

# GRADUATION IN THE 50 LARGEST DISTRICTS

Among the nation's largest public school systems, a group of perennially strong performers tops the rankings for the class of 2009. Graduation rates exceed 80 percent in Maryland's Montgomery and Baltimore counties, as well as Fairfax County, Va., and Jefferson County, Colo.

DISTRICT (size rank)	GRADUATION RATE Class of 2009
Montgomery County, Md. (16)	87.6%
Fairfax County, Va. (12)	85.5
Jefferson County, Colo. (35)	85.5
Baltimore County, Md. (25)	81.2
Broward County, Fla. (6)	78.3
Anne Arundel County, Md. (46)	78.1
Cypress-Fairbanks, Texas (26)	77.8
Palm Beach County, Fla. (11)	75.4
Virginia Beach, Va. (49)	75.1
Northside, Texas (32)	75.0
Lee County, Fla. (40)	74.6
Jordan, Utah (39)	74.5*
Prince William County, Va. (45)	74.3
Wake County, N.C. (17)	74.1
Guilford County, N.C. (48)	74.0
Fulton County, Ga. (33)	73.3
Orange County, Fla. (10)	72.6
New York City (1)	72.2
Hillsborough County, Fla. (8)	70.6
Brevard County, Fla. (47)	69.4
Hawaii (statewide district) (9)	69.2
Pinellas County, Fla. (24)	69.2
Long Beach, Calif. (34)	68.7
Cobb County, Ga. (23)	67.5
Miami-Dade County, Fla. (4)	66.6
Memphis, Tenn. (22)	66.1
Polk County, Fla. (31)	65.1
Prince George's County, Md. (20)	65.0
Austin, Texas (37)	63.6
Houston (7)	62.4
Greenville, S.C. (50)	62.0
San Diego (19)	61.7
Fort Worth, Texas (41)	61.6
Duval County, Fla. (21)	61.2
Nashville-Davidson County, Tenn. (43)	60.5
Gwinnett County, Ga. (15)	60.1
Clark County, Nev. (5)	57.1
Dallas (14)	56.9
Fresno, Calif. (42)	56.8
Chicago (3)	56.1
Dekalb County, Ga. (27)	55.5
Philadelphia (13)	55.2
Charlotte-Mecklenburg, N.C. (18)	55.1
Albuquerque, N.M. (30)	52.9
Milwaukee (36)	52.6
Denver (44)	52.4
Baltimore (38)	50.2
Jefferson County, Ky. (28)	48.3
Los Angeles (2)	45.8
Detroit (29)	42.4

\* Class of 2008