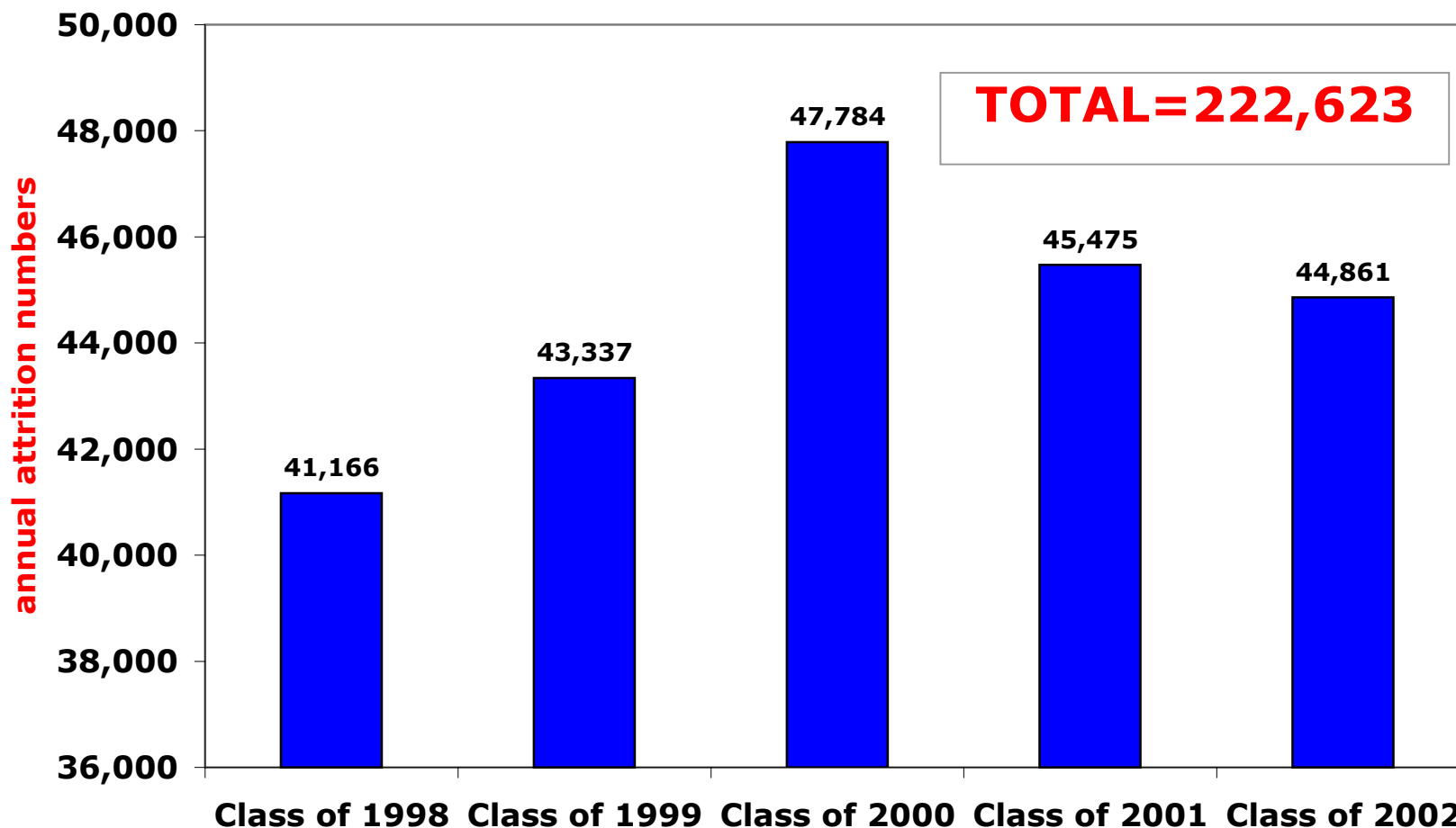


# Falling by the Wayside: 9th Graders Who Didn't Graduate 4 Years Later



Note: The numbers were collected using DPI's Table 17 (Table 15 in 2003) "Public School Dropout and Retention Data" reported in the annual Statistical Profile. In the table, DPI examines the grade 9 enrollment and uses an estimated retention rate four years later. According to the Statistical Profile, "the retention rate is the ratio of graduates (diplomas and certificates) at the end of the current school year to ninth grade final enrollment four years