

**Table 108.—Students with disabilities exiting the educational system, by age, type of disability, and basis of exit: United States and outlying areas, 1996–97 and 1997–98**

Student characteristics	Number						Percent					
	Graduated with diploma		Graduated with certificate		Reached maximum age		Graduated with diploma		Graduated with certificate		Reached maximum age	
	1996–97	1997–98	1996–97	1997–98	1996–97	1997–98	1996–97	1997–98	1996–97	1997–98	1996–97	1997–98
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<b>Age group</b>												
14 to 21 (and over) .....	134,614	147,942	28,614	29,909	4,396	4,607	27.6	28.4	5.9	5.7	0.9	0.9
14 .....	26	73	64	82	2	0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
15 .....	35	60	50	52	2	3	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
16 .....	407	686	129	152	5	6	0.6	1.0	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0
17 .....	17,224	25,504	2,617	3,088	21	19	21.2	27.0	3.2	3.3	0.0	0.0
18 .....	56,647	66,310	10,417	11,397	97	166	50.9	52.9	9.4	9.1	0.1	0.1
19 .....	43,521	40,973	8,701	8,464	55	119	60.7	59.6	12.1	12.3	0.1	0.2
20 .....	10,470	9,321	3,293	3,630	523	527	49.9	46.5	15.7	18.1	2.5	2.6
21 (and over) .....	6,284	5,015	3,343	3,044	3,691	3,767	35.6	33.6	18.9	20.4	20.9	25.2
<b>Type of disability for 14- to 21-year-olds and over</b>												
All disabilities .....	134,614	147,942	28,614	29,909	4,396	4,607	27.6	28.4	5.9	5.7	0.9	0.9
Specific learning disabilities .....	91,634	100,138	13,460	13,692	770	763	32.2	33.1	4.7	4.5	0.3	0.3
Mental retardation .....	14,352	15,292	10,067	10,538	2,091	2,210	24.4	24.8	17.1	17.1	3.6	3.6
Serious emotional disturbance .....	12,952	14,031	1,921	2,180	400	407	14.9	15.6	2.2	2.4	0.5	0.5
Speech or language impairments .....	3,847	4,137	503	525	73	73	18.5	17.5	2.4	2.2	0.4	0.3
Multiple disabilities .....	1,642	2,061	874	937	607	664	24.8	26.8	13.2	12.2	9.2	8.6
Other health impairments .....	3,605	5,102	461	542	57	64	28.8	30.5	3.7	3.2	0.5	0.4
Hearing impairments .....	2,642	2,774	467	545	58	68	43.4	43.3	7.7	8.5	1.0	1.1
Orthopedic impairments .....	1,861	2,051	363	361	126	125	33.3	35.7	6.5	6.3	2.3	2.2
Visual impairments .....	1,115	1,166	181	171	48	42	47.2	46.8	7.7	6.9	2.0	1.7
Autism .....	299	384	192	268	132	139	24.8	25.8	15.9	18.0	11.0	9.3
Deaf-blindness .....	39	132	26	18	7	17	29.1	55.7	19.4	7.6	5.2	7.2
Traumatic brain injury .....	626	674	99	132	27	35	43.3	42.3	6.8	8.3	1.9	2.2

NOTE: Reached maximum age figures reflect an estimate of those who were actually known to have dropped out and do not include youth who simply stopped coming to school or whose status was unknown.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, *Annual Report to Congress on the Implementation of The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act*. (This table was prepared June 2000.)