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

SALT LAKE CITY – Last spring 47,487 students graduated from Utah's public high schools. This represents 87 percent of students who entered schools as freshmen four years earlier. It also represents the sixth straight year of high school graduation rates increasing in Utah, according to data released today by the Utah State Board of Education.

The state's overall graduation rate has risen by 1 percent per year since 2014. It grew 2 percent between 2013 and 2014. That means the graduation rate has risen from 81 percent in 2013 to 87 percent this year. Minority student graduation rates, however, have risen much faster. Between 2013 and 2018, students who identify as Hispanic have achieved a 10 percent increase in high school graduation and now have a 78 percent graduation rate. Students who identify as American Indian have increased graduation rates by 12 percent to 77 percent in that same time frame. Students who identify as Asian have increased graduation rates from 79 percent in 2013 to 92 percent this year, giving those students the highest graduation rate in the state.

“I am heartened to see Utah’s educational outcomes improving over time,” said State Superintendent of Public Instruction Sydnee Dickson. “Achievement gaps still exist, but they are narrowing, and that is good news for Utah students and for the future of our state.”

Utah high school graduation rates 2013-2018

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
<i>All Students</i>	81%	83%	84%	85%	86%	87%
<i>African American/Black</i>	68%	66%	68%	73%	73%	76%
<i>American Indian</i>	65%	65%	69%	70%	74%	77%
<i>Asian</i>	79%	85%	88%	89%	89%	92%
<i>Hispanic/Latino</i>	68%	72%	74%	74%	77%	78%
<i>Pacific Islander</i>	77%	82%	83%	84%	86%	85%
<i>White</i>	85%	86%	87%	87%	88%	89%
<i>Economically disadvantaged</i>	72%	72%	76%	75%	77%	77%
<i>English learner</i>	57%	61%	65%	65%	67%	70%
<i>Students with disabilities</i>	65%	67%	66%	69%	69%	70%

You can read the full 2018 graduation report, which includes individual high school graduation rates, on the [Utah State Board of Education website](http://www.schools.utah.gov).

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