

# Taking *an* Evaluative View

- HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

As Ohio's children continue to grow, their success is, in large part, a reflection of their earliest experiences. The same kids who are behind in kindergarten and third grade continue to fall behind in eighth grade, and are less likely to graduate high school and struggle to obtain a credential or degree. Ohio's most vulnerable children often find themselves in the juvenile justice system. When children are not positioned for success early, Ohio pays later.



# High School Graduation

**High school graduation predicts postsecondary educational success. Children who graduate from high school are more likely to continue their education after high school.**

The following analysis summarizes Ohio FY2016's four-year graduation rates by race and ethnicity. Considering the number of students graduating on time during the 2015-2016 school year, Save the Children ranked Ohio **29th in the nation for high school drop outs.**

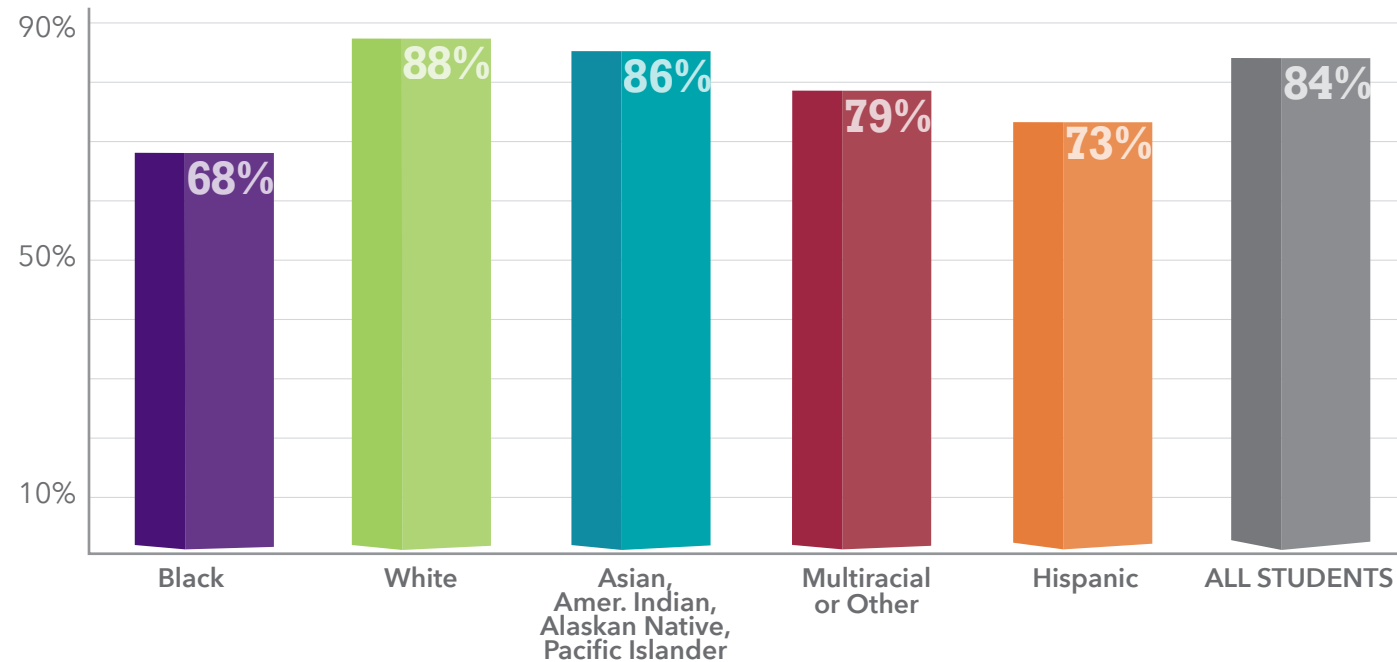
During FY 2016, for all of Ohio's 610 "traditional" school districts and all of Ohio's community schools\*, the four-year graduation rate is 83.5%. White non-Hispanic students have the highest graduation rate at 87.9%. Black non-Hispanic students have the lowest graduation rate at 68.1%.

\*Community schools, often called charter schools in other states, are public nonprofit, nonsectarian schools that operate independently of any school district but under a contract with an authorized sponsoring entity that is established by statute or approved by the State Board of Education. Community schools are public schools of choice and are state and federally funded.

**Table 1** **FY16 4-Year Graduation Rate by Race & Ethnicity, ALL OHIO SCHOOL DISTRICTS & COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**

Race & Ethnicity	# of Graduates	# of Non-Graduates	Total Potential Grads	Graduation Rate
Black	14,576	6,829	21,405	68.1%
White	89,570	12,324	101,894	87.9%
Asian, Amer. Indian, Alaskan Native & Pacific Islander	2,541	433	2,974	85.5%
Multiracial	4,037	1,148	5,106	79.1%
Hispanic	3,980	1,476	5,456	72.9%
<b>ALL STUDENTS</b>	<b>114,443</b>	<b>22,641</b>	<b>137,084</b>	<b>83.5%</b>

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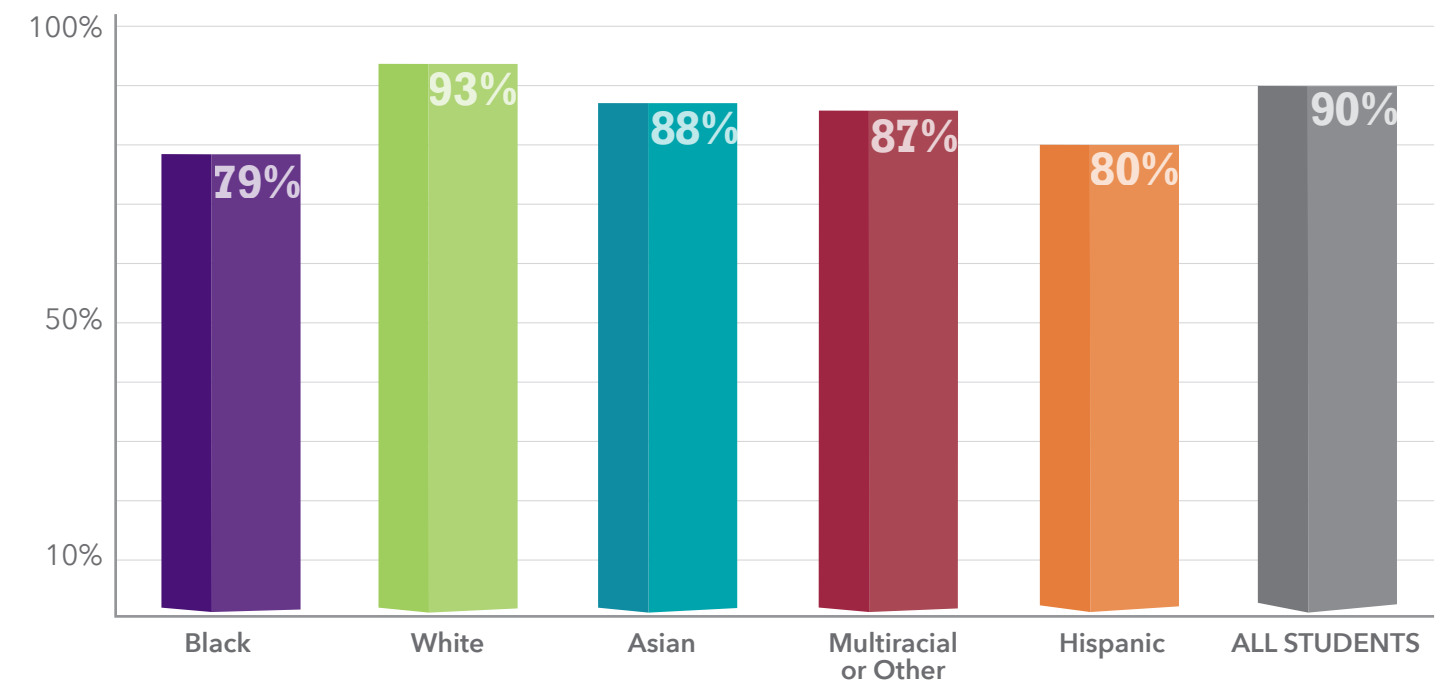
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**Only analyzing Ohio's 610 "traditional" school districts, the 4-year graduation rate is 90.1%. White non-Hispanic students have the highest graduation rate at 92.9%. Black non-Hispanic students have the lowest graduation rate at 78.9%.**

**Table 2** **FY16 4-Year Graduation Rate by Race & Ethnicity, ALL OHIO K-12 DISTRICTS**

Race & Ethnicity	# of Graduates	# of Non-Graduates	Total Potential Grads	Graduation Rate
Black	13,449	3,593	17,042	78.9%
White	85,487	6,551	92,038	92.9%
Asian	2,291	302	2,593	88.4%
Multiracial	3,698	563	4,261	86.8%
Hispanic	3,709	902	4,611	80.4%
Amer. Indian/Alaskan Native	135	26	161	83.9%
Pacific Islander	57	10	67	85.1%
<b>ALL STUDENTS</b>	<b>108,826</b>	<b>11,947</b>	<b>120,773</b>	<b>90.1%</b>

**Chart 2** **FY16 4-Year Graduation Rate by Race & Ethnicity, ALL OHIO K-12 DISTRICTS**



Data Source: Ohio Department of Education, School Report Card FY16

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Table 3 below shows graduation rates by race and ethnicity in Ohio's community schools only.

Overall, 36.4% of community school students graduate.

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BETWEEN BLACK & WHITE STUDENTS'  
GRADUATION RATES IN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS IS  
15.6%**

*This gap is 1.4% higher than the gap between black and white student graduation rates in Ohio's traditional school districts.*

**Table 3** FY16 4-Year Graduation Rate by Race & Ethnicity, ALL COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Race & Ethnicity	# of Graduates	# of Non-Graduates	Total Potential Grads	Graduation Rate
White	4,083	5,773	9,856	41.4%
Black	1,127	3,236	4,363	25.8%
Hispanic	271	574	845	32.1%
Multiracial	339	585	924	36.7%
Asian, Amer. Indian, Alaskan Native & Pacific Islander	58	95	153	37.9%
<b>ALL STUDENTS</b>	<b>5,878</b>	<b>10,263</b>	<b>16,141</b>	<b>36.4%</b>

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Tables 4 and 5 below separate students in community schools from those in Dropout Prevention & Recovery community schools.

Dropout Prevention & Recovery community schools are community schools that primarily enroll students between 16 and 22 years of age who dropped out of high school or are at risk of dropping out of high school and serve a majority of their students through dropout prevention and recovery programs.

When Dropout Prevention and Recovery community schools are separated from the "regular" community schools (which include e-schools), Table 4 shows that 44.6% of students in regular community schools graduate and only 24.8% of students in Dropout Prevention and Recovery community schools graduate. The 44.8% graduation rate for "regular" community schools is less than half of the graduation rate for all K-12 districts and the graduation rate in dropout prevention & recovery schools is only 24.8%.

**Table 4** FY16 4-Year Graduation Rate by Race & Ethnicity, COMMUNITY SCHOOLS (EXCLUDING DROPOUT PREVENTION & RECOVERY SCHOOLS)

Race & Ethnicity	# of Graduates	# of Non-Graduates	Total Potential Grads	Graduation Rate
White	3,074	3,507	6,581	46.7%
Black	657	1,093	1,750	37.5%
Hispanic	205	313	518	39.6%
Multiracial	249	304	553	45.0%
Asian, Amer. Indian, Alaskan Native & Pacific Islander	44	46	90	48.9%
<b>ALL STUDENTS</b>	<b>4,229</b>	<b>5,263</b>	<b>9,492</b>	<b>44.6%</b>

**Table 5** FY16 4-Year Graduation Rate by Race & Ethnicity, DROPOUT PREVENTION & RECOVERY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Race & Ethnicity	# of Graduates	# of Non-Graduates	Total Potential Grads	Graduation Rate
White	1,009	2,266	3,275	30.8%
Black	470	2,143	2,613	18.0%
Hispanic	66	261	327	20.2%
Multiracial	90	281	371	24.3%
Asian, Amer. Indian, Alaskan Native & Pacific Islander	14	49	63	22.2%
<b>ALL STUDENTS</b>	<b>1,649</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>6,649</b>	<b>24.8%</b>

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## Cuyahoga County

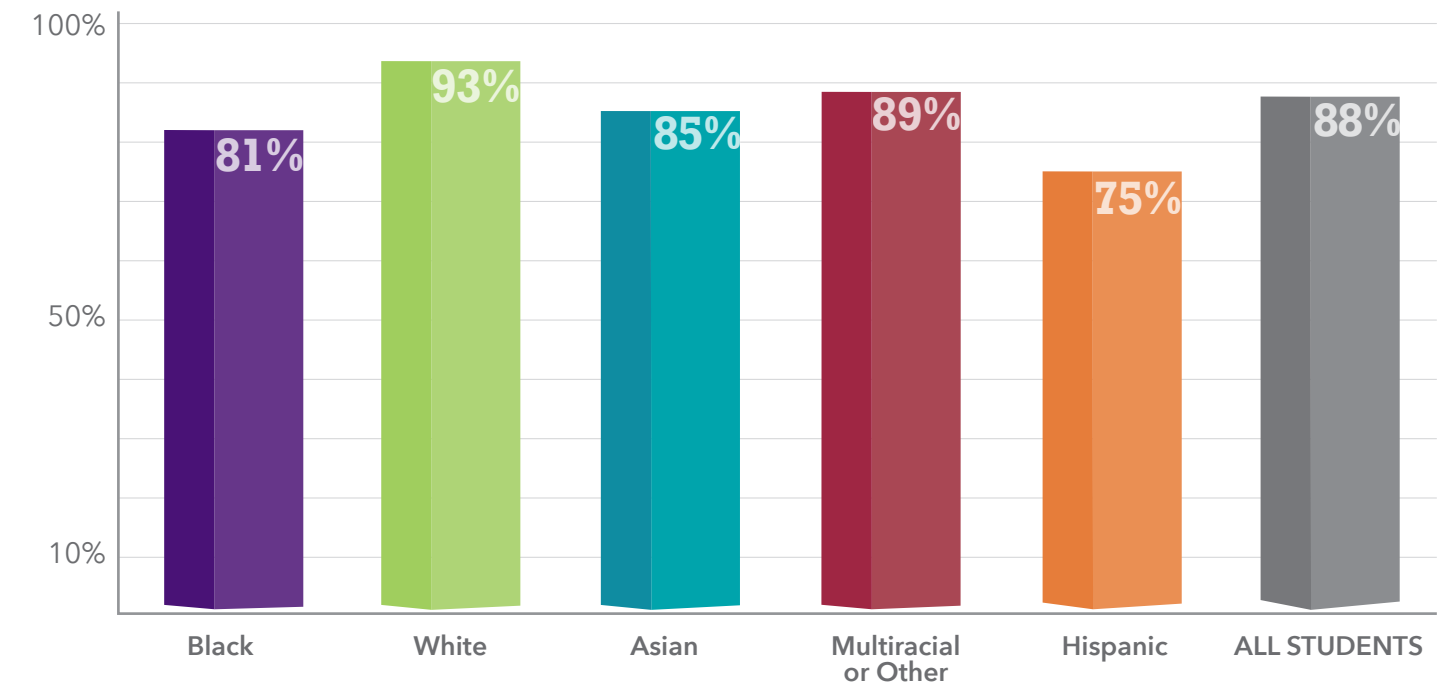
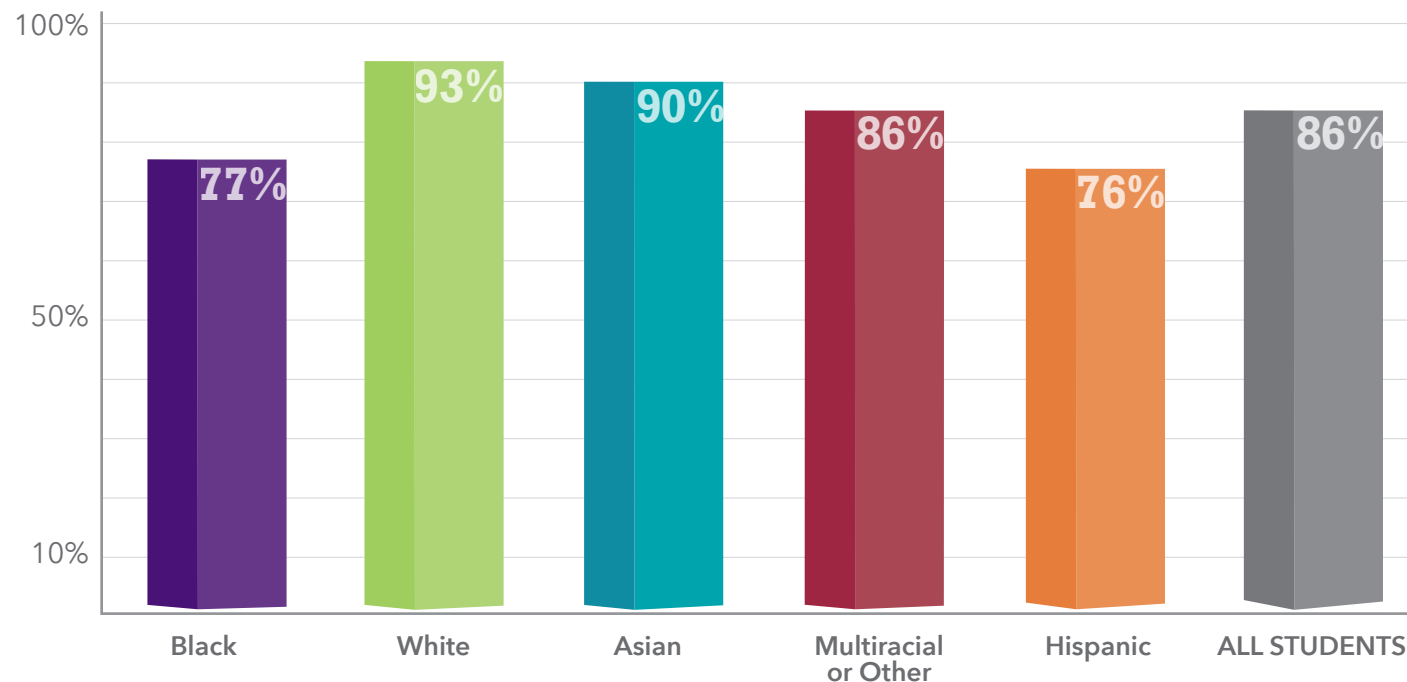
## Franklin County

**FY16 4-Year Graduation Rate by Race & Ethnicity**

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Race & Ethnicity	# of Graduates	# of Non-Graduates	Total Potential Grads	Graduation Rate
Black	3,377	1,018	4,395	76.8%
White	5,384	412	5,796	92.9%
Asian	332	36	368	90.2%
Multiracial	310	50	360	86.1%
Hispanic	567	176	743	76.3%
<b>ALL STUDENTS</b>	<b>9,970</b>	<b>1,692</b>	<b>11,662</b>	<b>85.5%</b>

Race & Ethnicity	# of Graduates	# of Non-Graduates	Total Potential Grads	Graduation Rate
Black	2,556	600	3,156	81.0%
White	6,189	494	6,683	92.6%
Asian	552	97	649	85.1%
Multiracial	489	58	547	89.4%
Hispanic	568	186	754	75.3%
<b>ALL STUDENTS</b>	<b>10,354</b>	<b>1,435</b>	<b>11,789</b>	<b>87.8%</b>



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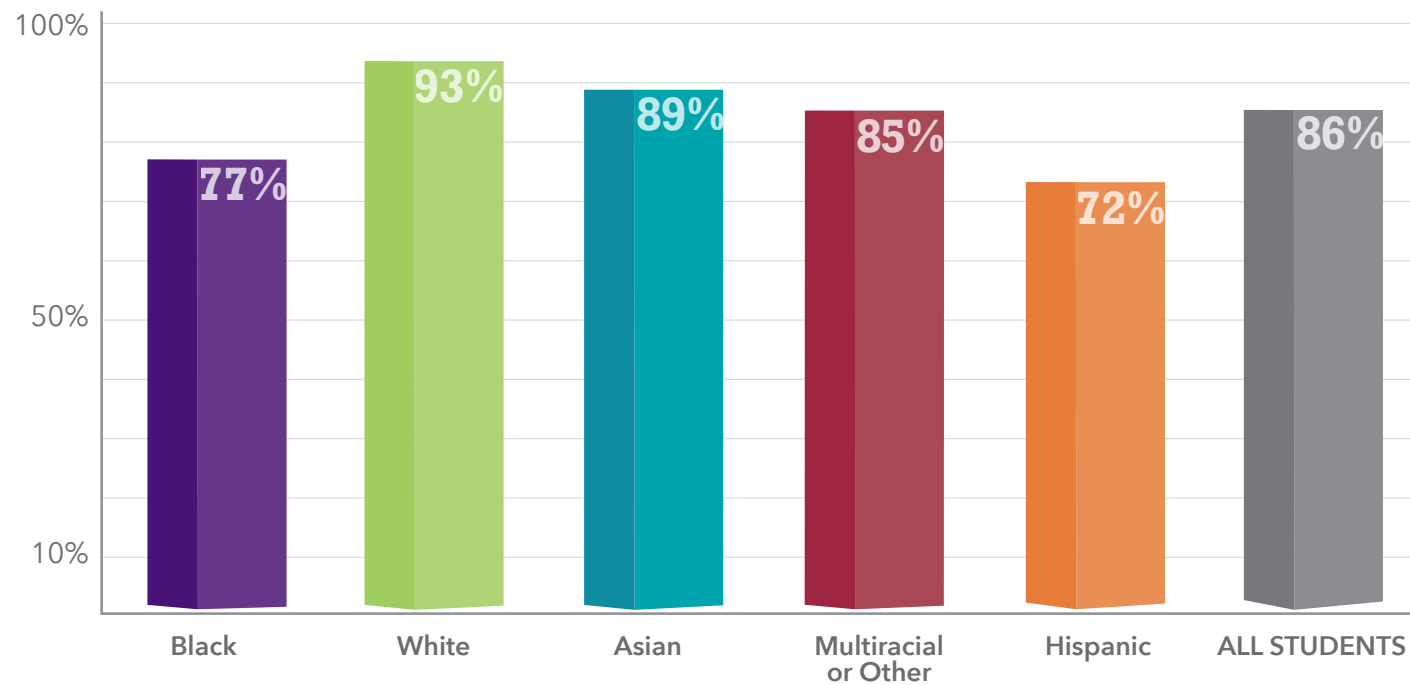
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## Hamilton County

FY16 4-Year Graduation Rate by Race & Ethnicity

Race & Ethnicity	# of Graduates	# of Non-Graduates	Total Potential Grads	Graduation Rate
Black	1,919	579	2,498	76.8%
White	3,808	310	4,118	92.5%
Asian	188	23	211	89.1%
Multiracial	233	42	275	84.7%
Hispanic	158	61	219	72.1%
<b>ALL STUDENTS</b>	<b>6,306</b>	<b>1,015</b>	<b>7,321</b>	<b>86.1%</b>



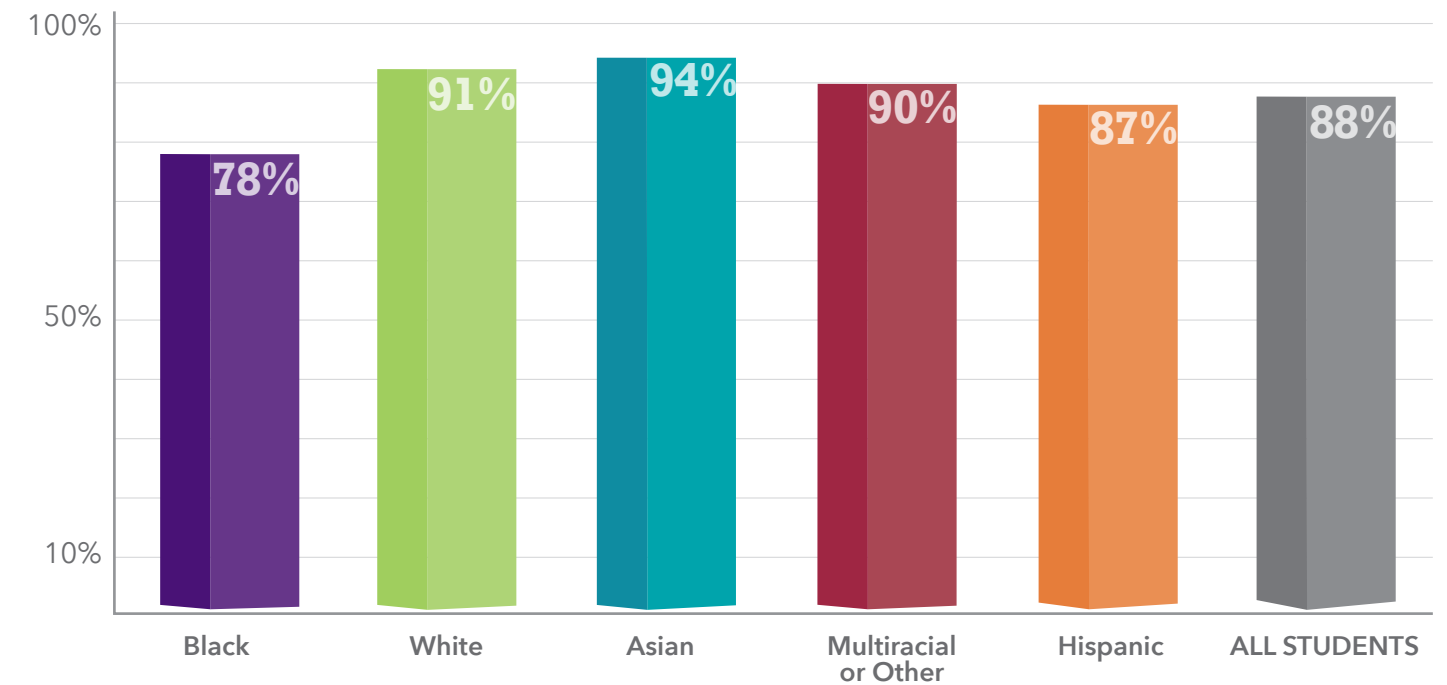
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## Montgomery County

FY16 4-Year Graduation Rate by Race & Ethnicity

Race & Ethnicity	# of Graduates	# of Non-Graduates	Total Potential Grads	Graduation Rate
Black	1,008	282	1,290	78.1%
White	3,033	303	3,336	90.9%
Asian	92	6	98	93.9%
Multiracial	170	19	189	89.9%
Hispanic	131	19	150	87.3%
<b>ALL STUDENTS</b>	<b>4,434</b>	<b>629</b>	<b>5,063</b>	<b>87.6%</b>



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## Summit County

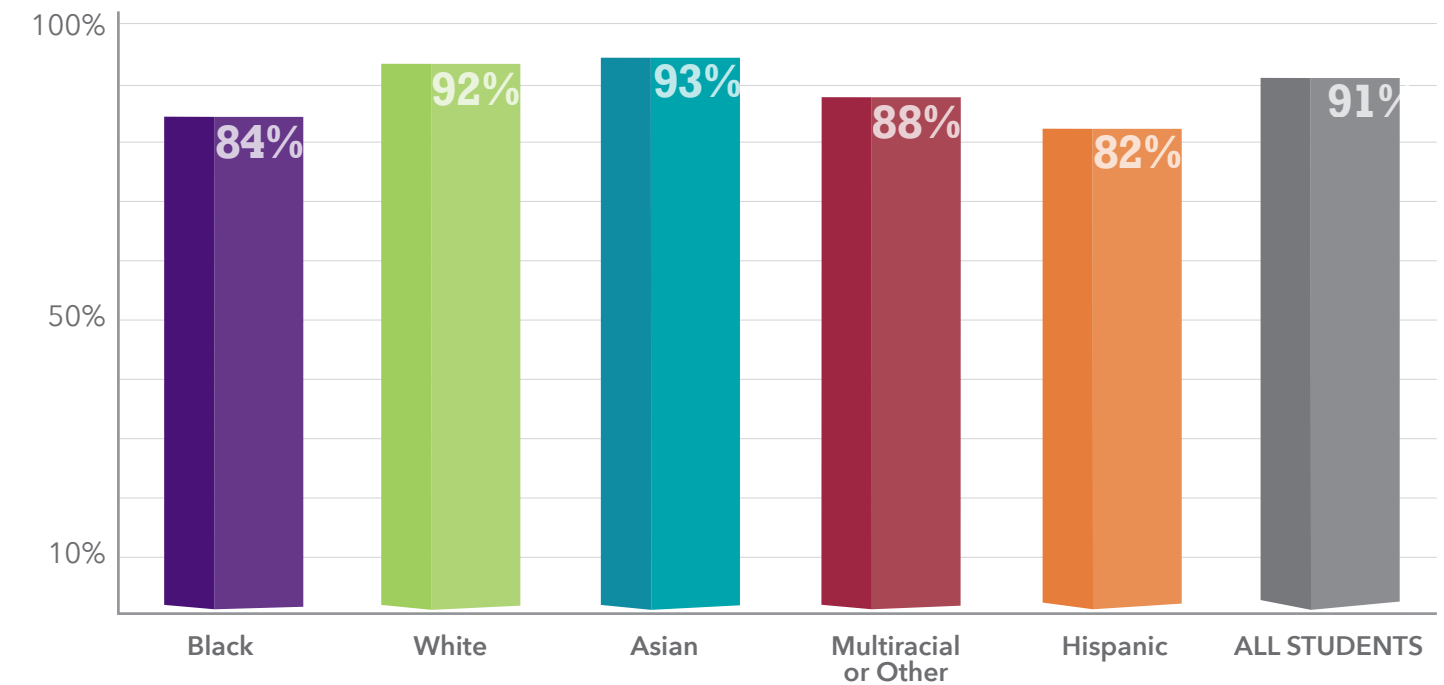
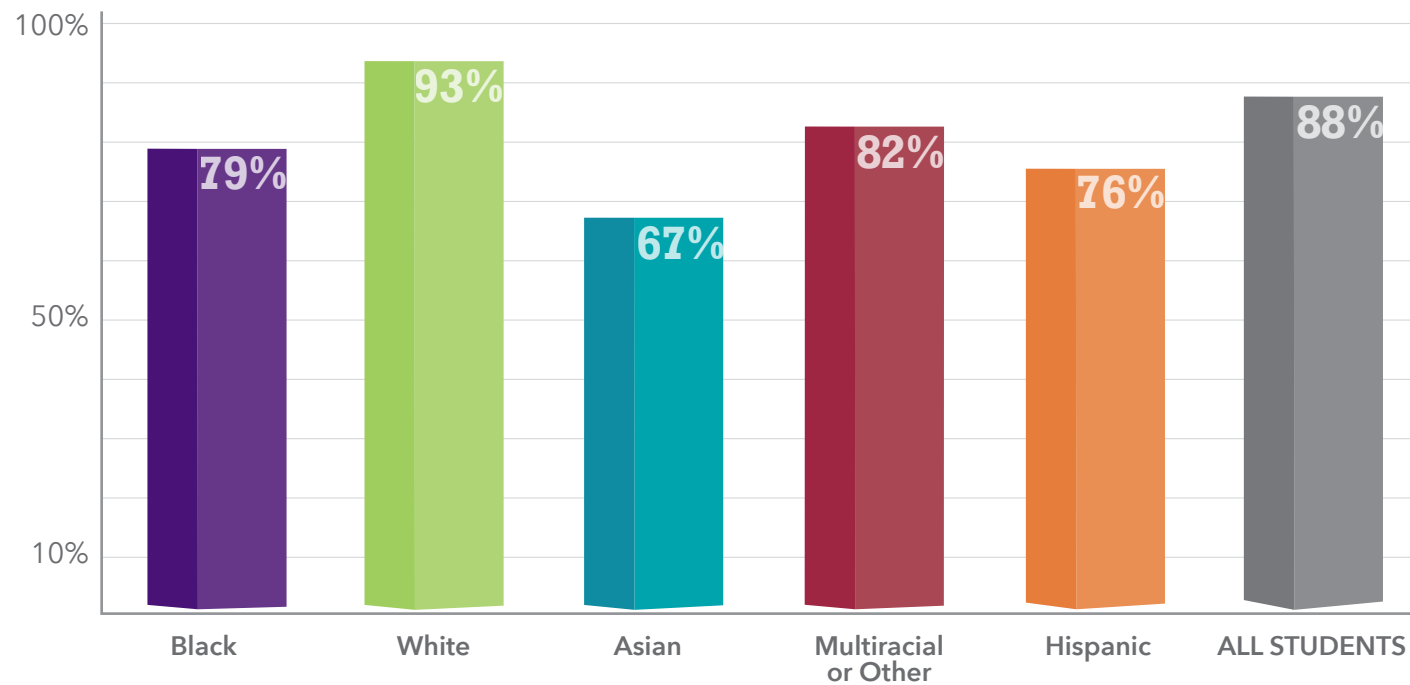
## Appalachian Region

FY16 4-Year Graduation Rate by Race & Ethnicity

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Race & Ethnicity	# of Graduates	# of Non-Graduates	Total Potential Grads	Graduation Rate
Black	845	227	1,072	78.8%
White	3,662	268	3,930	93.2%
Asian	183	91	274	66.8%
Multiracial	169	36	205	82.4%
Hispanic	88	28	116	75.9%
<b>ALL STUDENTS</b>	<b>4,947</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>5,597</b>	<b>88.4%</b>

Race & Ethnicity	# of Graduates	# of Non-Graduates	Total Potential Grads	Graduation Rate
Black	758	148	906	83.7%
White	17,753	1,588	19,341	91.8%
Asian	92	7	99	92.9%
Multiracial	511	71	582	87.8%
Hispanic	317	72	389	81.5%
<b>ALL STUDENTS</b>	<b>19,431</b>	<b>1,886</b>	<b>21,317</b>	<b>91.2%</b>



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The following high school graduation data provides a different perspective on Ohio's graduation rates by comparing economically disadvantaged\* and non-disadvantaged students.

All data shown in these tables and charts relates to FY16 graduation rates for students attending the 610 "traditional" K-12 public school districts in Ohio. Community Schools (aka "charter schools") are excluded from these figures because it is not possible to source which counties these students reside in, particularly for electronic schools.

Table 6

**FY16 4-Year Graduation Rate by ECONOMIC STATUS, ALL OHIO K-12 DISTRICTS**

Economic Status	# of Graduates	# of Non-Graduates	Total Potential Graduates	Graduation RATE
NOT Disadvantaged	70,671	3,785	74,456	94.9%
Disadvantaged	36,980	7,810	44,790	82.6%
<b>ALL STUDENTS</b>	<b>107,651</b>	<b>11,595</b>	<b>119,246</b>	<b>90.3%</b>

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## Cuyahoga County

**FY16 4-Year Graduation Rate by ECONOMIC STATUS**

Economic Status	# of Graduates	# of Non-Graduates	Total Potential Graduates	Graduation RATE
NOT Disadvantaged	5,597	381	5,978	93.6%
Disadvantaged	4,324	1,286	5,610	77.1%
<b>ALL STUDENTS</b>	<b>9,921</b>	<b>1,667</b>	<b>11,588</b>	<b>85.6%</b>



## Franklin County

**FY16 4-Year Graduation Rate by ECONOMIC STATUS**

Economic Status	# of Graduates	# of Non-Graduates	Total Potential Graduates	Graduation RATE
NOT Disadvantaged	6,143	285	6,428	95.6%
Disadvantaged	4,161	1,134	5,295	78.6%
<b>ALL STUDENTS</b>	<b>10,304</b>	<b>1,419</b>	<b>11,723</b>	<b>87.9%</b>



Data Source: Ohio Department of Education, School Report Card FY16  
 \*The definition of **economically disadvantaged** is clarified in the Sources & Definitions section at the end of this report.

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## Hamilton County

**FY16 4-Year Graduation Rate by ECONOMIC STATUS**

Economic Status	# of Graduates	# of Non-Graduates	Total Potential Graduates	Graduation RATE
NOT Disadvantaged	4,014	373	4,387	91.5%
Disadvantaged	2,310	642	2,952	78.3%
<b>ALL STUDENTS</b>	<b>6,324</b>	<b>1,015</b>	<b>7,339</b>	<b>86.2%</b>



## Summit County

**FY16 4-Year Graduation Rate by ECONOMIC STATUS**

Economic Status	# of Graduates	# of Non-Graduates	Total Potential Graduates	Graduation RATE
NOT Disadvantaged	2,951	114	3,065	96.3%
Disadvantaged	1,960	480	2,440	80.3%
<b>ALL STUDENTS</b>	<b>4,911</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>5,505</b>	<b>89.2%</b>



## Montgomery County

**FY16 4-Year Graduation Rate by ECONOMIC STATUS**

Economic Status	# of Graduates	# of Non-Graduates	Total Potential Graduates	Graduation RATE
NOT Disadvantaged	2,629	145	2,774	94.8%
Disadvantaged	1,782	453	2,235	79.7%
<b>ALL STUDENTS</b>	<b>4,411</b>	<b>598</b>	<b>5,009</b>	<b>88.1%</b>



## Appalachian Region

**FY16 4-Year Graduation Rate by ECONOMIC STATUS**

Economic Status	# of Graduates	# of Non-Graduates	Total Potential Graduates	Graduation RATE
NOT Disadvantaged	10,893	649	11,542	94.4%
Disadvantaged	8,200	1,203	9,403	87.2%
<b>ALL STUDENTS</b>	<b>19,093</b>	<b>1,852</b>	<b>20,945</b>	<b>91.2%</b>



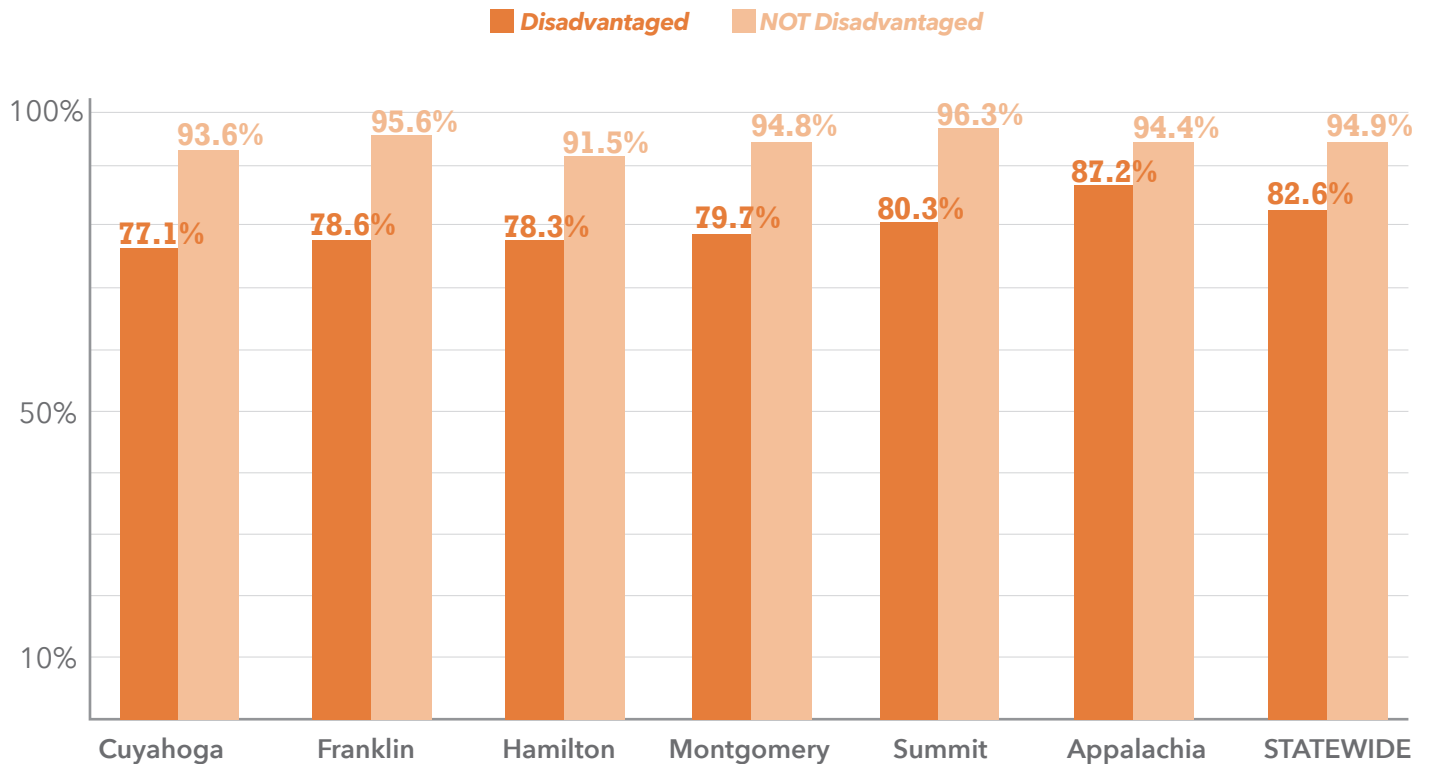
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## FY16 4-Year Graduation Rate of Students by ECONOMIC STATUS IN SELECTED OHIO REGIONS



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### Reflection

**HOW DO OHIO'S HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATES IMPACT THE STRENGTH OF THE STATE'S FUTURE WORKFORCE?**

**HOW CAN WE CREATE A CULTURE THAT EMPHASIZES GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL AND GOING ON TO ATTEND COLLEGE OR EARN A CREDENTIAL?**

## High School Graduation:

### SOURCES

College & Career Readiness & Success Center  
[https://ccrscenter.org/sites/default/files/CCRS%20Center\\_Predictors%20of%20Postsecondary%20Success\\_final\\_0.pdf](https://ccrscenter.org/sites/default/files/CCRS%20Center_Predictors%20of%20Postsecondary%20Success_final_0.pdf)

Save the Children, 2018 End of Child Report  
[www.savethechildren.org/us/about-us/resource-library/end-of-childhood](http://www.savethechildren.org/us/about-us/resource-library/end-of-childhood)

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### DATA SOURCE

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