



Office of the State Superintendent of Education

2024-25 MID-YEAR ATTENDANCE BRIEF

Attendance data from July 8 – Nov. 22, 2024

This brief reports rates of chronic absenteeism and chronic truancy across DC public and public charter schools from the start of the 2024-25 school year through Nov. 22, 2024. This is the first of three briefs that the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) will publish using validated attendance data from the 2024-25 school year. These data are certified by local education agencies (LEAs); they reinforce the importance of having every student attend school every day.

DEFINITIONS:

- Chronic absenteeism is defined as being absent (excused or unexcused) for at least 10 percent of the school days in which a student is enrolled.
- Chronic truancy is defined as accumulating at least 10 full- or partial-day unexcused absences in a school year.*
 - Starting in the 2024-25 school year, OSSE modified the definition of chronic truancy to include partial day unexcused absences.

ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

The data in this brief reflects attendance data from the start of the school year through Nov. 22, 2024, and compares it to the same window in the 2023-24 school year. Compared to the same point in time last school year:

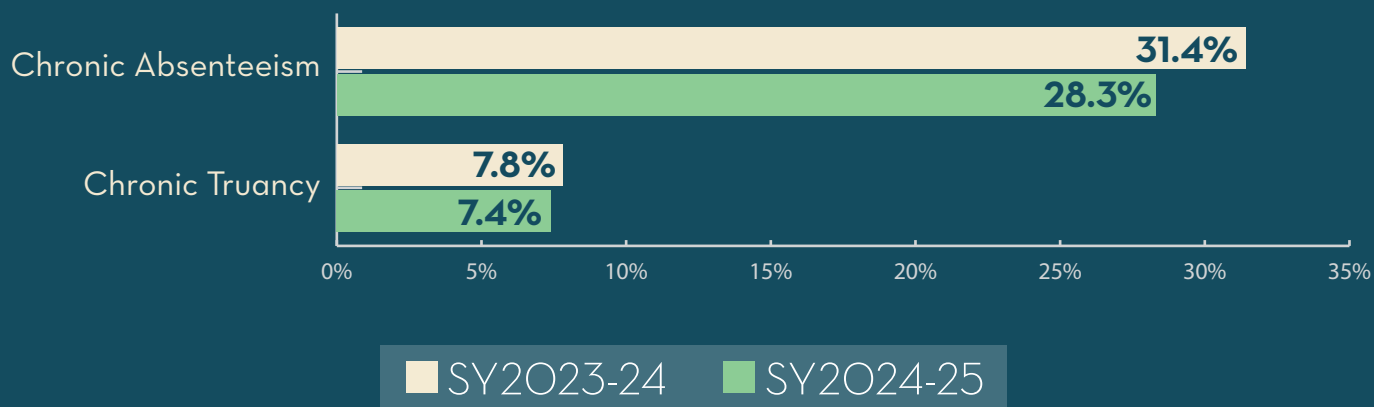
CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM
**DECREASED BY 3.1
PERCENTAGE POINTS**



CHRONIC TRUANCY
**DECREASED BY 0.4
PERCENTAGE POINTS**



EXCLUDING PARTIAL DAY UNEXCUSED ABSENCES, THE CHRONIC TRUANCY RATE WOULD BE **5.1 PERCENT**, COMPARED TO **5.5 PERCENT AT THE SAME TIME LAST SCHOOL YEAR**.



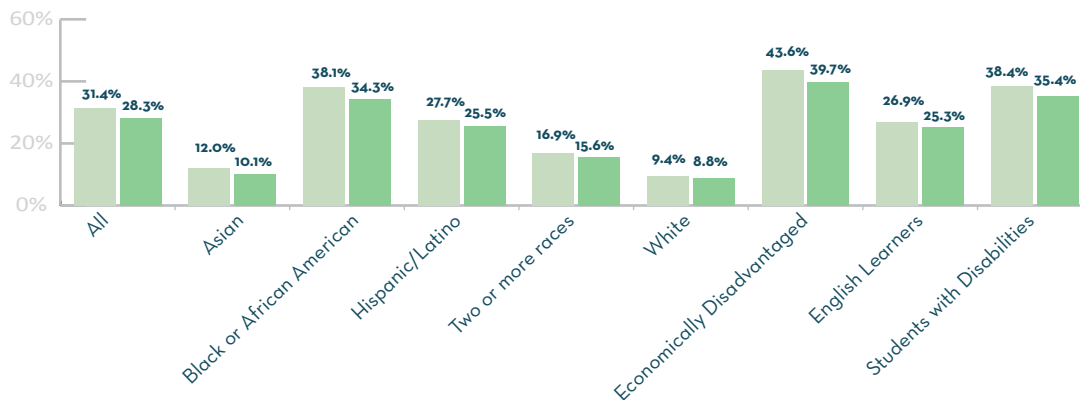
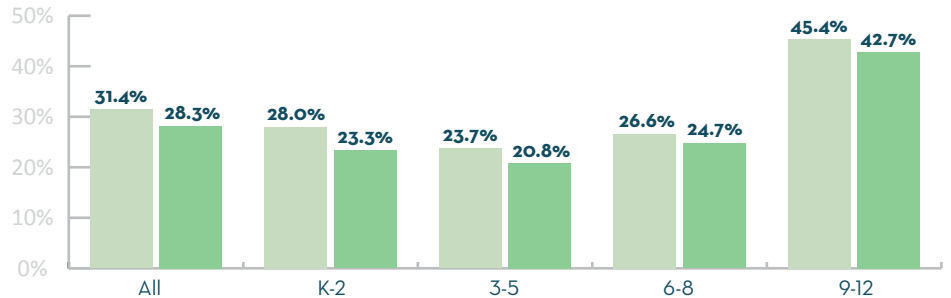
* All attendance metrics are calculated for students in grades K-12. Chronic truancy is restricted to students of compulsory age (5-17 years on September 30, 2024). A partial day absence occurs when a student attends school for less than 60 percent of the instructional day.

2023-24 MID-YEAR ATTENDANCE BRIEF

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CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM BY GRADE BAND

As of Nov. 22, 2024, all grade bands experienced a decrease in chronic absenteeism rates as compared to the same point in the previous school year.

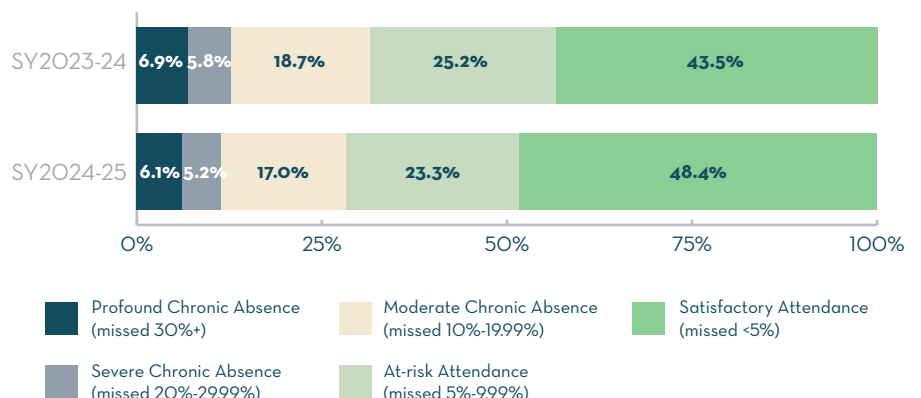


CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM BY STUDENT GROUP

As of Nov. 22, 2024, declines in chronic absenteeism were observed across all student demographic groups as compared to the same point in the previous school year.**

ATTENDANCE RISK TIERS

OSSE monitors attendance risk tiers to provide a more detailed look at attendance patterns. These data show that attendance is improving across risk tiers, including an 11.0 percent decrease in students missing the most school (20 percent or more of the days in which they were enrolled), and an 11.3 percent increase in students with the best attendance (missing less than 5 percent of school days).



**Only demographic groups of 150 students or more are shown; additional data provided in the 2024-25 Mid-Year Attendance Data Files. Rates for the 2023-24 school year may differ slightly from those reported in previous year's briefs due to updated student demographic data.