

2023–24 Cohort Graduation Rate

Background Information

The rules for calculating the cohort graduation rate meet the requirements of the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The cohort graduation rate is defined as the percentage of students in the adjusted cohort who graduate within four years with a regular high school diploma. To generate the 2023–24 cohort, first-time grade-nine students were identified in 2020–21. The cohort was then adjusted by adding any students who transferred into the cohort after grade 9 and subtracting any students who transferred to a diploma granting institution, emigrated to another country, transferred to a prison or juvenile facility, or are deceased.

The disaggregated cohort graduation rates by school and by district are available online on the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction website. Also, available on the website is a supplementary document that explains the calculations used for the four-year and five-year cohort graduation rates.

TABLE 1. 2023–24 Four-year cohort graduation rate results by student group (2020–21 entering grade-nine students)

State of North Carolina

Subgroup	Denominator	Numerator	Percent
All Students	122,575	106,469	86.9
Male	62,486	52,956	84.7
Female	60,089	53,513	89.1
American Indian	1,213	1,000	82.4
Asian	4,386	*	>95
Black	30,019	25,320	84.3
Hispanic	25,370	21,105	83.2
Two or More Races	6,025	5,026	83.4
White	55,393	49,695	89.7
Economically Disadvantaged	53,476	44,045	82.4
Not Economically Disadvantaged	69,099	62,424	90.3
English Learner	7,915	5,759	72.8
Not English Learner	114,660	100,710	87.8
Students with Disabilities	15,246	10,901	71.5
Not Student with Disabilities	107,329	95,568	89.0
Academically Gifted	18,976	*	>95

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TABLE 2. 2022–23 Four-year cohort graduation rate results by student group (2019–20 entering grade-nine students)

State of North Carolina

Subgroup	Denominator	Numerator	Percent
All Students	120,822	104,490	86.5
Male	61,768	51,839	83.9
Female	59,054	52,651	89.2
American Indian	1,221	981	80.3
Asian	3,974	3,763	94.7
Black	29,214	24,551	84.0
Hispanic	24,055	19,515	81.1
Two or More Races	5,470	4,570	83.5
White	56,736	50,979	89.9
Economically Disadvantaged	50,442	42,189	83.6
Not Economically Disadvantaged	70,380	62,301	88.5
English Learner	7,731	5,107	66.1
Not English Learner	113,091	99,383	87.9
Students with Disabilities	14,542	10,409	71.6
Not Student with Disabilities	106,280	94,081	88.5
Academically Gifted	19,129	*	>95

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Table 3. 2023–24 Five-year cohort graduation rate results by student group (2019–20 entering grade-nine students)

State of North Carolina

Subgroup	Denominator	Numerator	Percent
All Students	120,801	106,167	87.9
Male	61,700	52,790	85.6
Female	59,101	53,377	90.3
American Indian	1,225	1,002	81.8
Asian	3,988	*	>95
Black	29,239	25,173	86.1
Hispanic	24,180	20,084	83.1
Two or More Races	5,466	4,662	85.3
White	56,552	51,290	90.7
Economically Disadvantaged	50,857	43,499	85.5
Not Economically Disadvantaged	69,944	62,668	89.6
English Learner	7,788	5,417	69.6
Not English Learner	113,013	100,750	89.1
Students with Disabilities	14,528	10,745	74.0
Not Students with Disabilities	106,273	95,422	89.8
Academically Gifted	19,157	*	>95

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Student group information is based on data collected when a student was last enrolled in a North Carolina school during the cohort.

2023–24 school year data as of August 16, 2024.