

## **N.C. Drug Education Schools 2002-2003**

The N. C. Drug Education Schools provide a statewide system of schools empowered through N.C. General Statute to operate as an alternative to jail for persons with simple drug offenses. The goal is that as a result of completing the school, the student will be able to identify a personal plan reflective of an informed self-assessment, resulting in the elimination, avoidance and/or reduction of substance usage and related consequences, including recidivism. There is standardized information collected with each student who enters a drug education school. This report reflects findings from this information obtained during the fiscal year 2002-2003 from the 7486 students recorded as enrolled in the state's Drug Education Schools. Key findings from the aggregate data are highlighted here for consideration in learning, growing, improving, and planning related to Drug Education Schools.

- ***Key Findings:***
- ***29% of the DES students in the state were in Wake County. DES enrollment tends to be higher in urban counties.***
- ***74% of the DES students in the state were male.***
- ***68% of the DES students in the state were white.***
- ***80% of the DES students in the state were single.***
- ***84% of the DES students in the state were employed either full-time or part-time, or were students.***
- ***87% of the DES students in the state had not had prior convictions.***
- ***92% of the DES students in the state passed their DES classes.***
- ***77% of the DES students in the state were eligible for expungement of their legal charges.***