

2016 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 17.5 percentage points – from 68.3 percent to 85.8 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 2012–13, plus any incoming students and minus any students who leave North Carolina in subsequent years.”

Results of the 2015–16 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 is available since 2006, the first year the state reported a four-year cohort graduation rate to the most current results.

State Board of Education Goals

Objective	Measure	2014–15 Actual	2015–16 Target	2015–16 Actual
1.1	1.1.1 4-Year Graduation Rate	85.6	87.5	85.8
1.1	1.1.2 5-Year Graduation Rate	86.3	88.1	87.5

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

Subgroup	Denominator	Numerator	Percent
All Students	113,740	97,643	85.8
Male	58,070	48,063	82.8
Female	55,670	49,580	89.1
American Indian	1,661	1,362	82.0
Asian	3,069	2,867	93.4
Black	30,241	25,056	82.9
Hispanic	13,810	11,066	80.1
Two or More Races	4,160	3,454	83.0
White	60,657	53,718	88.6
Economically Disadvantaged	45,386	36,591	80.6
Limited English Proficient	2,574	1,471	57.1
Students With Disabilities	11,668	8,041	68.9
Academically Gifted	19,776	-	>95

**2015 4-Year Cohort Graduation Rate
Results by Student Group
(2011–12 Entering Ninth Graders)**

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Subgroup	Denominator	Numerator	Percent
All Students	110,473	94,544	85.6
Male	56,294	46,288	82.2
Female	54,179	48,256	89.1
American Indian	1,577	1,293	82.0
Asian	2,866	2,640	92.1
Black	30,202	24,815	82.2
Hispanic	12,578	10,060	80.0
Two or More Races	3,824	3,233	84.5
White	59,300	52,391	88.3
Economically Disadvantaged	44,047	35,076	79.6
Limited English Proficient	2,572	1,486	57.8
Students With Disabilities	11,613	7,816	67.3
Academically Gifted	18,364	-	>95

**2016 5-Year Cohort Graduation Rate
Results by Student Group
(2011–12 Entering Ninth Graders)**

Subgroup	Denominator	Numerator	Percent
All Students	110,431	96,629	87.5
Male	56,262	47,695	84.8
Female	54,169	48,934	90.3
American Indian	1,577	1,317	83.5
Asian	2,866	2,686	93.7
Black	30,179	25,683	85.1
Hispanic	12,575	10,437	83.0
Two or More Races	3,819	3,314	86.8
White	59,289	53,077	89.5
Economically Disadvantaged	44,018	36,352	82.6
Limited English Proficient	2,571	1,628	63.3
Students With Disabilities	11,602	8,389	72.3
Academically Gifted	18,278	-	>95

Student Group information is based on data collected when a student is last seen in the cohort. Table reflects data as of August 17, 2016.