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Indiana School Discipline Report: In-School and Out-of-School Suspensions


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Indiana School Discipline Data

In-School and Out-of-School Suspensions

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This report is an analysis of the data reported to the Indiana Department of Education. Annually, schools are required to submit the number of both in-school and out-of-school suspensions.

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Reason Codes

Reason code	
01	Alcohol
02	Drugs
03	Deadly Weapons (other than firearms)
04	Handguns (includes BB/Pellet Gun)
05	Rifles or Shotguns (<i>does not</i> include BB, Gas or Spring-loaded guns)
06	Other Firearms
07	Tobacco
09	Legal Settlement – I.C. 20-33-8-17
10	Other
11	Fighting – Incident does not rise to the level of Battery.
12	Battery – Student knowingly or intentionally touches another person in a rude, insolent, or angry manner causing or intent to cause bodily injury I.C.35-42-2-1
13	Intimidation – Communicating a threat with the intent that the other person engage in conduct against their will or be placed in fear of retaliation. I.C.35-45-2-1
14	Verbal aggression or profanity
15	Defiance
16	Attendance
17	Destruction of Property

*Reason Code 08 is no longer use.

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In-School Suspension by Ethnicity

2007-08

Ethnicity	% of Student Population	% of ISS	% of OSS
Native American	.3%	.3%	.2%
African American	11.7%	27.6%	37.2%
Asian American	1.4%	.3%	.2%
Hispanic	6.6%	8.3%	7.3%
White	76.2%	59.4%	50.3%
Multiracial	3.9%	4.2%	4.8%
Pacific Islander	*Not Reported	*Not Reported	*Not Reported

2008-09

Ethnicity	% of Student Population	% of ISS	% of OSS
Native American	.3%	.3%	.2%
African American	11.7%	25.6%	38.8%
Asian American	1.5%	.3%	.2%
Hispanic	6.9%	8.7%	7.4%
White	75.6%	60.6%	48.5%
Multiracial	4.1%	4.5%	5.1%
Pacific Islander	*Not Reported	*Not Reported	*Not Reported

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2009-10

Ethnicity	% of Student Population	% of ISS	% of OSS
Native American	.3%	.2%	.2%
African American	11.7%	26.7%	41%
Asian American	1.6%	.4%	.2%
Hispanic	7.1%	9.7%	7.6%
White	74.8%	57.7%	45.8%
Multiracial	4.4%	5.3%	5.3%
Pacific Islander	*Not Reported	*Not Reported	*Not Reported

*During the 2010-11 school year, the state added the category of "Pacific Islander" to state reporting documents.

2010-11

Ethnicity	% of Student Population	% of ISS	% of OSS
Native American	.3%	.3%	.1%
African American	12.2%	27.6%	42.1%
Asian American	1.6%	.4%	.2%
Hispanic	8.8%	9.6%	7.9%
White	72.9%	56.5%	43.8%
Multiracial	4.2%	5.6%	6%
Pacific Islander	.1%	*Not Reported	*Not Reported

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2011-12

Ethnicity	% of Student Population	% of ISS	% of OSS
Native American	.3%	.1%	.1%
African American	11.7%	27.8%	38.9%
Asian American	1.8%	.3%	.2%
Hispanic	9%	10.5%	8.6%
White	73%	55.4%	46.1%
Multiracial	4.2%	5.8%	6.2%
Pacific Islander	.1%	*Not Reported	.02%

Looking at data trends, African American students consistently are placed in both In-School Suspension (ISS) and Out-of-School Suspension (OSS) at higher rates than other ethnic student groups. When looking at total student population, African American students are disproportionately suspended (both ISS and OSS). For example, during the 2011-12 academic year, the total African American student population was 11.7%. However, 27.8% of ISS were African American students and 38.9% of OSS were African American students. While white students constituted 73% of the student population, but accounted for 55.4% of the ISS and 46.1% of OSS.

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Suspension Rates by Gender

In-School Suspensions

Gender	07-08	08-09	09-10	10-11	11-12
Male	68.1%	68.7%	68.5%	67.6%	68.0%
Female	31.9%	31.3%	31.5%	32.4%	32.0%

Out-of-School Suspensions

Gender	07-08	08-09	09-10	10-11	11-12
Male	71.4%	71.2%	71.1%	70.9%	71.4%
Female	28.6%	28.8%	28.9%	29.1%	28.6%

Both tables illustrate that males are suspended at much higher rates than their female counterparts.

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In-School Suspension by Reason Codes

According to the Indiana Department of Education, In-School Suspension is when a student is removed from an assigned class or activity to another setting within the school in order to maintain an orderly and effective educational system.

Reason Code	07-08	08-09	09-10	10-11	11-12
1-Alcohol	.01%	.01%	.02%	.04%	.2%
2-Drugs	.04%	.03%	.02%	.04%	.04%
3-Deadly Weapons	0	.02%	.01%	.01%	0
7-Tobacco	.5%	.5%	.5%	.4%	.5%
9-Legal Settlement	.05%	.03%	.03%	.02%	.03%
10-Other	43.2%	41.7%	39.2%	35.5%	38.9%
11-Fighting	5.2%	4.7%	4.7%	4.2%	3.7%
12-Battery	1.1%	1.4%	1.3%	1.7%	.8%
13-Intimidation	1.7%	1.7%	1.9%	2.2%	1.8%
14-Verbal Aggression	5.8%	5.5%	6%	6.3%	7.3%
15-Defiance	26.4%	27.7%	27.4%	28.9%	26.2%
16-Attendance	15.8%	16.6%	18.6%	20.3%	20.2%
17-Destruction of Property	.2%	.3%	.3%	.3%	.3%

*Codes that were not reported have been omitted.

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Out-of-School Suspension by Reason Codes

Reason Code	07-08	08-09	09-10	10-11	11-12
1-Alcohol	.2%	.1%	.1%	.2%	.3%
2-Drugs	1.5%	1.5%	1.6%	1.8%	1.9%
3-Deadly Weapons	.4%	.5%	.5%	.5%	.5%
4-Handguns	0	.01%		.01%	.02%
7-Tobacco	1.4%	1.3%	1.2%	1.0%	1.2%
9-Legal Settlement	.1%	.1%	.1%	.1%	.1%
10-Other	31.3%	30.8%	30.6%	29.6%	30%
11-Fighting	17.4%	16.5%	17.2%	16.6%	16.2%
12-Battery	4.3%	4.7%	4.8%	5.3%	4.4%
13-Intimidation	4.1%	3.8%	3.8%	4.4%	4.3%
14-Verbal Aggression	7.8%	8.0%	7.9%	8.3%	9.2%
15-Defiance	26.0%	26.3%	25.9%	26.7%	25.3%
16-Attendance	5.1%	5.8%	5.9%	5.0%	6.2%
17-Destruction of Property	.6%	.6%	.5%	.6%	.5%

*Codes that were not reported have been omitted.