

SOLVING THE EQUATION

The federal Education Department collected information about how many students took Algebra 1 and how many students passed the course by the end of the 2009-10 school year. This shows how 9th and 10th grade students included in the survey—which comprised 85 percent of public school students—fared.

9TH & 10TH ALGEBRA 1 STUDENTS	PERCENTAGE ENROLLED	PERCENTAGE PASSING
ASIAN	3.6%	79.2%
BLACK	20.9	69.7
HISPANIC	26.4	69.9
WHITE	47.5	81.3
OTHER (American Indian, Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander, 2 or more races)	1.6	69.9
TOTAL	100%	75.6%

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, *Education Week*