

Changes in High School Attrition Rates in Texas Counties

136 Counties Where High School Attrition Rates Improved Since Last Year

Anderson	Camp	Freestone	Jackson	Lubbock	Potter	Terry
Angelina	Carson	Frio	Jeff Davis	Madison	Reagan	Titus
Aransas	Cass	Garza	Jefferson	Martin	Red River	Trinity
Bandera	Castro	Goliad	Jim Wells	Mason	Reeves	Tyler
Bastrop	Chambers	Gonzales	Johnson	McClellan	Robertson	Upshur
Baylor	Cherokee	Grayson	Jones	Menard	Rockwall	Uvalde
Bee	Clay	Gregg	Kaufman	Mills	Runnels	Val Verde
Bell	Collin	Guadalupe	Kent	Mitchell	Rusk	Van Zandt
Bexar	Comal	Harris	Kerr	Montague	San Jacinto	Waller
Blanco	Concho	Hays	Kimble	Montgomery	San Patricio	Ward
Bosque	Crane	Hemphill	Kleberg	Motley	Shackelford	Washington
Bowie	Dallas	Hidalgo	La Salle	Nacogdoches	Shelby	Webb
Brazoria	Dawson	Hill	Lamar	Newton	Smith	Wharton
Brazos	Denton	Hockley	Lampasas	Nueces	Somervell	Wichita
Brooks	Dewitt	Hopkins	Lavaca	Ochiltree	Starr	Williamson
Brown	Dimmit	Houston	Lee	Orange	Stephens	Wilson
Burleson	El Paso	Howard	Leon	Palo Pinto	Sutton	Wise
Caldwell	Fisher	Hunt	Live Oak	Panola	Swisher	Young
Callahan	Fort Bend	Hutchinson	Llano	Parker	Tarrant	Zavala
Cameron	Franklin	Jack				

85 Counties Where High School Attrition Rates Worsened Since Last Year

Andrews	Comanche	Ellis	Hale	Kendall	Midland	San Saba
Archer	Cooke	Erath	Hamilton	Kinney	Milam	Schleicher
Atascosa	Coryell	Falls	Hansford	Knox	Moore	Scurry
Bailey	Cottle	Fannin	Hardeman	Lamb	Navarro	Taylor
Borden	Dallam	Fayette	Harrison	Liberty	Oldham	Tom Green
Brewster	Deaf Smith	Floyd	Haskell	Limestone	Parmer	Travis
Briscoe	Delta	Foard	Henderson	Lynn	Pecos	Victoria
Burnet	Dickens	Gaines	Hudspeth	Marion	Presidio	Walker
Calhoun	Duval	Galveston	Irion	Maverick	Randall	Wilbarger
Childress	Eastland	Gillespie	Jasper	McCulloch	Refugio	Willacy
Cochran	Ector	Gray	Jim Hogg	McMullen	Roberts	Wood
Coleman	Edwards	Grimes	Karnes	Medina	San Augustine	Zapata
Colorado						

10 Counties Where High School Attrition Rates Are the Same as Last Year

Austin	Hood	Nolan	Rains	Stonewall	Winkler	Yoakum
Hardin	Matagorda	Polk				

21 Counties Where High School Attrition Rates Cannot be Compared with Last Year*

Armstrong	Donley	Lipscomb	Sterling
Coke	Glasscock	Morris	Terrell
Collingsworth	Hall	Real	Throckmorton
Crockett	Hartley	Sabine	Upton
Crosby	King	Sherman	Wheeler
Culberson			

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9-year trends

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* County rates cannot be compared from one year to the next when for either year (or both) the attrition rate is less than zero, there is no high school or the necessary data are unavailable to calculate the attrition rate.



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Taking Action to Hold on to Students

Communities and their neighborhood public schools can turn the tide. We can and must guarantee that every child graduates from high school ready for college and the world of work. Strategic action to address school holding power has two key elements:

Community-based action – that reclaims neighborhood public schools, strengthens schools through school-community partnerships and holds schools and stakeholders accountable for student success.

Statewide systems change – to strengthen school holding power so all schools ensure that all children succeed and graduate. Each strategy must be informed by quality data about student outcomes and the factors that make up effective schools.

Get informed

See IDRA's **latest attrition study** online at: <https://idra.news/IDRAattrn18w>

Get the attrition rate for **your county** over the last seven years at: <https://idra.news/Txlook>

Receive IDRA's **eNews free e-letter** to get up-to-date information to make a difference in your school and community. Sign up online at: <https://idra.news/Subscribe>

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Get connected

Create a **community-school action team** to examine the factors that must be addressed to strengthen your school's holding power – its ability to hold on to students through to graduation. Use IDRA's Quality Schools Action Framework™.

IDRA's book, **Courage to Connect: A Quality Schools Action Framework™** shows how communities and schools can work together to be successful with all of their students. The book's web page (<https://www.idra.org/couragetconnect>) has an excerpt, related podcasts, images of the framework and other resources.

Get results

Use IDRA's one-page **School Holding Power Checklist** that has a set of criteria for assessing and selecting effective dropout prevention strategies and for making sure your school is a quality school. **See Page 55.**

See what happens when a school district raises expectations for students instead of lowering them. **College Bound and Determined**, shows how the Pharr-San Juan Alamo school district in south Texas transformed itself from low achievement and low expectations to planning for all students to graduate from high school and college. **College Bound & Determined** is available from IDRA for \$15 and is free online at: <http://budurl.com/IDRAcbdw>

