

2017 Cohort Graduation Rate

Since 2006, the first year the state reported a four-year cohort graduation rate, the percentage of students graduating from high school in four years or less has risen 18.2 percentage points – from 68.3 percent to 86.5 percent.

Background Information

The rules for calculating the cohort graduation rate meet federal requirements and the National Governor’s Association’s definition as “the number of graduates divided by the number of students who entered ninth grade in 2013–14, plus any incoming students and minus any students who leave North Carolina in subsequent years.”

Results of the 2016–17 cohort graduation rate results are presented online at <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/accountability/reporting/cohortgradrate>. The graduation results are available by individual school and school district (LEA). There are also links to supplementary documents that explain the calculations used for the four-year and five-year cohort graduation rates. A longitudinal cohort graduation rate spreadsheet, with the first year the state reported a four-year cohort graduation rate to the most current results, is also available on the site.

State Board of Education Goals

Objective	Measure	2015–16 Target	2015–16 Actual	2016–17 Target	2016–17 Actual
1.1	1.1.1 4-Year Graduation Rate	87.5	85.9	89.0	86.5
1.1	1.1.2 5-Year Graduation Rate	88.1	87.5	89.6	87.5

2017 4-Year Cohort Graduation Rate Results by Student Group (2013–14 Entering Ninth Graders)

Subgroup	Denominator	Numerator	Percent
All Students	115,791	100,157	86.5
Male	58,915	49,167	83.5
Female	56,875	50,990	89.7
American Indian	1,633	1,376	84.3
Asian	3,102	2,904	93.6
Black	30,876	25,889	83.8
Hispanic	15,286	12,308	80.5
Two or More Races	4,111	3,463	84.2
White	60,655	54,111	89.2
Economically Disadvantaged	46,488	38,022	81.8
Limited English Proficient	2,885	1,674	58.0
Students With Disabilities	12,232	8,600	70.3
Academically Gifted	19,563	-	>95

**2016 4-Year Cohort Graduation Rate
Results by Student Group
(2012–13 Entering Ninth Graders)**

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Subgroup	Denominator	Numerator	Percent
All Students	113,726	97,646	85.9
Male	58,064	48,066	82.8
Female	55,662	49,580	89.1
American Indian	1,660	1,361	82.0
Asian	3,068	2,867	93.4
Black	30,240	25,060	82.9
Hispanic	13,808	11,067	80.1
Two or More Races	4,159	3,452	83.0
White	60,649	53,719	88.6
Economically Disadvantaged	45,392	36,600	80.6
Limited English Proficient	2,574	1,472	57.2
Students With Disabilities	11,665	8,041	68.9
Academically Gifted	19,772	-	>95

**2017 5-Year Cohort Graduation Rate
Results by Student Group
(2012–13 Entering Ninth Graders)**

Subgroup	Denominator	Numerator	Percent
All Students	113,726	99,525	87.5
Male	58,064	49,312	84.9
Female	55,662	50,213	90.2
American Indian	1,660	1,386	83.5
Asian	3,068	2,900	94.5
Black	30,240	25,790	85.3
Hispanic	13,808	11,423	82.7
Two or More Races	4,159	3,530	84.9
White	60,649	54,373	89.7
Economically Disadvantaged	45,392	37,784	83.2
Limited English Proficient	2,574	1,601	62.2
Students With Disabilities	11,665	8,525	73.1
Academically Gifted	19,772	-	>95

Student Group information is based on data collected when a student is last seen in the cohort. Table reflects data as of August 25, 2017.