

### 8. DROP OUT RATE (PERCENT) AT DIFFERENT STAGES OF SCHOOL EDUCATION

Sl. No.	Year	Primary (I-V)		Middle (VI-VIII)		Secondary (I-X)	
		Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
1.	2002-03	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	19.94	24.23
2.	2003-04	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	20.04	25.72
3.	2004-05	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	15.47	18.24
4.	2005-06	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	9.55	17.52
5.	2006-07	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	5.87	13.13
6.	2007-08	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	2.19*	
7.	2008-09	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	3.28	8.36
8.	2009-10	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	7.34*	

\* Boys girls break-up not available

Source:- Directorate of School Education, Puducherry.

Note: Total dropouts during a course (stage) as percentage of intake in the first year of the course (Stage) has been taken. Primary, Middle, and Secondary Stages consists of classes I-V, I-VIII, I-X respectively.

The above table illustrates that the year 2008-09 records a nil percentage as dropout rate in the primary classes **(I-V)** and Middle **(VI-VIII)** and 3.28% for girls and 8.36% for boys respectively for secondary **(class I-X)**. The drop out rate at the secondary level in the case of U.T of Puducherry needs exploration. A study to find out the reasons for the drop out at the secondary level has to be undertaken and corrective measures need to be taken with appropriate programme implementation.