



Iowa High School Four-Year Graduation Rates by Subgroups

The Iowa Department of Education collects and reports on the number of students that graduate from public schools each year, including a variety of subgroups of students. 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 9th 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 9th 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 Table and Charts provide the four-year graduation rates by subgroup for the graduating classes from 2010 to 2020. All subgroups, with the exceptions of the White and Asian subgroups, are below the statewide average graduation rates for all the years shown. Statewide graduation rates for most of the subgroups has trended upward since 2010. Note that individual school district data is available on the Department of Education's website.

- [See the Department of Education's graduation rate data](#)
- [See the Department of Education's Iowa Student Performance Profiles](#)

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



