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SPECIAL REPORT

Examining Annual Targets for Indicator 2: *Percent of youth with IEPs who exited special education due to dropping out*

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The Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) at the U.S. Dept. of Education has released [each state's 2022 State Performance Plan \(SPP\) and Annual Performance Report \(APR\)](#) which includes new annual targets for results and compliance indicators 1-17 for years 2020 through 2025. Details are available [here](#).

This special report examines each state's annual targets for the SPP/APR Indicator 2, which measures the percentage of students with IEPs who exited special education due to dropping out.

Below are the state targets for Indicator 2. As directed by OSEP, the state's [2025 target must reflect improvement over the baseline data](#). The amount of improvement varies dramatically across states.

Some states have established targets that reflect only minimal improvement in the drop out rate over 6 years (AR, CT, IL, MS, NC, NJ, NY, PA) while other states have established targets that reflect very substantial improvement (CA, DC, HI, LA, OH, RI, SD, TX).

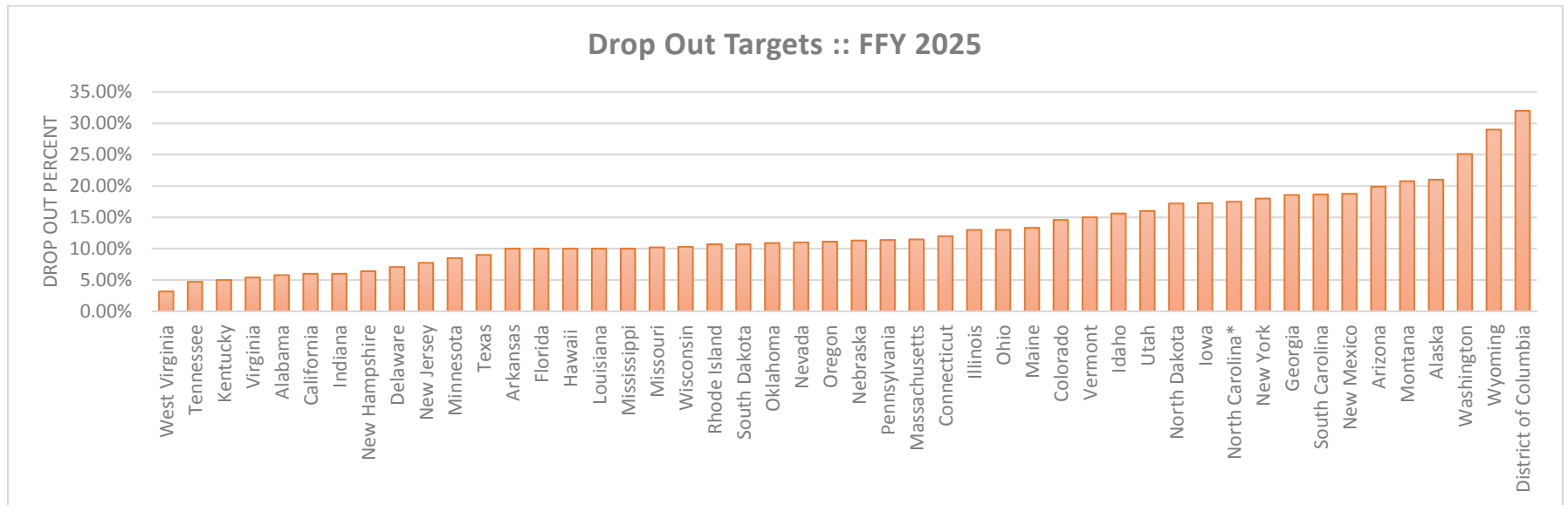
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State	SPP/APR INDICATOR 2 :: DROP OUT RATE TARGETS						Percent Change
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2020 - 2025
Alabama	6.29%	6.19%	6.09%	5.99%	5.89%	5.79%	-8
Alaska	23.54%	23.50%	23.50%	23.00%	22.00%	21.00%	-11
Arizona	22.39%	21.89%	21.39%	20.89%	20.39%	19.89%	-11
Arkansas	10.00%	10.00%	10.00%	10.00%	10.00%	10.00%	0
California	11.00%	10.00%	9.00%	8.00%	7.00%	6.00%	-45
Colorado	18.75%	18.75%	16.67%	16.67%	14.59%	14.59%	-22
Connecticut	11.18%	12.00%	12.00%	12.00%	12.00%	12.00%	0
Delaware	8.57%	8.27%	7.97%	7.67%	7.37%	7.07%	-18
District of Columbia	42.00%	40.00%	38.00%	36.00%	34.00%	32.00%	-24
Florida	11.90%	11.90%	11.50%	11.00%	10.50%	10.00%	-16
Georgia	23.56%	22.56%	21.56%	20.56%	19.56%	18.56%	-21
Hawaii	14.93%	14.00%	13.00%	12.00%	11.00%	10.00%	-33
Idaho	17.70%	17.50%	17.30%	16.73%	16.17%	15.61%	-12
Illinois	13.70%	13.70%	13.70%	13.70%	13.70%	13.00%	-5
Indiana	7.25%	7.00%	6.75%	6.50%	6.25%	6.00%	-17
Iowa	18.52%	18.28%	18.02%	17.77%	17.51%	17.25%	-7
Kentucky	7.97%	7.97%	7.77%	7.00%	6.00%	5.00%	-37
Louisiana	20.00%	18.00%	16.00%	14.00%	12.00%	10.00%	-50
Massachusetts	13.97%	13.47%	12.97%	12.47%	11.97%	11.47%	-18
Maine	14.32%	14.32%	14.32%	14.32%	14.32%	13.32%	-7
Minnesota	10.00%	9.70%	9.40%	9.10%	8.80%	8.50%	-15
Mississippi	10.00%	10.00%	10.00%	10.00%	10.00%	10.00%	0
Missouri	11.00%	11.00%	10.80%	10.60%	10.40%	10.20%	-7
Montana	21.26%	21.16%	21.06%	20.96%	20.86%	20.76%	-2
Nebraska	12.81%	12.81%	12.81%	12.31%	11.81%	11.31%	-12
Nevada	15.85%	15.00%	14.00%	13.00%	12.00%	11.00%	-31
New Hampshire	7.08%	7.00%	6.80%	6.80%	6.60%	6.40%	-10
New Jersey	8.30%	8.25%	8.25%	8.00%	8.00%	7.75%	-7
New Mexico	23.75%	22.75%	21.75%	20.75%	19.75%	18.75%	-21
New York	19.37%	19.37%	19.37%	19.00%	18.50%	18.00%	-7
North Carolina	18.75%	18.41%	18.25%	18.25%	18.00%	17.50%	-7
North Dakota	18.38%	18.38%	18.23%	18.09%	17.80%	17.21%	-6
Ohio	16.68%	16.00%	15.50%	15.00%	14.00%	13.00%	-22
Oklahoma	15.90%	14.90%	13.90%	12.90%	11.90%	10.90%	-31
Oregon	12.87%	12.52%	12.17%	11.82%	11.47%	11.12%	-14
Pennsylvania	12.79%	12.79%	12.79%	12.32%	11.86%	11.39%	-11
Rhode Island	15.70%	14.70%	13.70%	12.70%	11.70%	10.70%	-32
South Carolina	25.00%	23.73%	22.46%	21.19%	19.92%	18.65%	-25
South Dakota	19.35%	19.35%	18.38%	17.40%	14.60%	10.70%	-45
Tennessee	7.84%	7.45%	7.06%	6.28%	5.50%	4.72%	-40
Texas	13.41%	13.00%	12.00%	11.00%	10.00%	9.00%	-33
Utah	25.81%	25.81%	24.58%	23.35%	20.90%	16.00%	-38
Vermont	20.00%	20.00%	18.00%	17.00%	16.00%	15.00%	-25
Virginia	6.66%	6.41%	6.16%	5.91%	5.66%	5.41%	-19
Washington	31.00%	30.50%	29.00%	27.50%	26.20%	25.10%	-19
West Virginia	5.67%	5.17%	4.67%	4.17%	3.67%	3.17%	-44
Wisconsin	12.37%	12.20%	11.90%	11.50%	11.00%	10.30%	-17
Wyoming	33.19%	33.19%	32.78%	32.38%	30.62%	29.00%	-13

Source: 2022 SPP/APR submissions available at <https://sites.ed.gov/idea/spp-apr-letters>

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Indicator 2 Targets for FFY 2025
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Drop out targets for 2025 range from a low of 3.17% in West Virginia to a high of 32% in the District of Columbia.

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