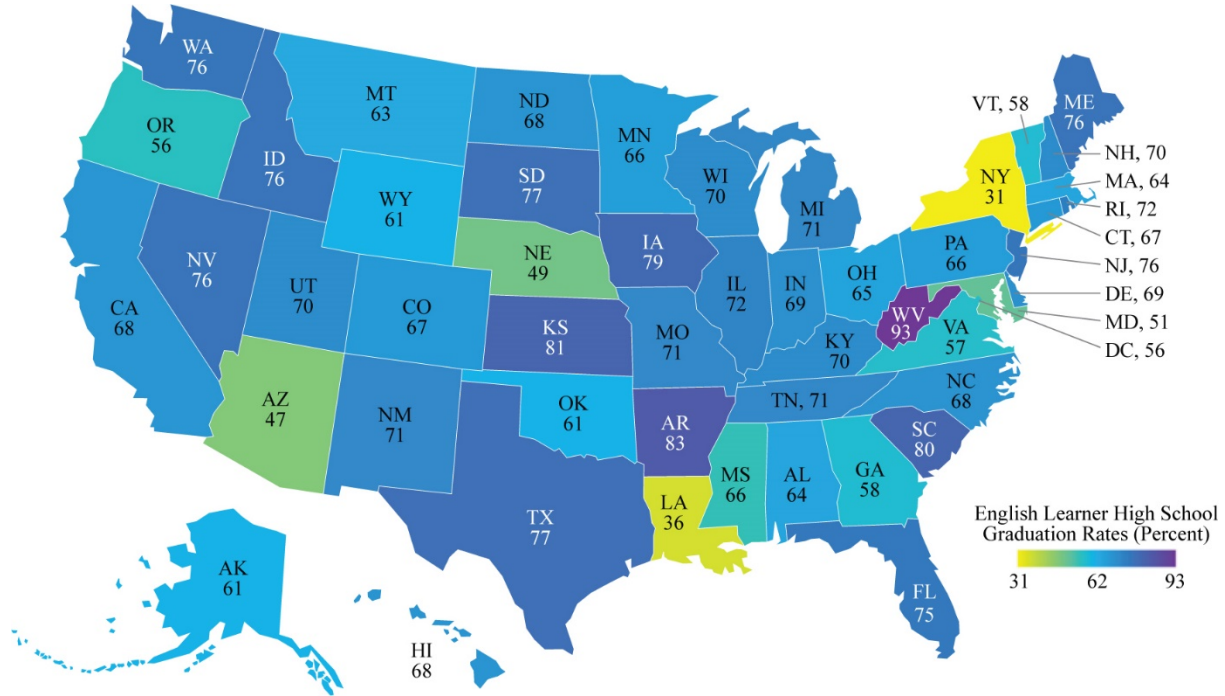




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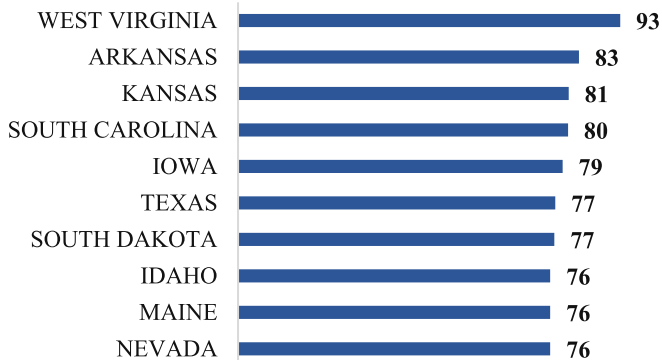
State-Level High School Graduation Rate Percentages* for English Learners: 2017–18 School Year



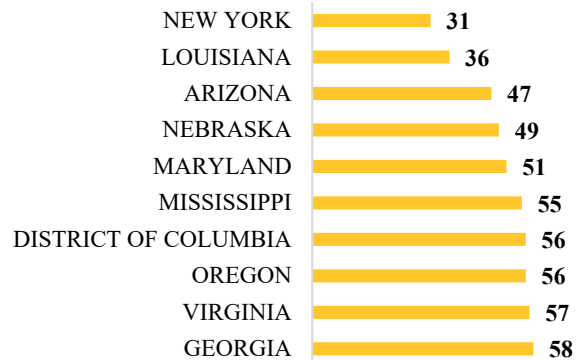
Across the United States, the high school graduation rates for English learners (ELs) during the 2017–18 school year (SY) ranged from a low of 31% in New York and 36% in Louisiana to a high of 93% in West Virginia and 83% in Arkansas. The median state-level high school graduation rate for ELs was 68.4%.

Graduation Rate Percentages for English Learners by State: School Year 2017–18

Ten States With Highest Graduation Rates



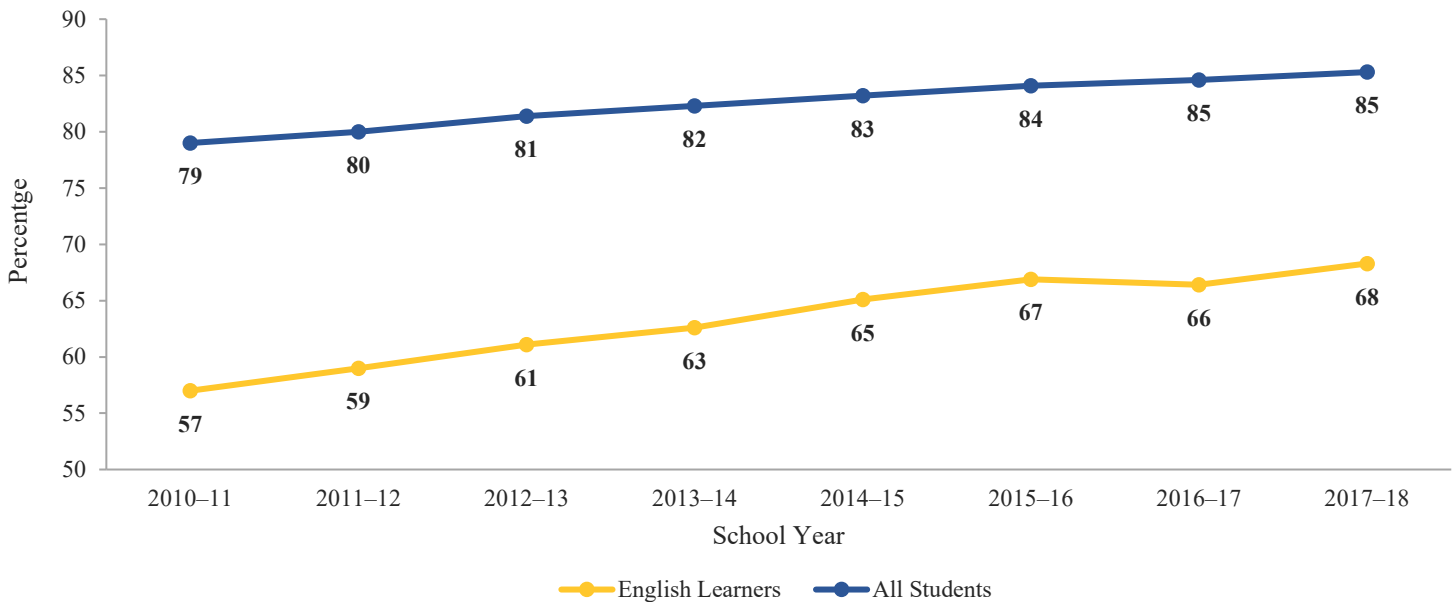
Ten States With Lowest Graduation Rates



*Note: The Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate (ACGR) reports state by state calculated rates of graduation by measuring “the number of students who graduate in four years with a regular high school diploma divided by the number of students who form the adjust cohort for the graduating class.” The original cohort of students in ninth grade is adjusted by adding students who transfer into the cohort and subtracting students who leave the cohort, whether by transferring, emigrating to another country, or dying. Comparison of ACGR across states may raise measurement issues. “ACGRs are more comparable across states than the graduation rates previously compiled by the U.S. Department of Education. However, there has been some variation in the way that individual states have implemented ACGR requirements. Examples of ways in which the calculated ACGR may vary among states include how students are identified for inclusion in certain subgroups, how the beginning of the cohort is defined, and whether summer school students are included. In addition, graduation requirements for obtaining a regular public high school diploma vary across states.”

Source for note: U.S. Department of Education, Institute for Education Statistics, National Center for Education Statistics. (2019). *Trends in High School Dropout and Completion Rates in the United States*. Indicator 4: Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate. Retrieved from https://nces.ed.gov/programs/dropout/ind_04.asp.

National High School Graduation Rate Percentages for English Learners Versus All Students: School Years 2010–11 to 2017–18

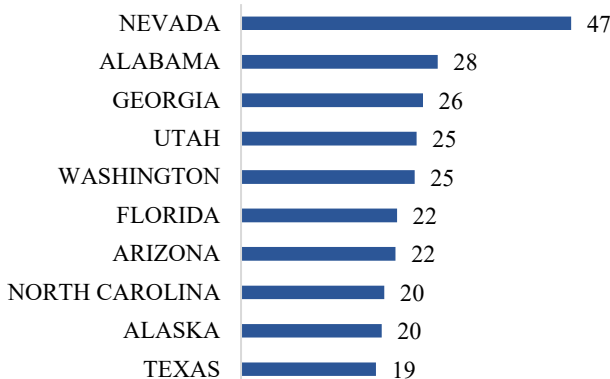


Between SYs 2010–2011 and 2017–2018, the national high school graduation rate for ELs increased. The only exception was a one-percentage point decrease in SY 2016–2017 compared to the previous school year, but in SY 2017–2018 there was a two-percentage point increase in the national EL graduation rate. Moreover, during those eight school years (SYs 2010–2011 to 2017–2018), the high school graduation rate for ELs increased by 11 percentage points, from 57% to 68%.

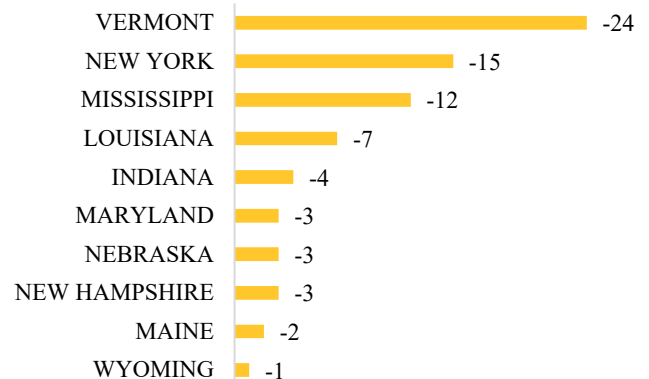
In addition, the gap in the high school graduation rate for all students versus ELs narrowed by five percentage points during this period, decreasing from a difference of 22 percentage points in SY 2010–2011 to 17 percentage points in SY 2017–2018.

Percentage Point Changes in English Learner High School Graduation Rates: School Years 2010–11 to 2017–18

Ten States With the Greatest Percentage Point Increases



Ten States With the Greatest Percentage Point Decreases



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