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Utah's public high school graduation rate climbs for fifth straight year

SALT LAKE CITY – Last spring 40,100 students graduated from Utah's public high schools. This represents 86 percent of students who entered schools as freshmen four years earlier. It also represents the fifth straight year of high school graduation rates increasing in Utah, according to data released today by the Utah State Board of Education.

"It is exciting to be a part of an education system that is improving over time," said State Superintendent of Public Instruction Sydnee Dickson. "I am grateful to the parents and teachers who are working with their children and students to prepare them for their first steps into their adult lives. I am also proud of our students who are picking up the skills and discipline they need to succeed. We look forward to building on these strengths."

Utah's 2017 overall graduation rate is 1 percent above the 2016 rate. Year-to-year gains are seen among American Indian, Hispanic, Pacific Islander, white, economically disadvantaged, and English learner students. Five-year gains are seen among all demographic subgroups.

Utah high school graduation rates 2013-2017

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

You can read the full 2017 graduation report, which includes individual high school graduation rates, [here](#).

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