

# Rhode Island's High School Graduation Rates: 2009-2015



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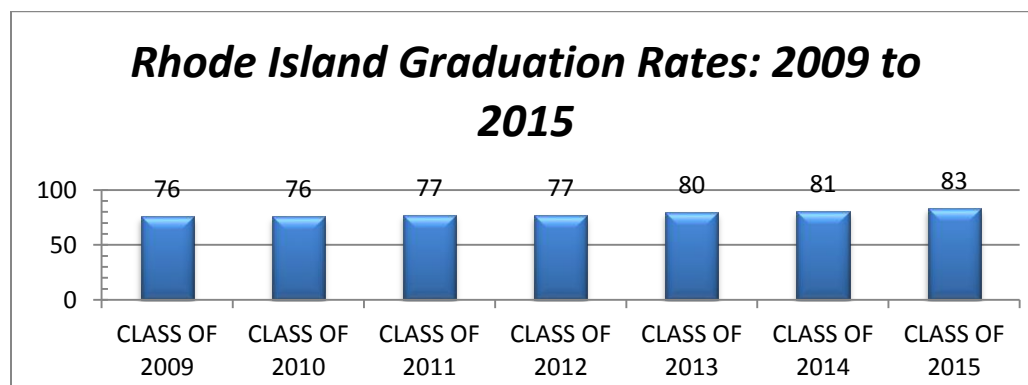
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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### STATE-LEVEL RESULTS

The graduation rate for Rhode Island Public students is at its highest rate ever. The graduation rate for the class of 2015 was 83.2% of the students that completed high school within four years. The increase held true across all demographic categories including black and Hispanic students, students from low income families, students with disabilities and Limited English Proficiency.



### STUDENT GROUP RESULTS

Student Group	Class of 2013	Class of 2014	Class of 2015
Black Students	72.7	71.9	<b>77.1</b>
Hispanic Students	69.4	71.8	<b>77.4</b>
Low Income	69.8	71.1	<b>75.6</b>
Student with Disabilities	59.9	60.1	<b>67.6</b>
Limited Language Proficiency	72.6	72.5	<b>77.0</b>

### GROUP STATISTICS

Cohort N	Graduation rate	Dropout Rate	GED Rate	Retained still in school rate
10,905	83.2	6.7	1.5	8.6

**Cohort:** Students enrolled in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade for the first time in 2009/2010

**Graduation Rate:** Cohort % that graduated in 4<sup>th</sup> year

**Dropout Rate:** Cohort % that dropped out of school

**GED Rate:** Cohort % that completed a GED program

**Still Retained in School Rate:** Cohort % retained/still in school

## **SCHOOL-LEVEL RESULTS**

Across the state, twenty-four high schools graduated 90% or more students in four years. Several high schools had more than ten percentage point increases in four-year graduation rates compared to last year (2014):

- Burrillville High School (16%),
- Central High School (14%),
- Mount Pleasant High School (11%) and
- Rogers High School (10%)

In addition, several schools had 20 to more than 30 percentage point increases in graduation rates from the Class of 2015 compared to their Class of 2009:

- Beacon Charter School (32%) and Central Falls Senior High School (33%) both have seen an increase over 30% from the class of 2009 to the class of 2015
- Davies Jr. Career-Technical High School (28%), Charles E. Shea High School (29%), William E. Tolman Senior High School (25%), Dr. Jorge Alvarez High School (24%) and E-Cubed Academy (20%) all increased between 20% and 30% from the class of 2009 to the class of 2015

**DISTRICT-LEVEL RESULTS****District/LEA Graduation Rates<sup>1</sup>: Class of 2009 to Class of 2015**

DISTRICT/LEA	Class of 2009		Class of 2010		Class of 2011		Class of 2012		Class of 2013		Class of 2014		Class of 2015	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Barrington	288	96	276	96	296	97	301	94	253	95	269	94	284	95
Beacon Charter School	34	59	73	60	60	77	42	90	58	95	56	93	56	91
Blackstone Academy Charter	40	73	41	88	37	86	36	86	40	88	41	83	40	83
Bristol Warren	302	84	304	82	268	87	285	85	259	90	275	87	248	86
Burrillville	208	85	221	85	205	87	196	81	179	85	180	74	183	89
Central Falls	263	47	255	54	246	70	229	68	213	74	210	71	224	81
Chariho	325	86	291	82	317	88	314	87	313	87	306	92	317	90
Coventry	472	79	470	81	441	83	468	87	402	89	432	85	377	91
Cranston	954	80	966	81	921	77	949	81	895	83	911	85	826	85
Cumberland	381	83	383	83	419	79	398	81	357	85	334	87	360	88
Davies Career-Tech	170	59	185	77	178	75	182	76	166	81	177	81	205	87
DCYF	80	5	58	9	137	4	118	7	104	8	56	9	59	10
East Greenwich	189	94	190	96	184	95	196	94	177	92	183	96	195	94
East Providence	534	76	495	76	461	67	488	69	449	73	393	77	390	82
Exeter-West Greenwich	173	88	151	89	154	86	148	91	147	93	140	90	142	83
Foster-Glocester	246	88	225	83	203	93	217	86	190	93	193	94	161	92
Johnston	208	73	245	67	232	82	222	82	220	85	229	88	199	84
Lincoln	303	85	253	84	262	83	254	83	239	90	271	89	264	93
MET Career and Tech	189	76	204	82	185	81	154	73	239	78	240	87	216	90
Middletown	173	82	161	82	173	72	168	81	180	88	176	85	186	82
Narragansett	122	87	111	90	119	84	137	83	120	91	125	86	121	93

<sup>1</sup> A 4-year graduation rate was calculated. See Appendix A for a description of this method.

DISTRICT/LEA	Class of 2009		Class of 2010		Class of 2011		Class of 2012		Class of 2013		Class of 2014		Class of 2015	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
New Shoreham	12	100	4		9		7		6		8		13	85
Newport	143	74	144	77	169	81	151	74	175	67	141	70	142	79
North Kingstown	403	92	414	86	427	88	408	88	386	90	370	87	340	89
North Providence	323	81	304	80	258	93	263	87	240	88	261	88	244	95
North Smithfield	156	86	152	83	135	92	138	78	153	86	121	90	148	89
Paul Cuffee Charter School	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1		1		59	92	63	94
Pawtucket	716	56	643	59	639	63	617	67	567	75	569	80	535	81
Portsmouth	259	83	252	86	252	89	276	91	249	88	267	96	221	96
Providence	2048	66	2049	68	2038	66	2094	65	1848	71	1797	71	1649	75
RI School for the Deaf	8		6		8		8		7		4		16	
Scituate	133	85	151	93	138	91	115	91	127	88	116	91	118	94
Smithfield	235	90	219	91	191	92	206	94	195	89	222	88	160	96
South Kingstown	322	86	297	86	261	84	287	80	265	89	260	91	243	88
The Greene School	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	5		37	89	38	87	34	76
Tiverton	188	83	213	77	141	84	163	83	159	86	136	91	134	93
Village Green Virtual Charter School	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	5	
Warwick	963	75	945	77	833	82	848	79	820	77	764	79	738	81
West Warwick	293	69	312	68	252	75	280	70	257	74	241	81	239	85
Westerly	268	90	226	90	260	88	248	87	248	88	213	85	244	91
Woonsocket	531	64	488	63	488	63	456	65	445	61	436	58	456	63
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**SCHOOL-LEVEL RESULTS****School Graduation Rates<sup>2</sup>: Class of 2009 to Class of 2015**

District	School	Class of 2009		Class of 2010		Class of 2011		Class of 2012		Class of 2013		Class of 2014		Class of 2015	
		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Barrington	Barrington High School	287	96	275	96	295	97	296	95	250	96	265	94	282	96
Beacon Charter	BEACON Charter School	34	59	73	60	60	77	42	90	58	95	56	93	56	91
Blackstone Academy	Blackstone Academy Charter School	40	73	41	88	37	86	36	86	40	88	41	83	40	83
Bristol Warren	Mt. Hope High School	290	85	297	83	261	88	278	86	255	90	272	87	237	87
Burrillville	Burrillville High School	204	86	218	85	205	87	194	82	177	85	176	75	179	91
Central Falls	Central Falls Sr. High School	260	48	250	54	243	71	224	70	210	74	207	72	223	81
Chariho	Chariho Regional High School	315	87	283	83	309	89	304	89	302	87	298	92	309	92
	The R.Y.S.E. School	10	40	7		8		9		11	82	8		8	
Coventry	Coventry High School	471	79	467	81	440	84	467	87	401	90	431	85	377	91
Cranston	Cranston High School East	416	74	418	81	405	73	462	78	391	79	419	82	391	85
	Cranston High School West	436	89	444	87	426	88	419	87	427	93	421	95	372	92
	NEL/CPS Constr. Career Acad.	95	62	96	63	87	46	64	61	73	56	41	71	37	65
Cumberland	Cumberland High School	373	84	381	83	408	81	393	82	355	85	329	88	350	91
Davies	Wm. M. Davies Jr. Career-Tech. HS	170	59	185	77	178	75	182	76	166	81	177	81	205	87
DCYF	DCYF Alt. Educ. Program	75	5	58	9	109	4	108	7	100	8	54	9	59	10
East Greenwich	East Greenwich High School	188	94	190	96	183	95	195	94	175	93	180	96	193	95
East Providence	East Providence High School	512	77	468	77	436	69	464	71	425	74	378	80	375	84
Ex-West Greenwich	Exeter-West Greenwich High Sch.	172	88	149	90	154	86	148	91	147	93	137	92	134	88
Foster-Glocester	Ponaganset High School	245	88	225	83	203	93	216	86	190	93	193	94	161	92
Johnston	Johnston Sr. High School	205	73	244	67	228	83	221	82	217	85	226	88	190	87
Lincoln	Lincoln Sr. High School	301	86	251	84	257	85	250	84	235	91	266	90	261	94
MET	MET Career & Tech. Center	189	76	204	82	185	81	154	73	239	78	240	87	216	90
Middletown	Middletown High School	168	82	156	83	164	74	161	82	173	90	173	86	176	85
Narragansett	Narragansett High School	121	88	111	90	112	87	134	85	120	91	122	89	121	93
New Shoreham	Block Island School	12		4		9		7		6		8		12	92
Newport	Rogers High School	138	75	137	80	165	82	147	73	170	68	132	73	129	83
North Kingstown	N. Kingstown Sr. High School	399	92	410	86	425	88	405	89	383	91	363	89	329	92

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		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
North Providence	North Providence High School	321	82	304	80	258	93	262	87	239	87	249	92	231	98
North Smithfield	North Smithfield High School	152	88	151	83	135	92	138	78	149	87	120	91	142	92
Paul Cuffee	Paul Cuffee Charter School	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1		1		59	92	63	94
Pawtucket	Charles E. Shea High School	279	57	253	58	264	67	258	67	221	83	219	88	223	86
	Jacqueline M. Walsh School	25	88	28		16		30	90	21	90	37	92	46	91
	William E. Tolman Sr. High School	394	53	349	58	341	60	315	67	307	71	283	79	249	78
Portsmouth	Portsmouth High School	252	85	248	86	251	89	269	92	242	90	261	97	214	97
Providence	Acad. for Career Exploration (ACES)	59	93	47	83	46	67	55	84	58	90	43	88	44	84
	Central High School	375	63	285	66	299	63	382	56	280	64	261	56	272	70
	Classical High School	259	98	273	97	244	96	249	97	257	96	294	97	271	97
	Dr. J. Alvarez High School	150	47	242	67	177	67	156	62	158	69	173	71	121	71
	E-Cubed Academy	80	56	102	61	120	73	111	68	107	78	79	78	94	77
	Hope High School	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	359	63	309	71	297	72	237	68
	Mount Pleasant High School	338	57	344	58	382	56	360	56	284	57	287	56	223	67
	Prov. Career & Tech. Acad.	13	85	48	58	85	67	95	65	117	74	97	77	144	81
	Times2 Academy	35	89	33	94	30	90	41	85	37	95	32	78	35	86
W.B. Cooley & Acad. International	103	83	112	65	100	72	238	67	203	72	196	72	174	75	
RI School for the Deaf	RI School for the Deaf	8		6		8		8		7		4		16	
Scituate	Scituate High School	133	85	151	93	138	91	115	91	127	88	116	91	118	94
Smithfield	Smithfield Sr. High School	235	90	219	91	191	92	206	94	193	89	222	88	160	96
South Kingstown	South Kingstown High School	320	87	294	86	261	84	287	80	263	90	258	91	243	88
The Greene School	The Greene School	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	5		37	89	38	87	34	76
Tiverton	Tiverton High School	187	83	211	78	138	86	159	84	154	88	131	94	128	94
Village Green	Village Green Virtual Charter School	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	5	
Warwick	Pilgrim High School	340	73	311	73	292	79	291	80	295	80	248	83	248	86
	Toll Gate High School	296	77	296	85	256	86	270	86	253	76	233	82	230	86
	Warwick Vets Memorial HS	307	76	321	74	274	81	271	73	260	77	253	80	209	87
West Warwick	West Warwick Sr. High School	284	70	302	69	248	76	272	70	254	74	236	82	227	87
Westerly	Westerly High School	266	91	222	90	258	88	246	88	236	91	200	91	232	95
Woonsocket	Woonsocket High School	522	65	480	64	473	64	445	66	438	62	417	59	441	65
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## APPENDIX A

### Four-Year Graduation Rate

A four-year graduation rate was calculated for each graduating class. The graduation rate yields the percentage of students who enrolled in the 9th grade for the first time and graduated from high school four years later. To calculate the 4-year graduation rate, RIDE tracks an *Adjusted Cohort*<sup>3</sup> of students from 9th grade through high school and then divides the number of students who graduate within four years by the total number in the cohort. In other words, the rate provides the percentage of the cohort that graduates in four years or fewer.

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<sup>3</sup> The “Adjusted Cohort” of students includes those who enter ninth grade for the first time plus transfers *in* and transfers *out* as they progress through high school toward graduation.

## **APPENDIX B**

### **“Minimum Cell Size” Reporting Policy**

RIDE Policy on minimum cell size for reporting data stipulates that if the number of students is less than 10 for any group(s) or for any school- and district-level reporting or if a percentage is less than 1% or greater than 99%, then data must be suppressed in public reports to ensure confidentiality of individual student results and to discourage generalizations about school performance based on very small populations. Throughout this report, empty cells indicate that the number of students included in calculations was less than 10 or the percentage was less than 1% or greater than 99%.



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