

Charting Expectations For Big-City Graduation

This graphic displays the actual and predicted graduation rates among the roughly 150 largest and most urbanized school systems in the nation. The trend line tracks the point at which the actual graduation rates for the class of 2007 would equal the predicted rate, with districts farther from the line exceeding or falling short of expectations by larger margins. Twenty-one of these districts have been identified as overachievers, whose graduation rates are at least 10 percentage points higher than would be expected based on their characteristics. Rates fall short of predicted levels by a similar margin among 27 underachieving school systems.

