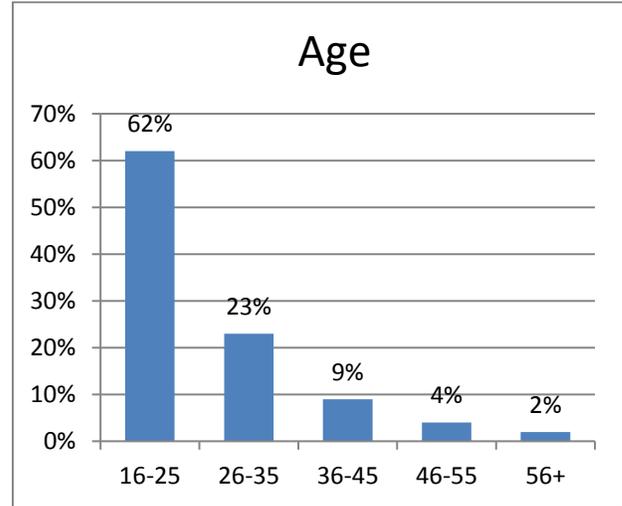


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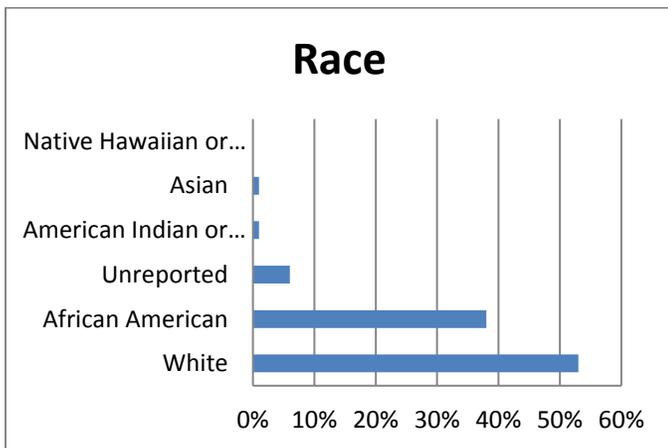
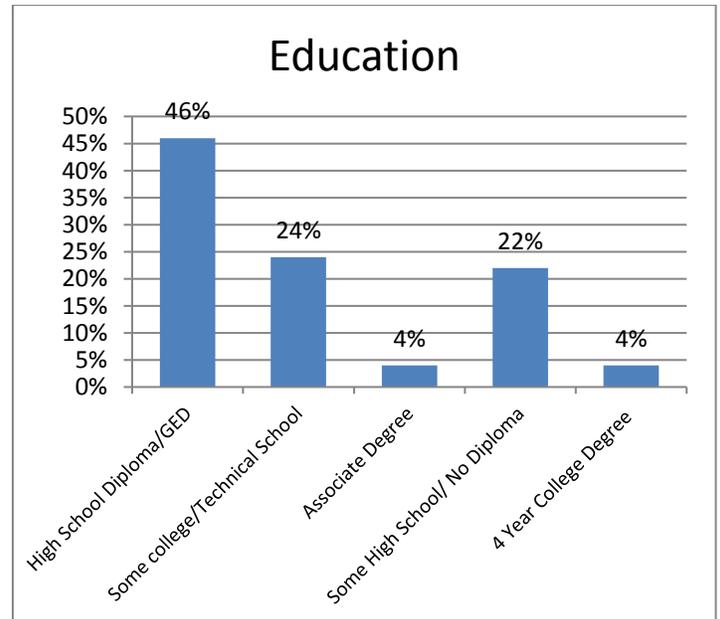
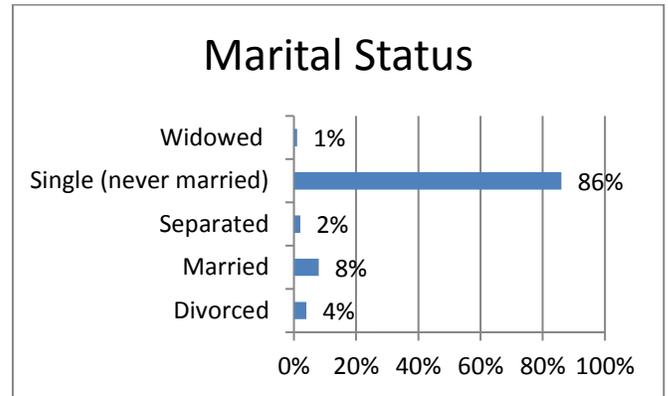
NC Drug Education Schools (DES) provide a statewide system authorized by NC General Statute 90-96.01 to operate as a sentencing alternative for persons with drug offenses. Other non-offenders are also referred for education and prevention. The goal is that upon completion of the program, the student will be able to identify a personal plan reflective of an informed self-assessment; thus resulting in the elimination, avoidance and or reduction of substance use and related consequences up to and including recidivism. Standardized information is collected from each student who enters a Drug Education School. This report reflects findings from the information obtained during fiscal year 2014-2015 from the 2744 students enrolled.

Demographics

Seventy-three percent (73%) of all DES students were male and between the ages of 16 and 25. Most participants were single and had never been married. Slightly less than half of attendees had a high school diploma or GED and over half identified as white/caucasian.



*Percentage under 16 is less than 1%



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Percentage of DES Students by County

*counties not listed had no students or less than 1% of total students.

Other Key Findings

- 28% of enrollee’s were convicted of possession of a scheduled substance
- 18 % were convicted of having drug paraphernalia
- 1% was convicted of being underage while consuming alcohol
- 88% of enrollee’s had zero (0) prior convictions
- 41% were employed full-time, 23% part-time, 20% unemployed, 14% unemployed & not seeking work, 2% seasonal work
- 55% were referred by the court for DES and 31% were referred by the probation department, remaining were referred by other sources
- 40% of enrollee’s were eligible to have their record expunged (based on enrollee’s referred under G.S. 90-96)
- 53% reported the class was ‘very helpful’ in decreasing alcohol use
- 72% reported the class was ‘very helpful’ in reducing illegal drug use

<u>10%</u>	<u>Forsyth</u>
<u>9%</u>	<u>Pitt</u>
<u>9%</u>	<u>Union</u>
<u>9%</u>	<u>Gaston</u>
<u>8%</u>	<u>Mecklenburg</u>
<u>7%</u>	<u>Guilford</u>
<u>6%</u>	<u>Rowan</u>
<u>5%</u>	<u>Alamance</u>
<u>3%</u>	<u>Cumberland</u>
<u>3%</u>	<u>New Hanover</u>
<u>3%</u>	<u>Cleveland</u>
<u>3%</u>	<u>Durham</u>
<u>2%</u>	<u>Lincoln</u>
<u>2%</u>	<u>Moore</u>
<u>2%</u>	<u>Cabarrus</u>
<u>2%</u>	<u>Davidson</u>
<u>2%</u>	<u>Buncombe</u>
<u>2%</u>	<u>Wilkes</u>
<u>1%</u>	<u>Randolph</u>
<u>1%</u>	<u>Rutherford</u>
<u>1%</u>	<u>Iredell</u>
<u>1%</u>	<u>Henderson</u>
<u>1%</u>	<u>Yadkin</u>
<u>1%</u>	<u>Wake</u>
<u>1%</u>	<u>Lenoir</u>
<u>1%</u>	<u>Rockingham</u>
<u>1%</u>	<u>Hoke</u>

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Summary

During the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year, North Carolina's Drug Education Schools were attended in majority by single white males between the ages of 16 and 25. Most enrollee's passed the course and had also obtained at least their high school diploma/ GED prior to taking the course. Enrollee's reported that the course had a positive impact on their lives as evidenced by assisting in the reduction of using alcohol and illegal drugs. Enrollees were likely to not have previous convictions and were referred primarily by the court or probation department. Drug Education School is currently providing a program in the state of North Carolina by working with individuals with drug offenses to reduce future use of substances and subsequent adverse consequences. These finding will be used in order to monitor and improve the current program. The graph below provides a snapshot of the increased usage of DES over the years. DES student enrollment is up 87% from FY 2009/2010 to FY 2014/2015.

DES Student Enrollment over the past six (6) Fiscal Years

