

ILLINOIS SCHOOL DISCIPLINE DATA



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Statewide

- Based on the most recent available data, there were over 272,000 out-of-school suspensions of Illinois students, more than 2,400 expulsions, and more than 10,000 arrests in just one school year.
- As a result, Illinois students are losing over one million instructional days per year.
- Most of these disciplinary actions and justice-system interventions were in response to minor offenses that did not threaten school safety.
- Illinois now issues over three times more suspensions across the state than it did 20 years ago.
- Illinois suspends the highest percentage of its African Americans of any state in the country, and has the worst Black/White racial disparities in the country.
- In 2011-12, there were over 6 times as many out-of-school suspensions per Black student as there were per White student.
- There were more than one-and-a-half times as many suspensions per Latino student as there were per White student.

Local

There are districts all across the state that exhibit extreme disciplinary practices. For example:

- In 2011-12, there was nearly one out-of-school suspension for every two students in Thornton Township HSD 205 (South Holland).
- There was over one out-of-school suspension for every three students in Proviso Township HSD 209 (Forest Park).
- There was nearly one out-of-school suspension for every three students in Thornton Township HSD 215 (Calumet City), and there was one referral to law enforcement for every 14 students.
- There were 595 students referred to law enforcement in Rockford SD 205.
- There were 448 students referred to law enforcement in Township HSD 211 (Palatine), or one for every 28 students.
- There were 395 students referred to law enforcement in Glenbard Township HSD 87, or one for every 23 students.
- Chicago Public Schools averaged 386 out-of-school suspensions per day in 2012-13, and 24 students arrested per day in 2011-12.
- Black students in Chicago Public Schools were over 30 times more likely to be expelled than White students in 2012-13.
- Of the 19 Chicago-based schools with the most expulsions in 2012-13, 18 of them were charter schools.

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