EVERY YEAR, SOME MARYLAND YOUTH NEVER TAKE THE FIRST STEP TOWARD REALIZING THEIR GREATEST POTENTIAL—they have chosen to drop out and not graduate from high school.

TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE IMPACT, HERE ARE SOME TELLING STATISTICS:

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STUDENTS WILL DROP OUT EVERY SCHOOL DAY.

REASONS FOR DROPPING OUT
STUDENTS FACE THE FOLLOWING CHALLENGES THAT CONTRIBUTE TO THEM DROPPING OUT:

- Lack of parental support
- Parental responsibilities
- Lack of necessary credits to graduate
- Poor attendance
- Poor grades
- Language barriers
- Mental illness
- Significant wage earner for family
- Bullying
- Homelessness
- Substance abuse

DROP OUT RATES BY RACE

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DROP OUT RATES BY VULNERABLE GROUPS

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A QUICK COMPARISON BETWEEN DROPOUTS AND GRADUATES IN MARYLAND

Dropouts from the Class of 2011 will cost the nation over $1548 in lost wages, with Maryland dropouts contributing $38 in lost earnings.

ANNUAL EARNINGS

- HIGH SCHOOL DROPOUT
  - $8,142
- HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE
  - $22,794

- $4,486 more per year compared to a dropout

ANNUAL EARNINGS BY RACE

- WHITE
  - $30,000
- BLACK
  - $20,000
- ASIAN
  - $22,000
- HISPANIC
  - $32,000

LACK OF HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE

- 40% | HIGH SCHOOL DROP OUT
- 20% | SOME SECONDARY EDUCATION
- 12% | BACHELOR'S DEGREE +
- 6%  | HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE

Maryland Report Card. These numbers represent the Class of 2013—those who started high school in 2008/2009.

The Alliance for College Education determined the average median family income if one class of dropouts were to graduate by multiplying the number of dropouts determined using enrollment data from the National Center for Educational Statistics, Common Core of Data State Accountability System and Federal Elementary and Secondary Education, 2006-07, by the $21,750 estimate Black earnings difference between a high school dropout and high school graduate (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2006).


American Community Survey 2012. Civilian Employment, Health Insurance Status and Type by Age by Education Attainment for States 15 to 64 Years Old. 2014.