

# Manitoba Child Health Atlas 2004

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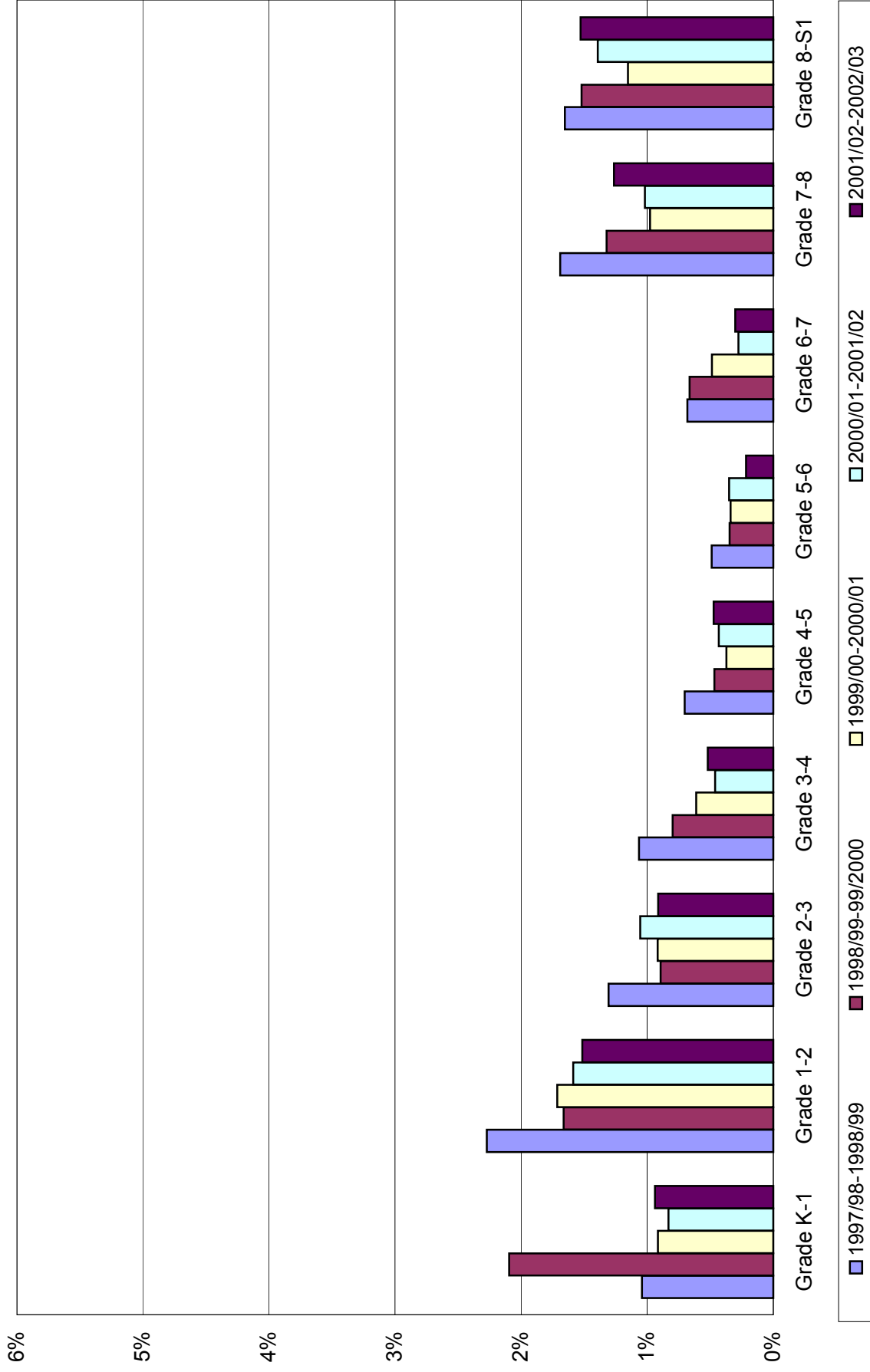
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## Education Indicators: Retention Rates by Year and Grade for Winnipeg

How many students are held back a grade in Winnipeg? Research has shown that retention in grade fails to provide greater benefits to students with academic or adjustment difficulties than does promotion to the next grade (Jimerson, 2001), and also that it is one of the most powerful predictors of high school dropout (Jimerson, Anderson, & Whipple, 2002); however, school divisions have different policies about whether or not to retain students. This graph shows that retention rates in Winnipeg have decreased since 1997. However, rates are still higher in Grade 1 with 1.5% of students retained in Grade 1 from 2001/02 to 2002/03 compared with 0.2% of students retained in grade 5. Rates are also higher in Grades 7 and 8. As well, retention rates are lower for students living in Winnipeg compared with retention rates for students living outside of Winnipeg (see graph 'Retention Rates by Grades K to 8 in the Years 1997/98 to 2002/03 for Non-Winnipeg').

### Retention Rates by Grades K to 8 in the Years 1997/98 to 2002/03 for Winnipeg



These definitions can be found in the Child Health Atlas Glossary:  
[http://www.umanitoba.ca/centres/mchp/reports/child\\_inequalities/glossary.shtml](http://www.umanitoba.ca/centres/mchp/reports/child_inequalities/glossary.shtml)

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