



Office of the State Superintendent of Education

2023-24 MID-YEAR ATTENDANCE BRIEF

Attendance data from July 10, 2023 - March 1, 2024

During the 2023-24 school year, OSSE is publishing validated attendance data following each of the three data certifications by local education agencies. This brief, the second mid-year update for the 2023-24 school year, is part of an ongoing effort to provide community members, school officials, and policymakers with timely attendance data, enabling them to respond to trends and changes.¹ Transparently sharing these data serves the overarching goal of having every student in school every day.

These data reflect rates of chronic absenteeism and chronic truancy²:

- Chronic absenteeism is defined as students being absent (excused or unexcused) for at least 10 percent of the days in which they are enrolled.
- Chronic truancy is defined as students accumulating at least 10 full-day, unexcused absences in a school year.

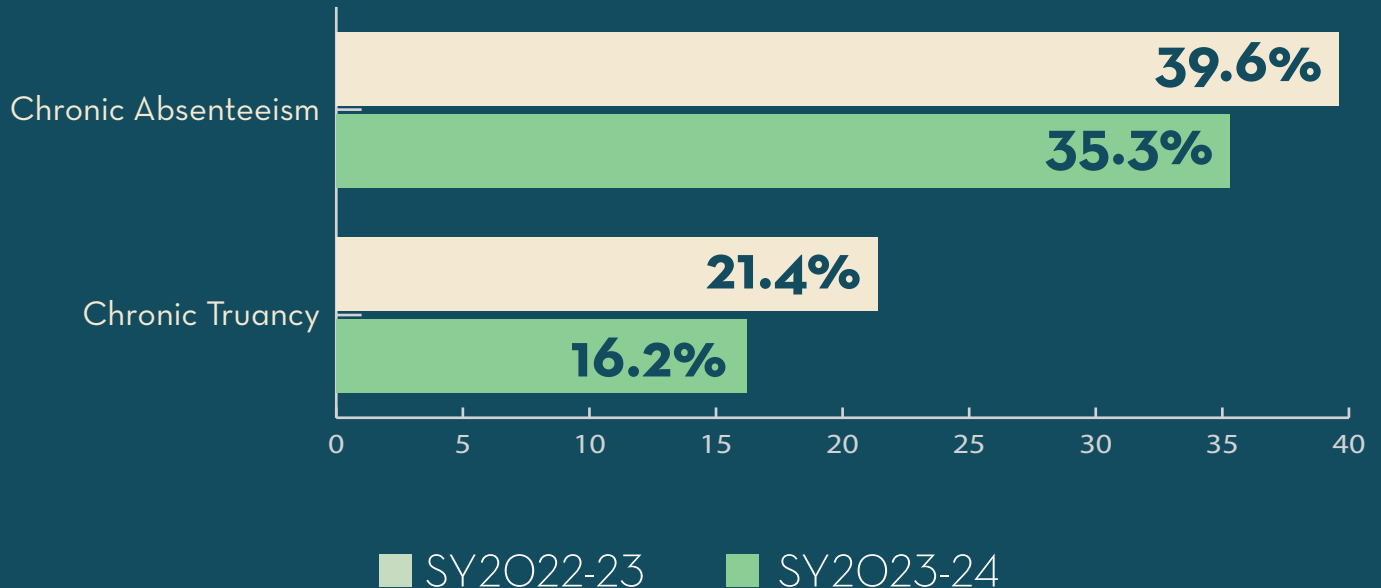
ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

The data in this brief reflects attendance data from the start of the school year through March 1, 2024, and compares it to the same window in the 2022-23 school year. Compared to the same point last year:

CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM
**DECREASED BY 4.3
PERCENTAGE POINTS**



CHRONIC TRUANCY
**DECREASED BY 5.2
PERCENTAGE POINTS**



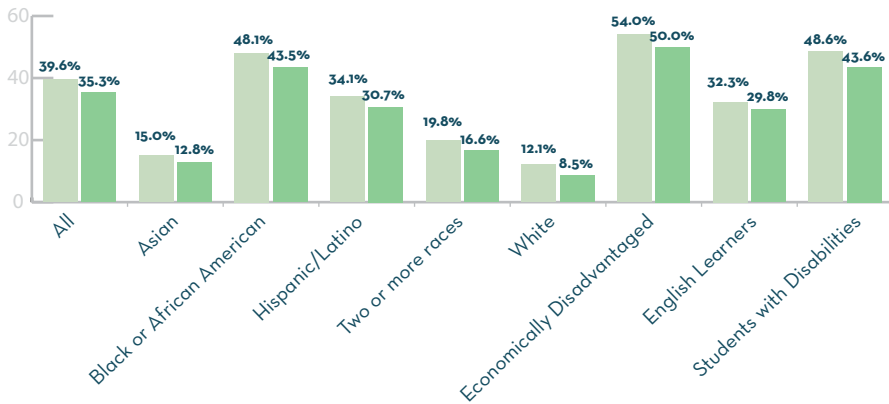
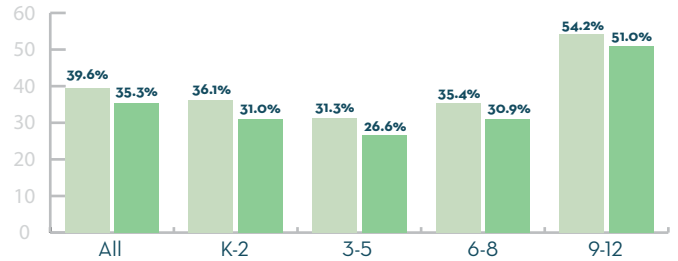
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CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM BY GRADE BAND

As of March 1, 2024, all grade bands experienced a decrease in chronic absenteeism rates as compared to the same point in the previous school year.

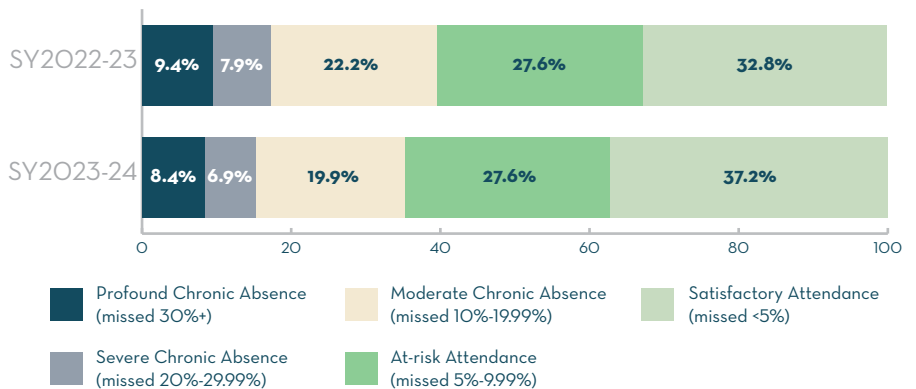


CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM BY STUDENT GROUP

As of March 1, 2024, declines in chronic absenteeism were observed across all student demographic groups as compared to the same point in the previous school year.³

ATTENDANCE RISK TIERS

To provide a more detailed look at attendance patterns, OSSE monitors attendance risk tiers. These data show that attendance is improving across all risk tiers, including a 13% (4.4 percentage point) increase in students missing less than 5% of school days.



ENDNOTES

- The first mid-year brief, reflecting attendance collected between July 10-Nov. 24, 2023, is available here: [Mid Year Attendance 1Pager 3 29 2024.pdf \(dc.gov\)](#).
- All attendance metrics are calculated for students in grades K-12. Chronic truancy figures are calculated for students of compulsory age (5-17 years on Sept. 30, 2023).
- Only demographic groups of 150 students or more are shown; additional data provided in the 2023-24 Mid-Year Attendance Data Files available here: osse.dc.gov/node/1720676.