

2018 Cohort Graduation Rate

Background Information

The rules for calculating the cohort graduation rate meet the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requirements and the National Governor’s Association’s definition: The number of graduates divided by the number of students who entered ninth grade in 2014–15, plus any incoming students and minus any students who are confirmed and documented to have transferred out, emigrated to another country, transferred to a prison or juvenile facility, or are deceased.

The 2017–18 cohort graduation rate results are presented online at <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/accountability/reporting/cohortgradrate>. The results are available by individual school and school district. 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 is available for the 2005–06 to 2017–18 school years.

Table 1. *State Board of Education Goals*

Objective	Measure	2016–17 Target	2016–17 Actual	2017–18 Target	2017–18 Actual
1.1	1.1.1 4-Year Graduation Rate	89.0	86.5	86.8	86.3
1.1	1.1.2 5-Year Graduation Rate	89.6	87.5	91.1	88.0

Table 2. *2018 4-Year Cohort Graduation Rate Results by Student Group (2014–15 Entering Ninth Graders)*

Subgroup	Denominator	Numerator	Percent
All Students	120,144	103,661	86.3
Male	61,404	51,078	83.2
Female	58,740	52,583	89.5
American Indian	1,642	1,385	84.3
Asian	3,408	3,178	93.3
Black	31,775	26,427	83.2
Hispanic	17,512	13,994	79.9
Two or More Races	4,358	3,665	84.1
White	61,293	54,877	89.5
Economically Disadvantaged	43,892	35,263	80.3
English Learner	6,840	4,674	68.3
Students with Disabilities	14,825	10,239	69.1
Academically Gifted	19,741	-	>95

Table 3. 2017 4-Year Cohort Graduation Rate Results by Student Group
(2013–14 Entering Ninth Graders)

State of North Carolina

Subgroup	Denominator	Numerator	Percent
All Students	115,730	100,164	86.5
Male	58,885	49,167	83.5
Female	56,844	50,997	89.7
American Indian	1,633	1,376	84.3
Asian	3,095	2,904	93.8
Black	30,855	25,893	83.9
Hispanic	15,279	12,307	80.5
Two or More Races	4,110	3,464	84.3
White	60,630	54,114	89.3
Economically Disadvantaged	46,465	38,029	81.8
Limited English Proficient	2,884	1,674	58.0
Students with Disabilities	12,229	8,600	70.3
Academically Gifted	19,561	-	>95

Table 4. 2018 5-Year Cohort Graduation Rate Results by Student Group
(2013–14 Entering Ninth Graders)

Subgroup	Denominator	Numerator	Percent
All Students	115,730	101,873	88.0
Male	58,885	50,290	85.4
Female	56,844	51,583	90.7
American Indian	1,633	1,394	85.4
Asian	3,095	2,937	94.9
Black	30,855	26,520	86.0
Hispanic	15,279	12,676	83.0
Two or More Races	4,110	3,548	86.3
White	60,630	54,691	90.2
Economically Disadvantaged	46,465	39,097	84.1
English Learner	2,884	1,836	63.7
Students with Disabilities	12,229	9,068	74.2
Academically Gifted	19,561	-	>95

Student Group information is based on data collected when a student was last enrolled in a North Carolina school during the cohort. The 2017–18 data is as of August 17, 2018.