

Civil Rights Data Collection

About the CRDC

Since 1968, the Civil Rights Data Collection (CRDC), formerly the Elementary and Secondary School Survey, has collected data on key education and civil rights issues in our nation's public schools for use by the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) in its enforcement and monitoring efforts, by other Department offices and federal agencies, and by policymakers and researchers outside of the Department. The CRDC collects information about school characteristics and about programs, services and outcomes for students. Most student data are disaggregated by race/ethnicity, sex, limited English proficiency and disability. Data from the 2000, 2004, 2006, 2009–10, and 2011–12 collections are available on the OCR data website: <http://ocrdata.ed.gov>.

About OCR

OCR enforces federal civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, and age in programs that receive federal financial assistance from the Department of Education.¹ OCR promptly investigates complaints alleging discrimination and determines whether the civil rights laws and regulations have been violated. OCR also initiates compliance reviews to focus on specific civil rights compliance problems in education that are particularly acute or national in scope. Furthermore, OCR issues policy guidance and provides technical assistance to educational institutions, parents, students, and others.

The CRDC data are collected pursuant to the 1980 Department of Education Organization Act and 34 C.F.R. Section 100.6(b) of the Department of Education regulation implementing Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The requirements are also incorporated by reference in Department regulations implementing Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975.

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¹ These laws are: Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (prohibiting discrimination based on race, color, and national origin), Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (prohibiting sex discrimination in education programs), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (prohibiting disability discrimination), Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (prohibiting age discrimination), and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (prohibiting disability discrimination by public entities, whether or not they receive federal financial assistance). OCR also enforces the Boy Scouts of America Equal Opportunity Act, enacted in 2002. This law addresses equal access for the Boy Scouts of America and other designated youth groups to meet in public schools that receive federal funds from the Department.

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