About the Civil Rights Data Collection

The U.S. Department of Education’s (ED) Office for Civil Rights (OCR) administers the Civil Rights Data Collection (CRDC), which is a mandatory survey of all public, schools and school districts in the 50 states, Washington, D.C., and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. The CRDC gathers information about educational programs, activities, and staff and school climate factors, such as student discipline and harassment or bullying incidents, from public schools serving students in preschool through 12th grade. For the 2020-21 school year, the submission rate is 100%, meaning that all schools and school districts that are required to submit data did so. The 2020-21 CRDC submission system opened to data submitters on December 13, 2021 and closed on April 8, 2022.

For an analysis of national civil rights data submitted by schools and school districts for the 2020–21 CRDC, please see https://civilrightsdata.ed.gov. For more information about the CRDC or to download the full CRDC public-use data file, please visit https://civilrightsdata.ed.gov.hatsdata.

For requests for documents in alternate formats, such as Braille or large print, please contact the U.S. Department of Education (at (800) 421-3481, or written translation of a publicly available OCR document, free of charge, by OCR cautions readers and data users to consider the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on students and on educational conditions when comparing the 2020–21 CRDC to CRDCs from previous years.

OCR conducts various research projects to support improvements for future collections. For requests for release of non-public-use data, please contact the U.S. Department of Education (at (800) 421-3481, or via email at ocr_eeos@ed.gov).

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