

# 2009 Report on Indiana's Homeless Children and Youth

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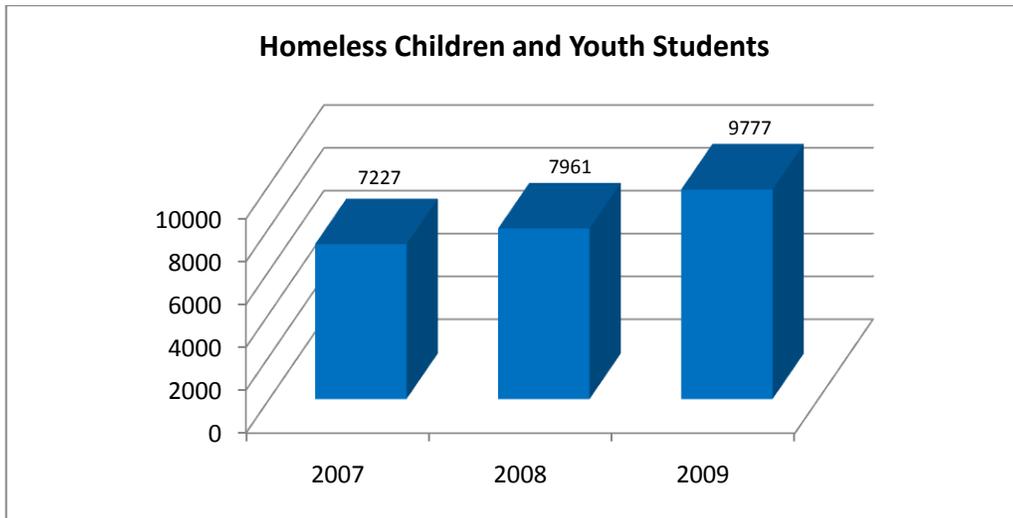
Information on Indiana Homeless Children and Youth from the 2008-009 School Year

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HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH OVERVIEW

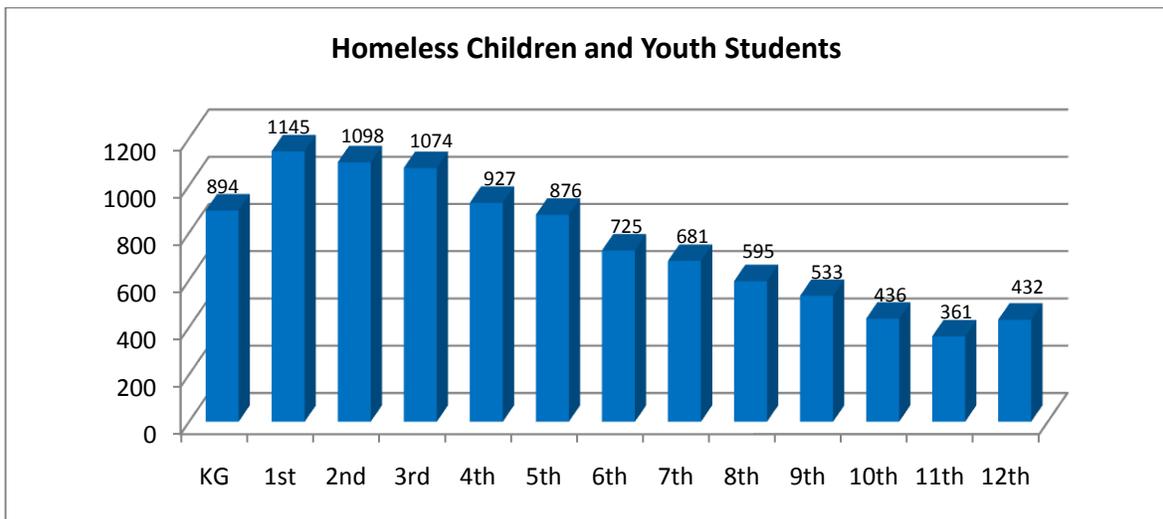
**HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH STUDENTS COUNTS**

- In 2009, Indiana had 9,777 Homeless Children and Youth (HCY) students. The number of HCY students has increased 35% since 2007 when there were only 7,227 HCY students in Indiana.
- Despite the increase in HCY students since 2007, HCY still only comprise 1% of all Indiana public school students.



**HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH STUDENTS ENROLLMENT BY GRADE**

- 43% of all HCY students are in grades KG-03 (in 2007, 2008, and 2009 each), while only 18% of HCY students were in high school.
- Since 2007, the largest increase in HCY students has occurred at 12<sup>th</sup> grade where the HCY population has increased by 125%; compared to the growth at all other grade levels of just 25-50%.



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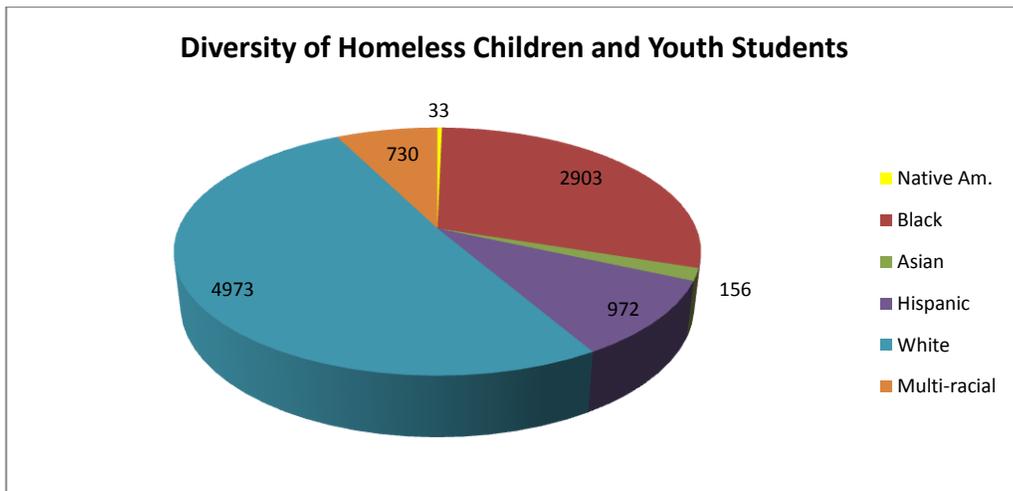
**GENDER OF HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH STUDENTS**

- Indiana’s HCY population is evenly split between male and female students and has been each of the past 3 years.

| Gender of Indiana’s Homeless Children and Youth |            |              |          |            |
|---|------------|--------------|----------|------------|
| Year  | Male Count | Female Count | PCT Male | PCT Female |
| 2007  | 3626       | 3600         | 50.2%    | 49.8%      |
| 2008  | 3932       | 4033         | 49.4%    | 50.6%      |
| 2009  | 4914       | 4852         | 50.3%    | 49.6%      |

**ETHNICITY OF HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH STUDENTS**

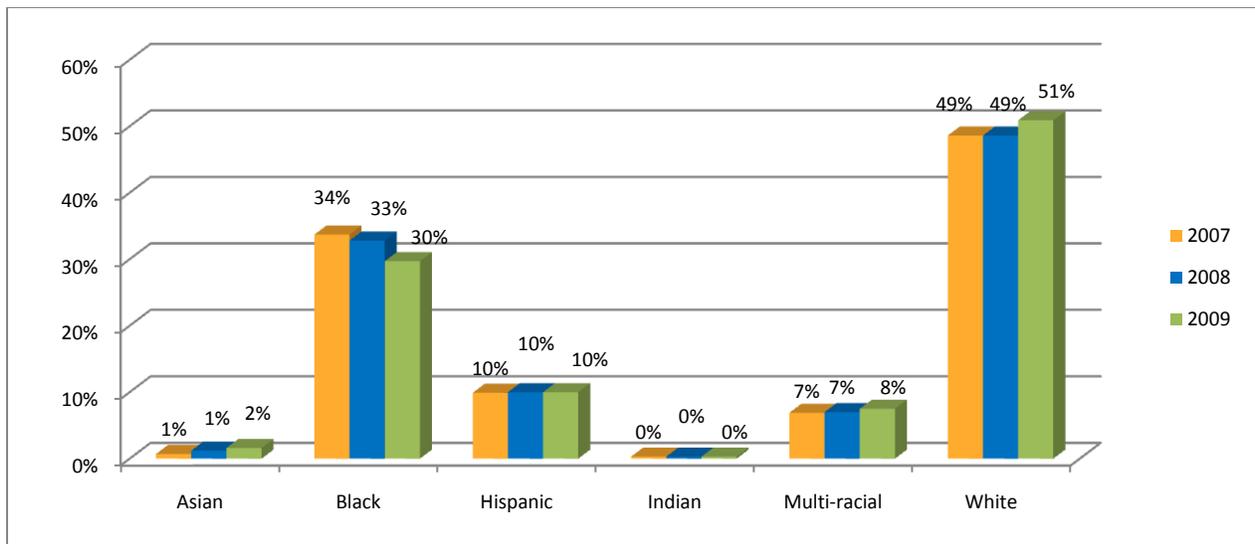
- The HCY student group is a diverse population consisting of 50% white, 30% black, and 10% Hispanic students, with these populations only fluctuating slightly over the past three years.



- The fastest growing HCY ethnic group is Asians which have increased their numbers by over 200% since 2007 compared to only 40% for Whites and Hispanics, and only 19% for African Americans.

PCT of Homeless Children and Youth Population for each Ethnic Group

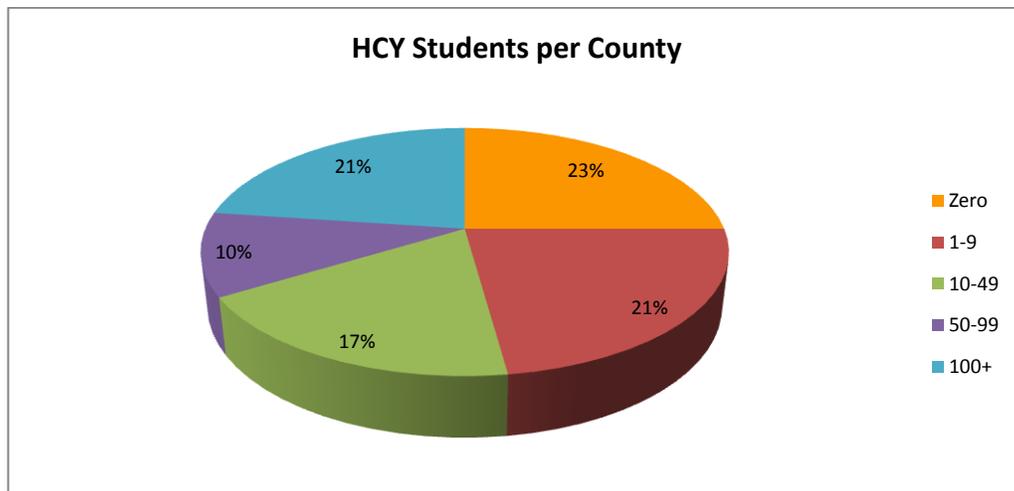
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#### LOCATION OF INDIANA'S HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH

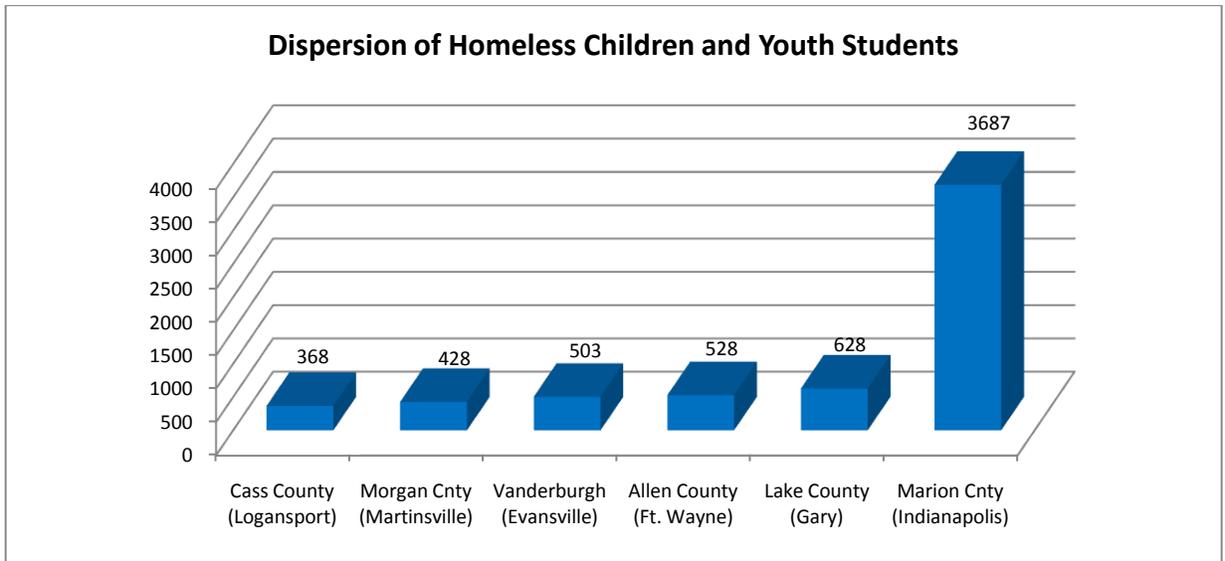
- In 2009, there were HCY students in 75% of Indiana's counties (69 of 92).
- However, 46% of the state's entire homeless children and youth population was located within Indianapolis and its surrounding counties.



#### CONCENTRATION OF HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH

- 60% of all Homeless Children and Youth are located in six counties.
- As to be expected, the highest concentration of HCY students is in counties with large cities

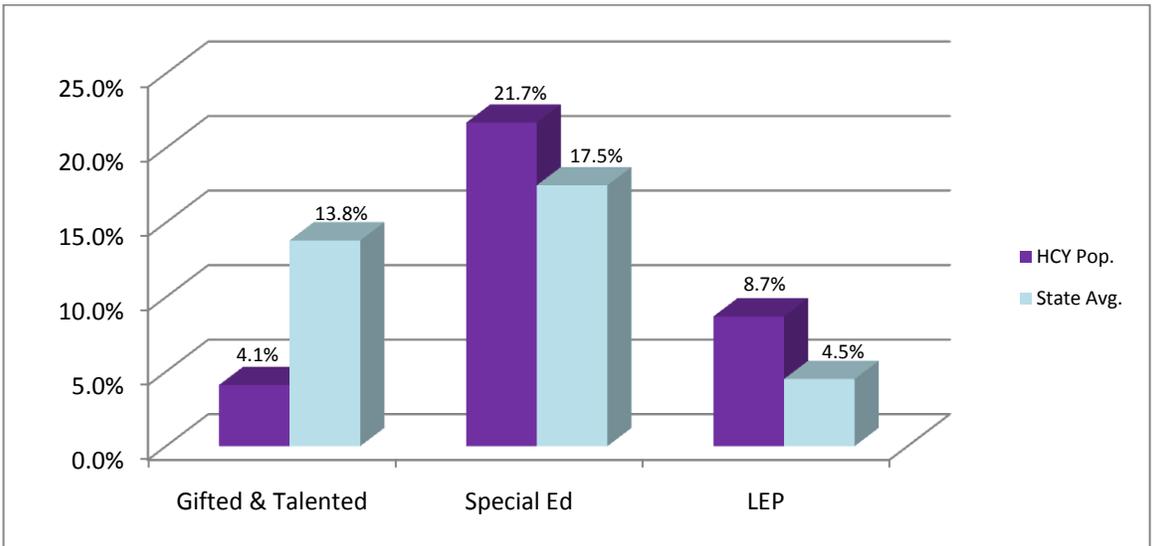
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HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH CHARACTERISTICS

HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH STUDENTS SPECIAL POPULATIONS

- Indiana’s Homeless Children and Youth population is a microcosm of the state as a whole when it comes to special population students.
- In 2009, the HCY population consisted of Gifted and Talented (4%), Special Education (23%), and Limited English Proficient (9%) students.

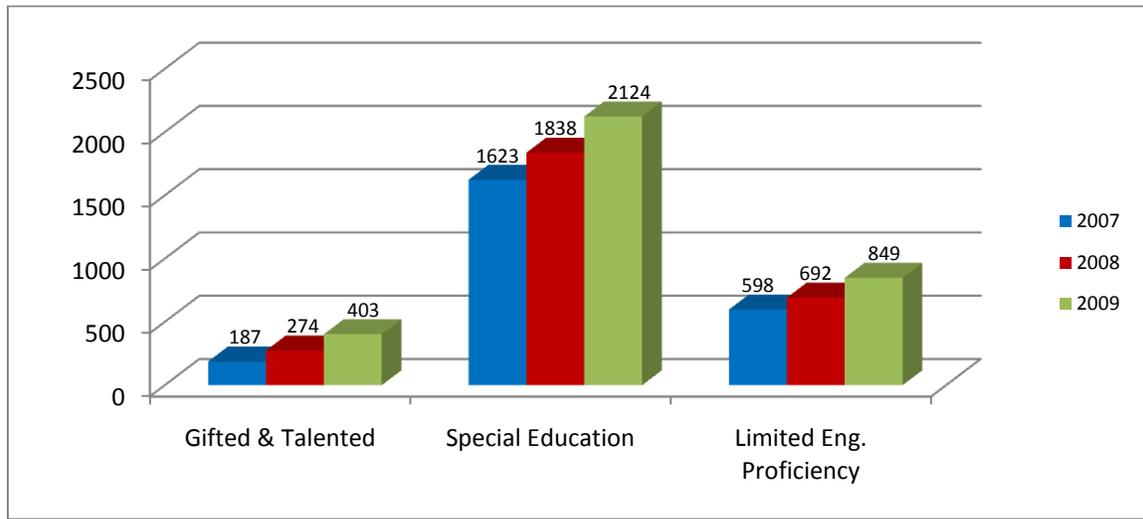


HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH STUDENTS GROWTH IN SPECIAL POPULATIONS

- As the number of HCY students has increased over the past 3 years, so too has the number of special population students within the HCY population.

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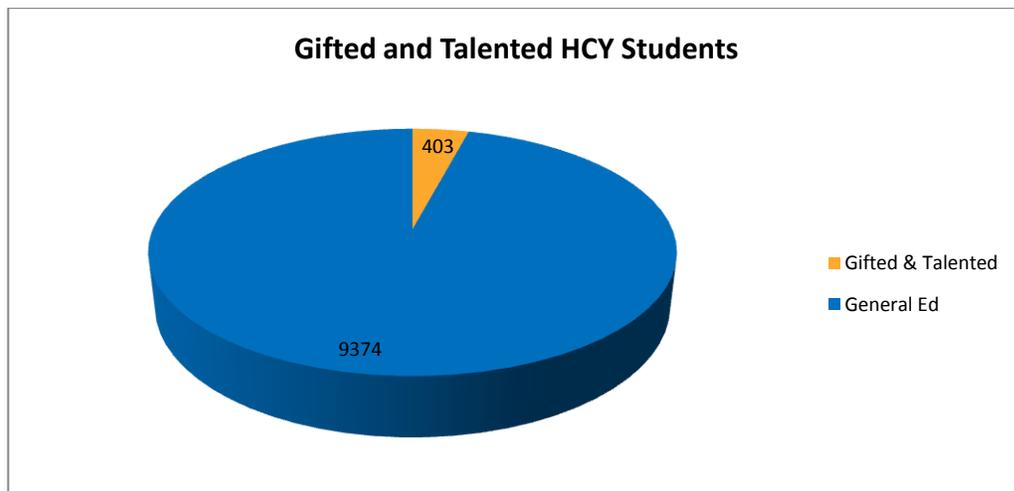
- The number of Gifted & Talented students has more than doubled since 2007, while the Special Ed and LEP populations have increased at a similar rate as the entire HCY population (about 35% since 2007).



### Homeless Children and Youth Characteristics Continued...

#### GIFTED AND TALENTED HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH

- 4% of HCY students in Indiana are considered Gifted and Talented, compared to 14% of all Hoosier students.

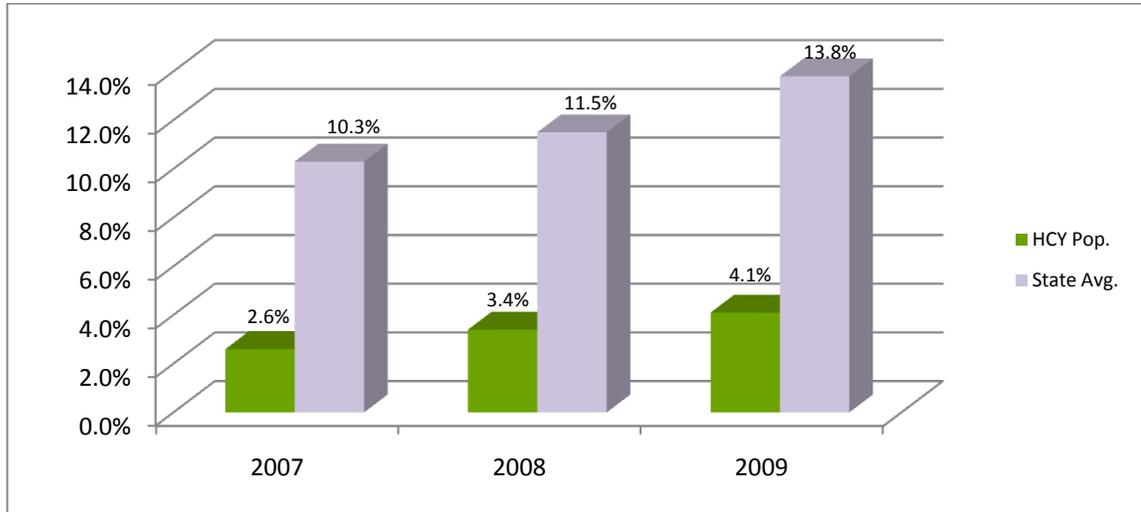


#### GROWTH IN GIFTED AND TALENTED HCY STUDENT POPULATION

- The number of Gifted and Talented students within the HCY student population has grown by over 100% in the past 3 years.

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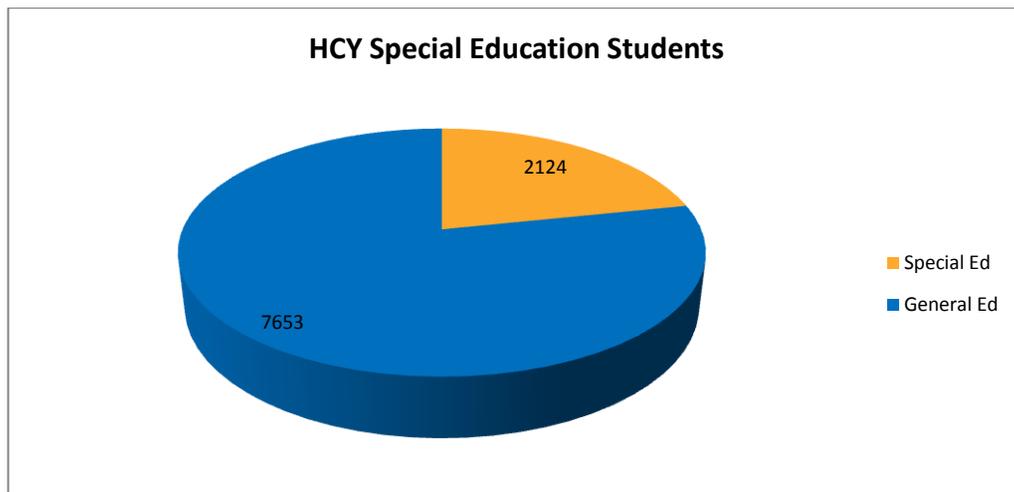
PCT of Students Identified as Gifted and Talented



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#### SPECIAL EDUCATION HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH STUDENTS

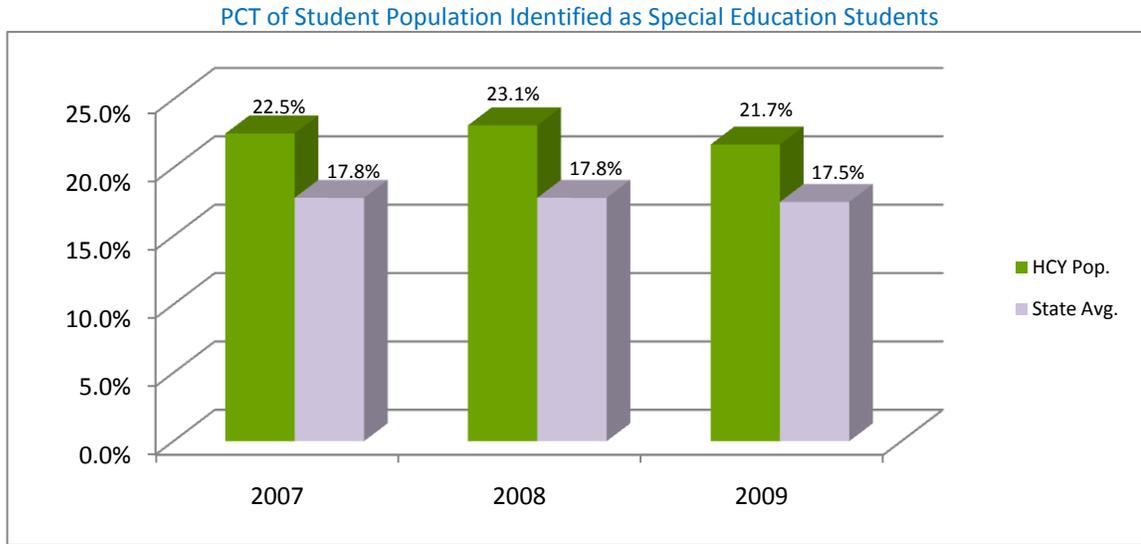
- 2,100 HCY students took Special Education in 2009 representing 22% of all HCY students.



#### HCY SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENT POPULATION

- The number of Special Education students within the HCY student population has grown by 33% in the past 3 years compared to the overall HCY growth of 35% since 2007.
- A higher percentage of Special Education students were identified within the HCY population than the entire state.

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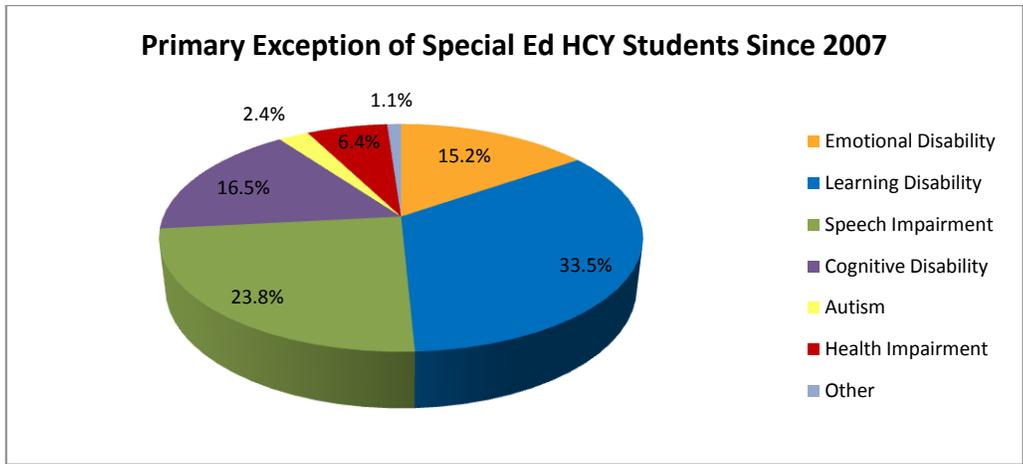
**SPECIAL EDUCATION PRIMARY EXCEPTIONS FOR HCY STUDENTS**

- Since 2007, the greatest increase in Special Ed primary exceptions has been in autism where the number of students diagnosed has doubled in the past 3 years (31 in 2007 vs. 69 in 2009).

| Trend in HCY Special Ed Students Identified as each Primary Exception |                      |                     |                   |                      |                 |                   |                   |
|---|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Year  | Emotional Disability | Learning Disability | Speech Impairment | Cognitive Disability | Autism Disorder | Health Impairment | Other Impairments |
| 2007  | 266                  | 565                 | 411               | 287                  | 31              | 104               | 33                |
| 2008  | 272                  | 630                 | 491               | 339                  | 40              | 117               | 38                |
| 2009  | 357                  | 773                 | 339               | 348                  | 69              | 154               | 48                |

- Over the past 3 years, 1 out of every 7 HCY Special Ed students has been diagnosed with an Emotional Disorder.

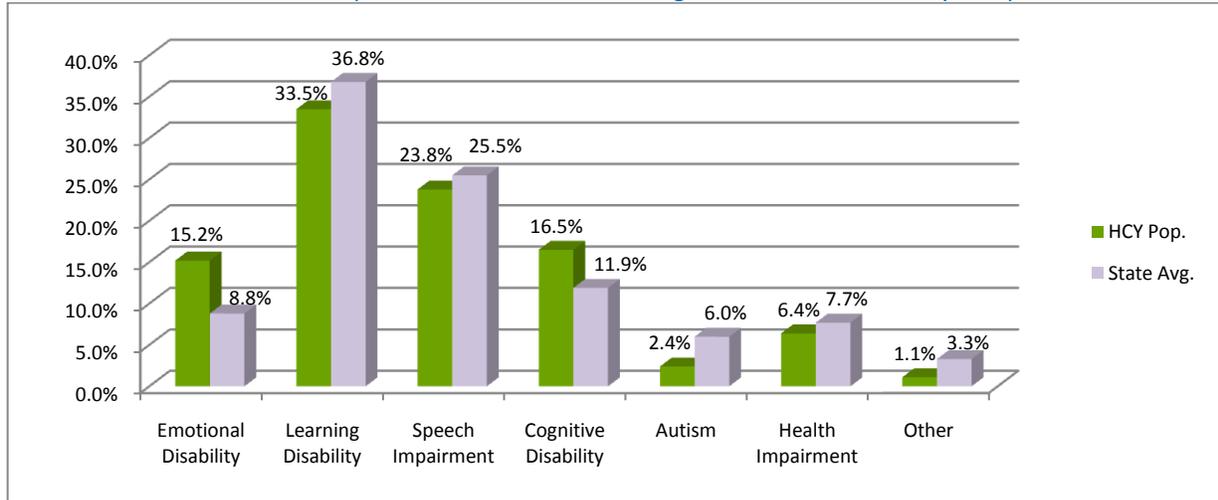
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COMPARING HCY PRIMARY EXCEPTIONS TO THE ENTIRE INDIANA POPULATION

- The largest gaps in HCY and Indiana's percentage of students with each Primary Exception are in Emotional Disability and in Autism (where the state percentage is twice as high as the HCY rate).

PCT of Special Education Students Diagnosed with each Primary Exception

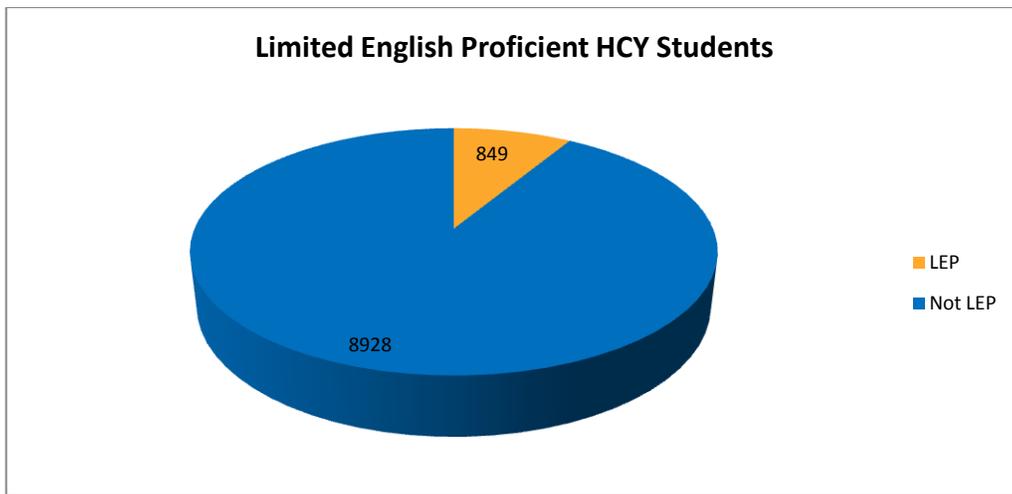


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LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENT HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH STUDENTS

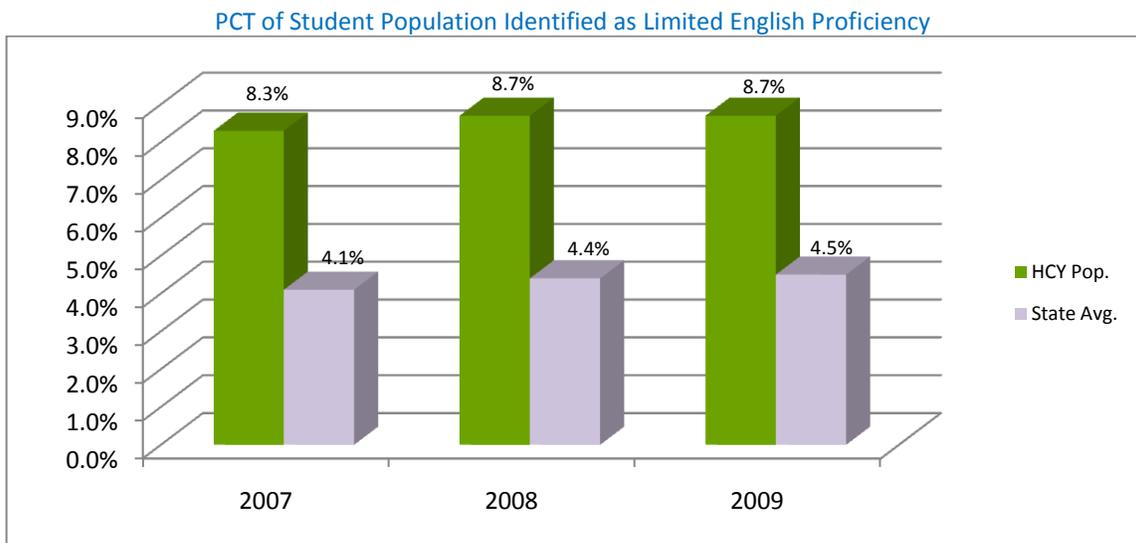
- In 2009, 849 HCY students were identified as Limited English Proficient (LEP) representing 9% of all HCY students. LEP students have accounted for between 8-9% of all HCY students since 2007.

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### HCY LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY STUDENT POPULATION

- 9% of all HCY students are Limited English Proficient compared to only 4.5% of the entire state population.
- The HCY and State LEP populations have grown at a similar rate since 2007, both only increasing by 0.4%

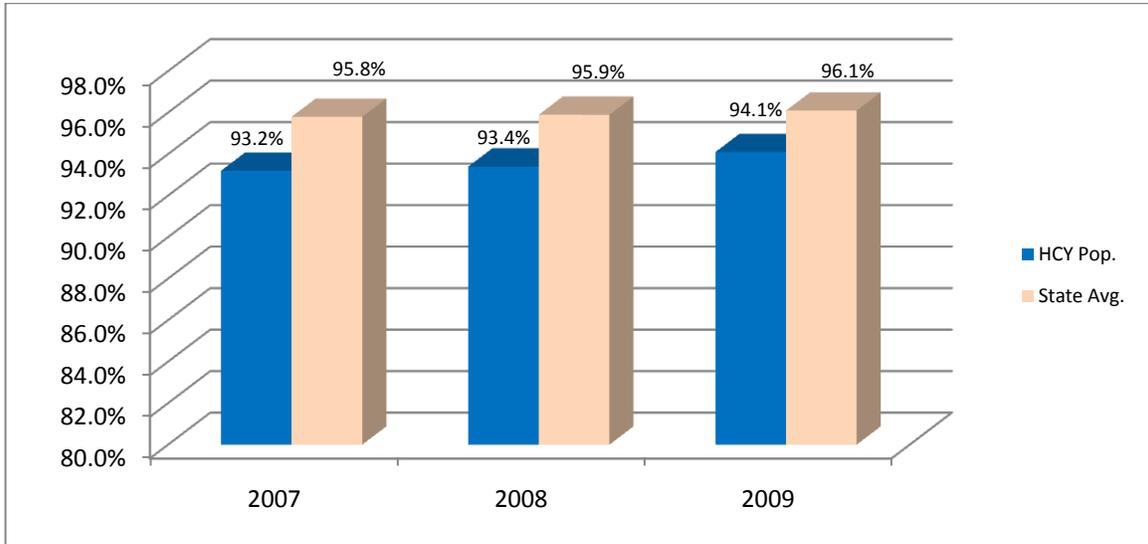


## HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH STUDENT BEHAVIOIR

### HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH ATTENDANCE

- Between 2007 and 2009, Indiana's HCY students have had a 93.6% Attendance Rate.
- The HCY Attendance Rate of 94.1% in 2009 was only 2% below the state average.

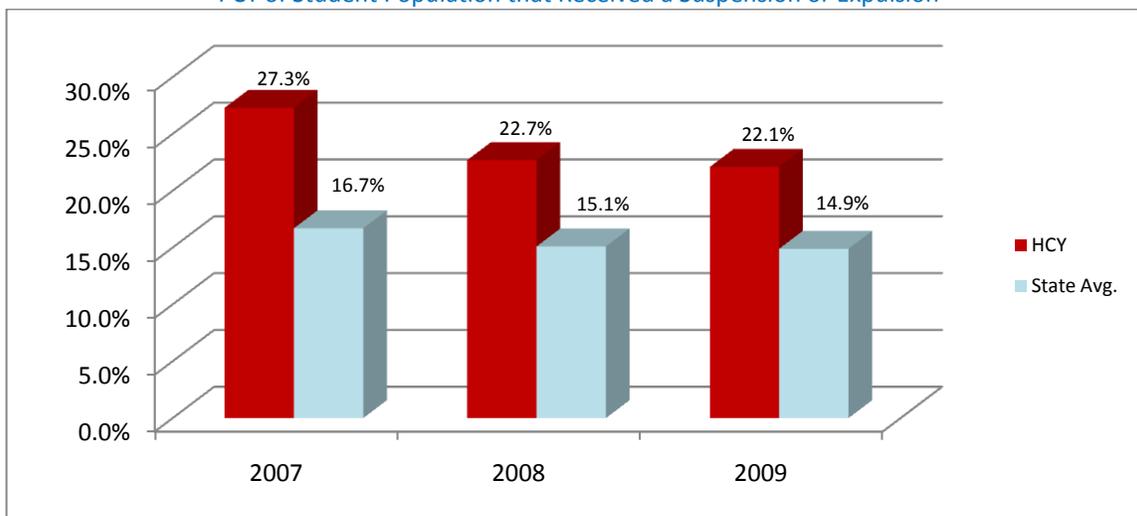
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### HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUSPENSION/EXPULSION

- The suspension/expulsion rate for HCY students is one and half times higher than the state average.
- From 2007 to 2009, the HCY suspension/expulsion rate dropped 5% compared to the state suspension/expulsion rate that declined by only 2%.

PCT of Student Population that Received a Suspension or Expulsion



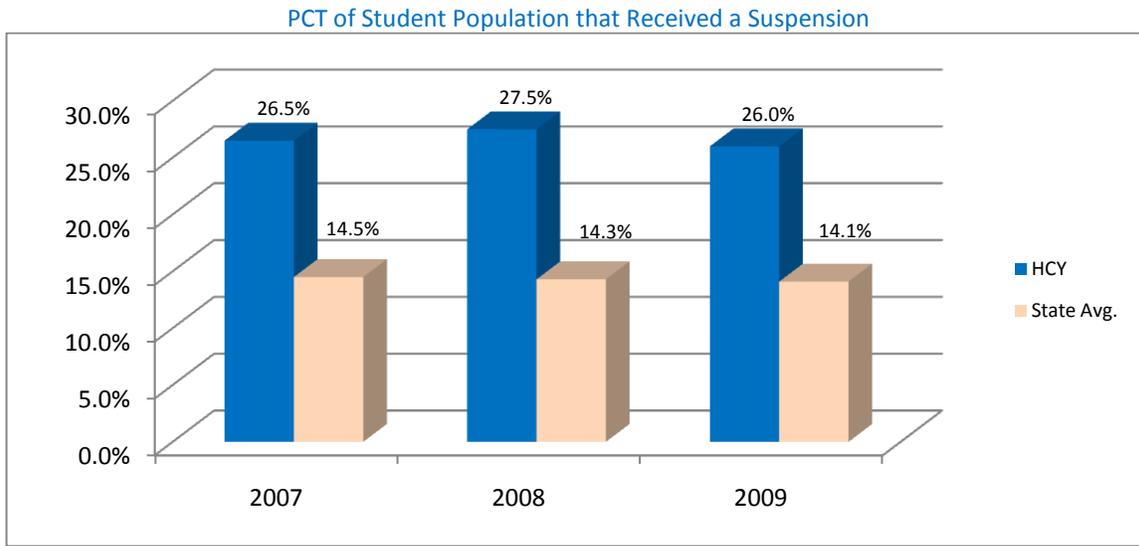
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### HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUSPENSIONS

- In 2009, HCY students lowered their suspension rate from 28% down to 26%.

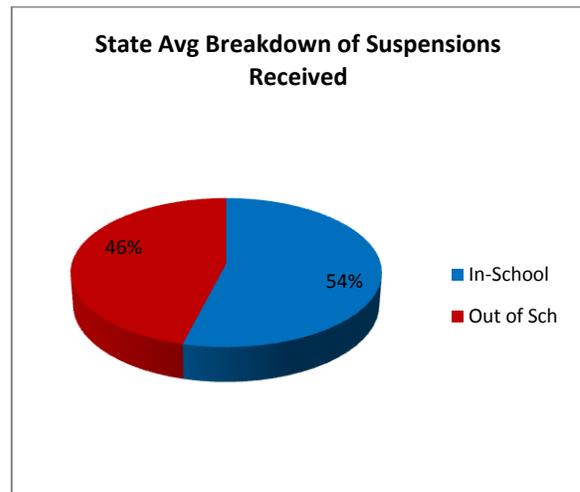
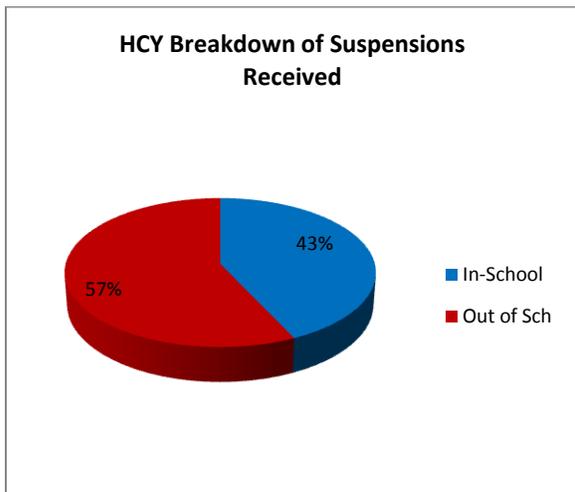
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- The 26% suspension rate for HCY students is nearly double the state average of 14%.



### HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUSPENSION TYPE

- 61% of all suspensions given to HCY students in 2009 were out-of-school suspension; this is up from 55% in 2008 and 54% in 2007.
- Over the past 3 years 57% of suspensions given to HCY students were out-of-school suspensions compared to the state average of only 46%.

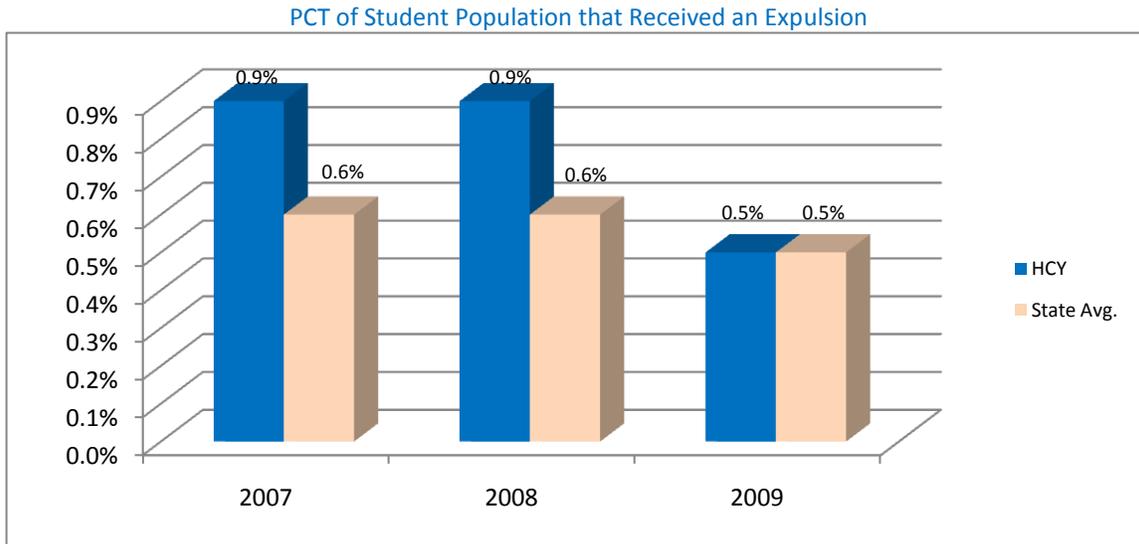


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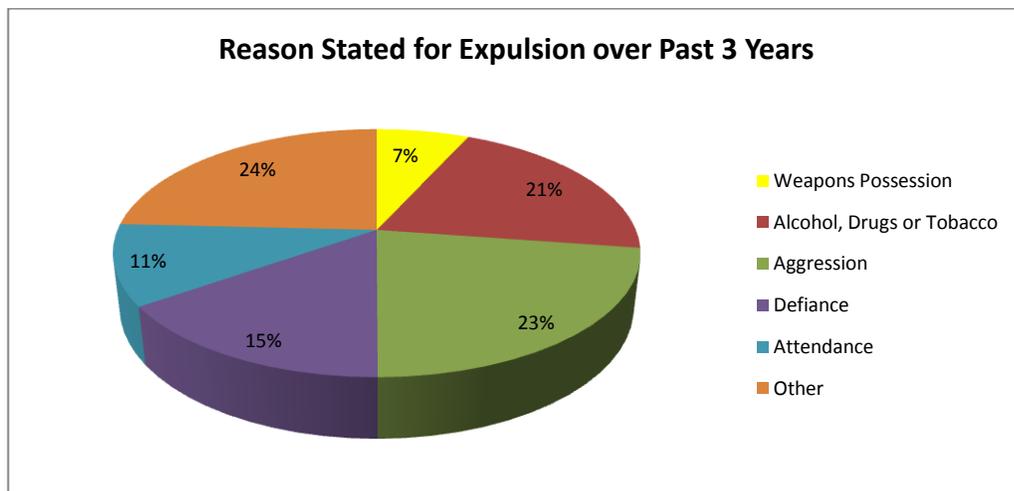
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- Less than one percent of HCY students were expelled from school in 2009.
- The HCY student expulsion rate last year of 0.5% matched the state average for the first time.



### REASON FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH STUDENT EXPULSION

- 50% of all HCY student expulsions over the past 3 years were because of substance abuse, aggression or criminal behavior.
- Over the past 3 years, poor attendance was the cause of only 10% of expulsions, and in 2009 it was the cause only 4% of the time.



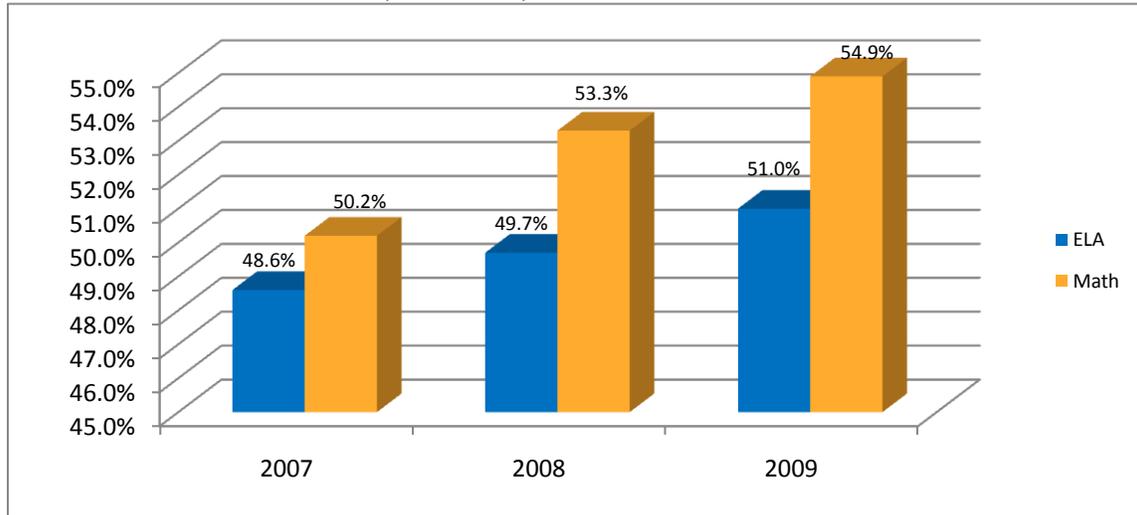
## HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH STUDENT PERFORMANCE

### HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH ISTEP PERFORMANCE

## INDIANA'S HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH

- In 2009, over 50% of HCY students passed ELA and Math for the first time, 51% in ELA and 55% in Math.
- HCY students have increased their ELA and Math passage rates in each of the past three years.

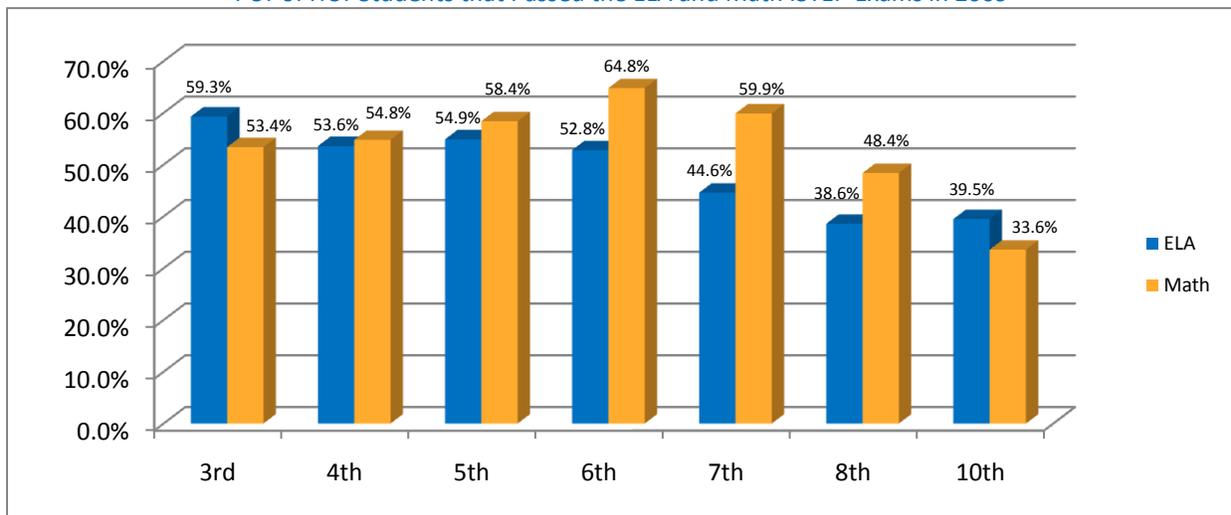
PCT of HCY Students (Grades 3-10) that Passed the ELA and Math ISTEP Exams



### HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH ISTEP PERFORMANCE BY GRADE

- From the time a HCY student exits elementary school (5<sup>th</sup> grade) till he or she reaches 10<sup>th</sup> grade, the percentage of students passing the ELA ISTEP dropped by 15%.
- Between 6<sup>th</sup> grade and 10<sup>th</sup> grade the percentage of students passing the Math ISTEP dropped by 31% in 2009.

PCT of HCY Students that Passed the ELA and Math ISTEP Exams in 2009



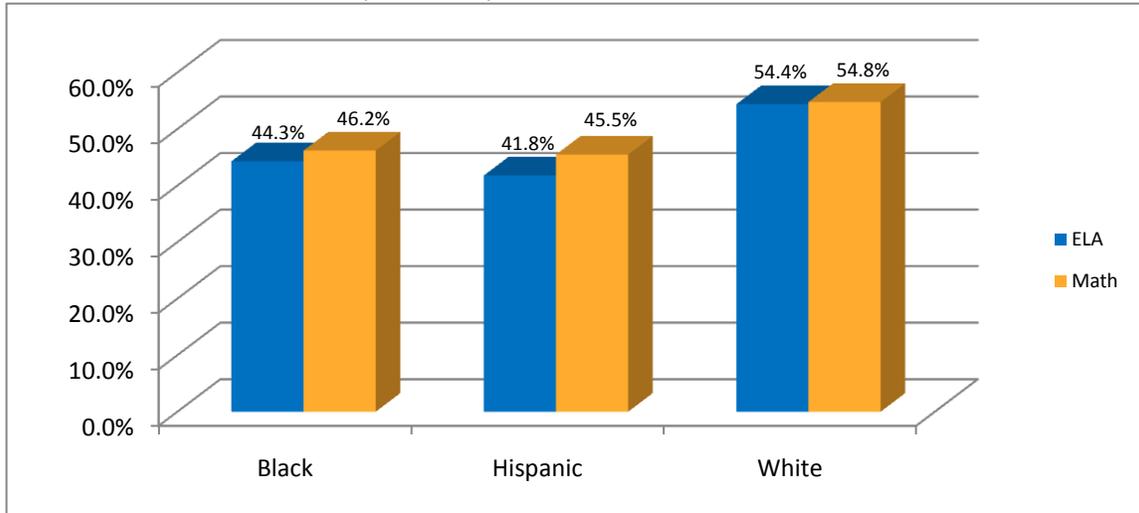
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### HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH ISTEP RESULTS BY SUBGROUP

## INDIANA'S HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH

- Gender: Each of the past 3 years males and females have passed roughly the same percentage of students on the Math ISTEP; however, during that same time period, females have passed 10% more ELA exams.
- Ethnicity: The biggest gap occurs between the different ethnic groups with white HCY students passing roughly 10% more ELA and Math exams than black and Hispanic students.

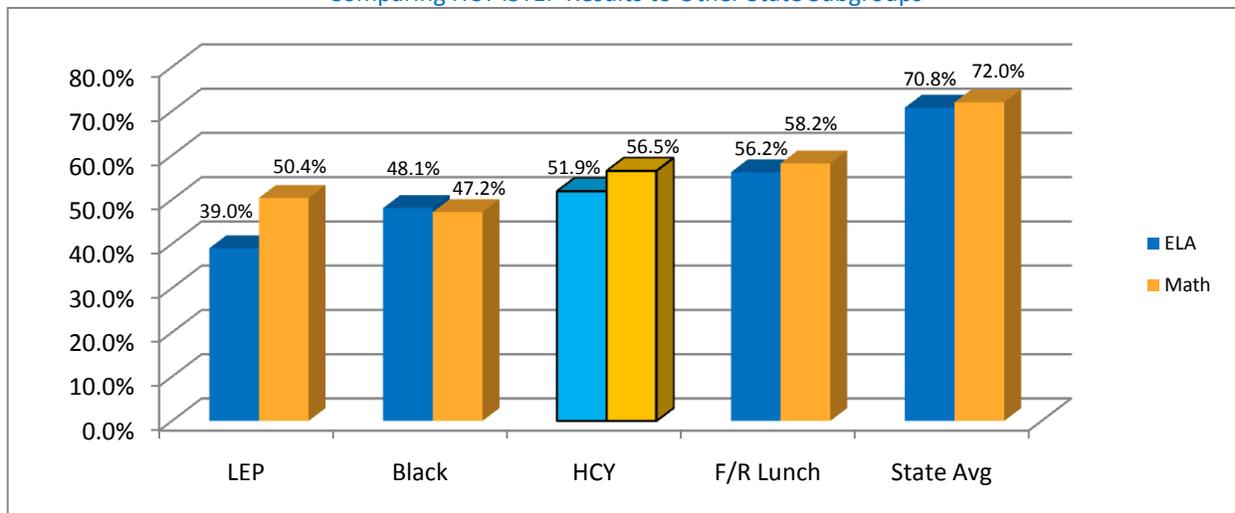
PCT of HCY Students (Grades 3-8) that Passed the 2009 ELA and Math ISTEP Exams



## COMPARING HCY ISTEP PERFORMANCE TO OTHER STATE SUBGROUPS

- HCY students passed both the ELA and Math ISTEP in 2009 at a higher rate than African American students.
- In fact, HCY students pass a higher percentage of students than blacks at every grade level in both ELA and Math and passed a higher percentage of 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade Math ISTEP exams than Hispanics.

Comparing HCY ISTEP Results to Other State Subgroups

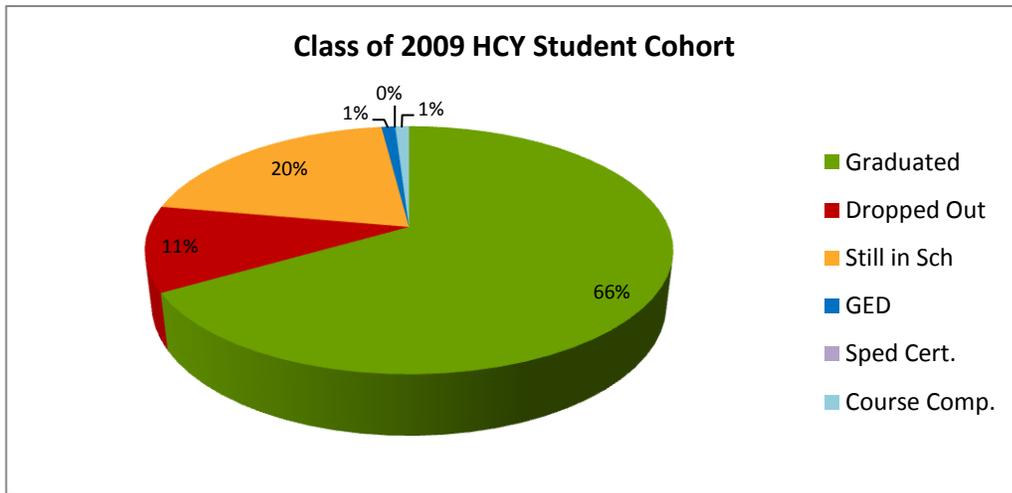


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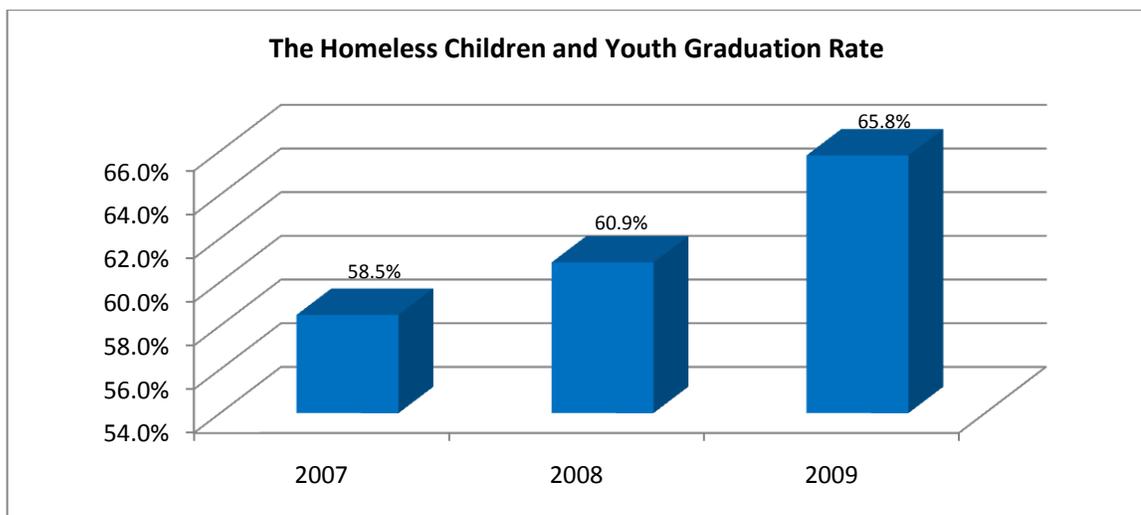
### HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH GRADUATION COHORT

- Each of the past 3 years, HCY students have been graduating at a higher percentage, dropping out at lower rate, and staying in school a 5<sup>th</sup> year instead of dropping out of high school than the previous year.



### HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH GRADUATION RATE

- The HCY student graduation rate has improved each of the past 3 years to the current rate of 65.8%
- Since 2007, the HCY graduation rate has increased a total of 7.3%

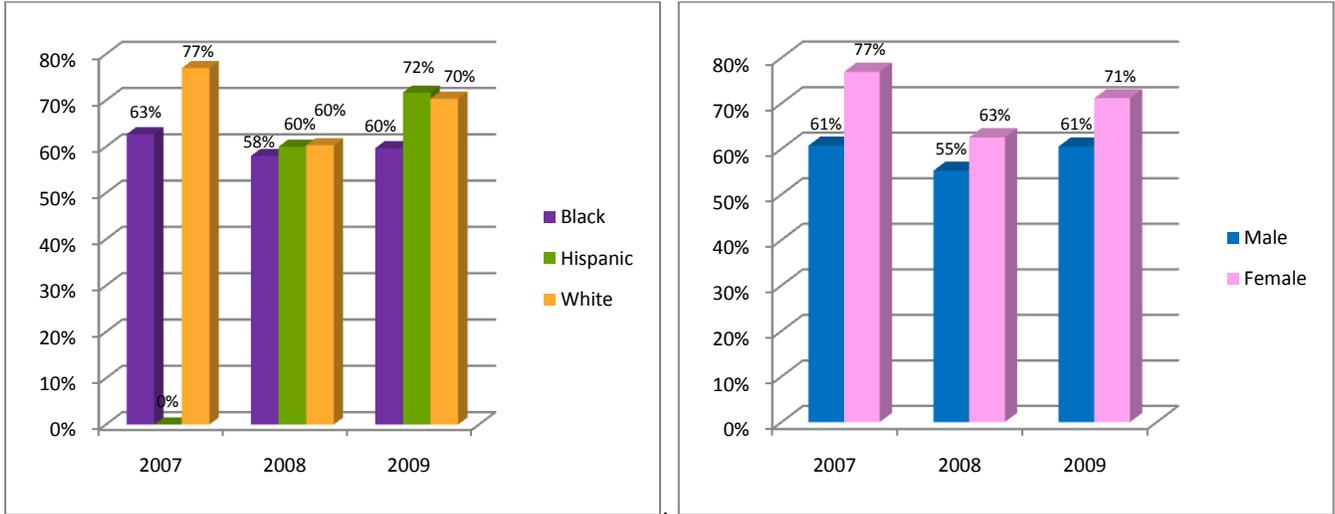


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**HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH GRADUATION RATES BY SUBGROUP**

- Black HCY students graduated at a rate 10.7% lower than white HCY students in 2009. While still a large gap, this the gap has been getting smaller: 14.3% in 2007, 12.3% in 2008, and 10.7% in 2009.
- Over the past 3 years, male HCY students had a Grad Rate of 58.8% compared to 70.2% for female HCY students.

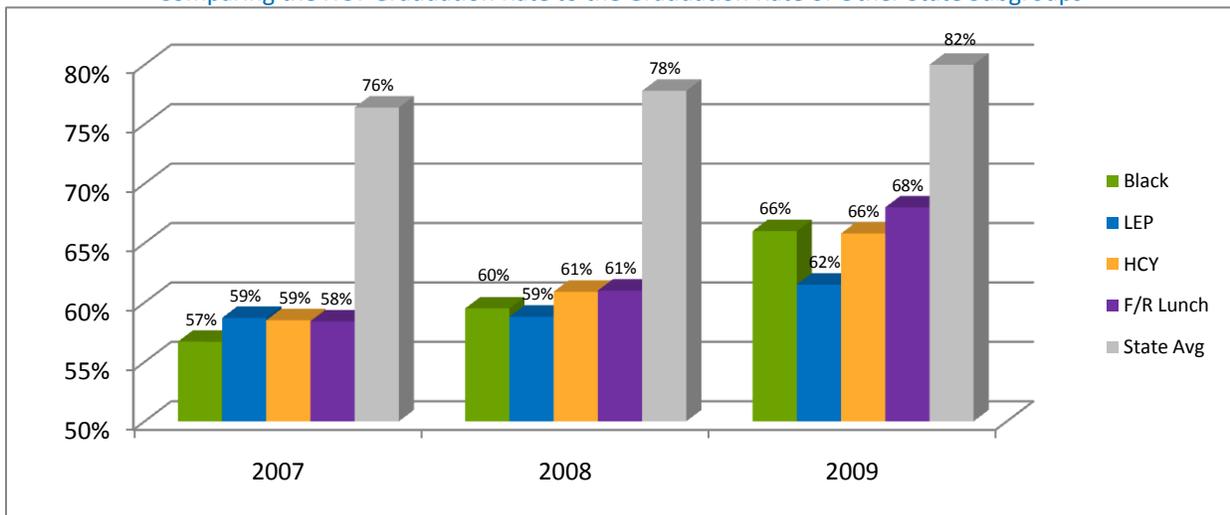
Graduation Rates of the HCY Student Subgroups



**COMPARING HCY GRADUATION RATE TO THE GRADUATION RATES OF OTHER STATE SUBGROUPS**

- The HCY graduation has increased by 7.3% since 2007, surpassing the state’s overall growth of 5.1%.
- HCY students had a higher graduation rate than African American students in 2 of the past 3 years and this year HCY students only graduated 0.2% less students than the black subgroup.

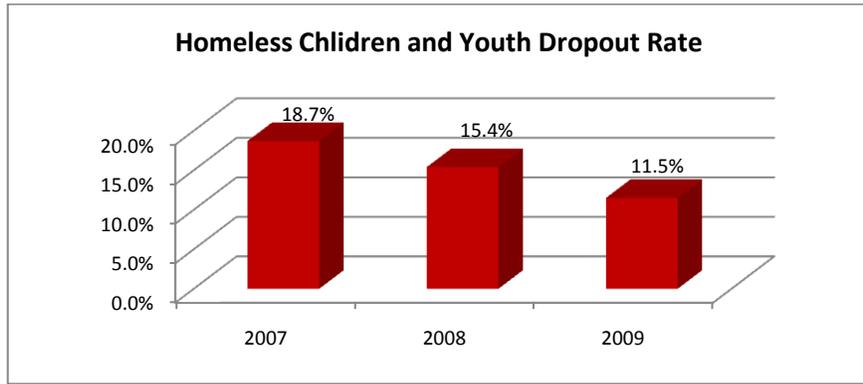
Comparing the HCY Graduation Rate to the Graduation Rate of Other State Subgroups



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**HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH DROPOUT RATE**

- The dropout rate for the HCY students has decreased each of the past 3 years, from a peak of nearly 20%.



**HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH DROPOUT RATE**

- In most cases the reasons for the HCY students dropping out were: stopped showing up to school (40%), dropped out because of a lack of interest in curriculum (19%), got expelled (15%), or needed to earn money (11%).

| The Reason Why HCY Students Dropped Out from School in 2009 |            |             |            |            |            |
|---|------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|
|   | No Show    | Disinterest | Expelled   | Financial  | Other      |
| PCT of Dropouts   | 40%        | 19%         | 15%        | 11%        | 15%        |
| <i>State Average</i>  | <i>16%</i> | <i>32%</i>  | <i>16%</i> | <i>11%</i> | <i>25%</i> |

**HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH DROPOUT RATE BY SUBGROUP**

- In 2009, Indiana's HCY students had a lower dropout rate than Black, Hispanics, and F/R Lunch students.

