

Appendix 3

Nebraska High School Graduation and Dropout Rates

Explanatory Note A3.1 Methods of Calculating High School Graduation Rates and Dropout Rates

The Nebraska Department of Education currently uses the method of calculating high school graduation rates developed by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES). The resulting percentage rate is referred to as the “four-year high school graduation rate.”

The **four-year, high school graduation rate** is based on the number of students in 9th grade compared to the number of students in the same class who complete high school four years later and receive regular diplomas. For the purposes of computing four-year graduation rates, graduates do not include GED recipients or completers who do not receive regular diplomas. Specifically, four-year high school graduation rates are calculated using the following formula:

$$\frac{\text{Number of high school diploma recipients at the end of Grade 12}}{\text{Number of Grade 9 dropouts (Year 1) + Number of Grade 10 dropouts (Year 2) + Number of Grade 11 dropouts (Year 3) + Number of Grade 12 dropouts (Year 4) + Number of high school diploma recipients at the end of Grade 12 (Year 4)}}$$

The resulting fraction is then multiplied by 100 to express the graduation rate as a percentage.

The Nebraska Department of Education computes a statewide, four-year, high school graduation rate for the state's public schools and also computes a four-year, high school graduation rate for each public school district in the state. A statewide, four-year, high school graduation rate is also calculated for nonpublic schools, but four-year graduation rates are currently not available for nonpublic schools on an individual basis.

A **four-year high school dropout rate** can be calculated simply by subtracting the four-year graduation rate from 100.0%. This dropout rate also can be calculated by dividing the total number of dropouts from Grade 9 through Grade 12 by the number of high school diploma recipients at the end of Grade 12 plus the total number of dropouts, and then by multiplying the resulting fraction by 100.

The method of calculating a dropout rate that is used by the Nebraska Department of Education is the **one-year, 7th – 12th grade dropout rate**. This rate is the total number of students in the 7th through the 12th grades who drop out of school during an academic year divided by the total number of students in the 7th through 12th grades at the beginning of the school year (referred to as the 7th – 12th grade membership). The resulting fraction is multiplied by 100 to express the dropout rate as a percentage.

In calculating either the four-year, high school graduation rate or the one-year, 7th – 12th grade dropout rate, a “dropout” is defined as an individual who is enrolled sometime during the current school year but who is not enrolled at the beginning of the next school year and has not graduated from high school or completed a state- or district-approved education program. A dropout is not an individual who has passed away or who has transferred to another public school, a private school, a home school or another district-approved education program. Dropouts also do not include students who are temporarily absent due to suspension, expulsion or illness.

Table A3.1
Distribution of the Four-Year High School Graduation Rates
for Nebraska Public High School Districts
2002–2003¹

Four-Year High School Graduation Rate	No. of School Districts	% of School Districts	% of School Districts	Cumulative % of School Districts
100.0%	76	29.6%	29.6%	29.6%
96.0% - 99.9%	39	15.2%	40.5%	44.7%
92.0% - 95.9%	65	25.3%		70.0%
88.0% - 91.9%	33	12.8%	19.8%	82.9%
84.8% - 87.9%	18	7.0%		89.9%
80.0% - 84.7% ²	14	5.4%	10.1%	95.3%
72.0% - 79.9%	8	3.1%		98.4%
Less than 72%	4	1.6%		100.0%
	257	100.0%	100.0%	

¹Four-year graduation rates by district downloaded from the Nebraska Department of Education Web site, <http://www.nde.state.ne.us>, October 5, 2005. Public high schools do not include educational service units or state-operated schools.

²The statewide public high school graduation rate for 2002–2003 was 84.7%.

Table A3.2
The 24 Nebraska Public School Districts with Four-Year High School
Graduation Rates Below the Statewide Public Rate
2008–2009¹

County	County No.	Public School District	Four-Year Graduation Rate	No. of Graduates
2008–2009 Statewide Public Graduation Rate			89.1%	19,398
Dawes	23	CRAWFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS	88.9%	16
Nance	63	FULLERTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS	88.9%	24
Knox	54	NIOBRARA PUBLIC SCHOOLS	88.9%	8
Nuckolls	65	SUPERIOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS	88.6%	31
Lincoln	56	NORTH PLATTE PUBLIC SCHOOLS	88.2%	277
Dakota	22	SO SIOUX CITY COMMUNITY SCHS	88.2%	231
Scotts Bluff	79	MITCHELL PUBLIC SCHOOLS	87.0%	47
Saline	76	DORCHESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS	87.0%	20
Gage	34	SOUTHERN SCHOOL DIST 1	86.7%	26
Dawson	24	SUMNER-EDDYVILLE-MILLER SCHS	86.7%	13
Adams	01	HASTINGS PUBLIC SCHOOLS	86.1%	198
Douglas	28	RALSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS	85.0%	209
Dodge	27	FREMONT PUBLIC SCHOOLS	83.9%	287
Scotts Bluff	79	GERING PUBLIC SCHOOLS	83.6%	138
Thurston	87	WINNEBAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS	82.8%	24
Kimball	53	KIMBALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS	82.6%	38
Lancaster	55	LINCOLN PUBLIC SCHOOLS	82.0%	1,954
Hall	40	GRAND ISLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS	79.2%	373
Scotts Bluff	79	MINATARE PUBLIC SCHOOLS	76.5%	13
Butler	12	RISING CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS	75.0%	9
Thurston	87	WALTHILL PUBLIC SCHOOLS	75.0%	12
Douglas	28	OMAHA PUBLIC SCHOOLS	69.8%	2,293
Knox	54	SANTEE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	61.5%	8
Thurston	87	UMO N HO N NATION PUBLIC SCHS	56.7%	17
		Total Graduates for these 24 districts		6,266
		Percentage of public graduates		32.3%
		Percentage of public dropouts		75.9%
		Graduation Rate for these 24 districts		77.7%

¹Nebraska Department of Education, January 2009.

Table A3.3
Four-Year Graduation Rates
for Nebraska High Schools by Race/Ethnicity
2002–2003 through 2008–2009¹

Race/Ethnicity	No. of Graduates	No. of Dropouts 9 th – 12 th Grades	Total Graduates & Dropouts	Four-Year High School Graduation Rate	Four-Year High School Dropout Rate ²
2002–2003					
Public High Schools					
White (non-Hispanic)	17,541	2,214	19,755	88.8%	11.2%
Asian/Pacific Islander	279	55	334	83.5%	16.5%
Hispanic	776	555	1,331	58.3%	41.7%
Native American	167	131	298	56.0%	44.0%
Black (non-Hispanic)	841	576	1,417	59.4%	40.6%
Public Total	19,604	3,531	23,135	84.7%	15.3%
Nonpublic (Private) High Schools					
White (non-Hispanic)	2,064	11	2,075	99.5%	0.5%
Asian/Pacific Islander	55	0	55	100.0%	0.0%
Hispanic	51	*	52	98.1%	1.9%
Native American	7	0	7	100.0%	0.0%
Black (non-Hispanic)	57	*	59	96.6%	3.4%
Nonpublic Total	2,234	14	2,248	99.4%	0.6%
ESU and State Operated					
White (non-Hispanic)	99	53	152	65.1%	34.9%
Asian/Pacific Islander	0	0	0		
Hispanic	9	12	21	42.9%	57.1%
Native American	*	7	10	30.0%	70.0%
Black (non-Hispanic)	23	18	41	56.1%	43.9%
ESU & SO Total	134	90	224	59.8%	40.2%
State Total					
White (non-Hispanic)	19,704	2,278	21,982	89.6%	10.4%
Asian/Pacific Islander	334	55	389	85.9%	14.1%
Hispanic	836	568	1,404	59.5%	40.5%
Native American	177	138	315	56.2%	43.8%
Black (non-Hispanic)	921	596	1,517	60.7%	39.3%
State Total	21,972	3,635	25,607	85.8%	14.2%
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Race/Ethnicity	No. of Graduates	No. of Dropouts 9 th – 12 th Grades	Total Graduates & Dropouts	Four-Year High School Graduation Rate	Four-Year High School Dropout Rate ²
2003–2004					
Public High Schools					
White (non-Hispanic)	17,211	1,848	19,059	90.3%	9.7%
Asian/Pacific Islander	309	31	340	90.9%	9.1%
Hispanic	890	510	1,400	63.6%	36.4%
Native American	168	137	305	55.1%	44.9%
Black (non-Hispanic)	884	509	1,393	63.5%	36.5%
Public Total	19,462	3,035	22,497	86.5%	13.5%
Nonpublic (Private) High Schools					
White (non-Hispanic)	2,008	8	2,016	99.6%	0.4%
Asian/Pacific Islander	39	0	39	100.0%	0.0%
Hispanic	64	0	64	100.0%	0.0%
Native American	12	0	12	100.0%	0.0%
Black (non-Hispanic)	39	0	39	100.0%	0.0%
Nonpublic Total	2,162	8	2,170	99.6%	0.4%
ESU and State Operated					
White (non-Hispanic)	71	44	115	61.7%	38.3%
Asian/Pacific Islander	1	0	1	100.0%	0.0%
Hispanic	6	9	15	40.0%	60.0%
Native American	2	2	4	50.0%	50.0%
Black (non-Hispanic)	14	10	24	58.3%	41.7%
ESU & SO Total	94	65	159	59.1%	40.9%
State Total					
White (non-Hispanic)	19,290	1,900	21,190	91.0%	9.0%
Asian/Pacific Islander	349	31	380	91.8%	8.2%
Hispanic	960	519	1,479	64.9%	35.1%
Native American	182	139	321	56.7%	43.3%
Black (non-Hispanic)	937	519	1,456	64.4%	35.6%
State Total	21,718	3,108	24,826	87.5%	12.5%
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Race/Ethnicity	No. of Graduates	No. of Dropouts 9 th – 12 th Grades	Total Graduates & Dropouts	Four-Year High School Graduation Rate	Four-Year High School Dropout Rate ²
2004–2005					
Public High Schools					
White (non-Hispanic)	16,825	1,668	18,493	91.0%	9.0%
Asian/Pacific Islander	324	38	362	89.5%	10.5%
Hispanic	1,076	533	1,609	66.9%	33.1%
Native American	179	129	308	58.1%	41.9%
Black (non-Hispanic)	821	484	1,305	62.9%	37.1%
Public Total	19,225	2,852	22,077	87.1%	12.9%
Nonpublic (Private) High Schools					
White (non-Hispanic)	2,123	40	2,163	98.2%	1.8%
Asian/Pacific Islander	43	*	44	97.7%	2.3%
Hispanic	64	*	65	98.5%	1.5%
Native American	17	0	17	100.0%	0.0%
Black (non-Hispanic)	50	*	51	98.0%	2.0%
Nonpublic Total	2,297	43	2,340	98.2%	1.8%
ESU and State Operated					
White (non-Hispanic)	89	32	121	73.6%	26.4%
Asian/Pacific Islander	0	0	0		
Hispanic	8	10	18	44.4%	55.6%
Native American	7	*	9	77.8%	22.2%
Black (non-Hispanic)	21	*	24	87.5%	12.5%
ESU & SO Total	125	47	172	72.7%	27.3%
State Total					
White (non-Hispanic)	19,037	1,740	20,777	91.6%	8.4%
Asian/Pacific Islander	367	39	406	90.4%	9.6%
Hispanic	1,148	544	1,692	67.8%	32.2%
Native American	203	131	334	60.8%	39.2%
Black (non-Hispanic)	892	488	1,380	64.6%	35.4%
State Total	21,647	2,942	24,589	88.0%	12.0%
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Race/Ethnicity	No. of Graduates	No. of Dropouts 9 th – 12 th Grades	Total Graduates & Dropouts	Four-Year High School Graduation Rate	Four-Year High School Dropout Rate ²
2005–2006					
Public High Schools					
White (non-Hispanic)	16,389	1,438	17,827	91.9%	8.1%
Asian/Pacific Islander	337	38	375	89.9%	10.1%
Hispanic	1,119	533	1,652	67.7%	32.3%
Native American	181	129	310	58.4%	41.6%
Black (non-Hispanic)	892	413	1,305	68.4%	31.6%
Public Total	18,918	2,551	21,469	88.1%	11.9%
Nonpublic (Private) High Schools					
White (non-Hispanic)	2,008	73	2,081	96.5%	3.5%
Asian/Pacific Islander	45	*	46	97.8%	2.2%
Hispanic	59	*	60	98.3%	1.7%
Native American	19	0	19	100.0%	0.0%
Black (non-Hispanic)	70	2	72	97.2%	2.8%
Nonpublic Total	2,201	77	2,278	96.6%	3.4%
ESU and State Operated					
White (non-Hispanic)	51	36	87	58.6%	41.4%
Asian/Pacific Islander	0	0	0		
Hispanic	8	5	13	61.5%	38.5%
Native American	*	*	5	40.0%	60.0%
Black (non-Hispanic)	8	9	17	47.1%	52.9%
ESU & SO Total	69	53	122	56.6%	43.4%
State Total					
White (non-Hispanic)	18,448	1,548	19,996	92.3%	7.7%
Asian/Pacific Islander	382	39	421	90.7%	9.3%
Hispanic	1,186	539	1,725	68.8%	31.2%
Native American	202	132	334	60.5%	39.5%
Black (non-Hispanic)	970	424	1,394	69.6%	30.4%
State Total	21,188	2,682	23,870	88.8%	11.2%
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Race/Ethnicity	No. of Graduates	No. of Dropouts 9 th – 12 th Grades	Total Graduates & Dropouts	Four-Year High School Graduation Rate	Four-Year High School Dropout Rate ²
2006–2007					
Public High Schools					
White (non-Hispanic)	16,354	1,357	17,711	92.3%	7.7%
Asian/Pacific Islander	330	34	364	90.7%	9.3%
Hispanic	1,172	519	1,691	69.3%	30.7%
Native American	196	125	321	61.1%	38.9%
Black (non-Hispanic)	899	453	1,352	66.5%	33.5%
Public Total	18,951	2,488	21,439	88.4%	11.6%
Nonpublic (Private) High Schools					
White (non-Hispanic)	1,971	56	2,027	97.2%	2.8%
Asian/Pacific Islander	61	0	61	100.0%	0.0%
Hispanic	88	0	88	100.0%	0.0%
Native American	7	0	7	100.0%	0.0%
Black (non-Hispanic)	59	0	59	100.0%	0.0%
Nonpublic Total	2,186	56	2,242	97.5%	2.5%
ESU and State Operated					
White (non-Hispanic)	74	23	97	76.3%	23.7%
Asian/Pacific Islander	*	0	*	100.0%	0.0%
Hispanic	10	6	16	62.5%	37.5%
Native American	*	*	4	75.0%	25.0%
Black (non-Hispanic)	15	5	20	75.0%	25.0%
ESU & SO Total	104	35	139	74.8%	25.2%
State Total					
White (non-Hispanic)	18,399	1,436	19,835	92.8%	7.2%
Asian/Pacific Islander	393	34	427	92.0%	8.0%
Hispanic	1,270	525	1,795	70.8%	29.2%
Native American	206	126	332	62.0%	38.0%
Black (non-Hispanic)	973	458	1,431	68.0%	32.0%
State Total	21,241	2,579	23,820	89.2%	10.8%
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Race/Ethnicity	No. of Graduates	No. of Dropouts 9 th – 12 th Grades	Total Graduates & Dropouts	Four-Year High School Graduation Rate	Four-Year High School Dropout Rate ²
2007–2008					
Public High Schools					
White (non-Hispanic)	16,930	1,329	18,259	92.7%	7.3%
Asian/Pacific Islander	355	37	392	90.6%	9.4%
Hispanic	1,430	510	1,940	73.7%	26.3%
Native American	225	109	334	67.4%	32.6%
Black (non-Hispanic)	1,047	476	1,523	68.7%	31.3%
Public Total	19,987	2,461	22,448	89.0%	11.0%
Nonpublic (Private) High Schools					
White (non-Hispanic)	1,950	58	2,008	97.1%	2.9%
Asian/Pacific Islander	47	0	47	100.0%	0.0%
Hispanic	74	0	74	100.0%	0.0%
Native American	17	0	17	100.0%	0.0%
Black (non-Hispanic)	70	0	70	100.0%	0.0%
Nonpublic Total	2,158	58	2,216	97.4%	2.6%
ESU and State Operated					
White (non-Hispanic)	30	15	45	66.7%	33.3%
Asian/Pacific Islander	0	0	0		
Hispanic	4	*	5	80.0%	20.0%
Native American	*	0	*	100.0%	0.0%
Black (non-Hispanic)	*	*	4	75.0%	25.0%
ESU & SO Total	40	17	57	70.2%	29.8%
State Total					
White (non-Hispanic)	18,910	1,402	20,312	93.1%	6.9%
Asian/Pacific Islander	402	37	439	91.6%	8.4%
Hispanic	1,508	511	2,019	74.7%	25.3%
Native American	245	109	354	69.2%	30.8%
Black (non-Hispanic)	1,120	477	1,597	70.1%	29.9%
State Total	22,185	2,536	24,721	89.7%	10.3%
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Race/Ethnicity	No. of Graduates	No. of Dropouts 9 th – 12 th Grades	Total Graduates & Dropouts	Four-Year High School Graduation Rate	Four-Year High School Dropout Rate ²
2008–2009					
Public High Schools					
White (non-Hispanic)	16,202	1,283	17,485	92.7%	7.3%
Asian/Pacific Islander	328	26	354	92.7%	7.3%
Hispanic	1,608	478	2,086	77.1%	22.9%
Native American	222	109	331	67.1%	32.9%
Black (non-Hispanic)	1,038	481	1,519	68.3%	31.7%
Public Total	19,398	2,377	21,775	89.1%	10.9%
Nonpublic (Private) High Schools					
White (non-Hispanic)	1,902	19	1,921	99.0%	1.0%
Asian/Pacific Islander	65	0	65	100.0%	0.0%
Hispanic	72	*			
Native American	11	*			
Black (non-Hispanic)	71	*			
Nonpublic Total	2,121	23	2,144	98.9%	1.1%
ESU and State Operated					
White (non-Hispanic)	67	22	89	75.3%	24.7%
Asian/Pacific Islander	0	0	0		
Hispanic	*	*			
Native American	*	0			
Black (non-Hispanic)	16	15	31	51.6%	48.4%
ESU & SO Total	96	39	135	71.1%	28.9%
State Total					
White (non-Hispanic)	18,171	1,324	19,495	93.2%	6.8%
Asian/Pacific Islander	393	26	419	93.8%	6.2%
Hispanic	1,688	482	2,170	77.8%	22.2%
Native American	238	110	348	68.4%	31.6%
Black (non-Hispanic)	1,125	497	1,622	69.4%	30.6%
State Total	21,615	2,439	24,054	89.9%	10.1%
¹ Data Source: Nebraska Department of Education, January 2009 (2006–2007 data corrected) and February 2010 for 2007–2008 data corrections and 2008–2009 data. ² See Explanatory Note A3.1 for information on how graduation and dropout rates are calculated. * Data values of three or less are masked.					

**Table A3.4
Distribution of Nebraska Public High School Graduates and Dropouts by Race/Ethnicity
Based on Four-Year Graduation Rate Data
2002–2003 through 2007–2008¹**

Race/Ethnicity	No. of Graduates	% of Graduates	No. of Dropouts 9 th – 12 th Grades	% of Dropouts	Total Graduates & Dropouts	% of Total Graduates & Dropouts
2002–2003						
Public High Schools						
White (non-Hispanic)	17,541	89.5%	2,214	62.7%	19,755	85.4%
Asian/Pacific Islander	279	1.4%	55	1.6%	334	1.4%
Hispanic	776	4.0%	555	15.7%	1,331	1.3%
Native American	167	0.8%	131	3.7%	298	6.1%
Black (non-Hispanic)	841	4.3%	576	16.3%	1,417	5.8%
Public Total	19,604	100.0%	3,531	100.0%	23,135	100.0%
2003–2004						
Public High Schools						
White (non-Hispanic)	17,211	88.4%	1,847	60.9%	19,058	84.7%
Asian/Pacific Islander	309	1.6%	31	1.0%	340	1.5%
Hispanic	890	4.6%	510	16.8%	1,400	1.4%
Native American	168	0.9%	137	4.5%	305	6.2%
Black (non-Hispanic)	884	4.5%	509	16.8%	1,393	6.2%
Public Total	19,462	100.0%	3,034	100.0%	22,496	100.0%
2004–2005						
Public High Schools						
White (non-Hispanic)	16,825	87.5%	1,668	58.5%	18,493	83.8%
Asian/Pacific Islander	324	1.7%	38	1.3%	362	1.6%
Hispanic	1,076	5.6%	533	18.7%	1,609	7.3%
Native American	179	0.9%	129	4.5%	308	1.4%
Black (non-Hispanic)	821	4.3%	484	17.0%	1,305	5.9%
Public Total	19,225	100.0%	2,852	100.0%	22,077	100.0%
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Race/Ethnicity	No. of Graduates	% of Graduates	No. of Dropouts 9 th – 12 th Grades	% of Dropouts	Total Graduates & Dropouts	% of Total Graduates & Dropouts
2005–2006						
Public High Schools						
White (non-Hispanic)	16,389	86.6%	1,438	56.4%	17,827	83.0%
Asian/Pacific Islander	337	1.8%	38	1.5%	375	1.7%
Hispanic	1,119	5.9%	533	20.9%	1,652	7.7%
Native American	181	1.0%	129	5.1%	310	1.4%
Black (non-Hispanic)	892	4.7%	413	16.2%	1,305	6.1%
Public Total	18,918	100.0%	2,551	100.0%	21,469	100.0%
2006–2007						
Public High Schools						
White (non-Hispanic)	16,354	86.3%	1,357	54.5%	17,711	82.6%
Asian/Pacific Islander	330	1.7%	34	1.4%	364	1.7%
Hispanic	1,172	6.2%	519	20.9%	1,691	7.9%
Native American	196	1.0%	125	5.0%	321	1.5%
Black (non-Hispanic)	899	4.7%	453	18.2%	1,352	6.3%
Public Total	18,951	100.0%	2,488	100.0%	21,439	100.0%
2007–2008						
Public High Schools						
White (non-Hispanic)	16,930	84.7%	1,329	54.0%	18,259	81.3%
Asian/Pacific Islander	355	1.8%	37	1.5%	392	1.7%
Hispanic	1,430	7.2%	510	20.7%	1,940	8.6%
Native American	225	1.1%	109	4.4%	334	1.5%
Black (non-Hispanic)	1,047	5.2%	476	19.3%	1,523	6.8%
Public Total	19,987	100.0%	2,461	100.0%	22,448	100.0%
2008–2009						
Public High Schools						
White (non-Hispanic)	16,202	83.5%	1,283	54.0%	17,485	80.3%
Asian/Pacific Islander	328	1.7%	26	1.1%	354	1.6%
Hispanic	1,608	8.3%	478	20.1%	2,086	9.6%
Native American	222	1.1%	109	4.6%	331	1.5%
Black (non-Hispanic)	1,038	5.4%	481	20.2%	1,519	7.0%
Public Total	19,398	100.0%	2,377	100.0%	21,775	100.0%

¹Data source: Nebraska Department of Education, January 2009 for 2002–2003 through 2006–2007 (data corrections included) and February 2010 for 2007–2008 (data corrected) and 2008–2009.

Public high schools do not include educational service units or state-operated schools.

**Table A3.5
Four-Year Graduation Rates
for Nebraska Public High Schools by Gender
2002–2003 through 2008–2009¹**

Race/Ethnicity	No. of Graduates	No. of Dropouts 9 th – 12 th Grades	Total Graduates & Dropouts	Four-Year High School Graduation Rate	Four-Year High School Dropout Rate ²
2002–2003					
Public High Schools					
Male	9,710	2,027	11,737	82.7%	17.3%
Female	9,894	1,504	11,398	86.8%	13.2%
Public Total	19,604	3,531	23,135	84.7%	15.3%
2003–2004					
Public High Schools					
Male	9,793	1,795	11,588	84.5%	15.5%
Female	9,669	1,240	10,909	88.6%	11.4%
Public Total	19,462	3,035	22,497	86.5%	13.5%
2004–2005					
Public High Schools					
Male	9,634	1,693	11,327	85.1%	14.9%
Female	9,591	1,159	10,750	89.2%	10.8%
Public Total	19,225	2,852	22,077	87.1%	12.9%
2005–2006					
Public High Schools					
Male	9,388	1,498	10,886	86.2%	13.8%
Female	9,530	1,053	10,583	90.1%	9.9%
Public Total	18,918	2,551	21,469	88.1%	11.9%
2006–2007					
Public High Schools					
Male	9,464	1,446	10,910	86.7%	13.3%
Female	9,487	1,042	10,529	90.1%	9.9%
Public Total	18,951	2,488	21,439	88.4%	11.6%
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Race/Ethnicity	No. of Graduates	No. of Dropouts 9 th – 12 th Grades	Total Graduates & Dropouts	Four-Year High School Graduation Rate	Four-Year High School Dropout Rate ²
2007–2008					
Public High Schools					
Male	9,937	1,454	11,391	87.2%	12.8%
Female	10,050	1,007	11,057	90.9%	9.1%
Public Total	19,987	2,461	22,448	89.0%	11.0%
2008–2009					
Public High Schools					
Male	9,624	1,385	11,009	87.4%	12.6%
Female	9,774	992	10,766	90.8%	9.2%
Public Total	19,398	2,377	21,775	89.1%	10.9%
¹ Data source: Nebraska Department of Education, January 2009 for 2002–2003 through 2006–2007 (data corrections included) and February 2010 for 2007–2008 (data corrected) and 2008–2009. Public high schools do not include educational service units or state-operated schools.					
² See Explanatory Note A3.1 for information on how graduation and dropout rates are calculated.					

**Table A3.6
Four-Year Graduation Rate Statistics
for the 14 Selected Nebraska School Districts
2002–2003 through 2008–2009¹**

County and District	County	District or School Name	No. of Graduates	No. of Dropouts 9 th – 12 th Grades	Four-Year Graduation Rate
2002–2003					
01-0018	Adams	Hastings Public Schools	233	54	81.2%
19-0123	Colfax	Schuyler Central High School	74	30	71.2%
22-0011	Dakota	South Sioux City Community Schools	176	64	73.3%
24-0001	Dawson	Lexington Public Schools	130	32	80.2%
27-0001	Dodge	Fremont Public Schools	286	65	81.5%
28-0001	Douglas	Omaha Public Schools	2,336	1,342	63.5%
40-0002	Hall	Grand Island Public Schools	367	123	74.9%
54-0505	Knox	Santee Community Schools	masked	masked	66.7%
55-0001	Lancaster	Lincoln Public Schools	1,883	716	72.5%
56-0001	Lincoln	North Platte Public Schools	297	57	83.9%
79-0032	Scotts Bluff	Scottsbluff Public Schools	207	39	84.1%
87-0013	Thurston	Walthill Public Schools	18	masked	72.0%
87-0016	Thurston	Umo ⁿ ho ⁿ Nation Public School	masked	18	33.3%
87-0017	Thurston	Winnebago Public Schools ²	21	16	56.8%
		Total for 14 School Districts	6,045	2,567	70.2%
		% of Nebraska Public Total	30.8%	72.7%	
		Nebraska Public Total	19,604	3,531	84.7%
2003–2004					
01-0018	Adams	Hastings Public Schools	214	52	80.5%
19-0123	Colfax	Schuyler Central High School	81	24	77.1%
22-0011	Dakota	South Sioux City Community Schools	191	49	79.6%
24-0001	Dawson	Lexington Public Schools	131	45	74.4%
27-0001	Dodge	Fremont Public Schools	315	54	85.4%
28-0001	Douglas	Omaha Public Schools	2,383	1,144	67.6%
40-0002	Hall	Grand Island Public Schools	351	92	79.2%
54-0505	Knox	Santee Community Schools	masked	masked	25.0%
55-0001	Lancaster	Lincoln Public Schools	1,865	570	76.6%
56-0001	Lincoln	North Platte Public Schools	299	48	86.2%
79-0032	Scotts Bluff	Scottsbluff Public Schools	178	50	78.1%
87-0013	Thurston	Walthill Public Schools	masked	10	33.3%
87-0016	Thurston	Umo ⁿ ho ⁿ Nation Public School	13	masked	61.9%
87-0017	Thurston	Winnebago Public Schools	19	17	52.8%
		Total for 14 School Districts	6,048	2,172	73.6%
		% of Nebraska Public Total	31.1%	71.6%	
		Nebraska Public Total	19,462	3,034	86.5%

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County and District	County	District or School Name	No. of Graduates	No. of Dropouts 9 th – 12 th Grades	Four-Year Graduation Rate
2004–2005					
01-0018	Adams	Hastings Public Schools	233	35	86.9%
19-0123	Colfax	Schuyler Central High School	82	29	73.9%
22-0011	Dakota	South Sioux City Community Schools	190	43	81.5%
24-0001	Dawson	Lexington Public Schools	119	48	71.3%
27-0001	Dodge	Fremont Public Schools	261	48	84.5%
28-0001	Douglas	Omaha Public Schools	2,263	1,069	67.9%
40-0002	Hall	Grand Island Public Schools	381	106	78.2%
54-0505	Knox	Santee Community Schools	masked	masked	47.1%
55-0001	Lancaster	Lincoln Public Schools	1,907	514	78.8%
56-0001	Lincoln	North Platte Public Schools	300	44	87.2%
79-0032	Scotts Bluff	Scottsbluff Public Schools	197	67	74.6%
87-0013	Thurston	Walthill Public Schools	masked	masked	55.6%
87-0016	Thurston	Umo ⁿ ho ⁿ Nation Public School	12	22	35.3%
87-0017	Thurston	Winnebago Public Schools ²	22	masked	73.3%
		Total for 14 School Districts	5,980	2,046	74.5%
		% of Nebraska Public Total	31.1%	71.7%	
		Nebraska Public Total	19,225	2,852	87.1%
2005–2006					
01-0018	Adams	Hastings Public Schools	193	34	85.0%
19-0123	Colfax	Schuyler Central High School	88	22	80.0%
22-0011	Dakota	South Sioux City Community Schools	184	33	84.8%
24-0001	Dawson	Lexington Public Schools	147	47	75.8%
27-0001	Dodge	Fremont Public Schools	271	27	90.9%
28-0001	Douglas	Omaha Public Schools	2,228	941	70.3%
40-0002	Hall	Grand Island Public Schools	399	90	81.6%
54-0505	Knox	Santee Community Schools	masked	masked	57.1%
55-0001	Lancaster	Lincoln Public Schools	1,867	464	80.1%
56-0001	Lincoln	North Platte Public Schools	257	28	90.2%
79-0032	Scotts Bluff	Scottsbluff Public Schools	183	51	78.2%
87-0013	Thurston	Walthill Public Schools	masked	12	40.0%
87-0016	Thurston	Umo ⁿ ho ⁿ Nation Public School	17	32	34.7%
87-0017	Thurston	Winnebago Public Schools ²	24	masked	75.0%
		Total for 14 School Districts	5,870	1,792	76.6%
		% of Nebraska Public Total	31.0%	70.2%	
		Nebraska Public Total	18,918	2,551	88.1%

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County and District	County	District or School Name	No. of Graduates	No. of Dropouts 9 th – 12 th Grades	Four-Year Graduation Rate
2006–2007					
01-0018	Adams	Hastings Public Schools	201	39	83.8%
19-0123	Colfax	Schuyler Central High School	85	22	79.4%
22-0011	Dakota	South Sioux City Community Schools	175	27	86.6%
24-0001	Dawson	Lexington Public Schools	131	29	81.9%
27-0001	Dodge	Fremont Public Schools	266	51	83.9%
28-0001	Douglas	Omaha Public Schools	2,223	928	70.5%
40-0002	Hall	Grand Island Public Schools	385	113	77.3%
54-0505	Knox	Santee Community Schools	masked	masked	53.3%
55-0001	Lancaster	Lincoln Public Schools	1,896	496	79.3%
56-0001	Lincoln	North Platte Public Schools	251	17	93.7%
79-0032	Scotts Bluff	Scottsbluff Public Schools	202	37	84.5%
87-0013	Thurston	Walthill Public Schools	11	masked	64.7%
87-0016	Thurston	Umo ⁿ ho ⁿ Nation Public School	12	41	22.6%
87-0017	Thurston	Winnebago Public Schools ²	21	12	63.6%
		Total for 14 School Districts	5,867	1,825	76.3%
		% of Nebraska Public Total	31.0%	73.4%	
		Nebraska Public Total	18,951	2,488	88.4%
2007–2008					
Kearney Public Schools included and North Platte Public Schools removed from the list ³					
01-0018	Adams	Hastings Public Schools	246	34	87.9%
10-0007	Buffalo	Kearney Public Schools ³	354	56	86.3%
19-0123	Colfax	Schuyler Central High School	96	24	80.0%
22-0011	Dakota	South Sioux City Community Schools	252	35	87.8%
24-0001	Dawson	Lexington Public Schools	158	36	81.4%
27-0001	Dodge	Fremont Public Schools	282	44	86.5%
28-0001	Douglas	Omaha Public Schools	2,336	955	71.0%
40-0002	Hall	Grand Island Public Schools	378	105	78.3%
54-0505	Knox	Santee Community Schools	0	masked	0.0%
55-0001	Lancaster	Lincoln Public Schools	1,958	445	81.5%
79-0032	Scotts Bluff	Scottsbluff Public Schools	175	24	87.9%
87-0013	Thurston	Walthill Public Schools	18	10	64.3%
87-0016	Thurston	UMO ^ HO ^ Nation Public Schools	15	17	46.9%
87-0017	Thurston	Winnebago Public Schools	35	masked	83.3%
		Total for 14 School Districts	6,303	1,792	77.9%
		% of Nebraska Public Total	31.5%	72.8%	
		Nebraska Public Total	19,995	2,460	89.0%
Totals including North Platte and excluding Kearney			6,217	1,744	78.1%

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County and District	County	District or School Name	No. of Graduates	No. of Dropouts 9 th – 12 th Grades	Four-Year Graduation Rate
2008–2009					
Note: North Platte Public Schools returned to the list of 14 selected schools for 2008–2009 ³					
01-0018	Adams	Hastings Public Schools	198	32	86.1%
19-0123	Colfax	Schuyler Central High School	117	13	90.0%
22-0011	Dakota	South Sioux City Community Schools	231	31	88.2%
24-0001	Dawson	Lexington Public Schools	180	17	91.4%
27-0001	Dodge	Fremont Public Schools	287	55	83.9%
28-0001	Douglas	Omaha Public Schools	2,293	990	69.8%
40-0002	Hall	Grand Island Public Schools	373	98	79.2%
54-0505	Knox	Santee Community Schools	masked	masked	61.5%
55-0001	Lancaster	Lincoln Public Schools	1,954	428	82.0%
56-0001	Lincoln	North Platte Public Schools ³	277	37	88.2%
79-0032	Scotts Bluff	Scottsbluff Public Schools	174	17	91.1%
87-0013	Thurston	Walthill Public Schools	12	masked	75.0%
87-0016	Thurston	UMO ^ HO ^ Nation Public Schools	17	13	56.7%
87-0017	Thurston	Winnebago Public Schools	24	masked	82.8%
Total for 14 School Districts			6,145	1,745	77.9%
% of Nebraska Public Total			31.7%	73.4%	
Nebraska Public Total			19,398	2,377	89.1%
Additional Districts with Below Average Graduation Rates and More than 15 Dropouts in 2008–2009:					
79-0032	Douglas	Ralston Public Schools	209	37	85.0%
87-0013	Scotts Bluff	Gering Public Schools	138	27	83.6%

¹Data Sources:

For 2002–2003 and 2003–2004: Nebraska Department of Education, August 2005.

For 2004–2005 and 2005–2006: Nebraska Department of Education, January 2007.

For 2006–2007: Nebraska Department of Education, January 2009 for data that corrects the data received in December 2007 and reported in the 2008 edition of this report.

For 2007–2008: Nebraska Department of Education, January 2009.

For 2008–2009: Nebraska Department of Education, February 2010.

Numbers under 10 are masked, but the masked numbers are included in the total numbers of graduates and dropouts for the 14 school districts.

²The number of dropouts from Winnebago Public Schools was estimated for 2002–2003, based on 21 graduates and an average graduation rate for the 5 years from 1998–1999 through 2002–2003 of 56.19%. The estimate of 16 dropouts then resulted in a calculated graduation rate of 56.8%.

³North Platte Public Schools was removed from the list of monitored districts for 2007–2008 because the district had a graduation rate that was higher than the statewide rate for Nebraska public schools in 2006–2007 and 2007–2008, but was returned to the list for 2008–2009 because the district's graduation rate fell below the statewide rate. Kearney Public Schools was added to the list for 2007–2008 because the district had a graduation rate that was lower than the statewide rate for Nebraska public schools and more than 15 dropouts in 2006–2007 and 2007–2008. Kearney was not included in the list for 2008–2009 because its graduation rate was 89.9%, which was above the public state rate of 89.1%.

Table A3.7
Summary of the Four-Year High School Graduation Rates
For the 14 Selected Nebraska School Districts
2005–2006 through 2008–2009 Compared to the 2002–2003 Baseline¹

(In Descending Rank Order by 2007–2008 Graduation Rate)

County	District or School Name	2002– 2003	2005– 2006	2006– 2007	2007– 2008	2008– 2009
Adams	Hastings Public Schools	81.2%	85.0%	83.8%	87.9%	86.1%
Colfax	Schuyler Central High School	71.2%	80.0%	79.4%	80.0%	90.0%
Dakota	South Sioux City Community Schools	73.3%	84.8%	86.6%	87.8%	88.2%
Dawson	Lexington Public Schools	80.2%	75.8%	81.9%	81.4%	91.4%
Dodge	Fremont Public Schools	81.5%	90.9%	83.3%	86.5%	83.9%
Douglas	Omaha Public Schools	63.5%	70.3%	69.2%	71.0%	69.8%
Hall	Grand Island Public Schools	74.9%	81.6%	77.3%	78.3%	79.2%
Knox	Santee Community Schools	66.7%	57.1%	53.3%	0.0%	61.5%
Lancaster	Lincoln Public Schools	72.5%	80.1%	79.3%	81.5%	82.0%
Lincoln	North Platte Public Schools	83.9%	90.2%	93.7%	97.1%	88.2%
Scotts Bluff	Scottsbluff Public Schools	84.1%	78.2%	84.5%	87.9%	91.1%
Thurston	Walthill Public Schools	72.0%	40.0%	64.7%	64.3%	75.0%
Thurston	Umo [^] Ho [^] Nation Public Schools	33.3%	34.7%	22.6%	46.9%	56.7%
Thurston	Winnebago Public Schools	56.8%	75.0%	63.6%	83.3%	82.8%
Adams	Hastings Public Schools	81.2%	85.0%	83.8%	87.9%	86.1%
Graduation Rate for 14 Districts		70.2%	76.6%	75.8%	78.1%	77.9%
State Public Schools Graduation Rate		84.7%	88.1%	88.4%	89.0%	89.1%
Percentage-Point Difference between Graduation Rates		14.5%	11.5%	12.6%	11.1%	11.2%
Graduation Rate for All Other Districts		93.4%	94.5%	95.3%	95.3%	95.4%

¹Data Sources:

For 2002–2003: Nebraska Department of Education, August 2005.

For 2005–2006: Nebraska Department of Education, January 2007.

For 2006–2007: Nebraska Department of Education, December 2007 for original data and January 2009 for data corrections.

For 2007–2008: Nebraska Department of Education, January 2009.

For 2008–2009: Nebraska Department of Education, February 2010.

