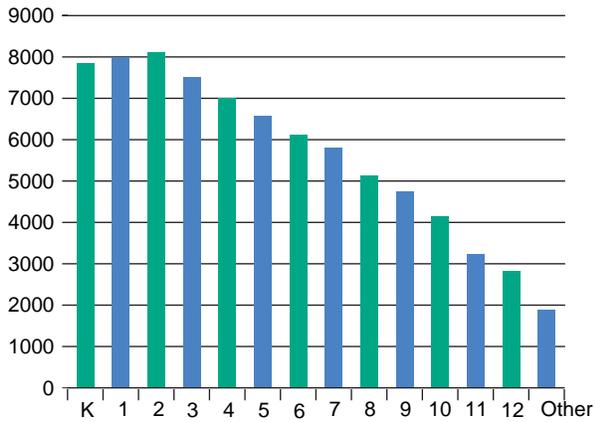


The students served in DoDDS and DDESS schools have parents/guardians representing each branch of the military as well as civilian personnel who are assigned to a foreign country or the United States.



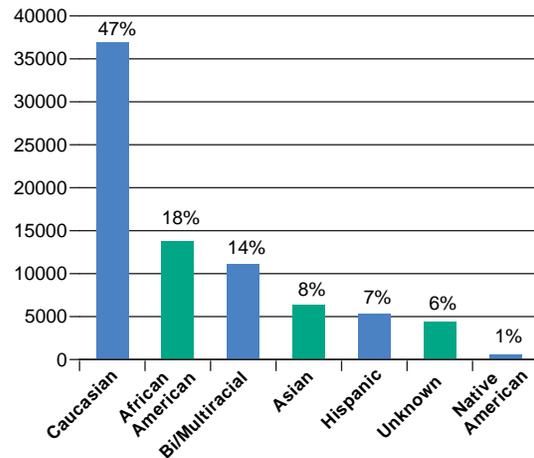
DoDDS 1997-98 Students

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Of the 76,635 K-12 students served in 161 DoDDS schools, 59% are elementary students (K-5), 22% are middle grade students (6-8) and 19% are high school students (9-12); other students served included Sure Start (564), prekindergarten (1,048), and non-DoD students (2,083) for a total of 80,330 DoDDS students.

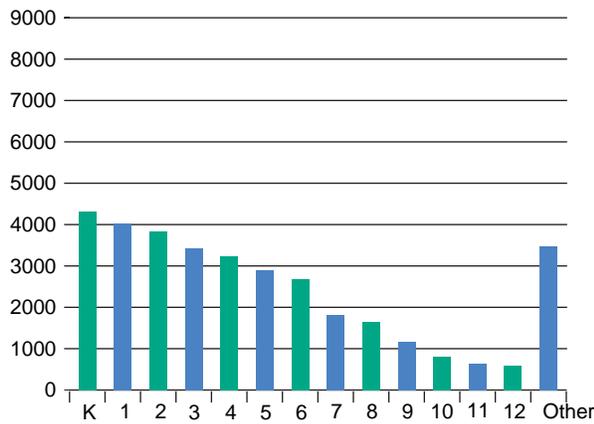
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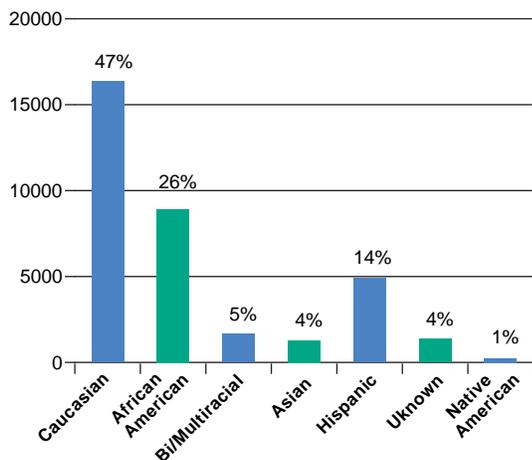
DDESS 1997-98 Students

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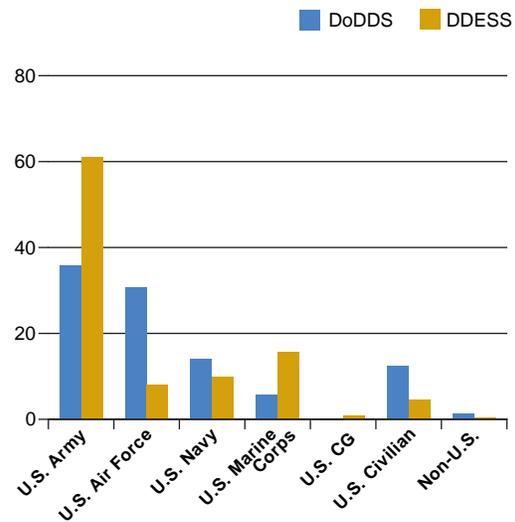
Of the 31,151 K-12 students served in 70 DDESS schools, 70% are elementary students (K-5), 20% are middle grade students (6-8), and 10% are high school students (9-12). Other students served include prekindergarten (3,197), preschool handicapped (97), contracted out (19), and ungraded special education students (262), for a total of 34,726 DDESS students.

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DoDDS/DDESS

PARENTS & GUARDIANS



The DoDDS enrollment of 80,330 in 1997-98 declined 3% from 82,622 in 1996-97 while the DDESS enrollment increased almost 7% from 32,541 in 1996-97 to 34,726 in 1997-98. The DDESS increase was a result of opening schools in Guam. Without the addition of the schools in Guam, DDESS would actually have experienced a decline of 1% (335 students).

The parents/guardians of DoDDS students are most likely serving in the U.S. Army or the U.S. Air Force while those of DDESS students are most likely serving in the U.S. Army or the U.S. Marine Corps. Almost twice as many DDESS students have parents/guardians serving in the U.S. Army as DoDDS students.

