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THE DROPOUT PATTERN
IN
NEW JERSEY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS
FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 1962-63

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This report of dropouts is for the school year from September 1962 to June 1963.* It represents the statistical data of the second full school year of a continuing study of the problem in New Jersey. The purpose for making this a continuing study is to gather all the pertinent facts that can be used to aid in the retention of those boys and girls who may become future dropouts.

A basic problem of concern is the definition of the term dropout. For this report we define dropouts as pupils who leave school prior to completion of a normal program of studies, and with no immediate intention of continuing their education.

After a review of the literature on the dropouts, two classifications were selected under which the leavers could be categorized as to the reasons for withdrawal. The pupil who discontinues his education for reasons beyond his own control was classified as an involuntary dropout. A pupil who discontinues his education of his own vielation was classified as a voluntary dropout. In the involuntary classification, seven categories were established in relation to the reason for withdrawing. Five categories were established for the voluntary classification. By necessity, several of the categories selected had to be board in scope.

This report does not mean to imply that all pupils, especially those under sixteen years of age, reported as dropouts never return to school. Follow-up studies using these data as a base would no doubt learn that a certain percentage of the leavers could be found in classrooms at this time. These cases might be thought of as having experienced a temporary interruption in their education, but by the above definition are recorded as dropouts in this report.

Thirteen tables are presented to illustrate the dropout problem as it existed in the New Jersey public schools in the school year Seotember 1962 to June 1963. From these we are able to blueprint a design of the dropouts as to rate, location,

[^0]grade in school, month of occurrence, age, sex and reason for withdrawal. Two of the tables (XI and XIII) consist of a series of short tables. These were adopted to provide more detailed information on the ninety percent* of the dropouts who were sixteen years of age and older.

Our best estimates indicate that 11,439 pupils were classified as dropouts in the school year 1962-63-10,245 were age sixteen and over. This represents 5.7 percent of the 179,722 students who were enrolled on the school registers in this age group. For every 1,000 students enrolled in this category, 57 became school leavers. More significant to this study is the fact that 52 of these 57 elected to leave school as voluntary dropouts.

The greatest number of dropouts show up in the age 16 category. There are almost twice as many leavers in this age group as there are in the next largest age category. Five and ninth tenths percent of the 93,686 registered 16 year olds were dropouts. This represents 59 leavers for every 1,000 enrolled 16 year olds and of these 53 were voluntary.

There is no discernible geographical pattern or uniform geographical rate of dropouts in the State. Of the ten counties reporting a rate of 10 dropouts per 1,000 students and over, four were in the northern section, four were in the south, and two were from the middle of the State. The highest rate was reported in the north (17.9) as was the lowest (5.4). The second highest rate (16.0) was in the south while the next to the lowest rate (6.1) was also in the south. Similar variations occurred among the local districts within the counties where dropouts showed up most heavily in the larger towns and cities.

A breakdown of the total number of dropouts shows that eighty-three percent were in the grade level 9 through 12. This was followed by grades 7 and 8 with

[^1]10 percent, the handicapped classes with five percent and kindergarten through 6 with two percent. Approximately one leaver out of every eight occurred at the kindergarten through eighth grade level. At the kindergarten and pre-first grade level, it is believed that most of these were immature youngsters who were enrolled in school too early. At the opposite end (6,7 and 8), the majority of the dropouts had passed their sixteenth birthdays resulting in an overage grade placement. Of the 887 in this overaged group, 780 withdrew because they were dissatisfied with school or entered the labor market.

In terms of numbers alone, dropouts were reported most frequently in grades $10(3,148)$ and $9(2,647)$. This represents fifty-one percent of the total as twenty-eight percent were grade 10 and twenty-three percent grade 9. However, when rates were computed based on grade enrollments, the leavers were greatest in grade 10 (34.3 per 1,000 students), the handicapped classes (34 per 1,000 students), and grade 11 ( 33.9 per 1,000 students).

During the school year, the largest numbers left in January (1,603), October ( 1,563 ) and March ( 1,423 ). This was the identical ranking for these months in the previous year's report. The dropouts began fairly high in the fall, gradually decreased through December, and reached a peak in January. There is probably a correlation between the sixteenth birth date and the month of occurrence of the leavers. Further investigation is needed in this category to determine if such occurrences as vacation periods affect the rate of dropouts.

Three of every five of the leavers are males. In the age division under sixteen, however, the numbers of boys and girls are very nearly equal, with the girls exceeding the boys by four cases. This can be explained by the ranking of the causes for withdrawal in this classification. Marriage or pregnancy has the largest number of reported cases under age sixteen. In the classification of age sixteen and over, 2,000 more boys than girls leave school.

For children under age sixteen, teachers and counselors reported that the most frequent reasons for leaving were:

Marriage or pregnancy. (310)
Entered a correctional institution. (297)
Administrative exclusion. (180)
Physical, social, mental or emotional disability. (146)
For those sixteen years of age and older, the reported reasons for leaving were:

Entered or seeking employment. $(5,331)$ Dissatisfaction with school. (2,073) Marriage or pregnancy. (832) Entering military service. (675)

In an analysis of the data, certain facts lend themselves to assumptions from which questions can be derived for future study. Many studies have reported grade retardation as indicative of the dropout. With the assumption that a normal progression through the educational process would place a student of age fifteen at the ninth grade level, what is learned about the sixteen year old leavers? Are the majority behind in grade for their age?

The legal age for leaving school is sixteen and this may be the reason for forty-eight percent of the total leavers being in this age group. Of the 5,505 reported withdrawing, 5,031 left school voluntarily. If the assumption is accepted that the tenth grade is normal placement, 2,622 were behind in grade, 1,722 were at normal grade level, and 306 were in handicapped classes. The 855 remaining were in grades 11 and 12. Therefore, fifty-two percent of the dropouts were in a normal or above-age grade grouping. This compares with the fifty-three percent in this category for the total study.

The 855 leavers point to an area for study. Eight hundred eleven were in grade 11 and 44 in grade 12 with 97 from the eleventh grade and 4 from the twelfth grade withdrawing for involuntary reasons. In grade 11, 527 left because they were dissatisfied with school or were entering the labor market.

The total figures lead to the belief that 46.5 percent ( 5,320 cases) are overage in grade. This is most readily apparent in grades 5 through 9. A peak is reached in the ninth grade level which suggests that a majority of those overage in grade had made their decision to leave school by this period. A breakdown for grades 10, 11, and 12 is presented.

| Reason | Grade 10 (Age 16) |  | Grade 11 (Age 17) |  | Grade 12 (Age 18) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | At Grade Level or Above | Overage at Grade Level | At Grade Level or Above | Overage at Grade Level | At Grade Level | Overage |
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) |
| Involuntary | 179 | 90 | 191 | 32 | 94 | 14 |
| Voluntary | 1.543 | 1.076 | 1.635 | 475 | 989 | 132 |

This evidence indicates that further study is needed in working with the dropout problem. This year the dropout study is being continued in an effort to obtain the data that may be used to determine trends. Reporting procedures are being questioned to overcome the tendency to become lax in long term projects. At the same time, exploratory work is being done to learn more about the personal characteristics of the students who withdraw from school. The ultimate aim is to help those boys and girls who are potential dropouts to remain in school through effective guidance and to receive the education necessary for the society in which they will live.

TABLE I
DROPOUTS IN NEW JERSEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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& \text { BY COUNTIES } \\
& 1962-63
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| County | Total <br> Enrollment* | Total <br> Dropouts | Percent Dropouts | Dropouts per 1,000 Pupils |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| Atlantic | 28,353 | 455 | 1.60 | 16.0 |
| Bergen | 147,627 | 793 | . 54 | 5.4 |
| Burlington | 50,255 | 346 | . 69 | 6.9 |
| Camden | 74,370 | 919 | 1.24 | 12.4 |
| Cape May | 8,062 | 49 | . 61 | 6.1 |
| Cumberland | 23,868 | 372 | 1.56 | 15.6 |
| Essex | 157,386 | 2,039 | 1.30 | 13.0 |
| Gloucester | 32,609 | 315 | . 97 | 9.7 |
| Hudson | 77,495 | 1,389 | 1.79 | 17.9 |
| Hunterdon | 12,904 | 85 | . 66 | 6.6 |
| Mercer | 46,233 | 516 | 1.12 | 11.2 |
| Middlesex | 98,770 | 691 | . 70 | 7.0 |
| Monmouth | 75,462 | 845 | 1.12 | 11.2 |
| Morris | 59,360 | 404 | . 68 | 6.8 |
| Ocean | 27,036 | 252 | . 93 | 9.3 |
| Passaic | 72,210 | 602 | . 84 | 8.4 |
| Salem | 14,169 | 160 | 1.13 | 11.3 |
| Somerset | 33,396 | 221 | . 66 | 6.6 |
| Sussex | 12,512 | 130 | 1.04 | 10.4 |
| Union | 97,755 | 693 | . 71 | 7.1 |
| Warren | 13.536 | 163 | 1.20 | 12.0 |
| Total | 1,163,368 | 11,439 | . 98 | 9.8 |

*September 30, 1962.

TABLE II
DROPOUT RATES IN NEW JERSEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS BY GRADES
1962-63

| Grade | Total <br> Enrollment* | Total <br> Dropouts | Dropouts per 1,000 Pupils Enrolled |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) |
| Kindergarten | 108,730 | 52 | . 5 |
| Pre-first and 1 | 103,204 | 21 | . 2 |
| 2 | 95,023 | 15 | . 2 |
| 3 | 93,477 | 22 | . 2 |
| 4 | 89,648 | 17 | . 2 |
| 5 | 89,513 | 33 | . 4 |
| 6 | 86,727 | 80 | . 9 |
| 7 | 83,683 | 392 | 4.7 |
| 8 | 81,890 | 745 | 9.1 |
| 9 | 93,687 | 2,647 | 28.2 |
| 10 | 91,859 | 3,148 | 34.3 |
| 11 | 74,223 | 2,514 | 33.9 |
| 12 | 56,519 | 1,236 | 21.8 |
| Handicapped | 15,185 | 517 | 34.0 |
| Total | 1,163,368 | 11,439 | 9.8 |

*September 30, 1962.

DROPOUTS IN NEW JERSEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS BY COUNTIES AND GRADES

1962-63

| County |  | -1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | H | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (1) | (2) |  | 4) | 5) | 6) | 7) | (8) | (9) | (10) | (11) | (12) | (13) | (14) | (15). | (16) | (17) |
| Atlantic | 1 |  | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 |  | 3 | 3 | 33 | 122 | 134 | 102 | 46 | 3 | 455 |
| Bergen | 5 |  |  |  | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 15 | 41 | 139 | 218 | 211 | 144 | 15 | 793 |
| Burlington | 3 | 5 | 2 |  | 1 |  |  |  | 7 | 19 | 68 | 107 | 85 | 36 | 13 | 346 |
| Camden | 6 |  |  |  |  |  | 2 | 4 | 52 | 85 | 206 | 247 | 182 | 80 | 55 | 919 |
| Cape May |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 9 | 11 | 9 | 10 | 1 | 49 |
| Cumberland |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2 | 26 | 50 | 96 | 71 | 67 | 32 | 28 | 372 |
| Essex | 9 |  | 3 | 6 | 8 | 4 | 11 | 10 | 56 | 113 | 450 | 574 | 383 | 164 | 248 | 2,039 |
| Gloucester |  |  | 4 |  |  | 1 |  |  | 8 | 21 | 81 | 89 | 74 | 30 | 7 | 315 |
| Hudson | 3 |  | 2 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 8 | 34 | 89 | 75 | 479 | 334 | 237 | 80 | 39 | 1,389 |
| Hunterdon |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2 | 13 | 14 | 27 | 17 | 9 | 3 | 85 |
| Mercer | 2 |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  | 8 | 22 | 79 | 171 | 136 | 79 | 18 | 516 |
| Middlesex | 5 |  |  |  | 1 | 1 |  |  | 37 | 50 | 147 | 166 | 176 | 83 | 25 | 691 |
| Monmouth | 5 |  | 1. | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 13 | 40 | 191 | 230 | 238 | 109 | 4 | 845 |
| Morris | 4 |  |  |  | 1 |  | 1. |  | 2 | 14 | 105 | 104 | 89 | 73 | 11 | 404 |
| Ocean | 2 |  | 1 |  |  | 1 | 1 | 1 | 9 | 29 | 66 | 65 | 38 | 33 | 6 | 252 |
| Passaic | 2 |  |  |  |  | 2 | 3 | 16 | 32 | 42 | 97 | 183 | 144 | 66 | 15 | 602 |
| Salem |  |  |  |  | 2 |  |  | 1 | 10 | 30 | 35 | 36 | 24 | 16 | 6 | 160 |
| Somerset | 1 |  | 1 | 1 |  |  |  |  | 5 | 16 | 58 | 55 | 63 | 20 | 1 | 221 |
| Sussex |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 3 | 5 | 47 | 35 | 31 | 9 |  | 130 |
| Union | 4 |  |  |  |  |  | 3 |  | 12 | 36 | 109 | 246 | 175 | 93 | 15 | 693 |
| Warren |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2 | 6 | 49 | 45 | 33 | 24 | 4 | 163 |
| Total | 52 | 5 | 16 | 15 | 22 | 17 | 33 | 80 | 392 | 745 | k. 64.7 | 3, 148 | 2,514 | 1.236 | 517 | 11.439 |

DROPOUTS IN NEW JERSEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS BY COUNTIES AND MONTH OF OCCURRENCE

1962-63

| County | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. | Jan. | Feb. | March | April | May | June | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) | (9) | (10) | (21) | (12) |
| Atlantic | 19 | 64 | 47 | 54 | 68 | 28 | 58 | 64 | 47 | 6 | 455 |
| Bergen | 50 | 109 | 89 | 71 | 105 | 58 | 102 | 98 | 88 | 23 | 793 |
| Burlington | 34 | 51 | 43 | 31 | 46 | 32 | 37 | 33 | 36 | 3 | 346 |
| Camden | 57 | 137 | 119 | 69 | 133 | 103 | 112 | 86 | 95 | 8 | 919 |
| Cape May | 1 | 16 | 7 | 3 | 11 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 1 |  | 49 |
| Cumberland | 14 | 48 | 49 | 18 | 57 | 50 | 36 | 47 | 50 | 3 | 372 |
| Essex | 139 | 228 | 236 | 192 | 284 | 209 | 247 | 194 | 219 | 91 | 2,039 |
| Gloucester | 42 | 44 | 28 | 23 | 40 | 35 | 46 | 29 | 25 | 3 | 315 |
| Hudson | 169 | 179 | 119 | 106 | 195 | 134 | 146 | 112 | 148 | 81 | 1,389 |
| Hunterdon | 13 | 17 | 11 | 6 | 7 | 5 | 11 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 85 |
| Mercer | 37 | 77 | 50 | 44 | 66 | 70 | 54 | 44 | 73 | 1 | 516 |
| Middlesex | 52 | 91 | 88 | 44 | 88 | 59 | 87 | 58 | 88 | 36 | 691 |
| Monmouth | 57 | 119 | 97 | 79 | 122 | 74 | 111 | 82 | 85 | 19 | 845 |
| Morris | 36 | 49 | 46 | 39 | 79 | 39 | 51 | 29 | 32 | 4 | 404 |
| Ocean | 8 | 38 | 29 | 22 | 46 | 25 | 40 | 18 | 19 | 7 | 252 |
| Passaic | 36 | 96 | 83 | 54 | 85 | 58 | 70 | 46 | 52 | 22 | 602 |
| Salem | 13 | 24 | 17 | 16 | 18 | 18 | 24 | 20 | 8 | 2 | 160 |
| Somerset | 12 | 30 | 22 | 12 | 27 | 30 | 34 | 28 | 14 | 12 | 221 |
| Sussex | 13 | 22 | 14 | 11 | 18 | 12 | 20 | 6 | 13 | 1 | 130 |
| Union | 32 | 98 | 74 | 67 | 78 | 76 | 113 | 65 | 70 | 20 | 693 |
| Warren | 12 | 26 | 15 | 17 | 30 | 13 | 23 | 16 | 9 | 2 | 163 |
| Total | 846 | 1.563 | 1,283 | 978 | 1,603 | 1.136 | 1,423 | 1,082 | 1,177 | 348 | 11.439 |

TABLE V
INVOLUNTARY DROPOUTS IN NEW JERSEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS BY COUNTIES AND REASON

1962-63

| County | Physical, Social, Mental or Emotional Disability | Pro- <br> longed <br> Ill | $\begin{gathered} \text { Adminis- } \\ \text { trative } \\ \text { Exclu- } \\ \text { sion } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Entered <br> Correctional <br> Institu- <br> tion | Drafted <br> into <br> Military <br> Service | Deceased | Other | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (1) | $\frac{(2)}{}$ | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) | (9) |
| Atlantic | 14 | 3 |  | 12 |  | 5 | 1 | 35 |
| Bergen | 31 | 17 | 24 | 22 |  | 9 | 6 | 109 |
| Burlington | 14 | 7 | 14 | 7 |  | 1 | 2 | 45 |
| Camden | 23 | 28 | 22 | 32 |  | 7 | 20 | 132 |
| Cape May | 3 | 1 | 1 | 3 |  | 1 | 1 | 10 |
| Cumberland | 6 | 6 | 12 | 2 |  | 2 | 5 | 33 |
| Essex | 85 | 27 | 150 | 129 |  | 12 | 10 | 413 |
| Gloucester | 1 | 2 | 12 | 10 |  | 4 | 3 | 32 |
| Hudson | 24 | 18 |  | 21 | 2 | 13 | 11 | 89 |
| Hunterdon | 3 | 1 | 4 | 2 |  | 3 |  | 13 |
| Mercer | 9 | 8 | 22 | 25 |  | 4 | 16 | 84 |
| Middlesex | 31 | 17 | 13 | 18 |  | 3 | 7 | 89 |
| Monmouth | 23 | 11 | 80 | 28 |  | 13 | 5 | 160 |
| Morris | 11 | 6 | 23 | 12 |  | 4 | 12 | 68 |
| Ocean | 7 | 4 | 20 | 9 |  | 4 |  | 44 |
| Passaic | 21 | 4 | 8 | 20 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 61 |
| Salem |  | 2 | 19 | 14 |  |  | 1 | 36 |
| Somerset | 16 | 5 | 14 | 4 |  | 4 | 2 | 45 |
| Sussex | 1 | 5 |  | 2 |  | 1 | 1 | 10 |
| Union | 19 | 7 | 14 | 39 |  | 7 | 1 | 87 |
| Warren | 1 | 2 | 2 | 6 |  | 1 | 3 | 15 |
| Total | 343 | 181 | 454 | 417 | 3 | 102 | 110 | 1,610 |

VOLUNTARY DROPOUTS IN NEW JERSEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS BY COUNTIES AND REASON*
1962-63

| County | Dissatisfied with School | Entered or Seeking Employment | Volunteered for Military Service | Married or Pregnant | Other | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) |
| Atlantic | 167 | 149 | 33 | 35 | 36 | 420 |
| Bergen | 108 | 448 | 57 | 47 | 22 | 682 |
| Burlington | 52 | 161 | 25 | 45 | 15 | 298 |
| Camden | 167 | 375 | 79 | 105 | 60 | 786 |
| Cape May | 6 | 12 | 3 | 15 | 3 | 39 |
| Cumberland | 109 | 105 | 37 | 50 | 32 | 333 |
| Essex | 391 | 858 | 83 | 219 | 68 | 1,619 |
| Gloucester | 45 | 144 | 26 | 48 | 20 | 283 |
| Hudson | 128 | 1,025 | 43 | 59 | 43 | 1,298 |
| Hunterdon | 11 | 35 | 8 | 14 | 3 | 71 |
| Mercer | 138 | 159 | 27 | 72 | 31 | 427 |
| Middlesex | 135 | 298 | 50 | 62 | 54 | 599 |
| Monmouth | 198 | 272 | 52 | 111 | 51 | 684 ' |
| Morris | 52 | 211 | 26 | 37 | 10 | 336 . |
| Ocean | 64 | 85 | 15 | 36 | 4 | 204 |
| Passaic | 83 | 383 | 21 | 34 | 18 | 539 |
| Salem | 38 | 22 | 12 | 44 | 7 | 123 |
| Somerset | 53 | 94 | 13 | 7 | 9 | 176 |
| Sussex | 24 | 78 | 7 | 7 | 4 | 120 |
| Union | 109 | 348 | 51 | 71 | 24 | 603 |
| Warren | 15 | 94 | 7 | 24 | 8 | 148 |
| Total | 2,093 | 5.356 | 675 | 1.142 | 522 | 9,788 |

*The category No Information was not included in this table.

DROPOUTS IN GRADES KINDERGARTEN THROUGH EIGHT NEW JERSEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BI AGE AND GRADE
1962-63

| Age | K | P-1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) | (9) | (10) | (11) | (12) |
| 4 | 6 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 6 |
| 5 | 36 | 4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 40 |
| 6 | 10 | 1 | 9 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 20 |
| 7 |  |  | 5 | 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 7 |
| 8 |  |  | 2 | 8 | 8 |  |  |  |  |  | 18 |
| 9 |  |  |  | 1 | 5 | 5 | 1 |  |  |  | 12 |
| 10 |  |  |  | 2 | 5 | 4 | 4 |  |  |  | 15 |
| 11 |  |  |  |  | 1 | 3 | 7 | 6 |  |  | 17 |
| 12 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 6 | 5 | 15 |  | 26 |
| 13 |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  | 5 | 32 | 26 | 64 |
| 14 |  |  |  |  | 1 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 38 | 67 | 118 |
| 15 |  |  |  |  |  | 2 | 1 | 3 | 43 | 97 | 146 |
| 16 |  |  |  | 2 | 1 | 2 | 10 | 49 | 253 | 504 | 821 |
| 17 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 | 3 | 10 | 44 | 58 |
| 18 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  | 6 | 7 |
| 19 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 | 1 |
| Total | 52 | 5 | 16 | 15 | 22 | 17 | 33 | 80 | 391 | 745 | 1,376 |

Note: Horizontal solid lines in columns establish normal age ranges for grade. Dotted line represents legal school leaving age.

TABLE VIII
DROPOUTS IN NEW JERSEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
By REASON, AGE GROUP AND SEX
1962-63

| Reason | Under Age 16 |  |  | Over Age 16 |  |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Boys | Girls | Total | Boys | Girls | Total |  |
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) |
| Physical, social, mental or emotional disability | 83 | 63 | 146 | 95 | 102 | 197 | 343 |
| Prolonged illness | 19 | 28 | 47 | 32 | 102 | 134 | 181 |
| Administrative exclusion | 131 | 49 | 180 | 232 | 42 | 274 | 454 |
| Entered correctional institution | 233 | 64 | 297 | 98 | 22 | 120 | 417 |
| Drafted into military service |  |  |  | 3 |  | 3 | 3 |
| Deceased | 35 | 33 | 68 | 30 | 4 | 34 | 102 |
| Dissatisfied with school | 11 | 9 | 20 | 1,213 | 860 | 2,073 | 2,093 |
| Entered or seeking employment | 19 | 6 | 25 | 3,532 | 1,799 | 5,331 | 5,356 |
| Volunteered for military service |  |  |  | 670 | 5 | 675 | 675 |
| Married or pregnant | 3 | 307 | 310 | 23 | 809 | 832 | 1,142 |
| Other | 57 | 36 | 93 | 223 | 316 | 539 | 632 |
| No information | 4 | 4 | 8 | 15 | 18 | 33 | 41 |
| Total | 595 | 599 | 1.194 | 6,166 | 4.079 | 10,245 | 11,439 |

TABLE IX
DROPOUTS IN NEW JERSEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
UNDER AGE 16, BY REASON AND GRADE
1962-63

| Reason | K | P-1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | Handicapped | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) | (9) | (10) | (11) | (12) | (13) | (14) | (15) | (16) | (17) |
| Involuntary: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Physical, social, mental or emotional disability. | 14 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 10 | 9 | 37 | 35 |  |  | 20 | 146 |
| Prolonged illness. | 3 | 1 | 3 |  | 1 | 3 | 1. | 1 | 3 | 4 | 15 | 12 |  |  |  | 47 |
| Administrative exclusion. | 2 |  |  | 4 | 4 |  | 2 |  | 25 | 37 | 65 | 25 |  |  | 16 | 180 |
| Entered correctional institution. |  |  |  |  | 2 | 4 | 10 | 11 | 52 | 74 | 77 | 26 |  |  | 41 | 297 |
| Drafted into military service. Deceased. | 7 |  | 5 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 8 | 6 | 12 | 9 |  |  | 4 | 68 |
| Other. | 6 |  | 1 |  | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 1 |  |  | 1 | 22 |
| Voluntary: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dissatisfied with school. | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 3 | 6 | 10 |  |  |  | 20 |
| Entered or seeking employment. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |  | 15 | 5 |  |  | 4 | 25 |
| Married or pregnant. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 5 | 27 | 50 | 97 | 120 | 5 |  | 6 | 310 |
| Other. | 18 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 20 | 11 | 1 |  | 1 | 71 |
| No information, | 1 |  | 2 |  |  | 1 |  |  | 1 | 1 | 2 |  |  |  |  | 8 |
| Total | 52 | 5 | 16 | 13 | 21 | 15 | 21 | 28 | 128 | 190 | 352 | 254 | 6 |  | 93 | 1.194 |

TABLE X
INVOLUNTARY DROPOUTS AGE 16 AND OVER NEW JERSEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS BY REASON AND GRADE 1962-63

| Reason | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | Handi. | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (1) | $(2)$ | $(3)$ | $(4)$ | $(5)$ | $(6)$ | $(7)$ | $(8)$ | $(9)$ |
| Physical, social, mental <br> or emotional disa- <br> bility. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Prolonged illness. | 3 | 9 | 37 | 69 | 44 | 27 | 8 | 197 |
| Administrative exclusion. | 2 | 15 | 76 | 87 | 65 | 26 | 3 | 274 |
| Entered correctional <br> institution. | 3 | 5 | 33 | 47 | 22 | 6 | 4 | 120 |
| Drafted into military <br> service. | 14 | 33 | 56 | 25 | 4 | 134 |  |  |
| Deceased. |  |  |  | 2 | 4 |  | 2 |  |
| Other. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

> INVOLUNTARY DROPOUTS AGE 16 AND OVER
> NEW JERSEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
> BY GRADE, AGE AND REASON

1962-63


|  | Age |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Grade | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | Total |
| $(1)$ | $(2)$ | $(3)$ | $(4)$ | $(5)$ | $(6)$ | $(7)$ |

Physical, Social, Mental or

Emotional Disability

| Emotional Disability |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 7 | 3 |  |  |  |  | 3 |
| 8 | 8 | 1 |  |  |  | 9 |
| 9 | 27 | 10 |  |  |  | 37 |
| 10 | 51 | 14 | 3 | 1 |  | 69 |
| 11 | 20 | 20 | 4 |  |  | 44 |
| 12 | 2 | 13 | 7 | 5 |  | 27 |
| Hand. | 5 | 3 |  |  |  | 8 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 116 | 61 | 14 | 6 |  | 197 |

Administrative Exclusion

| 7 | 1 | 1 |  |  |  | 2 |
| :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 8 | 13 |  | 2 |  |  | 15 |
| 9 | 61 | 14 | 1 |  |  | 76 |
| 10 | 49 | 31 | 7 |  |  | 87 |
| 11 | 25 | 27 | 9 | 4 |  | 65 |
| 12 |  | 10 | 13 | 2 | 1 | 26 |
| Hand. | 3 |  |  |  |  | 3 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 152 | 83 | 32 | 6 | 1 | 274 |

Drafted into Military Service

| Drafted into Military Service |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 7 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10 |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |
| 11 |  |  | 2 |  |  |  |
| 12 |  |  | 2 |  |  | 2 |
| Hand. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total |  |  | 2 |  |  |  |



Prolonged Illness

| 7 | 1 |  |  |  |  | 1 |
| :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 8 | 1 |  |  |  |  | 1 |
| 9 | 12 | 2 |  |  |  | 14 |
| 10 | 24 | 7 | 2 |  |  | 33 |
| 11 | 26 | 24 | 5 |  | 1 | 56 |
| 12 |  | 17 | 6 | 2 |  | 25 |
| Hand. | 1 | 1 | 1 |  | 1 | 4 |
| Total | 65 |  |  |  | 14 | 2 |

Entered Correctional Institution


|  | Other |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 7 | 1 |  |  |  |  | 1 |
| 8 | 4 |  |  |  |  | 4 |
| 9 | 10 | 7 | 1 |  |  | 18 |
| 10 | 20 | 6 | 2 |  |  | 28 |
| 11 | 9 | 9 | 3 |  |  | 21 |
| 12 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 9 |
| Hand. | 4 | 1 | 1 |  | 1 | 7 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 50 | 24 | 11 | 1 | 2 | 88 |


| Grand <br> Total | 474 | 269 | 83 | 19 | 5 | 850 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

TABLE XII
VOLUNTARY DROPOUTS AGE 16 AND OVER
NEW JERSEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BY GRADE AND REASON*
1962-63

| Grade | Dissatisfied with School | Entered or Seeking Employment | Volunteered <br> for <br> Military <br> Service | Married or Pregnant | Other | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) |
| 2 | 1 | 2 |  |  |  | 3 |
| 3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4 |  | 2 |  |  |  | 2 |
| 5 | 2 | 10 |  |  |  | 12 |
| 6 | 4 | 42 |  |  | 6 | 52 |
| 7 | 61 | 171 | 1 | 4 | 16 | 253 |
| 8 | 156 | 329 | 2 | 8 | 23 | 518 |
| 9 | 477 | 1,416 | 74 | 45 | 91 | 2,103 |
| 10 | 644 | 1,491 | 201 | 168 | 115 | 2,619 |
| 11 | 469 | 1,175 | 245 | 286 | 107 | 2,282 |
| 12 | 188 | 435 | 148 | 315 | 35 | 1,121 |
| Handicapped | 71 | 258 | 4 | 6 | 58 | 397 |
| Total | 2,073 | 5.331 | 675 | 832 | 451 | 2,362 |

*Does not include 33 cases reported in No Information category.

TABLE XIII
VOLUNTARY DROPOUTS AGE 16 AND OVER
NEW JERSEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BY GRADE, AGE AND REASON
1962-63

| Grade | Age |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | Total |
| $(1)$ | $(2)$ | $(3)$ | $(4)$ | $(5)$ | $(6)$ | $(7)$ | $(8)$ |

Dissatisfied with School


Entered or Seeking Employment


Volunteered for Military Service

| 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 <br> Handi. | 1 17 25 10 4 1 | 1 1 55 137 147 54 1 | 2 31 74 73 1 | $\begin{array}{r}8 \\ 13 \\ 12 \\ 1 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 5 | 1 2 74 201 245 148 4 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total | 58 | 396 | 181 | 34 | 6 | 675 |

TABLE XIII (continued)


| Grand <br> Total | 5,031 | 2,782 | 1,256 | 251 | 39 | 3 | 9,362 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |


[^0]:    *A separate report will be made on droponts occurring during the summer of 1963.

[^1]:    *These figures will not agree with the tables as they have been rounded to the nearest whole number.

