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Communities Building Affordable & Sustainable Healthcare Systems

Education Data

Introduction

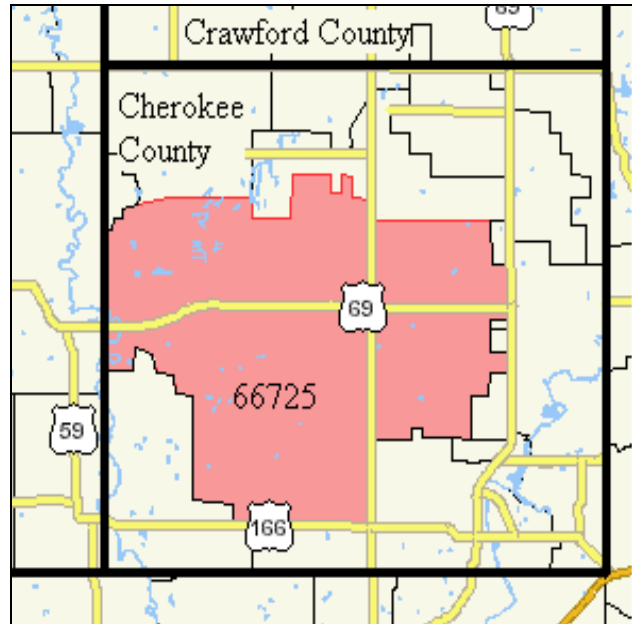
Kansas Rural Health Works (KRHW) is dedicated to helping rural communities build affordable and sustainable local health care systems. Health care is important to seniors, young families and companies. But rural health care systems are facing many challenges: hospitals are closing; services have been cut; doctors won't come to the area or they don't stay; Medicare and Medicaid payments are too low. Rural residents can revitalize their local health care system. KRHW provides the tools. Local visionary leadership puts these tools to work. KRHW helps communities keep health care dollars at home. Sponsored by the Kansas Rural Health Options Project with funding from the Office of Rural Health Policy, Health Resources and Services Administration.

Education Data Summary

Following are a variety of data and statistics about the K-12 school system in Columbus that may have implications related to local health care needs. The data in this case reflects information reported by the Columbus school district.

- Following overall patterns in the general population, total student enrollment in the Columbus K-12 educational system has steadily declined since the mid-1990s.
- As the student population has declined, the student-to-teacher ratio also has declined.
- The trend in the student dropout rate has generally been declining in Columbus over the past decade.
- The trend in student-on-student violence has generally increased over time, while student-on-faculty violence has not been a problem recently.

Columbus Health Market Area



ZIP codes within the Columbus Health Area.
Source: Claritas, Inc. 2009

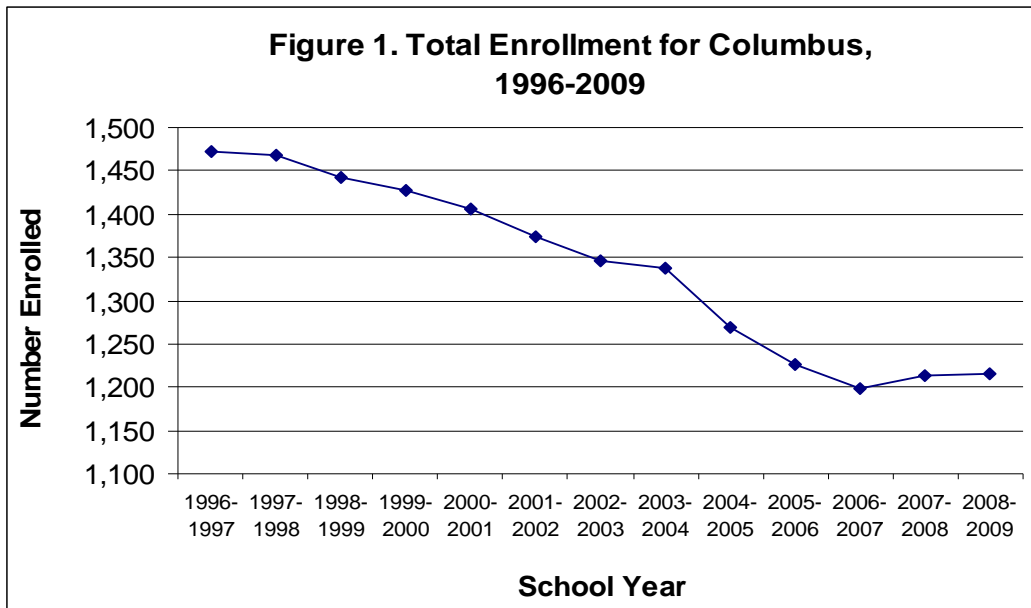
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Columbus, KS School District

USD 493 Columbus

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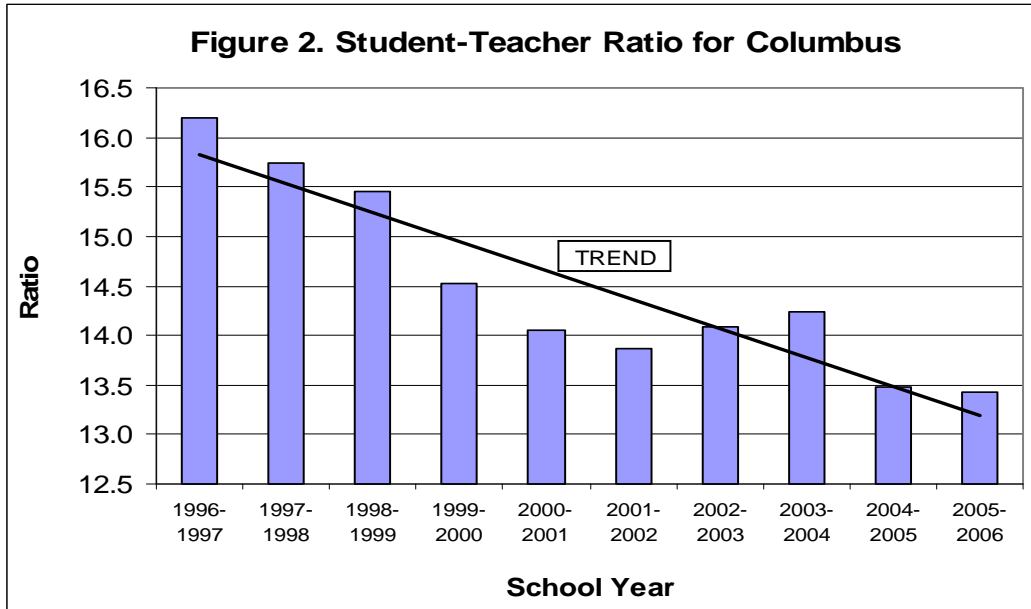
Total student enrollment in the Columbus K-12 school district has steadily declined since the mid-1990s. Enrollment was about 1,210 in the 2008-09 school year, down from 1,450 in 1996-97.



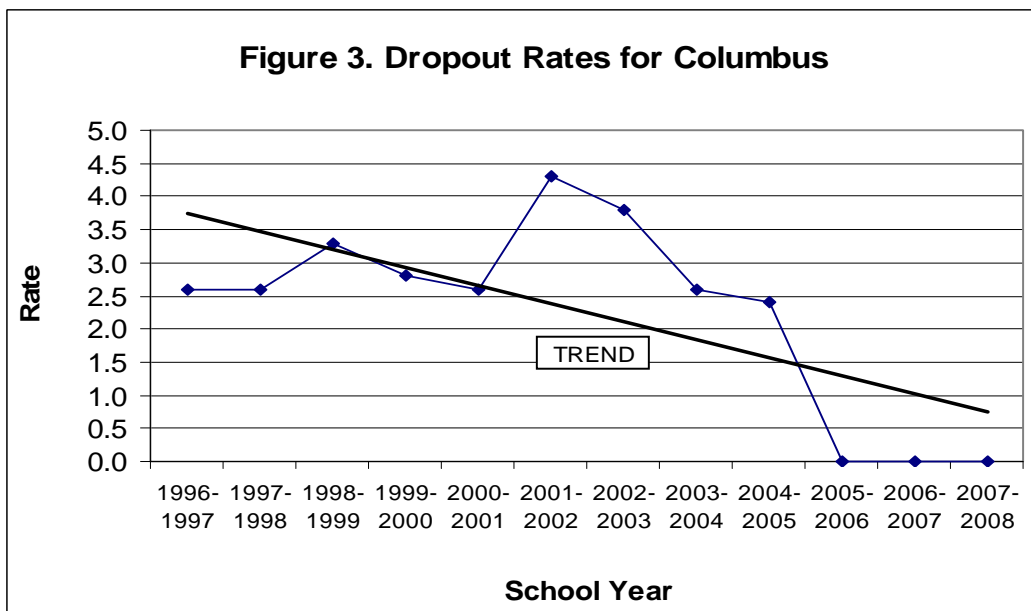
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As the student population has declined, the student-to-teacher ratio also has declined. This generally means that as the school-age population has declined, the district has retained staffing. The ratio of about 13 students per teacher permits fairly close attention for each of the students.

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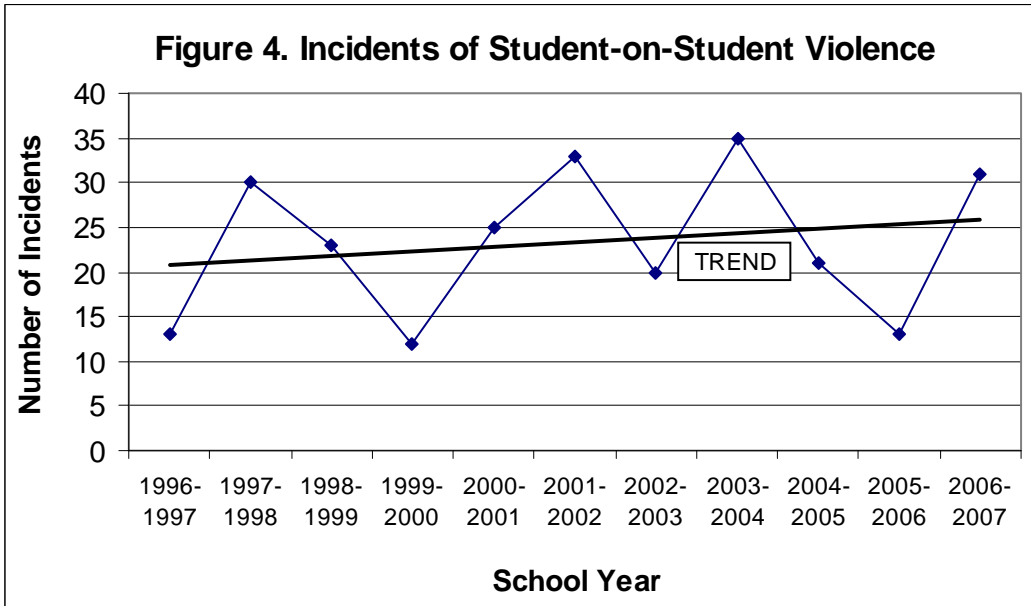


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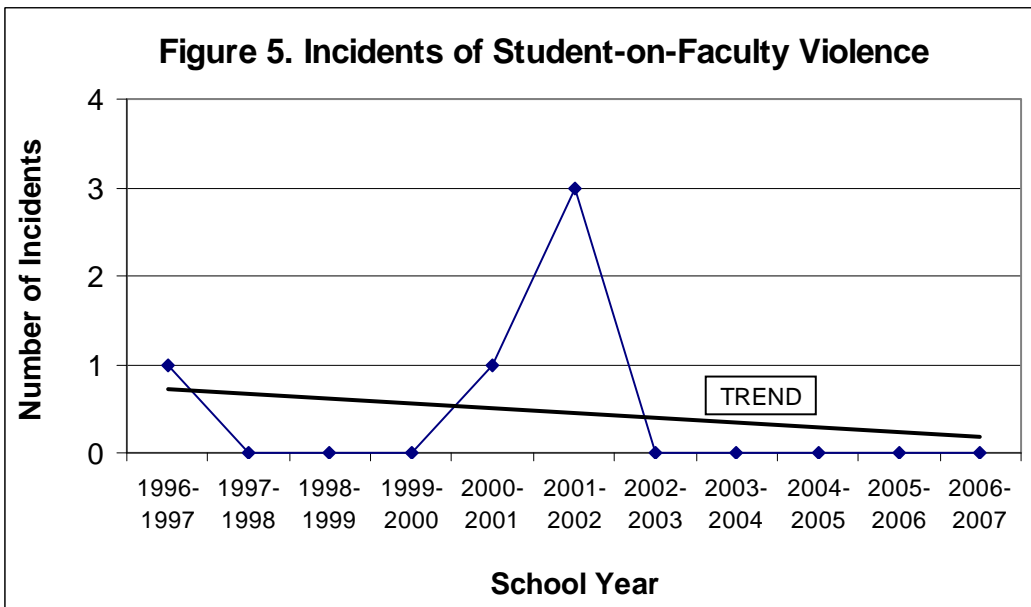
The trend in the student dropout rate has generally been declining in Columbus over the past decade.

Violence in the school is extremely disruptive to learning. The trend in student-on-student violence has been increasing over time. The number of incidents has increased even as the overall number of students has declined. Student-on-faculty violence hasn't been a recent problem.

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