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### Utah's Public High School Graduation Rate Climbs for Eighth Straight Year

SALT LAKE CITY – Utah's [public high school graduation rate](#) rose to 88.2 percent in 2020, up nearly 1 percent from 2019's rate of 87.4 percent, according to data released today by the Utah State Board of Education. This marked the eighth straight year of growth in the state's high school graduation rate.

Graduation rates rose in seven of nine student demographic groups. A smaller decline was seen among students who identify as Asian with a 1.7 percent drop. A more worrisome 6.4 percent decline was seen in graduation rates of students who identify as American Indian. Students who identify as African American or black saw a 4.4 percent increase in graduation and students who are economically disadvantaged saw a 1.1 percent increase.

"Utah students showed remarkable resiliency by overcoming the obstacles that the pandemic put in their path last spring to complete their education on time," said State Superintendent of Public Instruction Sydnee Dickson. "While graduation ceremonies looked different last spring, efforts to support students to demonstrate readiness to graduate through remote learning paid off. We commend students, parents, educators, and all those involved in the ecosystem of education in helping our students have choices for their future through taking this first step of high school graduation."

**Utah high school graduation rates 2015-2020**

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
<i>All Students</i>	84.3%	84.7%	86%	87%	87.4%	88.2%
<i>African American/Black</i>	68.8%	73%	73.1%	75.9%	74.8%	79.2%
<i>American Indian</i>	69.6%	70.2%	74.2%	77%	79.3%	72.9%
<i>Asian</i>	87.8%	88.6%	88.5%	92.4%	91.4%	89.7%
<i>Hispanic/Latino</i>	73.7%	74.3%	77.3%	78.1%	79.5%	80.2%
<i>Pacific Islander</i>	82.2%	84.4%	85.6%	85.4%	83.5%	84.4%
<i>White</i>	87%	85.5%	88.3%	89.3%	89.7%	90.7%
<i>Economically disadvantaged</i>	76.2%	74.9%	76.6%	77.4%	77.3%	78.4%
<i>English learner</i>	64.8%	65%	67.4%	70.3%	72.8%	73.3%
<i>Students with disabilities</i>	66.3%	69%	69.3%	70%	72.4%	73.3%

You can read the full [2020 graduation report](#), which includes individual high school graduation rates, on the Utah State Board of Education website.

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