

Florida's High School Cohort 2024-25 Graduation Rate

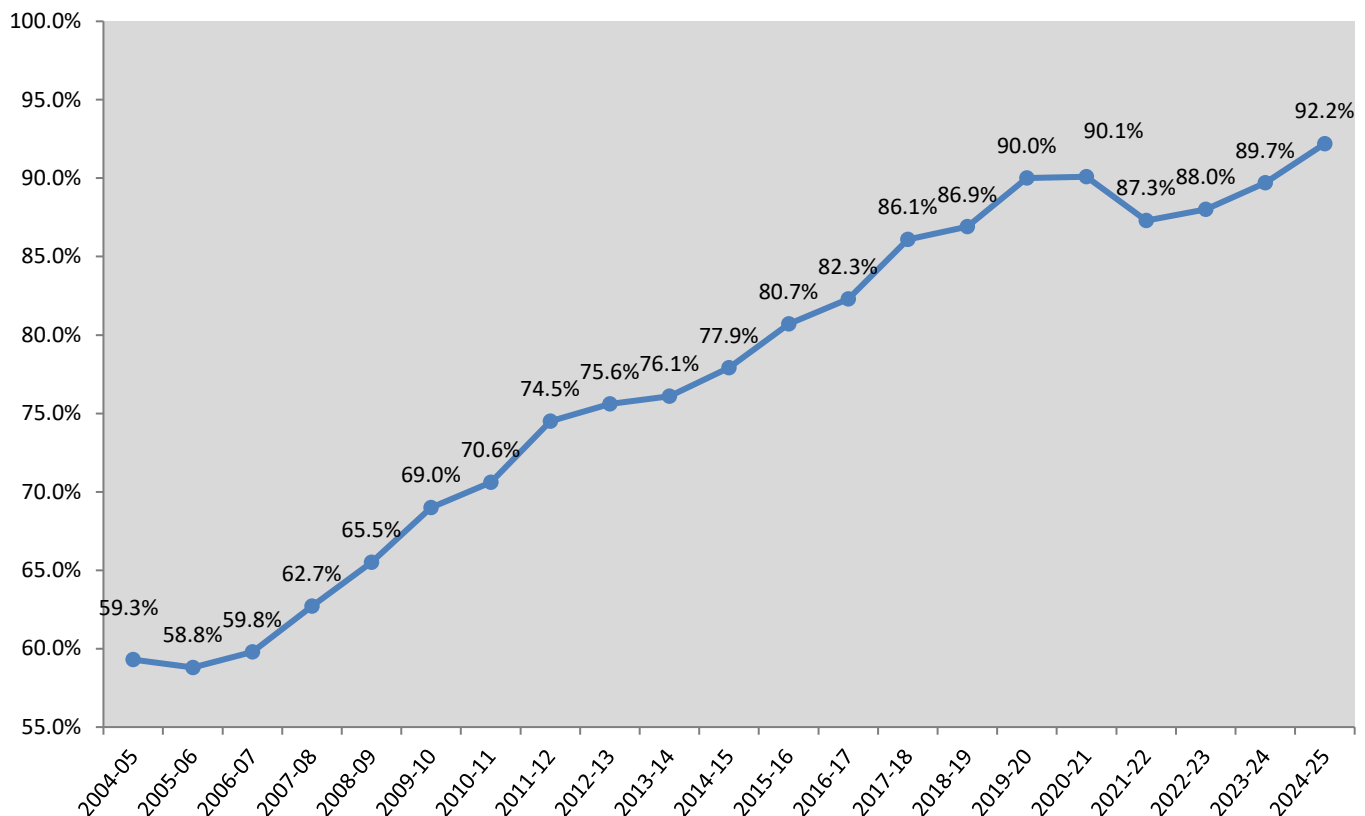
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Florida's high school graduation rate increased by 2.5 percentage points over the last year, which is the highest graduation rate in Florida's history. The graduation rate has increased significantly over the past twenty years. The rate rose from 59.3 percent in 2004-05 to 92.2 percent in 2024-25, which is a 32.9 percentage-point increase. Figure 1 below shows the trend in graduation rates from 2004-05 through 2024-25.¹

Federal regulations require each state to calculate a four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate, which includes standard diplomas but excludes GEDs, both regular and adult. The U.S. Department of Education (USED) adopted this calculation method in an effort to develop uniform, accurate, and comparable graduation rates across all states. The USED required states to begin calculating the adjusted cohort graduation rate in 2010-11. This graduation rate is currently used in Florida's school accountability system in the school grades calculation.

Figure 1: Florida's Graduation Rates, 2004-05 through 2024-25



¹ When comparing to the 2019-20 and 2020-21 graduation rates, it is important to note that pursuant to [Florida Department of Education Emergency Order No. 2020-EO-1](#) and [Florida Department of Education Emergency Order No. 2021-EO-02](#), students in the 2019-20 and 2020-21 graduating classes were exempt from statewide, standardized assessment requirements stipulated in section (s.) 1003.4282, Florida Statutes (F.S.).

Florida's graduation rate is a cohort graduation rate. A cohort is defined as a group of students on the same schedule to graduate. The graduation rate measures the percentage of students who graduate within four years of their first enrollment in ninth grade. Subsequent to their enrollment in ninth grade, students who transfer out or pass away are removed from the calculation. Entering transfer students are included in the graduation rate for the class with which they are scheduled to graduate, based on their grade level when they enroll in the public school system. District-level graduation rates are provided in Table 3. School-level graduation rates are available online at <http://fldoe.org/accountability/data-sys/edu-info-accountability-services/pk-12-public-school-data-pubs-reports/students.stml>.

In the calculation, stringent guidelines are prescribed for not only the definition of a graduate, but also for the definition of a transfer. Students who transfer to adult education programs or are placed in Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) facilities remain with their Florida public high schools' cohorts.

How Does Florida's Graduation Rate Compare with Other States' Rates?

- The most recent graduation rates released on all states by USED are the 2021-22 federal graduation rates available at https://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/d23/tables/dt23_219.46.asp?current=yes. Florida's federal graduation rate in 2021-22 was ranked #19 in the nation.²
- Although the federal uniform graduation rate is calculated the same way by each state, states have different requirements for receiving a standard diploma, which means that the rates are not directly comparable from state to state.
- Florida's standard diploma is a rigorous credential for which standards and testing requirements have periodically increased. Because states have different criteria for awarding a standard diploma, comparing rates among states is problematic.

Graduation Rates by Race/Ethnicity and Sex

Florida's graduation rates vary by race/ethnicity and sex, but all nine subgroups have increased their graduation rates from 2020-21 to 2024-25. The subgroups with the largest percentage point increases over 2020-21 include American Indian or Alaskan Native Students (5.5 percentage points), Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander Students (4.1 percentage points), Black or African American students (3.9 percentage points).

Table 1: Graduation Rates by Race/Ethnicity and Sex, 2020-21 through 2024-25

Year	White	Black or African American	Hispanic/Latino	Asian	American Indian or Alaska Native	Two or More Races	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	Male	Female	Total
2020-21*	91.8%	87.1%	89.4%	97.5%	89.0%	89.9%	89.5%	87.4%	92.9%	90.1%
2021-22	90.6%	82.0%	85.9%	96.2%	86.4%	88.4%	86.8%	84.7%	89.9%	87.3%
2022-23	91.0%	83.2%	86.8%	96.9%	84.7%	88.4%	87.1%	85.9%	90.0%	88.0%
2023-24	92.4%	85.3%	89.0%	97.2%	87.0%	89.7%	91.5%	87.9%	91.6%	89.7%
2024-25	94.0%	89.2%	91.6%	98.2%	92.5%	92.6%	95.6%	90.7%	93.7%	92.2%

² The graduation rate reported by the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) may vary slightly from the rate reported by the U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) because the rate reported by FDOE accounts for students who attended schools that have closed during the 4-year tracking period, whereas the rate reported to NCES does not. In 2021-22, there wasn't a difference between the FDOE and NCES rates.

Table 2: Graduation Rates by Sex within Race/Ethnicity, 2020-21 through 2024-25

Year	White Female	White Male	Black or African American Female	Black or African American Male	Hispanic/Latino Female	Hispanic/Latino Male	Asian Female	Asian Male
2020-21*	94.0%	89.7%	90.8%	83.4%	92.4%	86.4%	98.3%	96.8%
2021-22	92.6%	88.6%	86.0%	78.1%	88.5%	83.3%	97.2%	95.3%
2022-23	92.6%	89.3%	86.4%	80.0%	88.8%	84.8%	97.3%	96.5%
2023-24	94.0%	91.0%	88.0%	82.5%	91.0%	87.2%	98.0%	96.5%
2024-25	95.1%	92.9%	91.7%	86.7%	93.1%	90.1%	98.4%	97.9%

Year	American Indian or Alaska Native Female	American Indian or Alaska Native Male	Two or More Races Female	Two or More Races Male	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander Female	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander Male
2020-21*	93.2%	85.5%	93.0%	86.8%	95.5%	84.8%
2021-22	90.0%	83.2%	90.4%	86.3%	87.8%	85.8%
2022-23	87.3%	82.3%	90.0%	86.7%	90.3%	83.7%
2023-24	88.4%	85.6%	90.8%	88.5%	95.1%	88.0%
2024-25	94.2%	90.6%	94.2%	90.9%	96.9%	94.4%

Table 3: Graduation Rates by District, 2020-21 through 2024-25

District		2020-21*	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
FLORIDA		90.1%	87.3%	88.0%	89.7%	92.2%
01	Alachua	86.6%	85.8%	84.2%	84.1%	87.7%
02	Baker	85.7%	81.5%	76.4%	83.1%	83.5%
03	Bay	90.2%	85.3%	88.7%	91.4%	93.8%
04	Bradford	85.0%	76.1%	82.5%	87.3%	87.2%
05	Brevard	90.6%	87.2%	89.7%	89.8%	92.7%
06	Broward	89.1%	87.2%	88.7%	89.0%	91.4%
07	Calhoun	93.1%	93.6%	93.8%	94.5%	93.5%
08	Charlotte	90.9%	87.9%	85.9%	87.0%	91.6%
09	Citrus	88.1%	86.5%	84.9%	91.6%	94.1%
10	Clay	92.7%	89.9%	90.9%	93.3%	95.0%
11	Collier	92.7%	91.5%	91.5%	91.3%	94.4%
12	Columbia	95.6%	89.6%	91.6%	88.9%	90.7%
13	Miami-Dade	90.1%	88.2%	90.3%	91.8%	93.1%
14	DeSoto	82.0%	75.1%	72.6%	77.5%	77.8%
15	Dixie	84.0%	82.7%	88.9%	92.9%	92.2%
16	Duval	89.6%	85.6%	87.2%	90.9%	94.3%
17	Escambia	87.0%	78.4%	80.5%	84.2%	89.5%
18	Flagler	91.2%	90.5%	87.8%	89.0%	89.5%
19	Franklin	74.4%	82.7%	75.4%	85.2%	87.2%
20	Gadsden	82.7%	75.9%	72.9%	73.9%	80.9%
21	Gilchrist	86.7%	87.6%	81.6%	85.5%	87.7%

District		2020-21*	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
FLORIDA		90.1%	87.3%	88.0%	89.7%	92.2%
22	Glades	78.5%	89.2%	86.0%	87.8%	89.9%
23	Gulf	86.5%	90.5%	80.1%	85.2%	89.3%
24	Hamilton	83.8%	75.4%	78.5%	82.8%	90.9%
25	Hardee	88.3%	84.5%	80.5%	73.6%	85.6%
26	Hendry	86.6%	75.7%	71.2%	80.6%	82.0%
27	Hernando	91.0%	89.0%	89.0%	88.1%	93.5%
28	Highlands	84.4%	82.6%	80.2%	83.6%	87.0%
29	Hillsborough	89.2%	87.9%	86.2%	88.0%	90.9%
30	Holmes	90.8%	85.0%	81.5%	84.9%	92.3%
31	Indian River	95.0%	94.6%	95.6%	96.2%	96.0%
32	Jackson	84.1%	82.6%	76.6%	86.9%	89.4%
33	Jefferson	81.8%	76.5%	66.7%	73.2%	92.7%
34	Lafayette	97.5%	97.6%	94.7%	100.0%	96.5%
35	Lake	90.6%	88.6%	89.8%	91.7%	94.4%
36	Lee	85.1%	82.5%	85.1%	85.8%	89.8%
37	Leon	94.0%	86.8%	86.1%	85.1%	87.9%
38	Levy	93.8%	92.8%	95.4%	94.8%	96.4%
39	Liberty	82.6%	76.7%	72.5%	82.1%	85.9%
40	Madison	88.2%	78.6%	83.2%	83.3%	86.7%
41	Manatee	85.1%	80.3%	82.3%	85.7%	87.6%
42	Marion	86.5%	83.5%	77.9%	80.3%	84.7%
43	Martin	94.1%	90.7%	90.3%	92.0%	93.7%
44	Monroe	91.5%	88.2%	89.0%	86.9%	91.9%
45	Nassau	93.4%	93.3%	91.0%	91.8%	92.3%
46	Okaloosa	92.2%	87.5%	87.9%	87.7%	91.0%
47	Okeechobee	85.1%	75.3%	71.7%	80.4%	83.7%
48	Orange	90.4%	87.0%	89.1%	89.3%	92.7%
49	Osceola	89.7%	85.2%	84.8%	88.8%	91.1%
50	Palm Beach	91.0%	89.0%	90.5%	92.1%	93.5%
51	Pasco	91.0%	90.2%	91.1%	95.5%	96.9%
52	Pinellas	92.0%	88.1%	87.7%	91.5%	93.4%
53	Polk	85.3%	78.3%	78.3%	82.2%	87.7%
54	Putnam	92.5%	88.5%	88.9%	91.2%	96.6%
55	St. Johns	95.0%	93.3%	94.0%	95.0%	97.1%
56	St. Lucie	94.5%	90.8%	91.5%	94.3%	94.5%
57	Santa Rosa	90.3%	89.9%	90.4%	90.9%	93.1%
58	Sarasota	91.0%	88.9%	90.3%	92.5%	94.3%
59	Seminole	95.5%	93.0%	91.7%	91.8%	94.4%
60	Sumter	91.0%	93.1%	94.3%	92.2%	95.4%
61	Suwannee	94.1%	91.5%	89.6%	91.4%	90.0%
62	Taylor	86.9%	87.4%	80.6%	79.5%	80.9%
63	Union	88.3%	77.8%	85.9%	82.2%	84.7%
64	Volusia	91.9%	88.9%	91.6%	93.7%	95.6%
65	Wakulla	95.5%	97.0%	97.6%	97.1%	97.6%
66	Walton	91.4%	96.7%	95.7%	97.4%	97.5%
67	Washington	87.9%	88.4%	82.6%	87.3%	91.2%
68	Deaf/Blind	96.8%	90.3%	90.6%	85.5%	93.5%
71	FL Virtual	95.9%	90.0%	92.6%	96.6%	97.0%

District		2020-21*	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
FLORIDA		90.1%	87.3%	88.0%	89.7%	92.2%
72	FAU Lab School	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
73	FSU Lab School	98.7%	99.4%	99.4%	98.8%	96.8%
74	FAMU Lab School	98.0%	94.7%	91.7%	97.0%	100.0%
75	UF Lab School	100.0%	97.4%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
81	TSC**	-	-	-	-	100.0%
83	DJJ District**	-	-	-	-	21.5%

Notes:

Source: 2024-25 FDOE cohort graduation data as of 1/XX/26.

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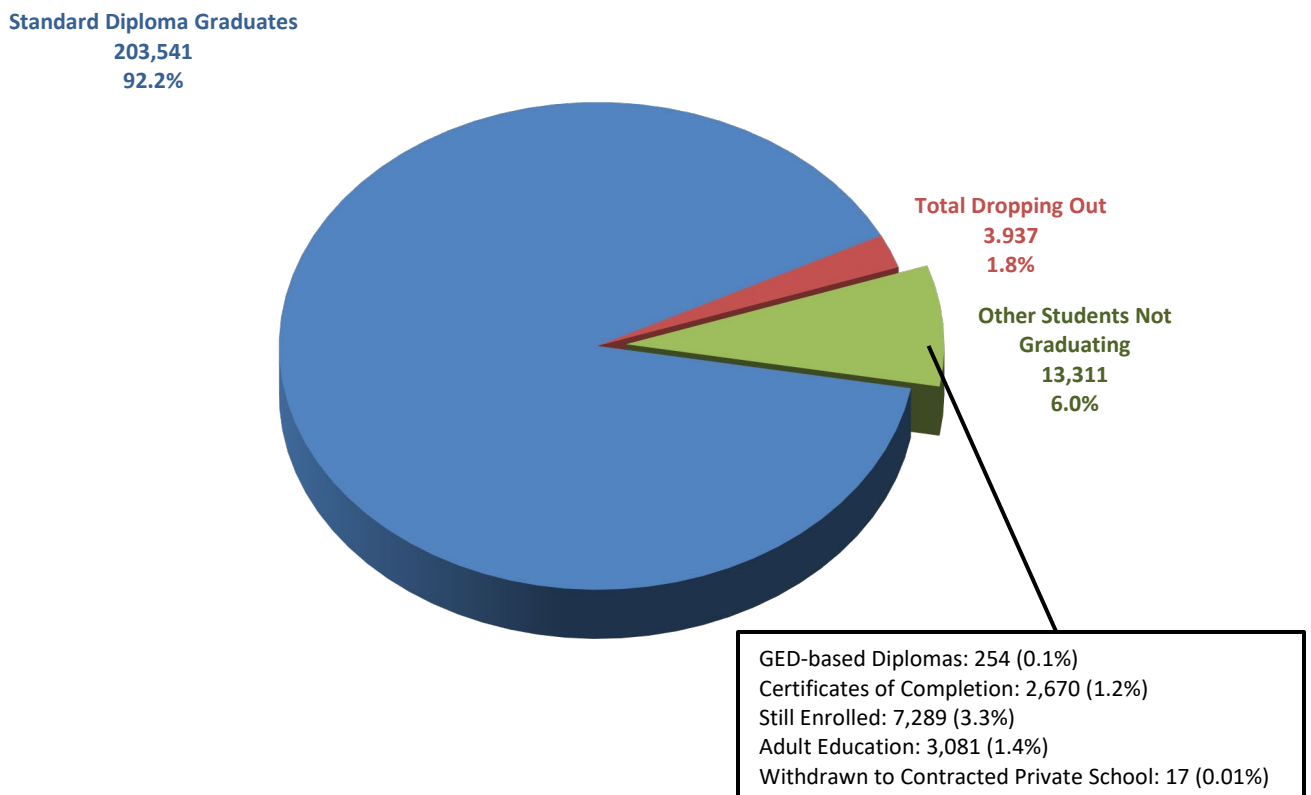
** The 2024-25 school year is the first year districts 81 and 83 received a graduation rate.

Withdrawal Status of All Students in the Graduation Cohort

Florida's graduation rate is 92.2 percent, but that does not mean that 7.8 percent of students in the cohort are dropouts. Students in a cohort can be classified as graduates, non-graduates, or dropouts. Non-graduates include students who have been retained and are still in school, are attending adult education, received certificates of completion, or received GED-based diplomas. Florida's 2017 Legislature amended section 1008.34, Florida Statutes, so that high school students who transfer to a private school with which the school district has a contractual relationship remain included in the 4-year adjusted graduation rate cohort of the last public high school they attended. These students are included in the percentage of non-graduates.

In Florida's 2024-25 cohort, 1.8 percent of the students dropped out and 6 percent are classified as non-graduates who are still enrolled in school, are attending adult education, earned a certificate of completion, earned a GED-based diploma, or withdrew to a contracted private school. Figure 2 illustrates the proportions of students in the 2024-25 cohort who graduated, dropped out, or did not graduate.

Figure 2: 2024-25 Cohort Outcomes by Withdrawal Categories



Note:

Non-graduates include students who are still enrolled in school, attending adult education, earned a certificate of completion, earned a GED-based diploma, or withdrew to a contracted private school.



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