

Changes in High School Attrition Rates in Texas Counties

127 Counties Where High School Attrition Rates Improved Since Last Year

Anderson	Coke	Erath	Hidalgo	Lee	Ochiltree	Swisher
Andrews	Coleman	Floyd	Hill	Liberty	Oldham	Tarrant
Archer	Collin	Fort Bend	Hockley	Limestone	Palo Pinto	Terry
Armstrong	Comanche	Freestone	Hood	Lynn	Panola	Tom Green
Bailey	Coryell	Gaines	Houston	Madison	Parker	Trinity
Bandera	Crane	Galveston	Hudspeth	Mason	Pecos	Tyler
Baylor	Crockett	Goliad	Hunt	Matagorda	Presidio	Uvalde
Bee	Crosby	Gonzales	Irion	Maverick	Red River	Val Verde
Bexar	Dallam	Grimes	Jefferson	McCulloch	Roberts	Victoria
Borden	Dallas	Guadalupe	Jim Hogg	Medina	Rockwall	Walker
Brazos	Dawson	Hale	Kendall	Midland	Rusk	Ward
Brewster	Deaf Smith	Hardeman	Kent	Milam	Sabine	Webb
Briscoe	Delta	Hardin	Kerr	Mitchell	San Patricio	Wharton
Brooks	Dewitt	Harris	Kimble	Montgomery	San Saba	Wilbarger
Burleson	Dickens	Haskell	Kinney	Moore	Schleicher	Willacy
Calhoun	Duval	Hays	Knox	Morris	Scurry	Williamson
Cameron	Eastland	Hemphill	La Salle	Nacogdoches	Smith	Yoakum
Camp	El Paso	Henderson	Lamb	Newton	Sutton	Zapata
Cochran						

85 Counties Where High School Attrition Rates Worsened Since Last Year

Angelina	Cass	Dimmit	Hamilton	Lampasas	Polk	Starr
Aransas	Castro	Ellis	Hansford	Lavaca	Potter	Stephens
Atascosa	Chambers	Falls	Harrison	Live Oak	Rains	Stonewall
Bastrop	Cherokee	Fannin	Hopkins	Llano	Randall	Titus
Bell	Childress	Fayette	Howard	Marion	Reeves	Upshur
Blanco	Clay	Franklin	Hutchinson	Martin	Refugio	Van Zandt
Bosque	Colorado	Frio	Jackson	Menard	Robertson	Wilson
Bowie	Comal	Garza	Jasper	Montague	Runnels	Winkler
Brazoria	Concho	Gillespie	Jim Wells	Navarro	San Augustine	Wise
Brown	Cooke	Gray	Jones	Nolan	San Jacinto	Wood
Burnet	Cottle	Grayson	Karnes	Orange	Shackelford	Young
Caldwell	Denton	Gregg	Kleberg	Parmer	Somervell	Zavala
Callahan						

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

Austin	Jack	Lamar	McLennan	Shelby	Travis	Washington
Carson	Johnson	Leon	Nueces	Taylor	Waller	Wichita
Ector	Kaufman	Lubbock	Reagan			

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

Collingsworth	Glasscock	McMullen	Sterling
Culberson	Hall	Mills	Terrell
Donley	Hartley	Motley	Throckmorton
Edwards	Jeff Davis	Real	Upton
Fisher	Lipscomb	Sherman	Wheeler
Foard			

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10-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://budurl.me/IDRAatrn17w>

Get the attrition rate for **your county** over the last seven years at: <https://budurl.me/IDRAlookTx>

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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 (<http://www.idra.org/couragetocconnect>) 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 41](#).

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>

