

	State-reported graduation rate class of 2005	Percentage-point difference State-reported rate minus CPI rate (class of 2005)	State calculation method for NCLB class of 2008		
NEW MEXICO	85.0%*	30.9%	Cohort rate†	KEY:	
NORTH CAROLINA	95.0*	28.0	Cohort rate	COHORT RATE: Percent of students from an entering 9th grade cohort who graduate with a standard diploma within four years. Method can account for transfers and students retained in grade. Student data may be tracked on a statewide or local basis. (17 states)	
DELAWARE	83.7	23.6	Leaver rate		
MISSISSIPPI	85.0*	23.2	Cohort rate		
SOUTH CAROLINA	77.1*	21.5	Cohort rate		
NEVADA	64.9	19.5	Leaver rate		
MICHIGAN	87.7*	17.2	Cohort rate†		
INDIANA	89.9*	16.3	Cohort rate		
KANSAS	90.2	15.9	Leaver rate		
TEXAS	84.0	15.5	Cohort rate		LEAVER RATE: Percent of students leaving high school with a standard high school diploma, expressed as a proportion of all those documented leaving with a diploma or other completion credential or as a dropout. This method is sometimes referred to as a departure-classification index. (32 states)
CALIFORNIA	85.0	14.9	Leaver rate		
RHODE ISLAND	85.0	13.9	Leaver rate		
SOUTH DAKOTA	89.1	13.5	Leaver rate		
CONNECTICUT	91.2	13.1	Leaver rate		
TENNESSEE	77.9	12.5	Leaver rate		
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	69.9	12.3	Leaver rate		
HAWAII	79.6	12.2	Cohort rate		PERSISTENCE RATE: Percent of students who remain in school from grade 9 through grade 12. Rate is calculated using information on (1) the percent of students not dropping out at specific grade levels or (2) the percent of students estimated to be promoted from grade to grade. This method does not measure high school completion. (1 state)
MINNESOTA	90.1	12.0	Leaver rate		
OKLAHOMA	82.4	11.6	Leaver rate		
WEST VIRGINIA	84.3	11.5	Leaver rate		
KENTUCKY	82.8	11.3	Leaver rate		
GEORGIA	69.4	11.3	Leaver rate		
OREGON	81.7	11.3	Leaver rate		
MARYLAND	84.8	11.2	Leaver rate		
ILLINOIS	87.4	10.7	Cohort rate		
WASHINGTON	79.3	10.5	Cohort rate	COMPOSITE RATE: Proportion of students estimated to remain in high school until grade 12 and receive a diploma. The rate for a given year is calculated by multiplying (1) the rate of persistence between grades 9 and 12 and (2) the percent of completers who receive a diploma rather than another credential. (1 state)	
OHIO	86.2	10.3	Leaver rate		
MAINE	87.2	10.0	Leaver rate		
IDAHO	86.6	10.0	Leaver rate		
NEW HAMPSHIRE	86.6	9.5	Composite rate		
MISSOURI	85.8	9.3	Leaver rate		
MONTANA	84.8	9.1	Leaver rate		
NEW YORK	77.0	9.0	Cohort rate		
NEBRASKA	88.0	8.4	Leaver rate		
WISCONSIN	88.8	8.3	Leaver rate		
FLORIDA	69.0	8.2	Cohort rate		
ARKANSAS	81.3	8.1	Persistence rate		
NEW JERSEY	91.3*	8.0	Leaver rate		
IOWA	90.7	7.9	Leaver rate		
NORTH DAKOTA	86.7	7.5	Leaver rate		
WYOMING	81.5	7.3	Leaver rate		
PENNSYLVANIA	87.6	7.2	Leaver rate		
VERMONT	87.2*	7.0	Cohort rate		
VIRGINIA	79.5	6.6	Leaver rate		
COLORADO	80.1	5.9	Cohort rate		
UTAH	82.1	3.5	Leaver rate		
ARIZONA	75.0	1.7	Cohort rate		
ALASKA	61.4	-6.2	Leaver rate		
ALABAMA	—		Leaver rate		
LOUISIANA	—		Cohort rate†		
MASSACHUSETTS	—		Cohort rate†		

* State used a different method to calculate graduation rates for the class of 2005 than it will use for the class of 2008.

† State plans to start implementing a cohort rate for the class of 2008.

— Indicates information not available.

SOURCE: EPE Research Center, 2008. State-reported graduation rates for the class of 2005 were submitted to the U.S. Department of Education by the states in their Consolidated State Performance Reports under the provisions of the No Child Left Behind Act.