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Utah Graduation Rate Nears 90 Percent; Most Student Groups See Gains

SALT LAKE CITY – The Utah State Board of Education (USBE) is pleased to announce that Utah’s overall four-year cohort graduation rate has risen to 89.8 percent for the 2025 cohort, up from 88.8 percent for the 2024 cohort. This one-percentage-point increase represents 49,442 students who graduated from Utah’s high schools, continuing a multi-year trend of steady improvement.

“Utah’s students, families, and educators continue to demonstrate what is possible when high expectations are paired with strong support,” said State Superintendent of Public Instruction Molly Hart. “We are especially encouraged to see meaningful gains for student groups that have historically faced barriers to graduation, alongside continued reductions in dropout rates statewide.”

Utah’s graduation rate has increased from 85.9 percent in 2017 to 89.8 percent in 2025, while the statewide dropout rate has fallen from 16.2 percent to 8.5 percent. These long-term trends reflect the collective efforts of local education agencies, educators, families, and community partners to help students stay on track to earn a high school diploma.

USBE remains committed to supporting all students through evidence-based instruction, targeted interventions, and data-informed decision-making. The Board will continue to work with districts and charter schools to understand local successes and challenges and to share promising practices statewide.

Other Key Highlights from the 2025 Graduation Rates Report

- Eight of the nine reported student groups increased their graduation rate from 2024 to 2025.

- African American/Black students posted the largest gain, increasing from 80.6 percent in 2024 to 83.9 percent in 2025.
- Pacific Islander and American Indian students also saw notable improvements. Pacific Islander graduation rates increased from 81.9 percent to 85.0 percent, and American Indian rates rose from 77.5 percent to 80.1 percent.
- Hispanic/Latino students continued their upward trend, with graduation rates increasing from 81.8 percent to 83.2 percent.
- English learners have improved their graduation rate by more than 12 percentage points since 2017, reaching 79.5 percent for the 2025 cohort.
- The statewide dropout rate decreased to 8.5 percent, down from 9.4 percent for the 2024 cohort. The largest declines were among American Indian students and African American/Black students.
- For the first time, Utah is reporting graduation and dropout rates for students in foster care, students experiencing homelessness, and military-connected students. Military-connected students had a graduation rate of 97.0 percent and a dropout rate of 2.1 percent.

The full 2025 Graduation Rates Report, including graduation and dropout rates for each district and charter school in Utah, [is available here](#).

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