

2010 Report on Indiana's Homeless Children and Youth

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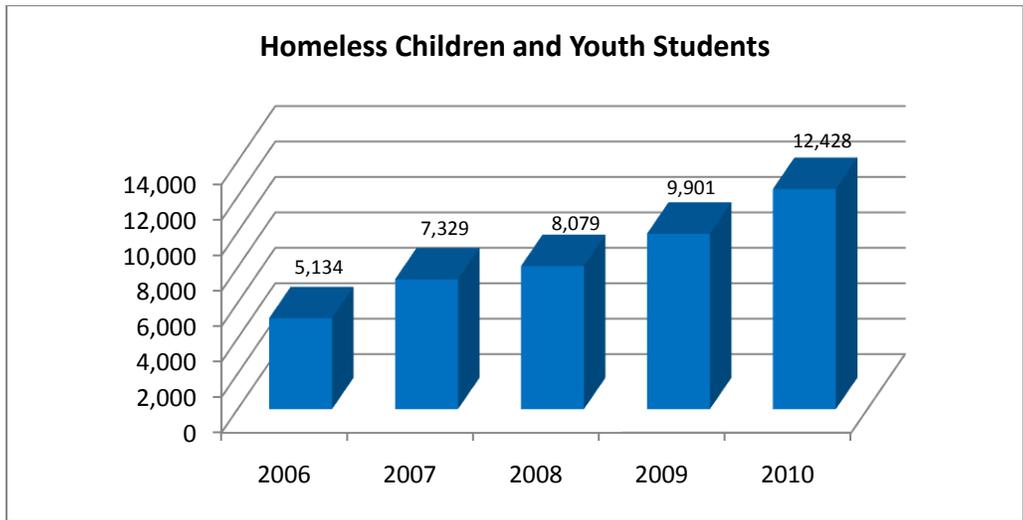
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HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH OVERVIEW

HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH STUDENT COUNTS

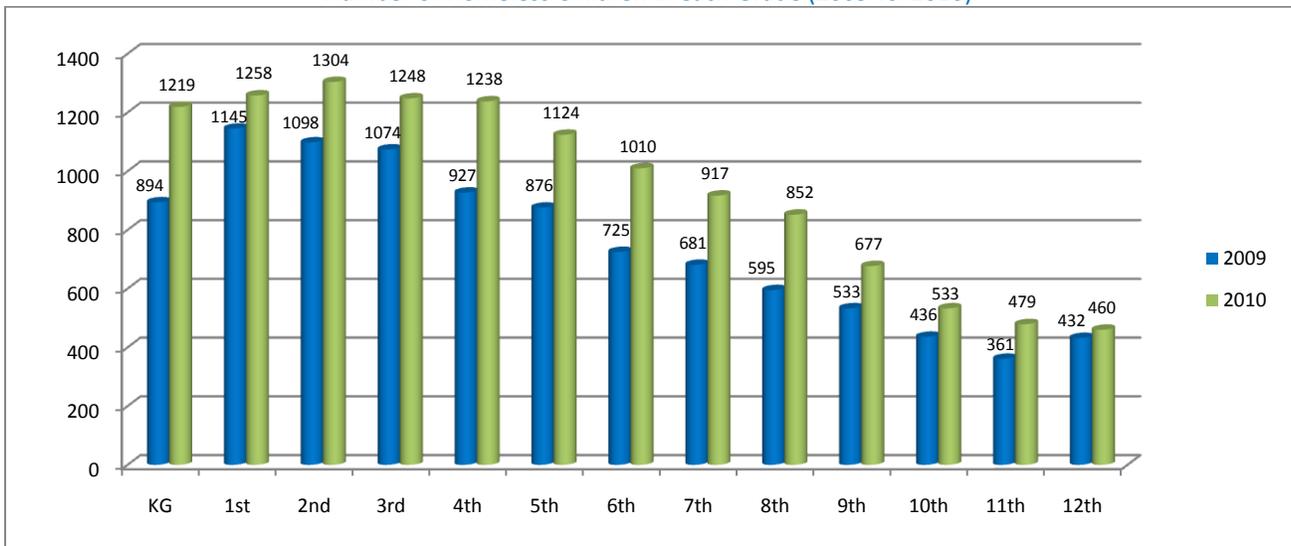
- In 2010, Indiana had 12,428 Homeless Children and Youth (HCY) students. The number of HCY students has increased 26% in the last year and 142% since 2006.
- Despite the increase in HCY students since 2007, HCY still only comprise 1% of all Indiana public school students.



HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH STUDENT ENROLLMENT BY GRADE

- Over 50% of HCY students the past two years have been served in grades KG-4. After 4th grade the number of HCY students identified in schools declines with each passing grade through high school.
- The largest increases in HCY population in 2010 occurred at the middle school level where the number of 6th (38%), 7th (34%), and 8th grade (43%) HCY students all increased by over 30% from 2009.

Number of Homeless Children in each Grade (2009 vs. 2010)



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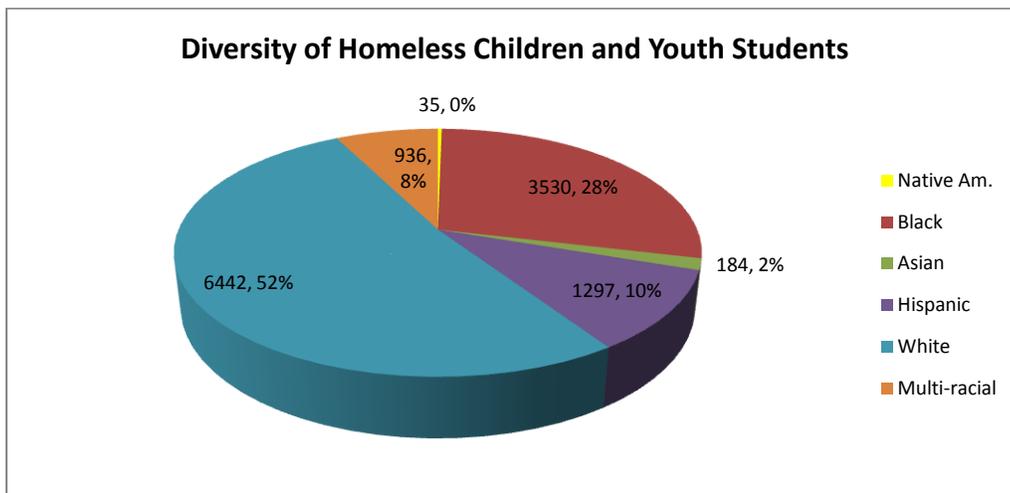
GENDER OF HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH STUDENTS

- 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
2008	3932	4033	49.4%	50.6%
2009	4914	4852	50.3%	49.6%
2010	6251	6177	50.3%	49.7%

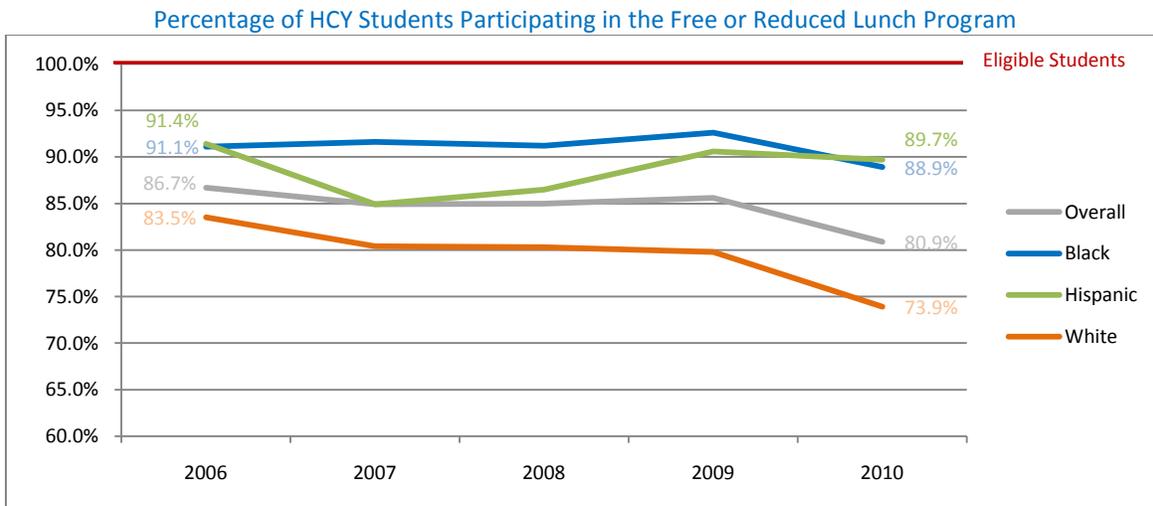
ETHNICITY OF HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH STUDENTS

- The HCY student group is a diverse population that has experienced an increase in the number of ethnic students from each subgroup since 2007 (Asians: +84%, Blacks: +34%, Hispanics: +53%, and Whites: +65%).



LUNCH ASSISTANCE OF HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH STUDENTS

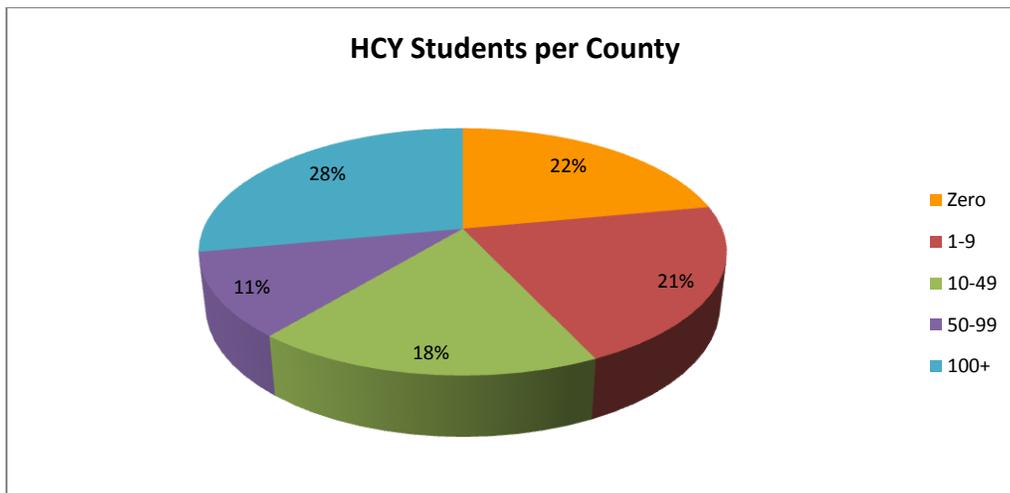
- Despite 100% of HCY students being eligible for the federal *free or reduced lunch* program, only 81% of homeless children and youth participated in 2010 (students classified as HCY by October 1).



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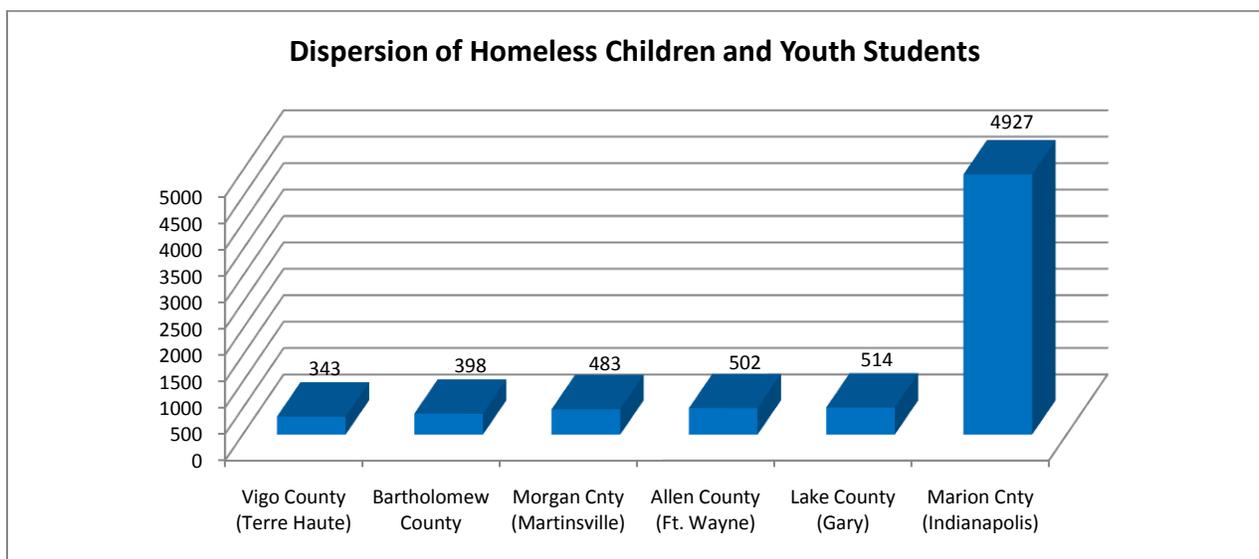
LOCATION OF INDIANA'S HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH

- In 2010, there were HCY students in 72 of Indiana's 92 counties (78%), up from only 69 counties in 2009.
- However, 48% of the state's entire homeless children and youth population was located within Indianapolis and its surrounding counties.



LARGEST CONCENTRATION OF HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH

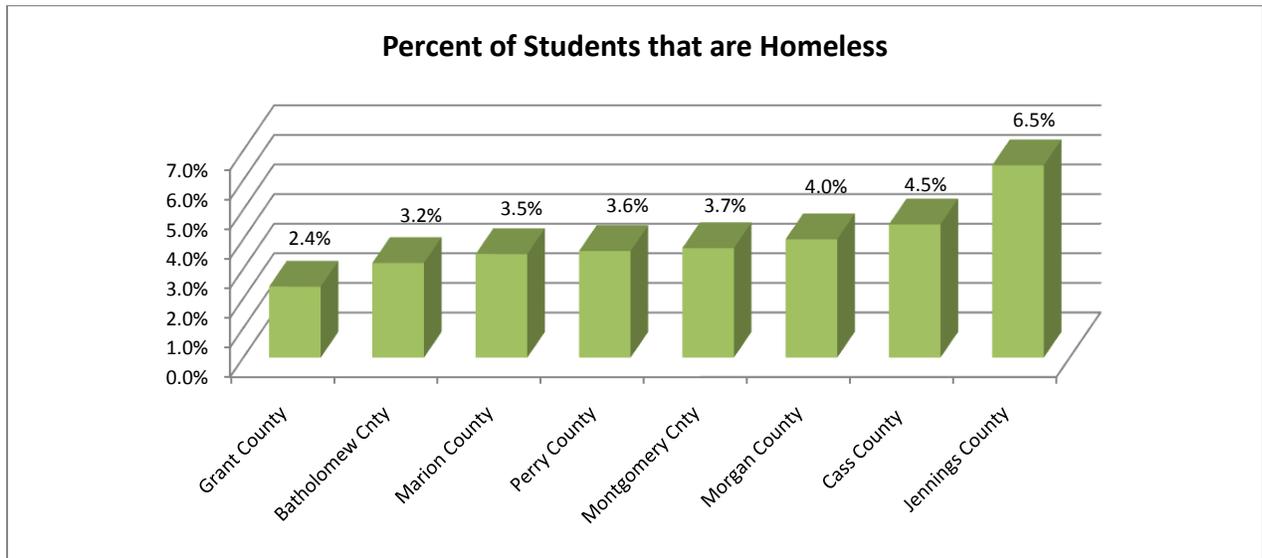
- Indiana's three largest counties have the three largest homeless children and youth populations.
- There were some counties that had larger than expected HCY populations: Jennings County had the 7th largest HCY population but was only the 56th largest county, Cass County had the 9th largest HCY population and was only the 35th large county, Morgan County had the 4th largest HCY population and was only the 24th largest county, and Bartholomew County had the 5th largest HCY population and was only the 22nd largest county.



Homeless Children and Youth Overview Continued...

COUNTY POPULATION OF INDIANA'S HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH

- In 2010, seven counties had double the state average in percentage of students that were identified as homeless.
- 5 of the 7 donut counties (Indianapolis region and suburbs) had a smaller HCY population than the state average (based off of HCY as a percent of the entire student population).



CHANGE IN COUNTY HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH POPULATION

- 28 counties have more than doubled in HCY population since 2006, compared to 16 counties which have experienced a decrease in homeless children and youth population.
- 20 counties have had their homeless children and youth population double in the past three years.

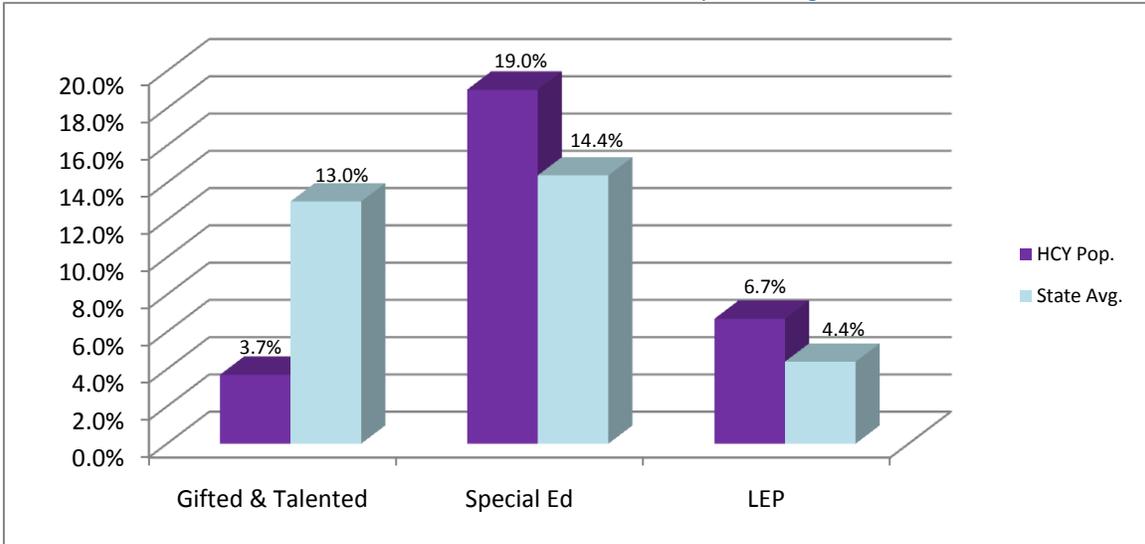
Biggest Change in the Percentage of Students that are Homeless Children and Youth			
	2006 HCY Students	2010 HCY Students	Percent Increase
Marion Co. (Indianapolis)	2340	3682	111%
Lake Co. (Gary)	98	514	424%
Porter Co. (Valparaiso)	33	215	552%
Madison Co. (Anderson)	19	188	889%
Jackson Co. (Seymour)	6	111	1750%
La Porte Co. (LaPorte City)	7	133	1800%
Adams Co. (Decatur)	1	83	8200%
Tippecanoe Co. (Lafayette)	1	258	25,700%

HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH CHARACTERISTICS

HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH: SPECIAL POPULATIONS

- The classification of HCY students into special population subgroups varies greatly from the state average. In 2010, HCY students were identified as Special Ed and/or Limited English Proficient (LEP) students at a rate higher than the state average.
- Despite HCY students having a higher percentage of Special Ed/LEP students, the percentage of HCY students identified as Gifted and Talented (High Ability) was 3½ times below the state average in 2010.

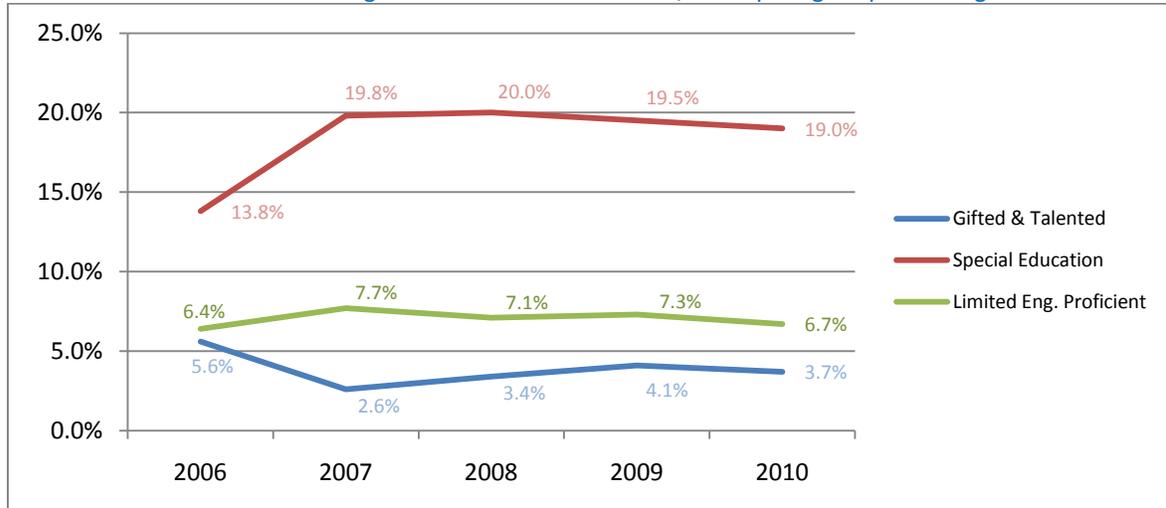
2010 Placement of HCY Students into Special Programs



HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH: GROWTH IN SPECIAL POPULATIONS

- The percentage of HCY students identified as Special Ed and/or Limited English Proficient (LEP) has remained roughly the same over the past 4-5 years, which is similar to what the state as a whole has experienced.
- However, the percentage of HCY students identified as Gifted & Talented (High Ability) has been a rollercoaster of ups and downs over the past five years while the state average has steadily increased.

Growth in the Percentage of HCY Students Identified/Participating in Special Programs



HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH STUDENT BEHAVIOR

HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH: ATTENDANCE RATE

- Indiana’s HCY students have an attendance rate of 93.5% over the past five years, fluctuating very little over that time period.
- Despite having an attendance rate above 90%, the HCY rate is still 2% below the state average and other subgroups.

Average Attendance Rate				
	HCY Students	Black Students	F/R Lunch Students	State Average
2006	93.5	95.3	94.8	96.0
2007	93.2	95.1	94.7	95.8
2008	93.4	95.4	94.9	95.9
2009	94.0	95.8	95.3	96.1
2010	93.6	95.6	95.0	95.9

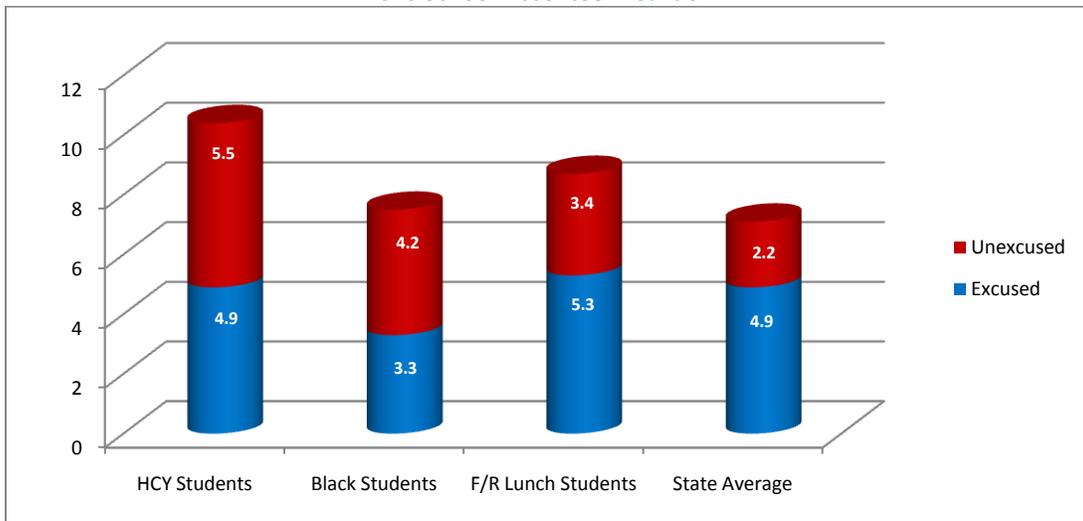
HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH: SCHOOL ABSENTEE BREAKDOWN

- In 2010 and over the past five years, HCY students have averaged 5½ unexcused absences per year which is 250% higher than the state average.
- During the past five years black HCY students have had the highest numbers of unexcused absences, averaging 7.5 unexcused absences during that time, nearly three full days more than white and Hispanic HCY students.

Average Number of Unexcused Absences Since 2006				
	HCY Students	Black Students	F/R Lunch Students	State Average
2006	5.2	4.7	3.9	2.4
2007	6.1	5.1	4.0	2.4
2008	6.1	4.2	3.6	2.3
2009	5.2	3.8	3.3	2.2
2010	5.5	4.2	3.4	2.2

- This contributed to HCY students averaging 50% more absences (missed school days) than the average student.
- White HCY students were the only students that had fewer than 50% of absences unexcused within the HCY subgroup (71% for blacks, 53% for Hispanics, and 43% for whites).

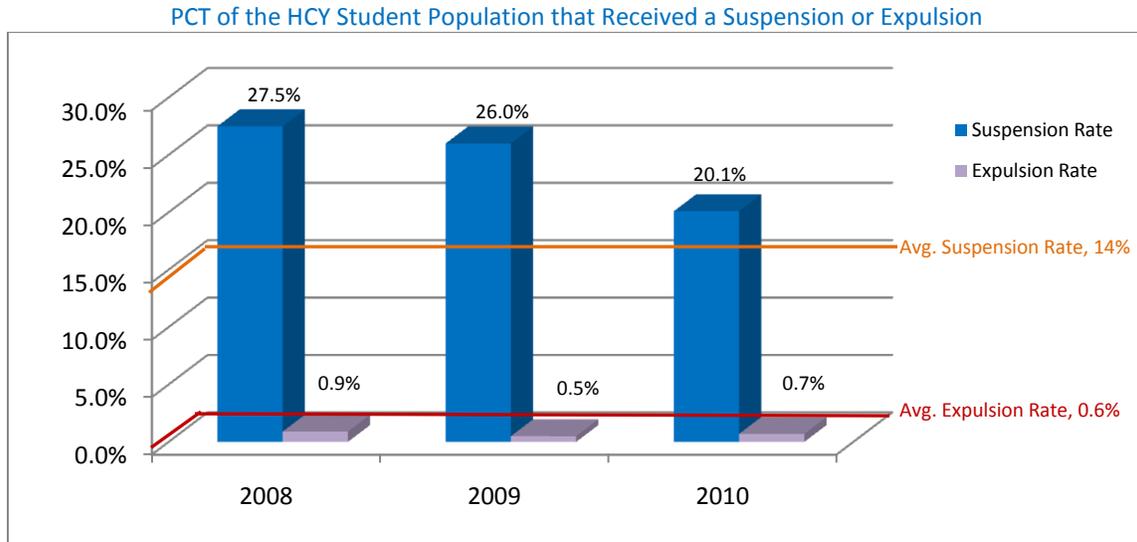
2010 School Absentee Breakdown



Homeless Children and Youth Student Behavior Continued...

HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH: SUSPENSIONS

- Though there has been a recent decline in suspensions by homeless children and youth – down 8% over three years – the fact is that 1 in 5 HCY students still received a suspension in 2010.
- Despite having a suspension rate 5% higher than the state average, HCY students are no more likely to be expelled than the typical average Hoosier student.



ADDITIONAL NOTES ON HCY SUSPENSIONS AND EXPULSIONS

- HCY students not only have a higher suspension rate, they also serve a higher percentage of suspensions out-of-school than the state average (58% vs. 46% in 2010).
- 75% of HCY students that were expelled had also been suspended previously that same school year, though this is in line with the state average.
- In 2009-10 four public school corporations suspended over 40% of their HCY students; this includes two corporations where at least 40% of those students suspended received multiple suspensions within the same year.

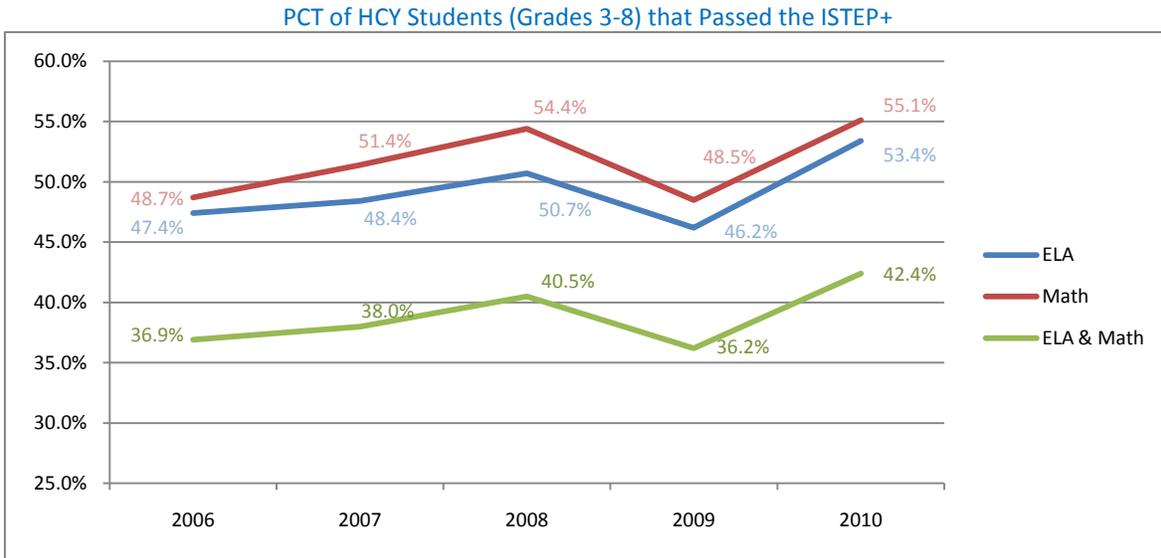
Corporations Where a High Percentage of HCY Students were Suspended				
CORP #	Corporation Name	HCY Enrollment	Student Suspensions	% of HCY Students Suspended
0225	Northwest Allen County Schools	158	100	63%
0255	East Allen County Schools	39	17	44%
0875	Logansport Community Sch Corp	304	150	49%
7200	School City of Mishawaka	10	4	40%
5385	Indianapolis Public Schools	2103	757	36%

(See Handout for Additional Corporations with Unique Suspension Tendencies)

HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH ISTEP+ PERFORMANCE AND GROWTH

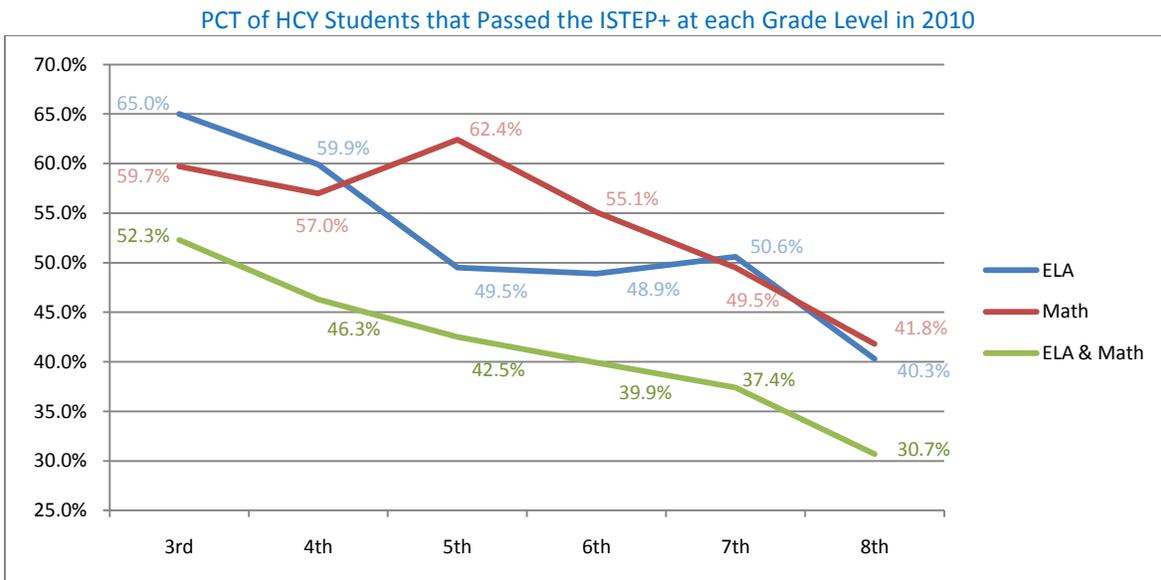
HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH: PERCENT PASS ISTEP+

- In 2010, a higher percentage of HCY students passed the ISTEP+ exam than ever before.
- HCY students performed the strongest in Mathematics; though, the HCY passage rate was still 22% below the state average in that subject area.



HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH: ISTEP+ PERFORMANCE BY GRADE

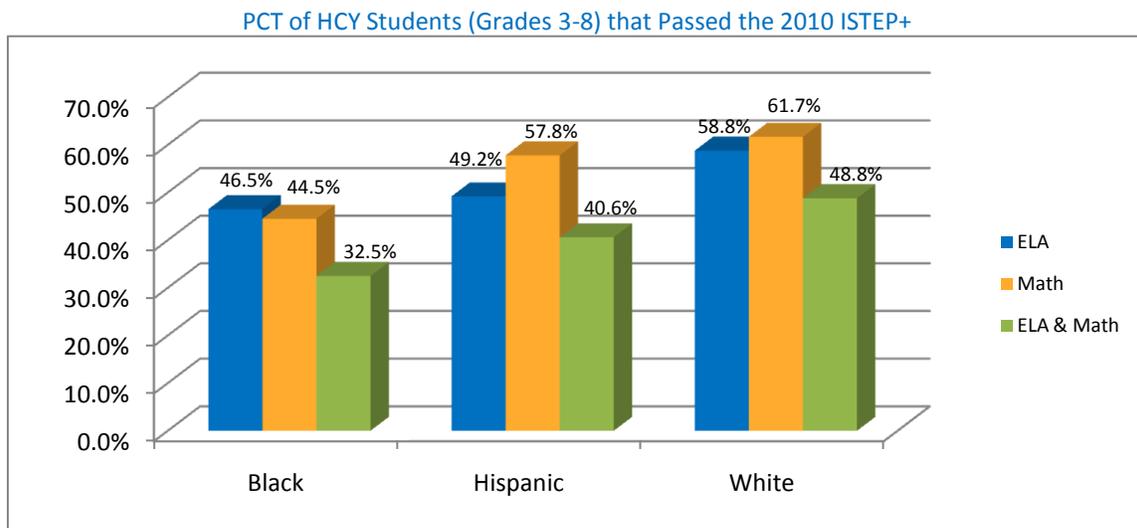
- The ISTEP+ performance of HCY students is erratic; but overall HCY students experienced a 25% drop in ELA and an 18% drop in Math passing percentage between 3rd grade and 8th grade on the ISTEP+.
- Unlike the erratic nature of ELA and Math, the percentage of students that passed both ELA & Math consistently declines with each passing grade.



Homeless Children and Youth ISTEP+ Performance and Growth Continued...

HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH: ISTEP+ RESULTS BY SUBGROUP

- Gender: Despite taking a similar number of tests and passing a similar rate in Math, females still outperformed male HCY students by more than 10% on the ELA portion of the ISTEP+.
- Ethnicity: There is an achievement gap between white and Hispanic HCY students (8%) and white and black HCY students (16%) which has remained relatively steady through the past several years.
- Between 3rd and 8th grade the black HCY passage rate dropped by 28% in 2010 (from 48% to 20%) compared to 20% for whites and 7% for Hispanic HCY students.



COMPARING HCY ISTEP+ PERFORMANCE TO OTHER STATE SUBGROUPS

- HCY students passed the 2010 ISTEP+ at a rate 25% below the state average.
- Despite passing a lower rate overall than the Black subgroup; HCY students have had a higher percentage of students pass the Math portion of the ISTEP+ in each of the past four years.

PCT of Students Passing Both ELA & Math ISTEP+				
	HCY Students	Black Students	F/R Lunch Students	State Average
2006	36.9	40.7	48.9	65.7
2007	38.0	42.4	50.4	66.4
2008	40.5	42.5	50.4	66.0
2009	36.2	36.1	46.2	62.8
2010	42.4	42.9	53.5	67.7

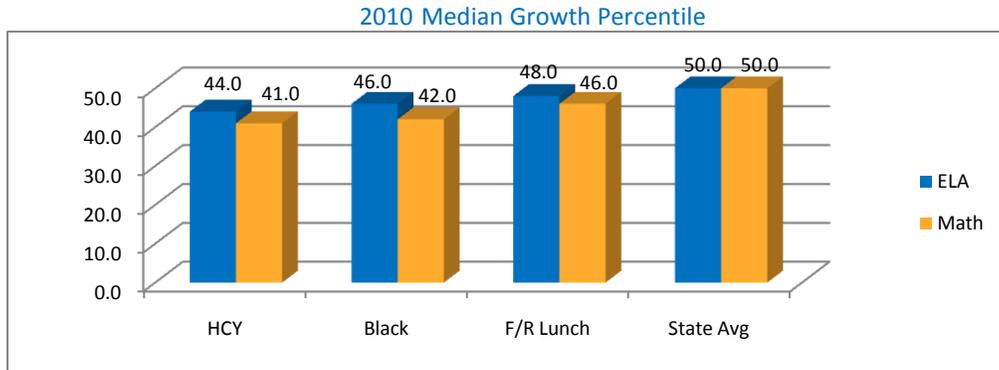
- HCY students also experienced a sharper decline in passage rate between 3rd and 8th grade than any other subgroup with a decline that was three times the state average.

Decline in ISTEP+ Passage Rate From 3rd Grade to 8th Grade			
	ELA	Math	Both ELA & Math
HCY Students	24.7	17.9	21.6
Black Students	16.0	6.9	11.2
F/R Lunch Students	14.0	6.0	11.6
STATE AVERAGE	8.9	2.2	6.8

Homeless Children and Youth ISTEP+ Performance and Growth Continued...

GROWTH MODEL: MEDIAN GROWTH PERCENTILE

- Though slightly below the state average, the HCY median growth percentile in both ELA and Math is typical with little disparity between ethnic groups.



GROWTH MODEL: PCT OF STUDENTS EXPERIENCING HIGH GROWTH ON THE ISTEP+

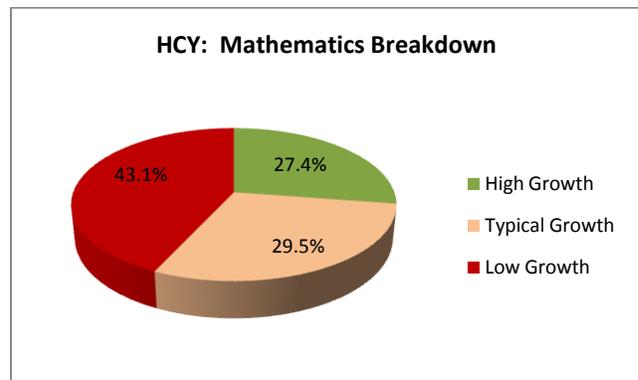
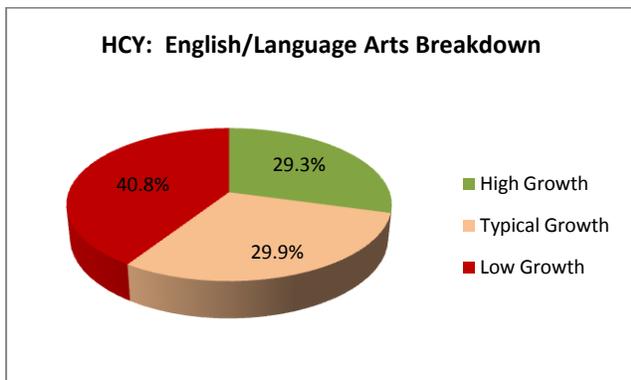
- Overall, very few HCY students experienced high growth on the ISTEP+, a percentage well below the state average.

PCT of Students with High Growth		
	English/Language Arts	Mathematics
HCY Students	29.3	27.4
Black Students	30.0	28.5
F/R Lunch Students	32.4	31.5
STATE AVERAGE	34.5	34.7

GROWTH MODEL: PCT OF STUDENTS EXPERIENCING LOW GROWTH ON THE ISTEP+

- Over 40% of HCY students experienced low growth on both the ELA and Math portions of the ISTEP+ in each of the past three years; this is a worse percentage than every other subgroup of students.

PCT of Students with Low Growth		
	English/Language Arts	Mathematics
HCY Students	40.8	43.1
Black Students	38.6	42.2
F/R Lunch Students	36.7	38.3
STATE AVERAGE	34.5	34.4

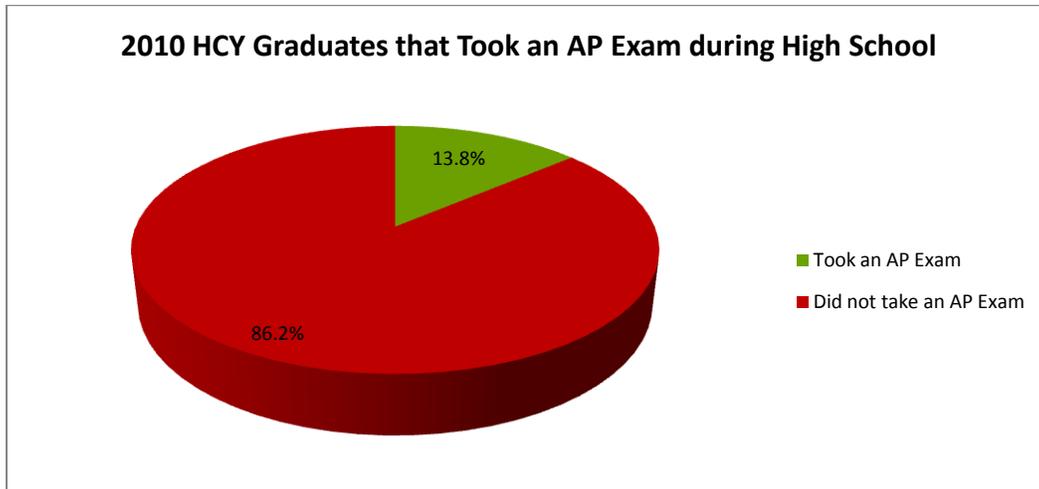


HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH COHORT PERFORMANCE

HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH: GRADUATES THAT TOOK AN AP EXAM

Several recent studies have found a direct correlation to student participation in AP coursework/exams to future college success; and that students that take at least one AP exam during high school are more likely to graduate from college.

- Only 1 in every 8 HCY graduates took an AP exam during high school, a rate half that of the state average (29%); though this is up significantly from four years ago (4.4% in 2008 vs. 13.8% in 2010).
- All AP exams taken by students participating in the free/reduced lunch program are paid for through a federal grant. As a result, 100% HCY students have the opportunity to take any AP exam(s) free of charge.

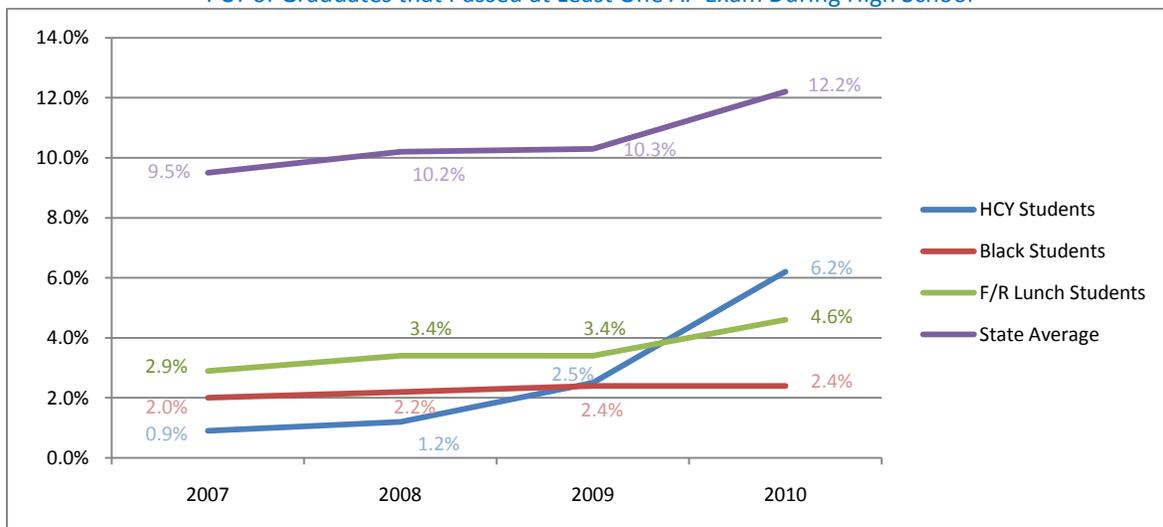


HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH: GRADUATES THAT PASSED AN AP EXAM

Any AP exam scored 3, 4, or 5 is considered passing and can be transferred into any Indiana state university for college credit. Therefore, the AP program offers college coursework at a greatly reduced price (free for all HCY students).

- In 2010, 6.2% of HCY graduates passed an AP exam during high school, which is a higher percentage than African-Americans or free/reduced lunch graduates experienced.
- Despite out-performing several other subgroups, the HCY AP success rate was only half the state average.

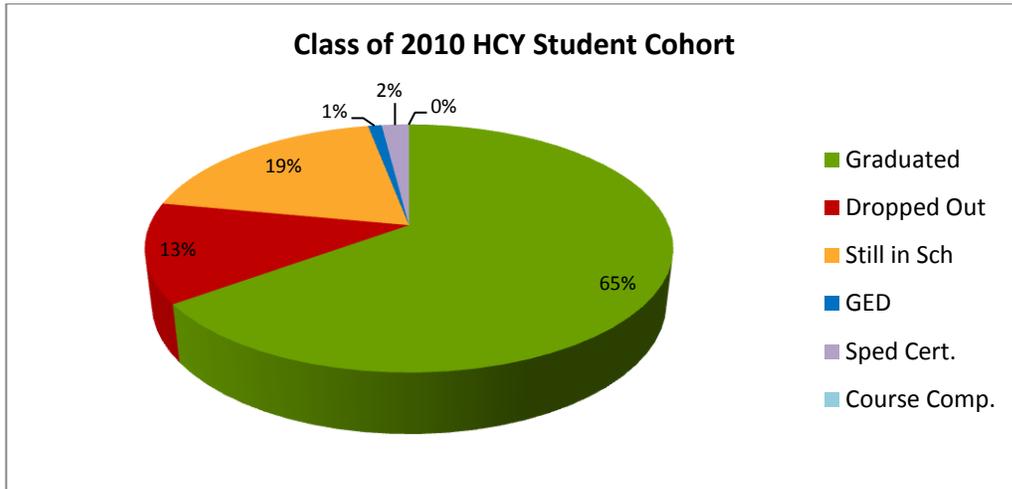
PCT of Graduates that Passed at Least One AP Exam During High School



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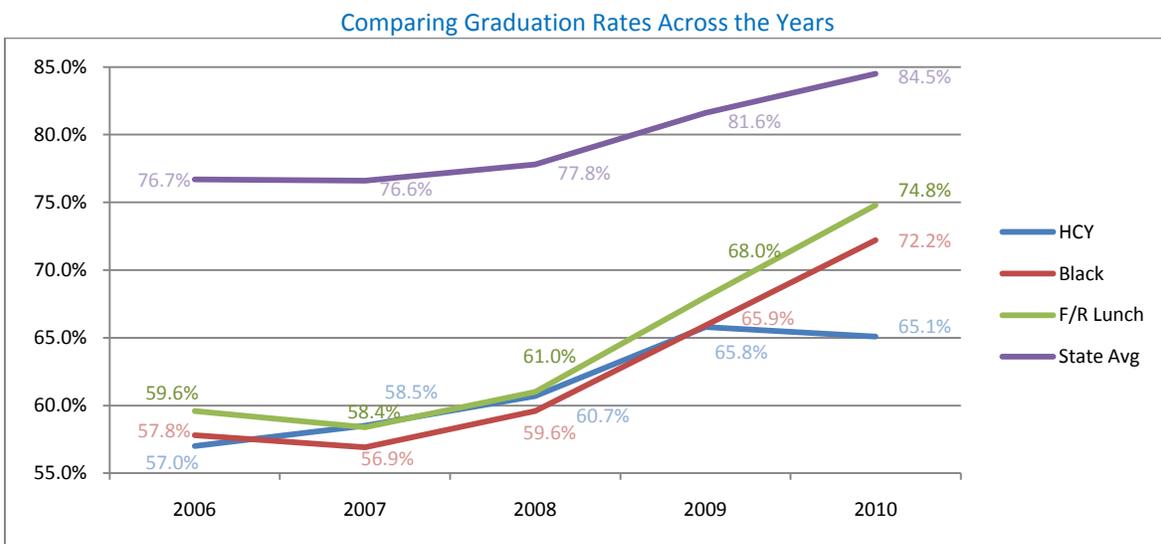
HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH: GRADUATION COHORT

- 87% of homeless children and youth seniors exited high school in 2010 with either a diploma, certificate, GED or remained in school.



HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH: GRADUATION RATE

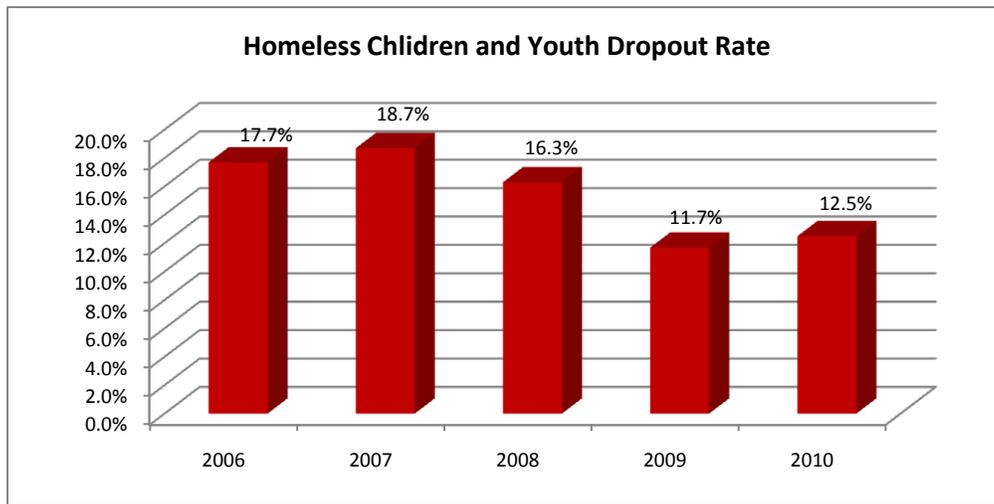
- From 2006-2008 the HCY graduation rate was on-par with the free/reduced lunch rate and outperformed the black student subgroup. However, the HCY rate decreased in 2010 while every other subgroup experienced large gains; thus making HCY students less likely to graduate in four years than their classmates.
- The 2010 HCY graduation rate is 20% below the state average.



Homeless Children and Youth Cohort Performance Continued...

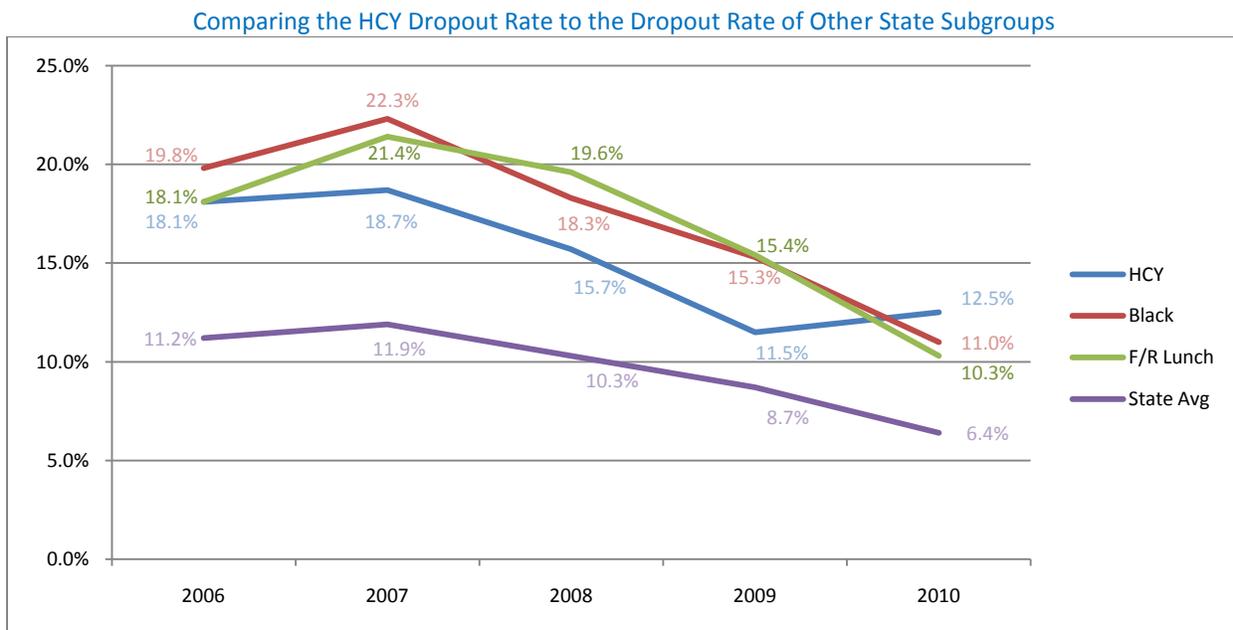
HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH: DROPOUT RATE

- In the class of 2010, 1 out of every 8 HCY students dropped out of high school.
- The overwhelming majority of student dropouts were the result of the student not showing up to school or disinterest from the student (same as in 2009).



COMPARING THE DROPOUT RATE ACROSS SUBGROUPS

- Indiana's HCY population experienced an increase in their dropout rate in 2010 while every other subgroup experienced a decrease.
- The 2010 homeless children and youth dropout rate was double the state average, after the HCY student population previously spent the past few years narrowing the gap.

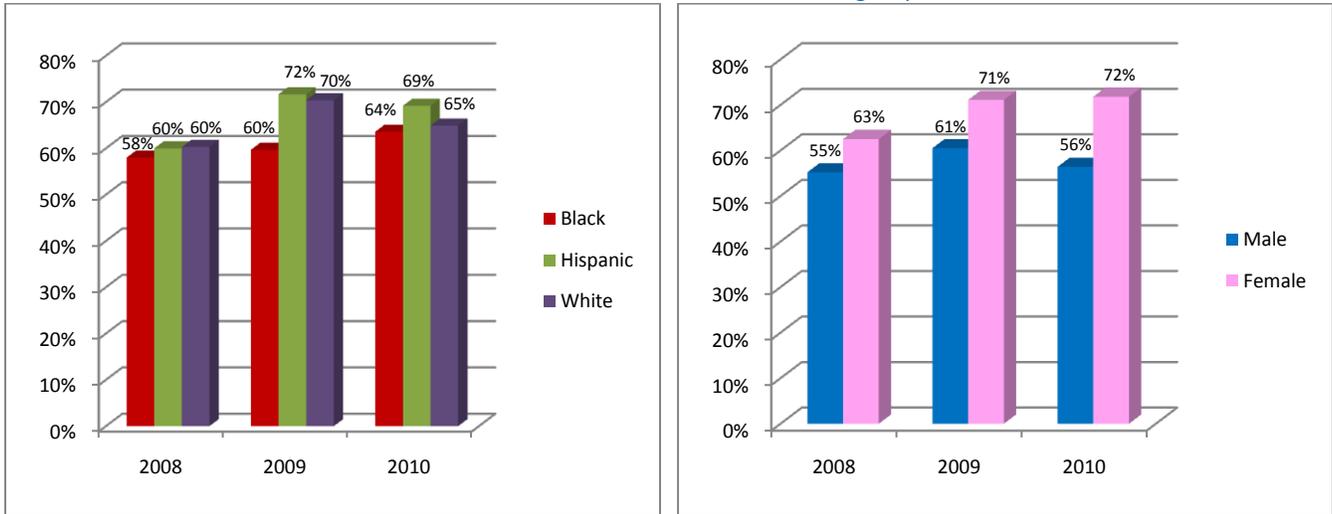


Homeless Children and Youth Cohort Performance Continued...

HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH: GRADUATION RATES BY SUBGROUP

- Hispanics had the highest graduation rate of any HCY student subgroup, outperforming both white and black HCY students.
- The gap between male and female HCY graduation rates has doubled in the past three years, from 8% in 2008 up to 16% in 2010.

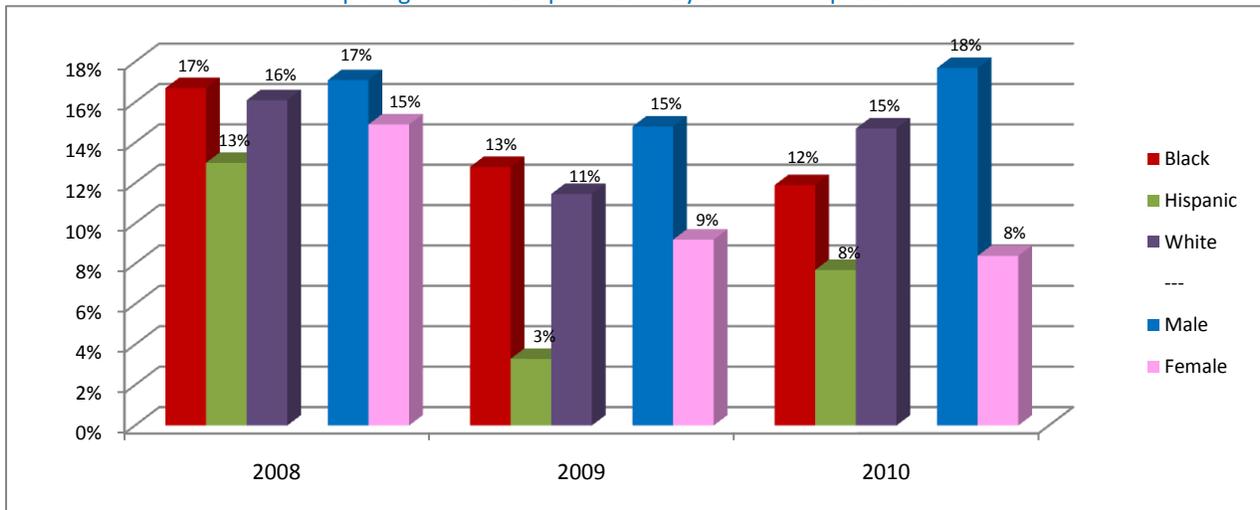
Graduation Rates of the HCY Student Subgroups



HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH: DROPOUT RATES BY SUBGROUP

- Black HCY students had a lower dropout rate in 2010 than their white counterparts; Hispanic HCY students had the lowest dropout rate (by 6%) but also only accounted for 8% of HCY seniors over the past three years.
- Female HCY students dropped out at a rate less than half that of male HCY students (8.4% vs. 17.7% in 2010), thus enabling the gap between male and female HCY dropout rates to grow from 3.8% (in 2008) to 9.3% (in 2010).

Comparing the HCY Dropout Rates by Ethnic Group and Gender

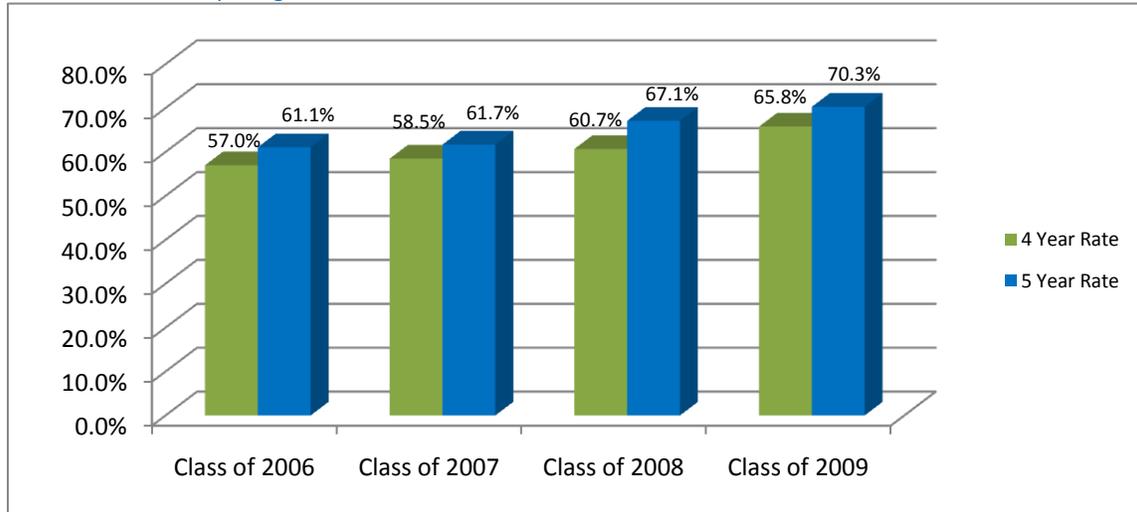


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HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH: FIVE YEAR GRADUATION RATE

- HCY students have managed to improve their graduation rate by an average of 4.6% over the past four years when looking at their five-year graduation rate, over 3½ times higher than the state average.
- Over the past three years, 35% of HCY students that remained in school after their fourth year of high school went on to graduate the following year (compared to the state average of 23%).

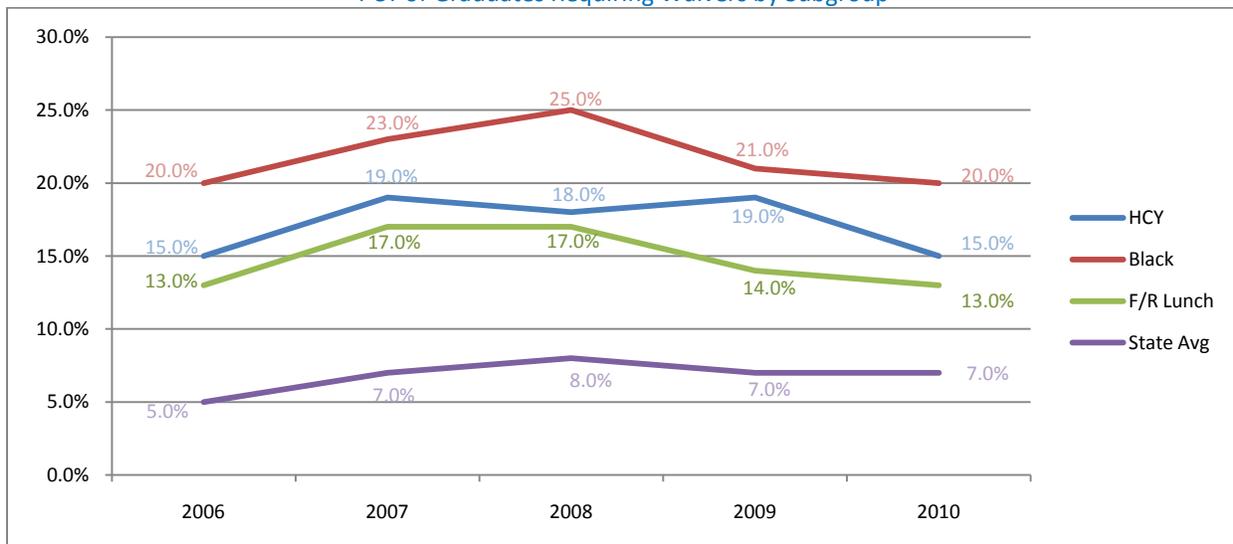
Comparing Homeless Children and Youth Four & Five Year Graduation Rates



HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH: GRADUATES REQUIRING WAIVERS

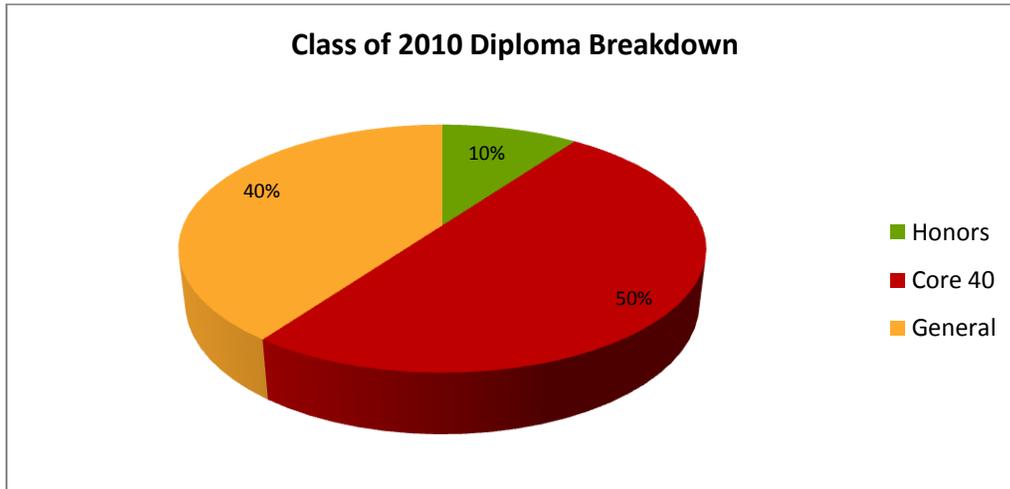
- The percentage of HCY graduates that required waivers in order to receive their diploma is more than double the state average; but it is comparable to other historically underperforming subgroups.
- Of the graduates requiring waivers, black HCY students are 8% more likely to require a waiver than white HCY students, while the gender of homeless children and youth students does not have an impact.

PCT of Graduates Requiring Waivers by Subgroup



HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH: DIPLOMA BREAKDOWN

- HCY graduates are four times more likely to receive a general diploma than an honors diploma.



HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH: DIPLOMA COMPARISON

- Over the past three years, only 8.5% of HCY graduates have earned honors diplomas, more than three times below the state average.
- HCY females fared slightly better with 10% of female HCY graduates earning an honors diploma compared to only 6% of male HCY graduates.

PCT of Graduates that Received Honors Diplomas				
	HCY Students	Black Students	F/R Lunch Students	State Average
2008	7.1	12.1	15.1	32.6
2009	8.6	13.1	16.1	33.2
2010	9.8	12.2	15.4	30.5

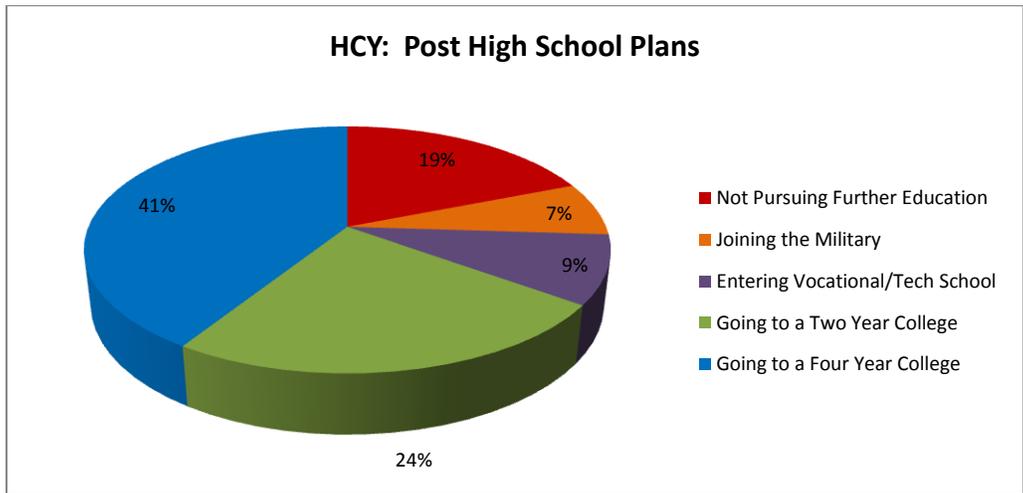
- Over 40% of HCY graduates received a general diploma since 2008, nearly double the state average.
- While the percentage of students receiving a general diploma has declined in each of the past two years, the improvement still lags behind that shown by the black and free or reduced lunch subgroups.

PCT of Graduates that Received General Diplomas				
	HCY	Black	F/R Lunch	State Average
2008	44.7	37.0	40.8	25.3
2009	43.9	33.9	36.9	23.3
2010	39.5	30.1	33.4	21.5

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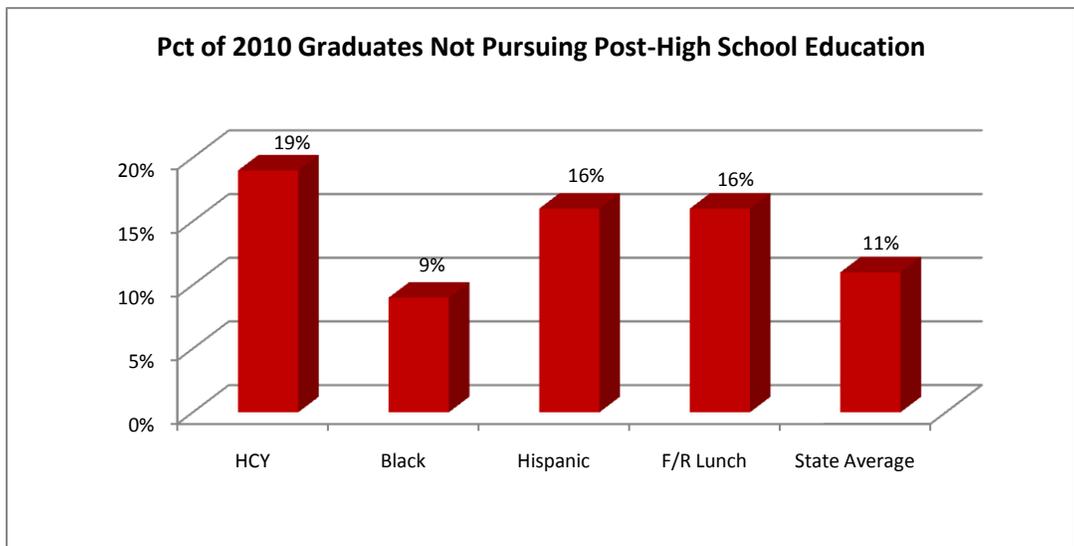
HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH: POST HIGH SCHOOL PLANS

- Nearly 75% of HCY graduates in 2010 stated their plans to continue their education beyond high school.
- Interestingly, both black (81%) and Hispanic (72%) subgroups had more HCY graduates plan to pursue higher education than white HCY students (68%).



HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH: GRADUATES REQUIRING WAIVERS

- HCY students had the highest percentage of 2010 graduates not pursuing any form of post high school education of any of the subgroups listed in the graph below.



NOTE: The Indiana Department of Education collects the post high school plans of students through the schools; it is not a reflection of what education/career path that students actually did take. Furthermore, the IDOE does not verify the information that is reported to them, causing some concerns about the accuracy of the information that is reported.

GRANT CORPORATIONS

COMPARING HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH GRANT CORPORATIONS TO NON-GRANT CORPORATIONS

- The non-grant corporations experienced better overall HCY student performance in 2010 than the grant corporations; this was especially true on the ISTEP+ and in graduation rate.
- The grantee corporations, however, fared much better in student growth areas and in the curriculum they were exposed to (AP) and subsequent type of diploma the HCY students received.
- It should be noted that 75% of the grant corporations are located in metropolitan areas; areas that traditionally under-perform, especially on the ISTEP+ and in graduation rate.

2010 Demographic, Discipline, and Performance Data			
Demographics	Grantee Corps	Non-Grant Corps	Better Performance
Students Served	6,454	5,974	-----
% High Ability	4.3	3.3	-----
% Special Ed.	20.0	17.9	-----
% Limited Eng. Proficient	8.2	4.9	-----
Discipline			
Attendance Rate	93.4	93.9	NON-GRANT
Avg. Unexcused Absences	5.7	4.0	NON-GRANT
Suspension Rate	24.1	16.0	NON-GRANT
Expulsion Rate	0.8	0.6	NON-GRANT
% of Suspensions Served Out-of-School	61.8%	42.1%	NON-GRANT
ISTEP+ Performance			
% Pass ELA & Math	39.9	45.3	NON-GRANT
% Pass ELA	50.8	56.3	NON-GRANT
% Pass Math	53.3	57.1	NON-GRANT
Drop in % Pass ELA & Math Between 3 rd and 8 th Grade	21.8%	20.7%	NON-GRANT
Growth			
% with High Growth in ELA	29.9	28.7	GRANTEES
% with High Growth in Math	27.5	27.4	GRANTEES
% with Low Growth in ELA	40.5	41.2	GRANTEES
% with Low Growth in Math	44.8	41.4	NON-GRANT
Median ELA Growth Percentile	44.0	43.0	GRANTEES
Median Math Growth Percentile	39.0	42.0	NON-GRANT
Cohort			
% of Grads that Took AP	13.8	13.7	GRANTEES
% of Grads that Passed an AP Exam	7.3	5.2	GRANTEES
Graduation Rate	62.7	67.1	NON-GRANT
% earn Honors Diploma	10.6	9.2	GRANTEES
% earn General Diploma	37.4	41.2	GRANTEES
Dropout Rate	12.8	12.3	NON-GRANT

Grant Corporations Continued...

HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH: GRANTEE CORPORATION PERFORMANCE ON ISTEP+

- Greencastle Community School Corporation greatly outperformed the other grant corporations on the ISTEP+ while Fort Wayne Community Schools performed the worst passing less than 25% of their HCY students.

Pct of Students that Passed Both the ELA & Math ISTEP+			
Corporation	2008	2009	2010
Greencastle Comm. Schs.	61.5%	66.7%	72.2%
North Adams Comm. Schs.	50.0%	51.6%	59.4%
MSD Martinsville Schs.	52.3%	47.6%	56.0%
School City of Hammond	35.1%	27.1%	55.4%
Franklin Comm. Schs.	54.1%	58.5%	54.2%
Crawfordsville Com Schs.	41.7%	43.8%	49.6%
Logansport Comm. Schs.	38.9%	36.4%	47.1%
Vigo County Sch. Corp.	29.6%	27.3%	42.0%
M S D Washington Twp	44.5%	40.7%	41.0%
Bartholomew Con.	34.9%	29.4%	39.7%
Monroe Cnty. Com.	33.3%	27.8%	37.2%
Marion Comm. Schs.	50.0%	43.2%	36.3%
M S D Lawrence Twp	35.9%	24.1%	35.4%
IPS	39.4%	30.6%	35.0%
Anderson Comm. Schs.	***	***	34.5%
EVSC	32.0%	35.5%	32.1%
Ft Wayne Comm. Schs.	19.2%	14.6%	24.3%

HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH: GRANTEE CORPORATION COHORT PERFORMANCE

- Crawfordsville Community Schools has graduated 32 of their 35 HCY students in the past three years, including 100% of their HCY students in 2010.
- MSD Lawrence Twp. and Fort Wayne Community Schools each had a HCY graduation at least 20% lower than the corporation average; Evansville Vanderburgh School Corp fared even worse with an HCY grad rate that was 36% below the overall corporation average.
- Despite an HCY dropout rate of 20% in 2010 for IPS, the HCY dropout rate is actually lower than the overall dropout rate at IPS (20.0 vs. 24.6).
- Both MSD Lawrence Twp (2.5 times greater) and Fort Wayne Community Schools (3 times greater) had a much larger HCY dropout rate than the corporation as a whole did.

How HCY Performance Compares to the Overall Corporation Performance				
Corporation	Graduation Rate		Dropout Rate	
	HCY Avg.	Corp Avg.	HCY Avg.	Corp Avg.
Crawfordsville Comm Schs	100.0%	92.3%	0.0%	3.8%
M S D Washington Twp	81.3%	87.9%	0.0%	3.2%
M S D Lawrence Twp	64.7%	85.0%	11.8%	4.5%
Ft Wayne Comm Schs	59.1%	85.4%	9.1%	3.2%
IPS	53.3%	58.3%	20.0%	24.6%
EVSC	47.6%	83.5%	9.5%	6.7%