



COLLEGE- AND CAREER-READY COURSEWORK COMPLETION

Graduation rates are an accurate indicator of students graduating high school on time but should not be confused with students graduating with the skills and knowledge needed for entering college or career pathways without needing remediation. In too many states, earning a high school diploma is not a signal that a graduate is ready to successfully enter postsecondary education, the military, or the workforce. Rigorous course-taking is one of the strongest indicators of postsecondary success; yet many states do not expect graduates to take the classes or learn the essential skills that open doors to their next steps. In all but a handful of states, the CCR completion rate is much lower than the adjusted cohort graduation rate.

Achieve considers states' mathematics and ELA/literacy high school graduation requirements to be at the college- and career-ready (CCR) level if students are expected to complete a course of study aligned with state-adopted CCR standards, which typically includes at least three years of rigorous mathematics to learn the content of the standards – whether in traditional mathematics courses (e.g., two years of Algebra and one year of geometry), capstone experiences, or applied/technical courses with rigorous embedded mathematics – and four years of grade-level English. Readiness for college and careers depends on more than the mastery of English language arts (ELA)/literacy and mathematics content and skills, but these two content areas serve as a foundation for the study of other academic disciplines and contextualized learning.

For this indicator, the denominator should include all students who entered 9th grade four years earlier and graduate having completed a CCR course of study. Every state should disaggregate these data by subgroup. Click into each state/indicator combination on the [home page](#) to see each state's subgroup data.

State	Graduation Option Name	Denominator	Diploma Type	Value	Notes
Alabama	Alabama High School Diploma	NA	Default CCR	NR	Alabama expects students to complete a college- and career-ready course of study but does not publicly report the percentage of students who graduate having completed that course of study without any modifications.
Alaska	Alaska Performance Scholarship	Graduates	CCR opt in	25.0	
Arizona	Arizona High School Diploma	NA	Default CCR	NR	Arizona expects students to complete a college- and career-ready course of study but does not publicly report the percentage of students who graduate having completed that course of study without any modifications.
Arkansas	Arkansas Smart Core Curriculum	NA	Default CCR	NR	Arkansas expects students to complete a college- and career-ready course of study but does not publicly report the percentage of students who graduate having completed that course of study without any modifications.
California	California Readiness Curriculum a-g	9th grade cohort	CCR opt in	41.4	
Colorado				NA	State does not expect students to complete a college- and career-ready course of study to graduate.



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Connecticut				NA	State does not expect students to complete a college- and career-ready course of study to graduate.
Delaware	Delaware High School Diploma	9th grade cohort	CCR Mandatory	85.8	
District of Columbia	District of Columbia High School Diploma	9th grade cohort	CCR Mandatory	68.5	
Florida	Florida Scholar Diploma Designation	NA	CCR opt in	NR	The state offers a college- and career-ready course of study to students but does not publicly report the percentage of students who graduate having completed that course of study.
Georgia	Georgia High School Diploma	9th grade cohort	CCR Mandatory	81.6	
Hawaii	Hawaii High School Diploma with Any Honors	Completers	CCR opt in	28.0	
Idaho				NA	State does not expect students to complete a college- and career-ready course of study to graduate.
Illinois				NA	State does not expect students to complete a college- and career-ready course of study to graduate.
Indiana	Indiana Core 40 or Honors	Graduates	Default/CCR opt in	90.5	
Iowa				NA	State does not expect students to complete a college- and career-ready course of study to graduate.
Kansas				NA	State does not expect students to complete a college- and career-ready course of study to graduate.
Kentucky	Kentucky High School Diploma	9th grade cohort	CCR Mandatory	90.3	
Louisiana	Louisiana TOPS Honor Diploma	Graduates	CCR opt in	77.3	This data reflects the Class of 2017.
Maine				NA	State does not expect students to complete a college- and career-ready course of study to graduate.
Maryland	University System of Maryland Course Requirements	12th Graders	CCR opt in	51.5	This data reflects the Class of 2017.



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Massachusetts	MassCore	Graduates	CCR opt in	81.1	
Michigan	Michigan Merit Curriculum	NA	Default CCR	NR	Michigan expects students to complete a college- and career-ready course of study but does not publicly report the percentage of students who graduate having completed that course of study without any modifications.
Minnesota	Minnesota High School Diploma	9th grade cohort	CCR Mandatory	83.2	
Mississippi	Mississippi High School Diploma	NA	Default CCR	NR	Mississippi expects students to complete a college- and career-ready course of study but does not publicly report the percentage of students who graduate having completed that course of study without any modifications.
Missouri	Missouri CBHE High School Core Curriculum	NA	CCR opt in	NR	The state offers a college- and career-ready course of study to students but does not publicly report the percentage of students who graduate having completed that course of study.
Montana	Montana Minimum Core College Preparatory Program	NA	CCR opt in	NR	The state offers a college- and career-ready course of study to students but does not publicly report the percentage of students who graduate having completed that course of study.
Nebraska	Nebraska High School Diploma	9th grade cohort	CCR Mandatory	88.6	
Nevada	Nevada Advanced Diploma	Graduates	CCR opt in	24.5	This data reflects the Class of 2017.
New Hampshire	New Hampshire Scholars Arts Course of Study	NA	CCR opt in	NR	The state offers a college- and career-ready course of study to students but does not publicly report the percentage of students who graduate having completed that course of study.
New Jersey				NA	State does not expect students to complete a college- and career-ready course of study to graduate.



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New Mexico	New Mexico Diploma of Excellence	NA	Default CCR	NR	New Mexico expects students to complete a college- and career-ready course of study but does not publicly report the percentage of students who graduate having completed that course of study without any modifications
New York	New York Advanced Designation Regents Diploma	9th grade cohort	CCR opt in	31.0	State does not expect students to complete a college- and career-ready course of study to graduate.
North Carolina	North Carolina Future-Ready Core Course of Study	9th grade cohort	CCR Mandatory	86.3	State does not expect students to complete a college- and career-ready course of study to graduate.
North Dakota	North Dakota Academic and Career and Technical Education Scholarship Eligibility Requirements	12th graders	CCR opt in	24.0	The state offers a college- and career-ready course of study to students but does not publicly report the percentage of students who graduate having completed that course of study.
Ohio	Ohio High School Diploma	NA	Default CCR	NR	Ohio expects students to complete a college- and career-ready course of study but does not publicly report the percentage of students who graduate having completed that course of study without any modifications. The state does report the percentage of students earning the more advanced Ohio Honors Diplomas.
Oklahoma	Oklahoma College-Prep/ Work-Ready Curriculum	Graduates	Default CCR	79.8	This data reflects the Class of 2017.
Oregon				NA	State does not expect students to complete a college- and career-ready course of study to graduate.
Pennsylvania				NA	State does not expect students to complete a college- and career-ready course of study to graduate.
Rhode Island				NA	State does not expect students to complete a college- and career-ready course of study to graduate.
South Carolina	South Carolina Academic Honors Award	NA	CCR opt in	NR	The state offers a college- and career-ready course of study to students but does not publicly report the percentage of students who graduate having completed that course of study.



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South Dakota	South Dakota High School Diploma	NA	Default CCR	NR	South Dakota expects students to complete a college- and career-ready course of study but does not publicly report the percentage of students who graduate having completed that course of study without any modifications.
Tennessee	Tennessee High School Diploma	9th grade cohort	CCR Mandatory	89.1	
Texas	STEM Endorsement	NA	CCR opt in	NR	The state reports the percentage of 12th grades pursuing or completing the STEM endorsement by ethnicity for 2017-18.
Utah	Utah High School Diploma	NA	Default CCR	NR	Utah expects students to complete a college- and career-ready course of study but does not publicly report the percentage of students who graduate having completed that course of study without any modifications.
Vermont				NA	State does not expect students to complete a college- and career-ready course of study to graduate.
Virginia	Virginia Advanced Studies Program	9th grade cohort	CCR opt in	52.0	
Washington	Washington Standard High School Diploma	NA	Default CCR	NR	Washington expects students to complete a college- and career-ready course of study but does not publicly report the percentage of students who graduate having completed that course of study without any modifications.
West Virginia	West Virginia High School Program	9th grade cohort	CCR Mandatory	90.2	
Wisconsin				NA	State does not expect students to complete a college- and career-ready course of study to graduate.
Wyoming	Wyoming Hathaway Scholarship Honors Level	NA	CCR opt in	NR	States does not publicly report which students earn each graduation option.