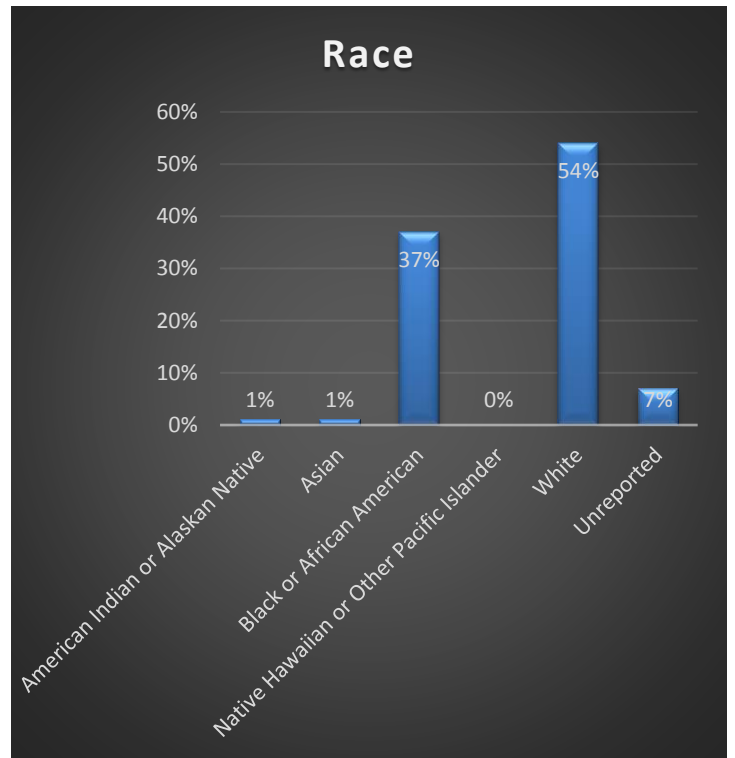
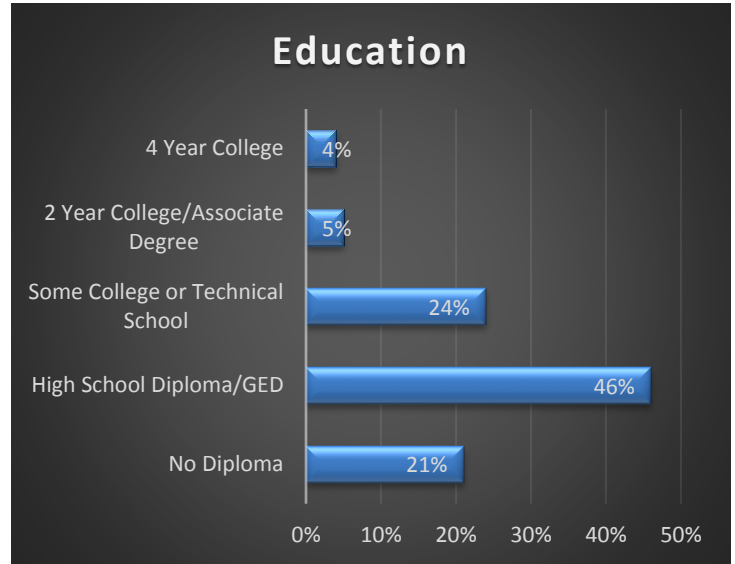
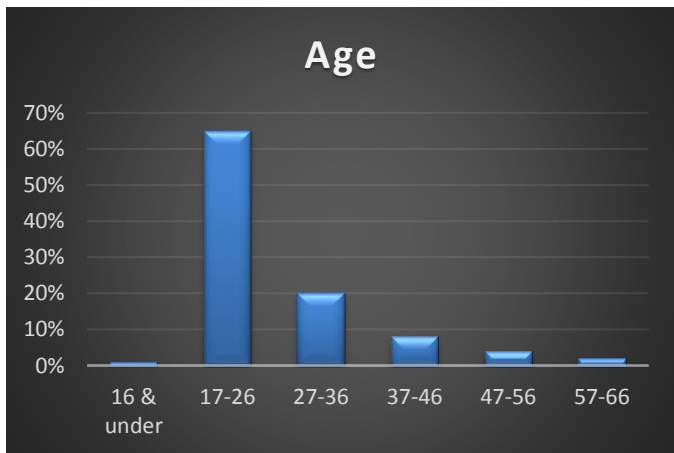


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NC Drug Education Schools (DES) are authorized by NC General Statute 90-96.01 to operate as a sentencing alternative for persons with drug offenses. Other non-offenders are also referred to DES for prevention and early intervention. The goal for a student upon completion of the program, is that he or she 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 criminal justice recidivism. Demographic and other standardized information is collected from each student who enters a Drug Education School. This information is collected at intake and upon completion of the program. This report reflects findings from the information obtained during fiscal year 2015-2016 from the 2,436 students who enrolled and completed the course.

Demographics

Seventy-two percent (72%) of all DES students were male. Sixty-Five percent (65%) were between the ages of 17 and 26. Most (86%) of participants were single and had never been married. Slightly fewer than half of attendees had a high school diploma or GED and over half identified as white/caucasian.



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Other Key Findings

Upon Admission to DES:

- 37% of enrollees were convicted of possessing of a scheduled substance
- 17 % were convicted of having drug paraphernalia
- 2% were convicted of being underage while consuming alcohol
- 90% of enrollees had no prior convictions
- 44% were employed full-time, 23% part-time, 17% unemployed, 14% unemployed & not seeking work, 1% seasonal work
- 54% were referred by the court for DES and 31% were referred by a probation officer and the remaining were referred by other sources

Upon Completion of DES program:

- 40% of enrollees were eligible to have their record expunged (based on enrollee’s referred under G.S. 90-96)
- 58% reported the class was ‘very helpful’ in decreasing alcohol use
- 75% reported the class was ‘very helpful’ in reducing drug use
- 69% reported an improved quality of life following Drug Education School

Percentage of DES Students by County

In SFY 2016 a total of 95 Drug Education Schools operated in 83 counties. The Percentage of students served in each county is represented in the chart below. Counties not listed had either no students or fewer than 1% of the total student population. A listing of current NC Drug Education Schools can be found at

http://ncdes.org/DES_Schools_List_060716_1.pdf.

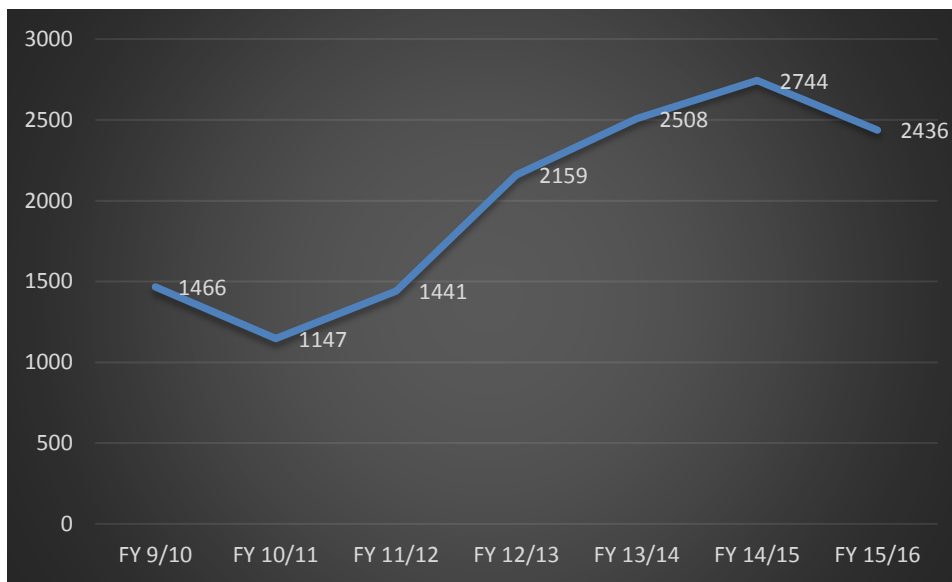
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<u>7%</u>	<u>Guilford</u>
<u>5%</u>	<u>Pitt</u>
<u>5%</u>	<u>Rowan</u>
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<u>1%</u>	<u>Watauga</u>

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Summary

Drug Education Schools in North Carolina work with individuals with drug offenses to reduce future use of these substances and subsequent adverse consequences. In SFY 2016, North Carolina's Drug Education Schools were attended in primarily by single white males between the ages of 17 and 26. Most had obtained at least their high school diploma or GED prior to entering the program. Students enrolled in DES typically had no prior convictions and were referred by the court or a probation officer. Ninety-three percent (93%) of students successfully completed the DES program (2436 of 2612 total enrollment). Per student self-report, the course had a positive impact on their lives and helped to reduce their use of alcohol and illegal drugs. The graph below provides a snapshot of the utilization of Drug Education School over the past 7 years. DES student enrollment is down slightly from last fiscal year; but up 66% from FY 2009/2010 to FY 2015/2016.

DES Student Enrollment over the past 7 Fiscal Years



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