

The Pulse OKLAHOMA COUNTY Vital Signs

Dropout Rate

The Pulse

Welcome to September's edition of The Pulse. This is the second of a series of five updates planned for release this year.

Checking our pulse is essential in monitoring our Vital Signs. The Pulse highlights a specific indicator of human well-being that is contained in United Way of Central Oklahoma's Vital Signs report or is being noticed through United Way's work in the community.

Public School Dropout Rate



Every day, more than 1,200 young men and women give up on their education and drop out of high school. In Oklahoma, 14.2% of ninth through twelfth graders dropped out of school during the 2006-2007 school year; a slight increase from the 2005-2006 school year.

Interested in United Way's Research Committee?

Join the Research Committee to plan for the 2008 Household Survey and 2009 Vital Signs publication. Click below to send an email to Heather Elmenhorst with your interest.



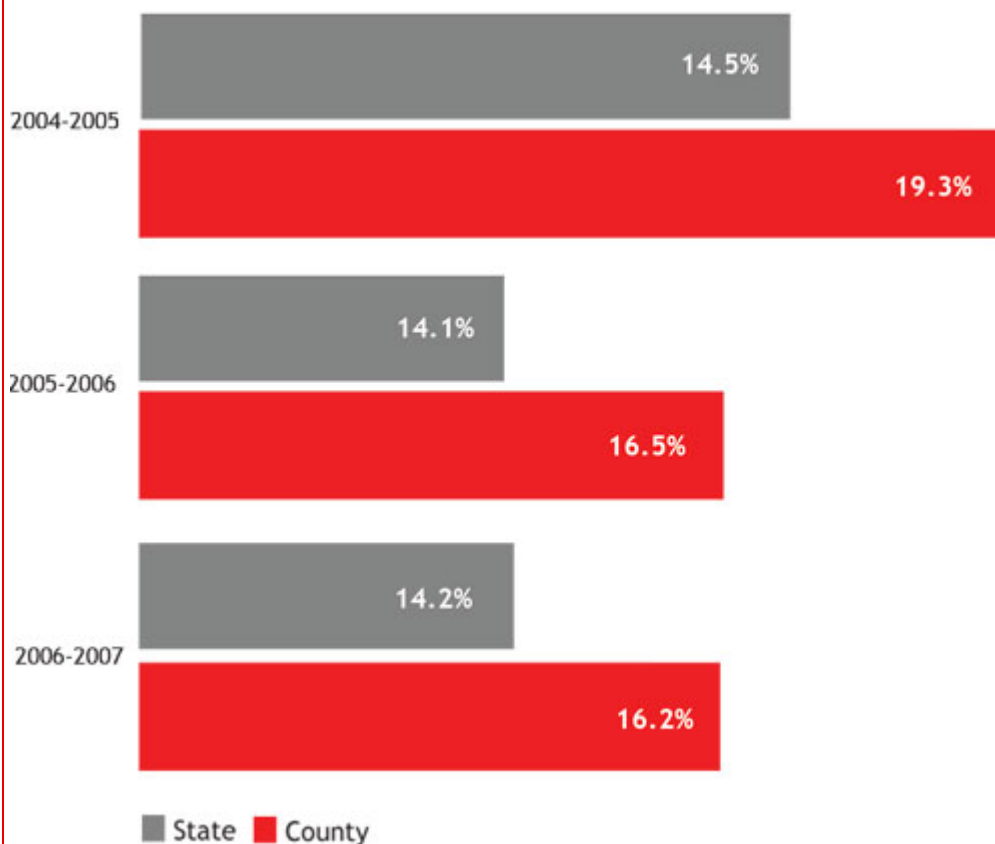
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Public School Dropout Rate in Oklahoma



Source: Oklahoma Education Oversight Board Office of Accountability

United Way's Response

In response to the research, United Way of Central Oklahoma is supporting efforts to identify interventions that reduce the Public School Dropout Rate.

United Way is taking collaborative action with Community Partners to organize a Student Success Summit for dropout prevention. The summit is a result of Oklahoma City being named one of America's Promise 100 Best Communities for Youth. The summit will raise awareness, explore the reasons why our youth are dropping out of school and advance the development of action plans to address the issue. The Oklahoma City Student Success Summit is scheduled for October 15, 2008 at the Cox Convention Center in Oklahoma City.

Community Planning Partners include United Way of Central Oklahoma, Oklahoma City's City Manager's Office and City Council Support, Oklahoma City Public School District, Oklahoma City Public Schools Foundation, Leadership Oklahoma City, ETI Oklahoma and Greater Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce.

Interested in learning more about the 2008 Oklahoma City Student Success Summit? Contact Jane Abraham at 405-297-2345 or jane.abraham@okc.gov.

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The Pulse is a project of [Vital Signs](#); Oklahoma's only broad-based community evaluation with over a decade of trend data in six key areas important to our quality of life.

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