

GRADUATION RATE RISES TO 82 PERCENT

Beginning with the class of 2011, federal regulations required each state to calculate graduation rates using a method known as the Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate (ACGR). All states and the District of Columbia have reported ACGR rates. Based on those state-reported results, the U.S. Department of Education indicates that the nation's graduation rate reached 82 percent for the class of 2014, an increase of 1 percentage point over the prior year.

THREE-YEAR GRADUATION TREND (ALL STUDENTS)

GRADUATION RATES FOR STUDENT SUBGROUPS, CLASS OF 2014

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| | CLASS OF 2014 | CLASS OF 2011 | CHANGE 2011 TO 2014 (PERCENTAGE POINT) | STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES | LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY | ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED | AMERICAN INDIAN | ASIAN | LATINO | BLACK | WHITE |
| ALABAMA | 86% | 72% | +14 | 64% | 67% | 82% | 88% | 91% | 85% | 84% | 88% |
| ALASKA | 71 | 68 | +3 | 42 | 32 | 60 | 55 | 74 | 70 | 66 | 79 |
| ARIZONA | 76 | 78 | -2 | 63 | 18 | 70 | 63 | 83 | 70 | 71 | 82 |
| ARKANSAS | 87 | 81 | +6 | 83 | 84 | 83 | 86 | 85 | 85 | 81 | 89 |
| CALIFORNIA | 81 | 76 | +5 | 62 | 65 | 76 | 71 | 92 | 77 | 68 | 88 |
| COLORADO | 77 | 74 | +3 | 55 | 59 | 64 | 61 | 84 | 67 | 69 | 83 |
| CONNECTICUT | 87 | 83 | +4 | 65 | 63 | 76 | 85 | 93 | 74 | 79 | 92 |
| DELAWARE | 87 | 78 | +9 | 68 | 77 | 81 | 89 | 93 | 84 | 83 | 90 |
| DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA | 61 | 59 | +2 | 41 | 64 | 60 | <> | <> | 65 | 60 | 85 |
| FLORIDA | 76 | 71 | +5 | 55 | 56 | 68 | 74 | 89 | 75 | 65 | 82 |
| GEORGIA | 73 | 67 | +6 | 37 | 44 | 63 | 67 | 83 | 64 | 65 | 80 |
| HAWAII | 82 | 80 | +2 | 59 | 53 | 78 | 72 | 83 | 76 | 76 | 80 |
| IDAHO | 77 | — | — | 59 | 75 | 71 | 56 | 79 | 70 | 75 | 79 |
| ILLINOIS | 86 | 84 | +2 | 72 | 72 | 79 | 82 | 94 | 81 | 77 | 90 |
| INDIANA | 88 | 86 | +2 | 73 | 80 | 85 | 84 | 89 | 83 | 75 | 90 |
| IOWA | 91 | 88 | +3 | 76 | 83 | 84 | 78 | 90 | 82 | 79 | 92 |
| KANSAS | 86 | 83 | +3 | 77 | 75 | 77 | 76 | 90 | 79 | 77 | 88 |
| KENTUCKY | 88 | — | — | 71 | 66 | 84 | 84 | 89 | 84 | 79 | 89 |
| LOUISIANA | 75 | 71 | +4 | 43 | 50 | 69 | 80 | 89 | 73 | 68 | 80 |
| MAINE | 87 | 84 | +3 | 71 | 72 | 78 | 80 | 95 | 72 | 79 | 87 |
| MARYLAND | 86 | 83 | +3 | 64 | 54 | 78 | 87 | 95 | 78 | 81 | 92 |
| MASSACHUSETTS | 86 | 83 | +3 | 69 | 63 | 76 | 76 | 92 | 69 | 75 | 91 |
| MICHIGAN | 79 | 74 | +5 | 55 | 68 | 66 | 65 | 89 | 69 | 65 | 83 |
| MINNESOTA | 81 | 77 | +4 | 58 | 64 | 66 | 51 | 82 | 63 | 60 | 86 |
| MISSISSIPPI | 78 | 75 | +3 | 28 | 67 | 71 | 66 | 89 | 80 | 72 | 84 |
| MISSOURI | 87 | 81 | +6 | 75 | 64 | 80 | 83 | 90 | 80 | 75 | 90 |
| MONTANA | 85 | 82 | +3 | 76 | 59 | 75 | 65 | 85 | 81 | 89 | 88 |
| NEBRASKA | 90 | 86 | +4 | 72 | 60 | 82 | 69 | 78 | 83 | 81 | 93 |
| NEVADA | 70 | 62 | +8 | 28 | 29 | 64 | 52 | 83 | 65 | 54 | 77 |
| NEW HAMPSHIRE | 88 | 86 | +2 | 72 | 75 | 77 | 84 | 90 | 77 | 84 | 89 |
| NEW JERSEY | 89 | 83 | +6 | 77 | 71 | 80 | 86 | 96 | 81 | 79 | 94 |
| NEW MEXICO | 69 | 63 | +6 | 57 | 64 | 62 | 61 | 84 | 67 | 62 | 75 |
| NEW YORK | 78 | 77 | +1 | 52 | 37 | 69 | 65 | 84 | 64 | 65 | 88 |
| NORTH CAROLINA | 84 | 78 | +6 | 64 | 52 | 78 | 79 | 91 | 77 | 80 | 87 |
| NORTH DAKOTA | 87 | 86 | +1 | 70 | 64 | 72 | 66 | 85 | 74 | 76 | 90 |
| OHIO | 82 | 80 | +2 | 68 | 66 | 69 | 74 | 88 | 69 | 63 | 87 |
| OKLAHOMA | 83 | — | — | 77 | 59 | 78 | 82 | 88 | 78 | 76 | 85 |
| OREGON | 72 | 68 | +4 | 51 | 52 | 64 | 54 | 83 | 65 | 60 | 74 |
| PENNSYLVANIA | 86 | 83 | +3 | 71 | 65 | 77 | 82 | 91 | 71 | 73 | 90 |
| RHODE ISLAND | 81 | 77 | +4 | 60 | 72 | 71 | 57 | 88 | 72 | 72 | 85 |
| SOUTH CAROLINA | 80 | 74 | +6 | 43 | 73 | 73 | 74 | 88 | 77 | 76 | 83 |
| SOUTH DAKOTA | 83 | 83 | 0 | 59 | 57 | 65 | 47 | 80 | 71 | 73 | 89 |
| TENNESSEE | 87 | 86 | +1 | 69 | 73 | 82 | 81 | 93 | 81 | 79 | 91 |
| TEXAS | 88 | 86 | +2 | 78 | 72 | 85 | 87 | 95 | 86 | 84 | 93 |
| UTAH | 84 | 76 | +8 | 68 | 62 | 74 | 66 | 85 | 73 | 69 | 87 |
| VERMONT | 88 | 87 | +1 | 70 | 69 | 78 | >=50 | 90 | 78 | 75 | 89 |
| VIRGINIA | 85 | 82 | +3 | 53 | 48 | 75 | — | 91 | 76 | 79 | 89 |
| WASHINGTON | 78 | 76 | +2 | 56 | 54 | 67 | 57 | 85 | 68 | 68 | 81 |
| WEST VIRGINIA | 85 | 78 | +7 | 70 | 89 | 80 | 59 | 95 | 89 | 79 | 85 |
| WISCONSIN | 89 | 87 | +2 | 69 | 64 | 78 | 81 | 90 | 78 | 66 | 93 |
| WYOMING | 79 | 80 | -1 | 62 | 65 | 65 | 47 | 85 | 72 | 69 | 81 |
| U.S. | 82% | 79% | +3 | 63% | 63% | 75% | 70%¹ | 89% | 76% | 73% | 87% |

NOTE: Graduation rates are calculated by states using the Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate (ACGR) method, as reported by the U.S. Department of Education. The department indicates that variation in the way that states have implemented ACGR provisions may result in potential differences in calculations across states, particularly with respect to students with disabilities. — Data not available

>= Greater than or equal to. Results have been top coded to protect the confidentiality of individual student data.

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¹The United States four-year ACGR for American Indian students was estimated by the U.S. Department of Education using both the reported four-year ACGR data from 49 states and the District of Columbia and using imputed data for Virginia.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education Ed Data Express, 2016