

MOST OF NATION'S LARGEST SCHOOL SYSTEMS MEETING EXPECTATIONS

Graduation rates in the nation's 50 largest districts range from 33 percent to nearly 86 percent for the class of 2008. Two diverse suburban districts near the nation's capital—Montgomery County, Md., and Fairfax County, Va.—top the rankings.

GRADUATION RATES FOR THE 50 LARGEST DISTRICTS IN THE COUNTRY	Graduation Rate Class of 2008		Expectations Index
	Actual	Expected	(Actual Minus Expected)
Montgomery County, Md.	85.7%	75.7%	+10.0%
Fairfax County, Va.	85.1	71.3	+13.8
Wake County, N.C.	78.2	—*	—*
Baltimore County, Md.	77.8	71.8	+6.0
Jefferson County, Colo.	77.7	69.2	+8.5
Anne Arundel County, Md.	75.8	77.3	-1.5
Jefferson County, Ky.	74.7	60.4	+14.3
Jordan, Utah	74.5	76.1	-1.6
Cypress-Fairbanks, Texas	74.3	70.0	+4.3
Cobb County, Ga.	73.4	58.1	+15.3
Fulton County, Ga.	71.9	56.2	+15.7
Long Beach, Calif.	71.4	65.6	+5.8
Nashville-Davidson County, Tenn.	71.2	63.0	+8.2
Virginia Beach, Va.	71.1	66.9	+4.2
Chicago	70.2	47.1	+23.1
Lee County, Fla.	68.7	58.5	+10.2
Prince William County, Va.	68.4	66.8	+1.6
Pinellas County, Fla.	67.3	61.0	+6.3
Palm Beach County, Fla.	67.1	55.9	+11.2
Prince George's County, Md.	67.1	61.3	+5.8
Northside, Texas	67.0	62.4	+4.6
Broward County, Fla.	66.9	52.8	+14.1
Mesa, Ariz.	66.3	61.3	+5.0
Hawaii (statewide district)	65.8	65.8	—*
Orange County, Fla.	64.5	54.8	+9.7
Brevard County, Fla.	64.3	65.1	-0.8
Hillsborough County, Fla.	63.8	55.0	+8.8
Fresno, Calif.	62.3	63.2	-0.9
Miami-Dade County, Fla.	62.1	46.8	+15.3
Charlotte-Mecklenburg, N.C.	61.2	63.2	-2.0
Granite, Utah	61.1	69.5	-8.4
Gwinnett County, Ga.	60.9	57.1	+3.8
Memphis, Tenn.	60.1	56.1	+4.0
Austin, Texas	59.1	57.4	+1.7
Polk County, Fla.	59.0	58.4	+0.6
Fort Worth, Texas	58.7	54.9	+3.8
San Diego	58.1	65.5	-7.4
New York City	57.3	49.6	+7.7
Albuquerque, N.M.	55.4	59.4	-4.0
Houston	53.5	54.0	-0.5
Baltimore	52.8	54.2	-1.4
Milwaukee	50.9	56.7	-5.8
Duval County, Fla.	49.9	56.2	-6.3
Dekalb County, Ga.	49.6	45.4	+4.2
Dallas	48.7	49.3	-0.6
Los Angeles	48.7	54.7	-6.0
Philadelphia	45.8	53.3	-7.5
Denver	43.5	52.8	-9.3
Clark County, Nev.	43.1	41.7	+1.4
Detroit	33.4	47.1	-13.7

NOTE: Expected rate based on individual profile.

* Information not available.

SOURCE: EPE Research Center, 2011