

# Truancy Data Notable Observations

- Although the **total school population decreased** from 1,757,678 during SY 2012/13 to 1,750,059 during SY 2013/14 **the number of truant students increased**. The total number of **truant students for SY 2013/14 was 167,412**.
- Pennsylvania experienced an **overall increase in truancy rates** from SY 2012/13 to SY 2013/14 of **.8%** which equates to **10,965 more** truant students.
- During SY 2013/14 there were **slightly more truant males 87,762 (52%)** than **truant females 79,650 (48%)**.
- **Disproportionality continues to exist between the overall student population and the truant population**. In SY 2013/2014, 15% of the total school enrollment was African American. African American students represented 41% of the truant population. Ten percent (10%) of the SY 2013/14 overall student population was Hispanic and Hispanic students represented 18% of the overall truant population. Conversely, Caucasians represented 69% of the total enrollment but only 35% of truant students.
- Pennsylvania experienced a **1.8% (6,408) increase** in the number of truant students in **grades 1-5** between SY 2012/13 and SY 2013/14. The number of **truant students in grades 1-5 during SY 2013/14 was 53,271**.
- During SY 2013/14 the **highest population of truant students** were in **grades 1-5 representing 32% (53,271)** of the total truant population.
- There were **1,486 more truant students in grades 9-11** during SY 2013/14 than in SY 2012/13. **Despite the decrease in this age group in the overall student population**, the number of truant students increased. The number of **truant students in grades 9-11 was 50,703**.
- During SY 2013/14, **Kindergarten students and 12th grade students tied as the lowest population of truant students**. Kindergarteners represent 7% (12,410) and 12th graders also represent 7% (12,560) of the truant population. Both have increased from SY 2012/13.
- **42 Pennsylvania Counties have experienced an increase** in their **overall truancy population** from SY 2012/13 to SY 2013.14.
- **19 Pennsylvania Counties have experienced a 25% increase or more** in their **overall truancy population** from SY 2012/13 to SY 2013/14.
- **10 Pennsylvania Counties** experienced a **25% decrease or more** in their **overall truancy population** from SY 2012/13 to SY 2013/14.
- The following **counties reported a 50% or greater reduction** in truant students: **Cambria, Huntingdon, Lancaster, Montour, Perry and Union**.