

Results from a Council Survey of Superintendents April 24 – May 2, 2015; 311 responses (45.3%)

Percentages of school districts reporting various percentages of students "opting out" of 2015 grades 3-8 state assessments -- Statewide

Estimated % of students "opting-out"	English	
	Language Arts	Mathematics
None or less than 1%	2%	1%
1 to 3%	1%	0%
3 to 5%	2%	2%
5 to 7%	5%	3%
7 to 10%	6%	5%
10 to 15%	9%	7%
15 to 20%	9%	7%
20 to 30%	25%	23%
30 to 40%	16%	20%
40 to 50%	9%	13%
50 to 60%	9%	9%
More than 60%	8%	10%

Cumulative percentages of school districts reporting various percentages of students "opting out" of 2015 grades 3-8 state assessments -- Statewide

Estimated % of students "opting-out"	English	
	Language Arts	Mathematics
More than 1%	98%	99%
More than 3%	97%	99%
More than 5%	90%	94%
More than 7%	90%	94%
More than 10%	84%	89%
More than 15%	75%	82%
More than 20%	67%	75%
More than 30%	40%	52%
More than 40%	24%	32%
More than 50%	15%	19%
More than 60%	8%	10%

Examples to help explain the figures: 84% of superintendents reported that more than 10% of their district's students refused to take the ELA assessments; 40% of superintendents responded that more than 30% of students refused.

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Cumulative percentages of districts by region reporting various levels of test refusals

English Language Arts

Estimated % of students "opting-out"	New York State	Long Island	New York City	Lower Hudson Valley	Mid-Hudson Valley	Capital Region	Mohawk Valley	Central New York	North Country	Southern Tier	Finger Lakes	Western New York
0 to 1%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	11%	0%	0%	3%
More than 1%	98%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	89%	100%	100%	97%
More than 3%	97%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	86%	100%	100%	94%
More than 5%	90%	98%	0%	83%	94%	91%	95%	95%	75%	94%	100%	83%
More than 7%	90%	98%	0%	83%	94%	91%	95%	95%	75%	94%	100%	83%
More than 10%	84%	94%	0%	83%	94%	82%	95%	90%	70%	81%	89%	75%
More than 15%	75%	89%	0%	72%	83%	73%	90%	90%	56%	75%	73%	65%
More than 20%	67%	80%	0%	61%	72%	58%	90%	66%	53%	62%	70%	60%
More than 30%	40%	69%	0%	28%	39%	22%	58%	28%	34%	46%	23%	45%
More than 40%	24%	53%	0%	11%	11%	10%	26%	4%	20%	33%	12%	32%
More than 50%	15%	39%	0%	5%	5%	7%	15%	0%	12%	27%	7%	12%
More than 60%	8%	21%	0%	0%	6%	0%	16%	0%	8%	13%	3%	0%

Mathematics

Estimated % of students "opting-out"	New York State	Long Island	New York City	Lower Hudson Valley	Mid-Hudson Valley	Capital Region	Mohawk Valley	Central New York	North Country	Southern Tier	Finger Lakes	Western New York
0 to 1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	8%	0%	0%	3%
More than 1%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	92%	100%	100%	97%
More than 3%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	92%	100%	100%	94%
More than 5%	94%	98%	0%	83%	94%	100%	100%	100%	84%	94%	100%	86%
More than 7%	94%	98%	0%	83%	94%	100%	100%	100%	84%	94%	100%	86%
More than 10%	89%	98%	0%	83%	94%	88%	95%	90%	73%	88%	95%	83%
More than 15%	82%	96%	0%	72%	88%	79%	90%	90%	65%	75%	84%	78%
More than 20%	75%	87%	0%	61%	88%	70%	90%	85%	57%	69%	81%	68%
More than 30%	52%	74%	0%	39%	44%	31%	85%	42%	43%	50%	47%	53%
More than 40%	32%	60%	0%	17%	22%	16%	43%	18%	24%	40%	15%	38%
More than 50%	19%	44%	0%	11%	11%	4%	17%	4%	16%	30%	7%	15%
More than 60%	10%	29%	0%	0%	6%	3%	16%	0%	11%	13%	3%	5%

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Explanation: Statewide, 98% of superintendents reported that more than 1% of students opted out of the ELA assessment, 90% reported more than 5% opted out, 67% reported more than 20% opted out, 15% reported more than 50% opted out, etc.

% of superintendents reporting greater than 20% test refusals -- 2014 vs. 2015, by region				
Region	ELA		Math	
	2014	2015	2014	2015
New York State	8%	67%	8%	75%
Long Island	22%	80%	22%	88%
New York City	0%	0%	0%	0%
Lower Hudson Valley	0%	62%	0%	61%
Mid-Hudson Valley	10%	73%	15%	89%
Capital Region	0%	57%	0%	69%
Mohawk Valley	19%	91%	7%	89%
Central New York	5%	67%	5%	86%
North Country	5%	54%	5%	57%
Southern Tier	7%	61%	7%	68%
Finger Lakes	0%	71%	0%	82%
Western New York	17%	63%	17%	71%

% of superintendents reporting greater than 20% test refusals -- 2014 vs. 2015, by estimated % of K-6 pupils eligible for Free & Reduced Price Lunch Program				
Estimated % of K-6 Pupils Eligible for FRPL	ELA		Math	
	2014	2015	2014	2015
New York State	8%	67%	8%	75%
0 to 10%	12%	67%	12%	73%
11 to 20%	16%	83%	16%	91%
21 to 40%	9%	68%	9%	76%
41 to 60%	6%	66%	6%	74%
Over 60%	0%	46%	0%	60%
Not sure	0%	100%	0%	100%

SOURCE: Council surveys of superintendents, summer 2014 and spring 2015