

2015 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 17.1 percentage points – from 68.3 percent to 85.4 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 2011–12, plus any incoming students and minus any students who leave North Carolina in subsequent years.”

Results of the 2014–15 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	2013–14 Actual	2014–15 Target	2014–15 Actual
1.1	1.1.1 4-Year Graduation Rate	83.9	86.0	85.4
1.1	1.1.2 5-Year Graduation Rate	84.9	86.6	86.2

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

State of North Carolina

Subgroup	Denominator	Numerator	Percent
All Students	110,469	94,380	85.4
Male	56,294	46,212	82.1
Female	54,175	48,168	88.9
American Indian	1,577	1,291	81.9
Asian	2,862	2,632	92.0
Black	30,195	24,757	82.0
Hispanic	12,576	10,042	79.9
Two or More Races	3,818	3,221	84.4
White	59,315	52,325	88.2
Economically Disadvantaged	44,069	34,992	79.4
Limited English Proficient	2,569	1,478	57.5
Students With Disabilities	11,616	7,793	67.1
Academically Gifted	18,362	-	>95

**2014 4-Year Cohort Graduation Rate
Results by Subgroup
(2010–11 Entering Ninth Graders)**

Subgroup	Denominator	Numerator	Percent
All Students	109,714	92,035	83.9
Male	55,846	44,840	80.3
Female	53,868	47,195	87.6
American Indian	1,628	1,292	79.4
Asian	2,726	2,490	91.3
Black	29,949	23,915	79.9
Hispanic	12,008	9,289	77.4
Two or More Races	3,816	3,156	82.7
White	59,493	51,809	87.1
Economically Disadvantaged	47,828	37,311	78.0
Limited English Proficient	2,603	1,345	51.7
Students With Disabilities	10,360	6,675	64.4
Academically Gifted	18,215	-	>95

**2015 5-Year Cohort Graduation Rate
Results by Subgroup
(2010–11 Entering Ninth Graders)**

Subgroup	Denominator	Numerator	Percent
All Students	109,714	94,530	86.2
Male	55,846	46,519	83.3
Female	53,868	48,011	89.1
American Indian	1,628	1,332	81.8
Asian	2,726	2,541	93.2
Black	29,949	24,943	83.3
Hispanic	12,008	9,731	81.0
Two or More Races	3,816	3,260	85.4
White	59,493	52,637	88.5
Economically Disadvantaged	47,828	38,995	81.5
Limited English Proficient	2,603	1,531	58.8
Students With Disabilities	10,360	7,200	69.5
Academically Gifted	18,147	-	>95

Subgroup information is based on data collected when a student is last seen in the cohort. Table reflects data as of August 25, 2015.