

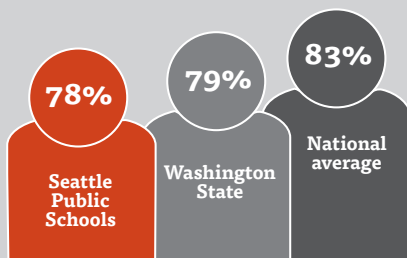
MAKING THE GRADE

MEASURING EDUCATION
OUTCOMES, GETTING
RESULTS FOR WASHINGTON

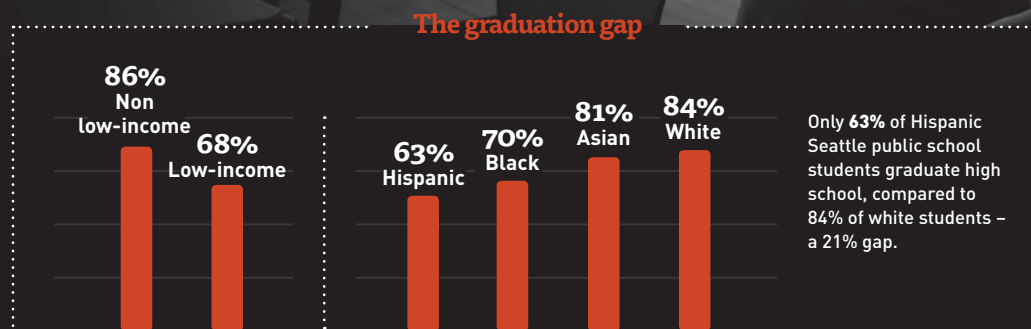
Part four of a data-driven public service series that tracks education spending and results to improve transparency, accountability, student outcomes and use of public tax dollars to educate all children in Washington state.

Washington ranks 10th from the bottom in high school graduation rates

Washington ranked 41 out of the 50 states in 2016 graduation rates, ahead of only Florida, Louisiana, Arizona, Colorado, Arkansas, Mississippi, Oregon, Nevada and New Mexico. New Mexico was the only state below the 70% mark, graduating just 68.6% of its students statewide. Iowa led the way, as the first state to reach a 90% graduation rate. Other high achievers were Vermont, New Jersey, New Hampshire, Texas, Tennessee and Kentucky. The national high school graduation rate average is 83% (the most recent data available, from 2015).



Only 68% of low-income students in Seattle graduate high school, compared to 86% of their non-low-income counterparts.



78% of Seattle Public Schools students graduated high school on time in 2016, an increase from 73% in 2013. State graduation rates are even higher, with 79% of Washington students graduating on time in 2016, up from 76% in 2013. But the opportunity gap persists, especially for low-income, Hispanic and black students.

Sources: OSPI, National Center for Education Statistics at the U.S. Department of Education, 2017 Building a Grad Nation Report by Civic Enterprises and the Everyone Graduates Center at Johns Hopkins University

What can you do?

Check graduation rates for your school and compare them to the district average.

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