

Rhode Island's High School Graduation Rates: 2011-2016



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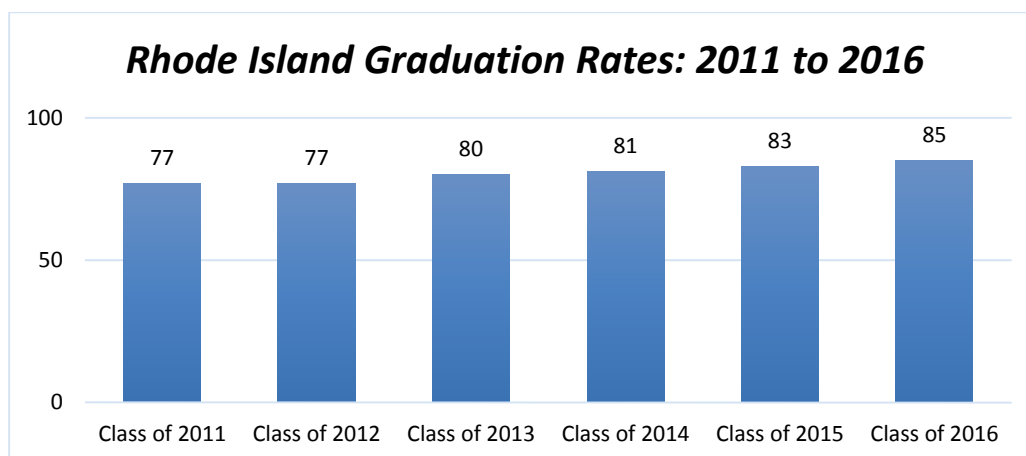
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

STATE-LEVEL RESULTS

The graduation rate for Rhode Island public students is at its highest ever. In the class of 2016, 85.3% of students completed high school within four years, an increase of 2% over 2015. The rate increased or remained the same across all ethnic groups and both genders. Rhode Island students with disabilities saw an increase of 1.5% from last year. English Learners had a decrease of 0.4%.



STUDENT GROUP RESULTS

| Student Group | Class of 2014 | Class of 2015 | Class of 2016 |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Black Students | 71.9 | 77.1 | 80.7 |
| Hispanic Students | 71.8 | 76.2 | 78.6 |
| Low Income | 71.1 | 75.6 | 78.6 |
| Student with Disabilities ¹ | 55.1 | 62.0 | 63.5 |
| Limited Language Proficiency | 72.5 | 77.0 | 76.6 |

GROUP STATISTICS

| Cohort N | Graduation rate | Dropout Rate | GED Rate | Retained still in school rate |
|----------|-----------------|--------------|----------|-------------------------------|
| 10,784 | 85.3 | 8.3 | 1.6 | 4.8 |

Cohort: Students enrolled in the 9th grade for the first time in 2012-13

Graduation Rate: Cohort % that graduated in 4th year

Dropout Rate: Cohort % that dropped out of school

GED Rate: Cohort % that completed a GED program

Still Retained in School Rate: Cohort % retained/still in school

¹ Students with disabilities class of 2014 and class of 2015 data updated as of 2/28/17, 10:00am.

SCHOOL-LEVEL RESULTS

Across the state, 31 high schools—more than half of RI public high schools—graduated 90% or more of their students in four years. Fourteen high schools graduated over 95% of their students in four years.

Three high schools had greater than 10 percentage point increases in four-year graduation rates compared to last year (2015):

- Blackstone Academy Charter School (17.5%)
- The Greene School (17.5%)
- Dr. Jorge Alvarez High School (10.1%)

In addition, four schools' 4-year graduation rates increased by over 20 percentage points in the past five years, from the class of 2011 to the class of 2016:

- NEL/CPS Construction Career Academy (28%)
- William E. Tolman Senior High School (23%)
- Providence Career and Technical Academy (22%)
- Cranston High School East (22%)

DISTRICT-LEVEL RESULTS**District/LEA Graduation Rates²: Class of 2011 to Class of 2016**

| District/LEA | Class of 2011 | | Class of 2012 | | Class of 2013 | | Class of 2014 | | Class of 2015 | | Class of 2016 | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|----|---------------|----|---------------|----|---------------|----|---------------|----|---------------|-----|
| | N | % | N | % | N | % | N | % | N | % | N | % |
| Barrington | 296 | 97 | 301 | 94 | 253 | 95 | 269 | 94 | 284 | 95 | 210 | 95 |
| Beacon Charter School | 60 | 77 | 42 | 90 | 58 | 95 | 56 | 93 | 56 | 91 | 57 | 96 |
| Blackstone Academy Charter | 37 | 86 | 36 | 86 | 40 | 88 | 41 | 83 | 40 | 83 | 40 | 100 |
| Bristol Warren | 268 | 87 | 285 | 85 | 259 | 90 | 275 | 87 | 248 | 86 | 235 | 90 |
| Burrillville | 205 | 87 | 196 | 81 | 179 | 85 | 180 | 74 | 183 | 89 | 180 | 82 |
| Central Falls | 246 | 70 | 229 | 68 | 213 | 74 | 210 | 71 | 224 | 81 | 181 | 72 |
| Chariho | 317 | 88 | 316 | 86 | 313 | 87 | 306 | 92 | 317 | 90 | 282 | 88 |
| Coventry | 441 | 83 | 468 | 87 | 402 | 89 | 432 | 85 | 377 | 91 | 374 | 93 |
| Cranston | 921 | 77 | 949 | 81 | 895 | 83 | 911 | 85 | 826 | 85 | 801 | 88 |
| Cumberland | 419 | 79 | 398 | 81 | 357 | 85 | 334 | 87 | 360 | 88 | 327 | 92 |
| Davies Career-Tech | 178 | 75 | 182 | 76 | 166 | 81 | 177 | 81 | 205 | 87 | 183 | 95 |
| DCYF | 137 | 4 | 118 | 7 | 104 | 8 | 56 | 9 | 59 | 10 | 55 | 7 |
| East Greenwich | 184 | 95 | 196 | 94 | 177 | 92 | 183 | 96 | 195 | 94 | 200 | 96 |
| East Providence | 461 | 67 | 488 | 69 | 449 | 73 | 393 | 77 | 390 | 82 | 405 | 86 |
| Exeter-West Greenwich | 154 | 86 | 148 | 91 | 147 | 93 | 140 | 90 | 142 | 83 | 137 | 94 |
| Foster-Glocester | 203 | 93 | 217 | 86 | 190 | 93 | 193 | 94 | 161 | 92 | 184 | 90 |
| Johnston | 232 | 82 | 222 | 82 | 220 | 85 | 229 | 88 | 199 | 84 | 249 | 89 |
| Lincoln | 262 | 83 | 254 | 83 | 239 | 90 | 271 | 89 | 264 | 93 | 250 | 93 |
| MET Career and Tech | 185 | 81 | 154 | 73 | 239 | 78 | 240 | 87 | 216 | 90 | 194 | 92 |
| Middletown | 173 | 72 | 168 | 81 | 180 | 88 | 176 | 85 | 186 | 82 | 152 | 86 |
| Narragansett | 119 | 84 | 137 | 83 | 120 | 91 | 125 | 86 | 121 | 93 | 98 | 89 |
| New Shoreham | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | 13 | 85 | * | * |
| Newport | 169 | 81 | 151 | 74 | 175 | 67 | 141 | 70 | 142 | 79 | 163 | 85 |

² A 4-year graduation rate was calculated. See Appendix A for a description of this method.

| District/LEA | Class of 2011 | | Class of 2012 | | Class of 2013 | | Class of 2014 | | Class of 2015 | | Class of 2016 | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|
| | N | % | N | % | N | % | N | % | N | % | N | % |
| North Kingstown | 427 | 88 | 408 | 88 | 386 | 90 | 370 | 87 | 340 | 89 | 354 | 87 |
| North Providence | 258 | 93 | 263 | 87 | 240 | 88 | 261 | 88 | 244 | 95 | 271 | 93 |
| North Smithfield | 135 | 92 | 138 | 78 | 153 | 86 | 121 | 90 | 148 | 89 | 134 | 94 |
| Paul Cuffee Charter School | n/a | n/a | * | * | * | * | 59 | 92 | 63 | 94 | 65 | 88 |
| Pawtucket | 639 | 63 | 617 | 67 | 567 | 75 | 569 | 80 | 535 | 81 | 525 | 85 |
| Portsmouth | 252 | 89 | 276 | 91 | 249 | 88 | 267 | 96 | 221 | 96 | 240 | 88 |
| Providence | 2038 | 66 | 2094 | 65 | 1848 | 71 | 1797 | 71 | 1649 | 75 | 1659 | 79 |
| RI School for the Deaf | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Scituate | 138 | 91 | 115 | 91 | 127 | 88 | 116 | 91 | 118 | 94 | 129 | 94 |
| Smithfield | 191 | 92 | 206 | 94 | 195 | 89 | 222 | 88 | 160 | 96 | 196 | 93 |
| South Kingstown | 261 | 84 | 287 | 80 | 265 | 89 | 260 | 91 | 243 | 88 | 293 | 88 |
| The Greene School | n/a | n/a | * | * | 37 | 89 | 38 | 87 | 34 | 76 | 33 | 94 |
| Tiverton | 141 | 84 | 163 | 83 | 159 | 86 | 136 | 91 | 134 | 93 | 151 | 87 |
| Trinity Acad. for the Performing Arts | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | 25 | 96 |
| Village Green Virtual Charter School | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | 54 | 80 |
| Warwick | 833 | 82 | 848 | 79 | 820 | 77 | 764 | 79 | 738 | 81 | 706 | 87 |
| West Warwick | 252 | 75 | 280 | 70 | 257 | 74 | 241 | 81 | 239 | 85 | 252 | 87 |
| Westerly | 260 | 88 | 248 | 87 | 248 | 88 | 213 | 85 | 244 | 91 | 208 | 90 |
| Woonsocket | 488 | 63 | 456 | 65 | 445 | 61 | 436 | 58 | 456 | 63 | 395 | 70 |
| Rhode Island | 12000 | 77 | 12078 | 77 | 11468 | 80 | 11333 | 81 | 10905 | 83 | 10784 | 85 |

SCHOOL-LEVEL RESULTS**School Graduation Rates³: Class of 2011 to Class of 2016**

| District | School | Class of 2011 | | Class of 2012 | | Class of 2013 | | Class of 2014 | | Class of 2015 | | Class of 2016 | |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|----|---------------|----|---------------|----|---------------|----|---------------|----|---------------|-----|
| | | N | % | N | % | N | % | N | % | N | % | N | % |
| Barrington | Barrington High School | 295 | 97 | 296 | 95 | 250 | 96 | 265 | 94 | 282 | 96 | 207 | 97 |
| Beacon Charter | BEACON Charter School | 60 | 77 | 42 | 90 | 58 | 95 | 56 | 93 | 56 | 91 | 57 | 96 |
| Blackstone Academy | Blackstone Academy Charter School | 37 | 86 | 36 | 86 | 40 | 88 | 41 | 83 | 40 | 83 | 40 | 100 |
| Bristol Warren | Mt. Hope High School | 261 | 88 | 278 | 86 | 255 | 90 | 272 | 87 | 237 | 87 | 231 | 91 |
| Burrillville | Burrillville High School | 205 | 87 | 194 | 82 | 177 | 85 | 176 | 75 | 179 | 91 | 164 | 89 |
| Central Falls | Central Falls Sr. High School | 243 | 71 | 224 | 70 | 210 | 74 | 207 | 72 | 223 | 81 | 181 | 72 |
| Chariho | Chariho Regional High School | 309 | 89 | 306 | 88 | 302 | 87 | 298 | 92 | 309 | 92 | 270 | 91 |
| | The R.Y.S.E. School | * | * | * | * | 11 | 82 | * | * | * | * | 10 | 20 |
| Coventry | Coventry High School | 440 | 84 | 467 | 87 | 401 | 90 | 431 | 85 | 377 | 91 | 372 | 93 |
| Cranston | Cranston High School East | 405 | 73 | 462 | 78 | 391 | 79 | 419 | 82 | 391 | 85 | 322 | 94 |
| | Cranston High School West | 426 | 88 | 419 | 87 | 427 | 93 | 421 | 95 | 372 | 92 | 382 | 97 |
| | NEL/CPS Constr. Career Academy | 87 | 46 | 64 | 61 | 73 | 56 | 41 | 71 | 37 | 65 | 42 | 74 |
| Cumberland | Cumberland High School | 408 | 81 | 393 | 82 | 355 | 85 | 329 | 88 | 350 | 91 | 315 | 96 |
| Davies | Wm. M. Davies Jr. Career-Tech. HS | 178 | 75 | 182 | 76 | 166 | 81 | 177 | 81 | 205 | 87 | 183 | 95 |
| DCYF | DCYF Alt. Educ. Program | 109 | 4 | 108 | 7 | 100 | 8 | 54 | 9 | 59 | 10 | 55 | 7 |
| East Greenwich | East Greenwich High School | 183 | 95 | 195 | 94 | 175 | 93 | 180 | 96 | 193 | 95 | 196 | 98 |
| East Providence | East Providence High School | 436 | 69 | 464 | 71 | 425 | 74 | 378 | 80 | 375 | 84 | 391 | 88 |
| Ex-West Greenwich | Exeter-West Greenwich High Sch. | 154 | 86 | 148 | 91 | 147 | 93 | 137 | 92 | 134 | 88 | 132 | 98 |
| Foster-Glocester | Ponaganset High School | 203 | 93 | 216 | 86 | 190 | 93 | 193 | 94 | 161 | 92 | 184 | 90 |
| Johnston | Johnston Sr. High School | 228 | 83 | 221 | 82 | 217 | 85 | 226 | 88 | 190 | 87 | 235 | 94 |
| Lincoln | Lincoln Sr. High School | 257 | 85 | 250 | 84 | 235 | 91 | 266 | 90 | 261 | 94 | 247 | 94 |
| MET | MET Career & Tech. Center | 185 | 81 | 154 | 73 | 239 | 78 | 240 | 87 | 216 | 90 | 194 | 92 |
| Middletown | Middletown High School | 164 | 74 | 161 | 82 | 173 | 90 | 173 | 86 | 176 | 85 | 144 | 90 |
| Narragansett | Narragansett High School | 112 | 87 | 134 | 85 | 120 | 91 | 122 | 89 | 121 | 93 | 96 | 91 |
| New Shoreham | Block Island School | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | 12 | 92 | * | * |
| Newport | Rogers High School | 165 | 82 | 147 | 73 | 170 | 68 | 132 | 73 | 129 | 83 | 152 | 91 |
| North Kingstown | North Kingstown Sr. High School | 425 | 88 | 405 | 89 | 383 | 91 | 363 | 89 | 329 | 92 | 331 | 93 |
| North Providence | North Providence High School | 258 | 93 | 262 | 87 | 239 | 87 | 249 | 92 | 231 | 98 | 260 | 97 |

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|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|
| | | N | % | N | % | N | % | N | % | N | % | N | % |
| North Smithfield | North Smithfield High School | 135 | 92 | 138 | 78 | 149 | 87 | 120 | 91 | 142 | 92 | 130 | 96 |
| Paul Cuffee | Paul Cuffee Charter School | n/a | n/a | * | * | * | * | 59 | 92 | 63 | 94 | 65 | 88 |
| Pawtucket | Charles E. Shea High School | 264 | 67 | 258 | 67 | 221 | 83 | 219 | 88 | 223 | 86 | 219 | 86 |
| | Jacqueline M. Walsh School | 16 | 100 | 30 | 90 | 21 | 90 | 37 | 92 | 46 | 91 | 47 | 98 |
| | William E Tolman Sr. High School | 341 | 60 | 315 | 67 | 307 | 71 | 283 | 79 | 249 | 78 | 244 | 83 |
| Portsmouth | Portsmouth High School | 251 | 89 | 269 | 92 | 242 | 90 | 261 | 97 | 214 | 97 | 235 | 89 |
| Providence | Acad. for Career Exploration (ACES) | 46 | 67 | 55 | 84 | 58 | 90 | 43 | 88 | 44 | 84 | 41 | 78 |
| | Central High School | 299 | 63 | 382 | 56 | 280 | 64 | 261 | 56 | 272 | 70 | 321 | 78 |
| | Classical High School | 244 | 96 | 249 | 97 | 257 | 96 | 294 | 97 | 271 | 97 | 277 | 99 |
| | Dr. J. Alvarez High School | 177 | 67 | 156 | 62 | 158 | 69 | 173 | 71 | 121 | 71 | 101 | 81 |
| | E-Cubed Academy | 120 | 73 | 111 | 68 | 107 | 78 | 79 | 78 | 94 | 77 | 90 | 81 |
| | Hope High School | n/a | n/a | 359 | 63 | 309 | 71 | 297 | 72 | 237 | 68 | 251 | 75 |
| | Mount Pleasant High School | 382 | 56 | 360 | 56 | 284 | 57 | 287 | 56 | 223 | 67 | 236 | 64 |
| | Prov. Career and Technical Academy | 85 | 67 | 95 | 65 | 117 | 74 | 97 | 77 | 144 | 81 | 123 | 89 |
| | Times2 Academy | 30 | 90 | 41 | 85 | 37 | 95 | 32 | 78 | 35 | 86 | 21 | 86 |
| W.B. Cooley & Acad. International | 100 | 72 | 238 | 67 | 203 | 72 | 196 | 72 | 174 | 75 | 180 | 68 | |
| RI School for the Deaf | RI School for the Deaf | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |
| Scituate | Scituate High School | 138 | 91 | 115 | 91 | 127 | 88 | 116 | 91 | 118 | 94 | 129 | 94 |
| Smithfield | Smithfield Sr. High School | 191 | 92 | 206 | 94 | 193 | 89 | 222 | 88 | 160 | 96 | 194 | 94 |
| South Kingstown | South Kingstown High School | 261 | 84 | 287 | 80 | 263 | 90 | 258 | 91 | 243 | 88 | 292 | 89 |
| The Greene School | The Greene School | n/a | n/a | * | * | 37 | 89 | 38 | 87 | 34 | 76 | 33 | 94 |
| Tiverton | Tiverton High School | 138 | 86 | 159 | 84 | 154 | 88 | 131 | 94 | 128 | 94 | 145 | 90 |
| Trinity Acad. | Trinity Acad. for the Performing Arts | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | 25 | 96 |
| Village Green | Village Green Virtual Charter School | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | 54 | 80 |
| Warwick | Pilgrim High School | 292 | 79 | 291 | 80 | 295 | 80 | 248 | 83 | 248 | 86 | 236 | 87 |
| | Toll Gate High School | 256 | 86 | 270 | 86 | 253 | 76 | 233 | 82 | 230 | 86 | 221 | 91 |
| | Warwick Vets Memorial HS | 274 | 81 | 271 | 73 | 260 | 77 | 253 | 80 | 209 | 87 | 207 | 96 |
| West Warwick | West Warwick Sr. High School | 248 | 76 | 272 | 70 | 254 | 74 | 236 | 82 | 227 | 87 | 245 | 89 |
| Westerly | Westerly High School | 258 | 88 | 246 | 88 | 236 | 91 | 200 | 91 | 232 | 95 | 195 | 96 |
| Woonsocket | Woonsocket High School | 473 | 64 | 445 | 66 | 438 | 62 | 417 | 59 | 441 | 65 | 391 | 71 |
| State | Rhode Island | 12000 | 77 | 12078 | 77 | 11468 | 80 | 11333 | 81 | 10905 | 83 | 10784 | 85 |

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Four-Year Graduation Rate

A four-year graduation rate was calculated for each graduating class. The graduation rate yields the percentage of students who enrolled in the 9th grade for the first time and graduated from high school four years later. To calculate the four-year graduation rate, RIDE tracks an *Adjusted Cohort*⁴ of students from 9th grade through high school and then divides the number of students who graduate within four years by the total number in the cohort. In other words, the rate provides the percentage of the cohort that graduates in four years or fewer.

⁴ The “Adjusted Cohort” of students includes those who enter ninth grade for the first time plus transfers *in* and minus transfers *out* as they progress through high school toward graduation.

APPENDIX B

“Minimum Cell Size” Reporting Policy

RIDE Policy on minimum cell size for reporting data stipulates that if the number of students is less than 10 for any group(s) or for any school- and district-level reporting or if a percentage is less than 1%, then data must be suppressed in public reports to ensure confidentiality of individual student results and to discourage generalizations about school performance based on very small populations. Throughout this report, empty cells indicate that the number of students included in calculations was less than 10 or the percentage was less than 1%.



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