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

SALT LAKE CITY – Last spring 43,489 students graduated from Utah's public high schools. This represents 87.4 percent of students who entered schools as freshmen four years earlier. It also represents the seventh 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 rose by .4 percent between 2018 and 2019; it is up by more than 3 percent over the past five years.

A total of 14 public schools had a graduation rate of 100 percent.

"Students who don't graduate from high school are less likely to make a living wage, move on to post-secondary education opportunities, or be civically engaged," said State Superintendent of Public Instruction Sydnee Dickson. "Therefore, high school graduation rates are something we monitor and promote. We are proud of the efforts of our educators in helping more students graduate and applaud those who reached the 100 percent mark."

**Utah high school graduation rates 2015-2019**

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

You can read the full [2019 graduation report](#), which includes individual high school graduation rates, on the Utah State Board of Education website.

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