



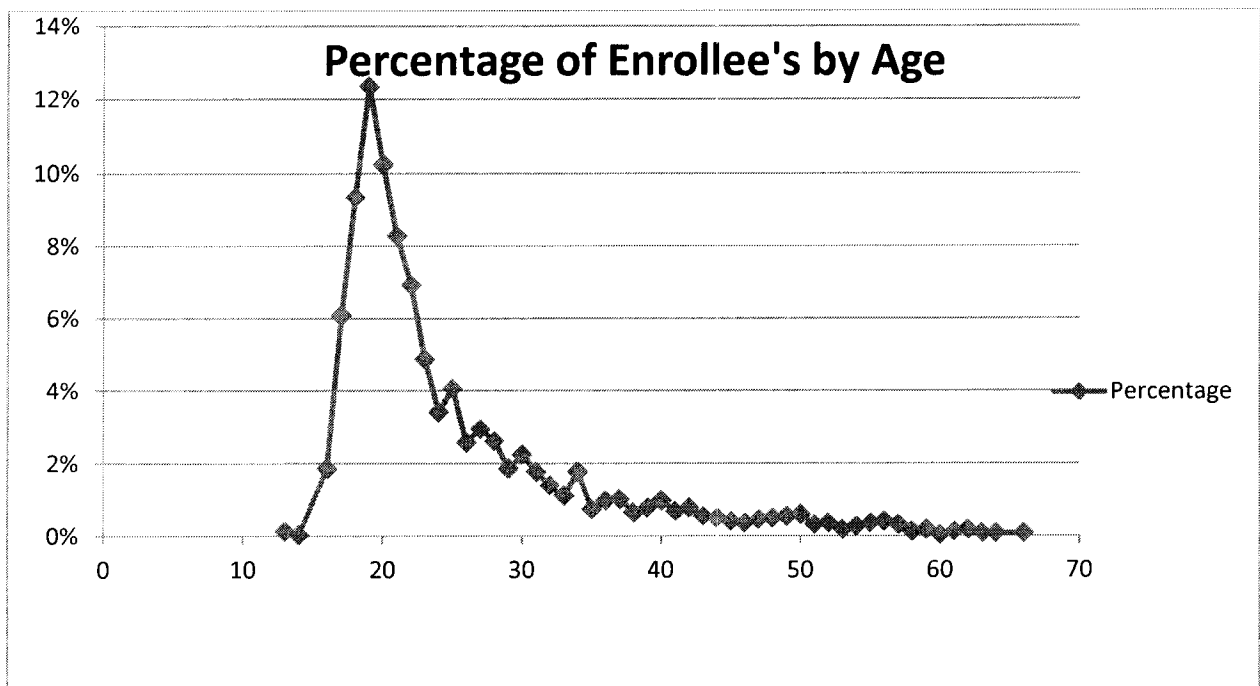
# FY 2012-2013 Drug Education School Annual Report

NC Drug Education Schools (DES) provide a statewide system authorized by NC General Statutes 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 2012-2013 from the 2159 students enrolled.

Who attends North Carolina’s Drug Education Schools? The Majority of individuals enrolled in DES during the 2012-2013 Fiscal Year were single white males, between the ages of 16-29; with a minimum of a high school diploma or GED.

Age Range	Percentage	Actual #
13-15	<1%	4
16-20	40%	853
21-29	38%	803
30-39	13%	268
40-49	6%	126
50-59	3%	69
60+	<1%	14

*\*Total of 2137 due to data collection error*



Gender	Percentage	Actual #
Female	25%	536
Male	75%	1623

Race	Percentage	Actual #
American Indian or Alaskan Native	1%	25
Asian	1%	12
Black or African American	34%	740
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0%	10
White	59%	1264
Unreported	5%	108

Marital Status	Percentage	Actual #
Divorced	4%	91
Married	8%	167
Separated	2%	41
Single(never married)	86%	1850
Widowed	0%	10

Highest Grade Completed	Percentage	Actual #
01 No Diploma	6%	135
03 No Diploma	0%	1
06 No Diploma	0%	2
07 No Diploma	0%	2
08 No Diploma	1%	13
09 No Diploma	2%	51
10 No Diploma	4%	96
11 No Diploma	6%	138
12 No Diploma	7%	142
2 Year College/Associate Degree	4%	92
4 Year College	4%	82
Graduate Work No Degree	1%	18
High School Diploma/GED	38%	820
Master's Degree	0%	3
Some College or Technical School	26%	564

**Key Findings:**

- 33% of enrollee's were convicted of possession of a scheduled substance
- 15 % were convicted of having drug paraphernalia
- 3% were convicted of being underage while consuming alcohol
- 91% of enrollee's had zero (0) prior convictions
- 33% were employed full-time, 23% part-time, 23% unemployed, 19% unemployed/not seeking work, 2% seasonal work
- 50% were referred by the court for DES and 31% were referred by the probation department, remaining were referred by other sources
- 46% of enrollee's were eligible to have their record expunged (based on enrollee's referred under G.S. 90-96)
- 49% reported the class was 'very helpful' in decreasing alcohol use
- 68% reported the class was 'very helpful' in reducing illegal drug use
- 99% of all enrollee's passed the Drug Education School class
- 2% had family members audit the class with them
- 67 Counties in North Carolina reported enrollee's in Drug Education School

### Enrollee's by County

County	Percentage	Actual #
Pitt	13%	283
Forsyth	9%	204
Alamance	9%	190
Rowan	8%	181
New Hanover	8%	169
Gaston	7%	148
Mecklenburg	7%	142
Guilford	6%	140
Cleveland	4%	90
Cabarrus	4%	84
Union	3%	74
Lincoln	3%	65
Buncombe	2%	51
Davidson	2%	41
Rockingham	2%	34
Catawba	1%	32
Moore	1%	28
Montgomery	1%	20
Richmond	1%	19
Yadkin	1%	16
Pender	1%	14
Randolph	1%	14
Stokes	1%	13

*\*other counties had enrollee's totaling less than 1%*

## Summary

During the 2012-2013 Fiscal Year, North Carolina's Drug Education Schools were attended in majority by single white males between the ages of 16 and 29. 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. The Drug Education School program is currently providing service in the state of North Carolina by working with individuals with drug offenses to reduce future use of substances and there adverse consequences. These finding will be used in order to monitor and improve the current program.