	059	10
003	16	060	373 *
004	47	061	21
005	29	062	26
006	73	063	17
007	16	064	9
008	52	065	79 *
009	61 *	066	22 *
010	7	067	31 *
011	48	068	17
012	34	069	9
013	<i>None Reported</i>	070	32 *
014	40 *	072	<i>None Reported</i>
015	76 *	074	13
016	13	075	39 *
017	43 *	076	22
018	41 *	077	29
019	<i>None Reported</i>	078	14
020	13	079	4
021	28	080	9
022	27 *	081	<i>None Reported</i>
023	26	083	<i>None Reported</i>
024	12	084	18 *
025	2	085	8 *
026	95	086	29
027	<i>None Reported</i>	089	<i>None Reported</i>
028	12	090	3
029	25	092	6
030	32	093	36 *
031	8	094	17
032	14	095	32
034	35	097	27 *
035	40 *	099	7
036	21	101	19 *
037	12	102	19
038	18	103	98
039	29 *	104	79 *
042	23	105	69
043	47 *	106	18
044	46	107	85 *
045	197 *	108	8
046	12 *	109	32 *
047	4	110	13
048	37 *	111	8 *
049	7	113	18
050	45	115	<i>None Reported</i>
051	22	116	8
053	74	117	20
054	6	118	10
055	24	121	15
056	<i>None Reported</i>	123	9
057	22	124	2

*Denotes students reported at multiple sites.



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