



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**



Connecticut 2011 Cohort Graduation Rates

The Connecticut Department of Education (CSDE) introduced the four-year cohort graduation rate with the graduating class of 2009. This approach was created when Connecticut and 49 other states signed an agreement with the National Governors' Association to develop a uniform system for tracking students. The CSDE is required to report Cohort Graduation Rates per the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) and in compliance reports such as EdFacts and the Consolidated State Performance Report. The cohort graduation rate is also a component of Connecticut's new accountability system described in CSDE's approved NCLB flexibility request.

The four-year cohort graduation rate is calculated by tracking an individual cohort (or group of students) from their initial entrance into 9th grade through to graduation with a regular high school diploma in four years or less. Connecticut's 2011 cohort graduation rates for the state and for subgroups are reported in the table below.

Category	2011 Cohort Count	Graduates	Difference from 2010	Non-Graduates		
		4-Year Graduation Rate		Still Enrolled	Certificate of Attendance	Other
All Students	45,221	82.7	+0.9	6.4	0.03	10.8
Hispanic	7,215	64.2	+0.2	10.8	0.03	25.0
Non-Hispanic	38,006	86.3	+1.1	5.6	0.03	8.1
American Indian	149	72.5	-0.4	6.7	0.00	20.8
Asian American	1,516	92.2	+3.4	3.4	0.00	4.5
Black/African American	6,633	71.2	+2.5	11.4	0.06	17.4
White	29,708	89.4	+0.7	4.4	0.03	6.2
Male	23,203	79.6	+1.1	8.5	0.06	11.8
Female	22,018	86.0	+0.6	4.1	0.00	9.9
ELL	2,003	59.4	-0.7	11.7	0.05	28.9
Non-ELL	43,218	83.8	+1.1	6.1	0.03	10.0
Eligible For Lunch	12,187	62.5	-0.2	12.6	0.10	24.8
Not Eligible For Lunch	33,034	90.2	+1.8	4.1	0.01	5.7
Special Education	5,249	62.4	-0.1	21.6	0.29	15.7
Non-Special Education	39,972	85.4	+1.1	4.4	0.00	10.2

Source: Public School Information System

Notes:

- With the exception of 2011 cohort # column which is a count of students, all remaining columns represent percentages. Row percentages may not add up to 100 percent because of rounding.
- A student is included in the ELL, special education, or free/reduced lunch subgroup, or any combination of them, if he/she was reported in that subgroup in at least one of the Public School Information System data collections over the course of his/her high school career.
- In reporting race/ethnicity, the student's last reported category is used.
- **Special Education** students who are still in school after four years but have earned the academic credits to graduate are included in the "still enrolled" column for this calculation.
- **The Cohort Count** is as of the end of 2010-11 school year.
- **Four-Year Graduation Rate** is the percentage of students who received a standard diploma within four years including early and summer graduates from the cohort.
- **Still Enrolled** means students were still in school after four years.
- **Certificate of Attendance credential** is awarded only to students with disabilities.
- **Other category** includes students who dropped out (including those who enrolled in an adult education program) OR transferred to postsecondary education OR transferred to another school district but never enrolled in that district OR have an unknown status.

For complete documentation regarding the cohort graduation rate, please see <http://sdeportal.ct.gov/Cedar/Files/Pdf/Reports/cohortgraddocumentation.pdf>.

For details on four-year graduation rates by district and school, please visit the following Web sites:

- District: <http://sdeportal.ct.gov/Cedar/Files/Pdf/Reports/cohortGradByDistrict2011.xls>
- School: <http://sdeportal.ct.gov/Cedar/Files/Pdf/Reports/cohortGradBySchool2011.xls>