



## Iowa High School Four-Year Graduation Rates

The Iowa Department of Education collects and reports on the number of students that graduate from public schools each year. Because of timing issues in the data collections and methodology, graduation rates aren't determined until about a year after the graduations occur. The formula for calculating a four-year cohort graduation rate for the class of 2020 is as follows:

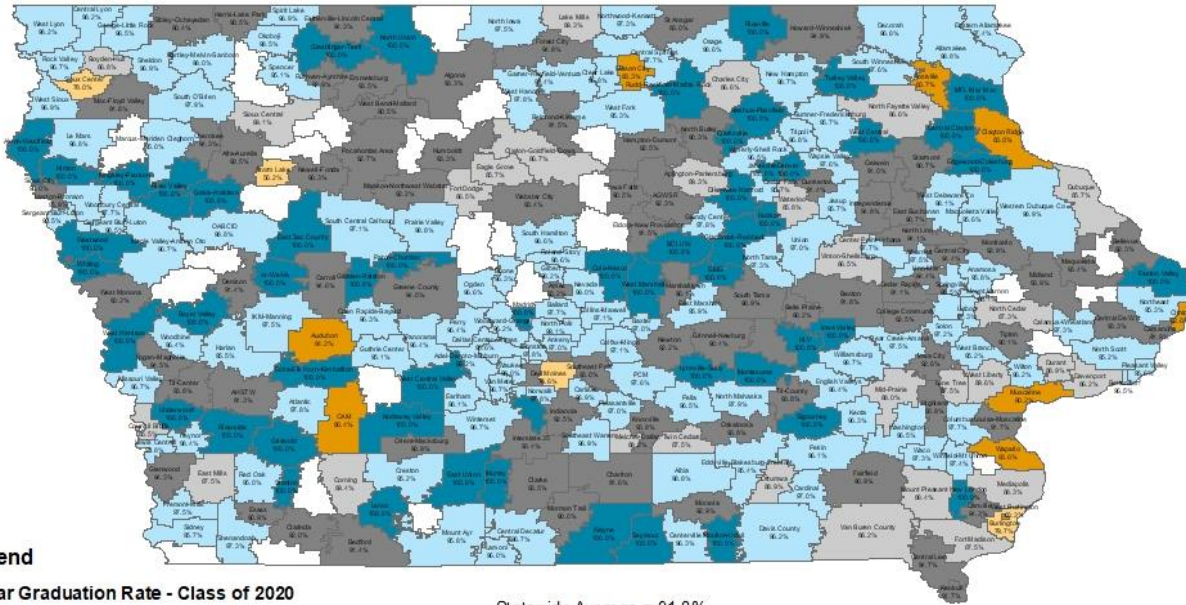
- **(FG + TIG)/F + TI – TO) where:**
- FG = First-Time 9<sup>th</sup> grade students in the fall of 2016 and graduated in 2020 or before
- TIG = Students who transferred into the cohort in grades 9 to 12 and graduate in 2020 or before
- F = First-time 9<sup>th</sup> grade student in fall of 2016
- TI = Transferred into the first-time 9th graders' cohort in grades 9 to 12
- TO = Transfer out (including deceased)

The following map provides the four-year graduation rates for the class of 2020 by school district. The state average rate was 91.8% while the median rate was 96.2%. For more information:

- [See a larger map](#) (or click on map below)
- [View a list of each district's graduation rate](#)
- [Department of Education's graduation rate data](#)



## Iowa Association of School Boards Class of 2020: Four-Year Graduation Rate by School District



**Legend**

**4-Year Graduation Rate - Class of 2020**

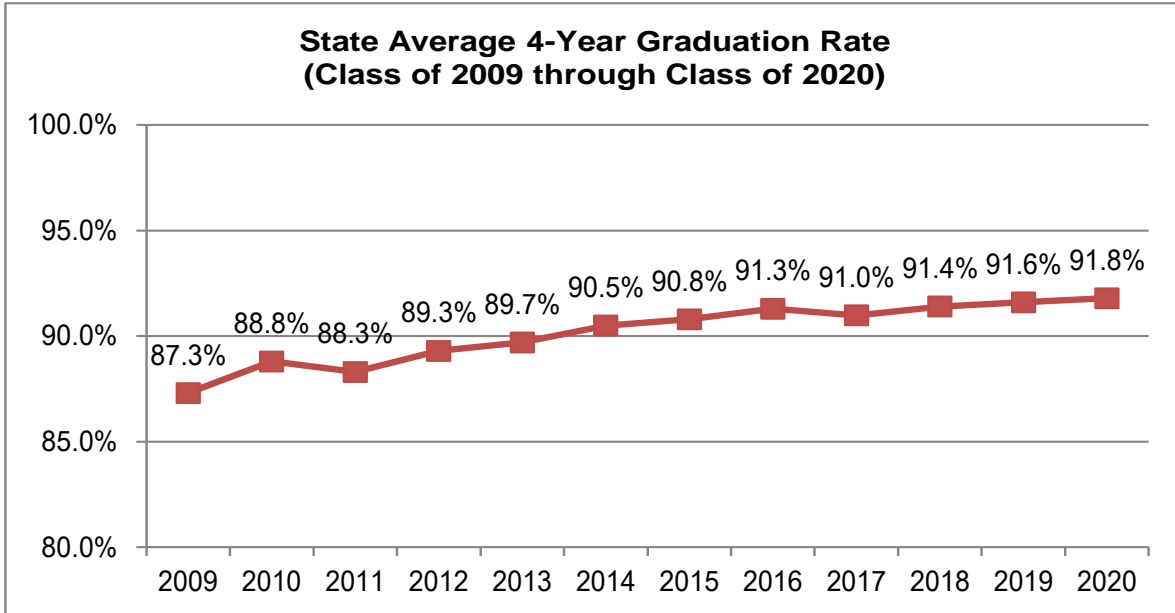
- 100.0% (55 Districts)
- 95.0% to 99.9% (123 Districts)
- 90.0% to 94.9% (81 Districts)
- 85.0% to 89.9% (28 Districts)
- 80.0% to 84.9% (9 Districts)
- Less than 80.0% (4 Districts)
- No High School or Small Cell Size (27 Districts)

Statewide Average = 91.8%  
State Median = 96.2%

**Notes:**  
Districts with a graduating class of less than 10 or no high school show no graduation rate on the Department of Education's file. Graduation rates are calculated by the Department of Education.

Source: Iowa Department of Education, Graduation Rate file

The following graph provides the 4-Year graduation rates from 2009 through 2020. The overall trend continues to increase, and the graduating class of 2020 has the highest rate at 91.8%.



The following table and charts provide four-year graduation rates by subgroup.

Iowa Public High School Graduation Rates (including Subgroups): Graduation Classes 2010 to 2020											
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
<b>Overall</b>	88.8	88.3	89.3	89.7	90.5	90.8	91.3	91.0	91.4	91.6	91.8
<b>Low SES</b>	78.9	78.1	79.7	80.4	84.1	84.8	83.9	83.7	84.4	85.2	85.5
<b>ELL</b>	72.9	70.0	73.9	75.7	83.1	82.9	80.8	80.3	79.3	78.8	76.7
<b>Students with an IEP</b>	70.6	69.9	72.7	72.7	76.4	77.0	69.5	74.2	76.5	76.1	76.4
<b>African American</b>	72.0	73.2	74.1	73.8	78.6	79.2	79.7	82.3	81.3	81.6	80.7
<b>Hispanic</b>	76.5	75.2	77.5	79.5	81.7	82.8	84.5	82.4	83.9	84.5	84.8
<b>American Indian</b>	73.3	79.2	72.7	83.2	78.3	85.6	80.6	83.3	75.6	77.3	82.5
<b>Asian</b>	89.8	88.5	89.9	91.1	90.8	92.7	91.5	92.5	92.5	92.3	93.7
<b>Hawaiian/Pacific Islander</b>	NA	81.6	76.9	67.5	80.0	86.4	88.1	77.5	75.3	77.0	75.5
<b>White</b>	90.5	90.2	91.1	91.5	92.2	92.4	92.9	92.7	93.2	93.3	93.8

Data reflects four-year graduation rates.  
 Low SES (Socioeconomic Status) is determined by eligibility for free or reduced price meals.  
 ELL = English Language Learners  
 IEP = Individualized Education Plan  
 Source: Iowa Department of Education, Graduation Rates files

