



## 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 2021 is as follows:

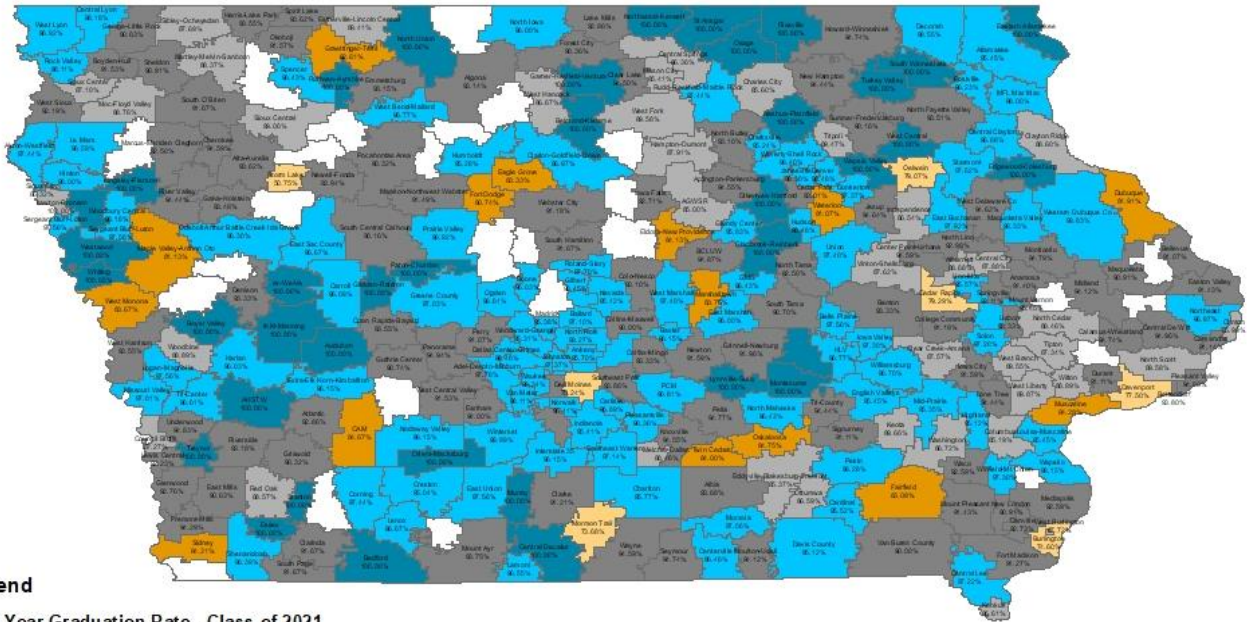
- **$(FG + TIG) / (F + TI - TO)$  where:**
- FG = First-Time 9<sup>th</sup> grade students in the fall of 2017 and graduated in 2021 or before
- TIG = Students who transferred into the cohort in grades 9 to 12 and graduate in 2021 or before
- F = First-time 9th grade student in fall of 2017
- TI = Transferred 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 2021 by school district. The state average rate was 90.2% while the median rate was 94.6%. For more information:

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



## Iowa Association of School Boards Class of 2021: Four-Year Graduation Rates by School District



### Legend

#### Four-Year Graduation Rate - Class of 2021

- 100.0% (38 Districts)
- 95.0% to 99.9% (101 Districts)
- 90.0% to 94.9% (101 Districts)
- 85.0% to 89.9% (39 Districts)
- 80.0% to 84.9% (15 Districts)
- Less than 80.0% (7 Districts)
- No High School or Small Cell Size (26 Districts)

Statewide Average = 90.2%  
State Median = 94.6%

#### 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.

Sources:  
Iowa Department of Education, Graduation Rate file  
IASB analysis and calculations

The following table and charts provide four-year graduation rates by subgroup from 2010 to 2021.

Iowa Public High School Graduation Rates (including Subgroups): Graduation Classes 2010 to 2021												
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
<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	90.2
<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	82.3
<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	75.6
<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	73.8
<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	77.8
<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	81.0
<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	76.9
<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	92.9
<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	64.2
<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	92.6

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

