

High School Graduation Rate

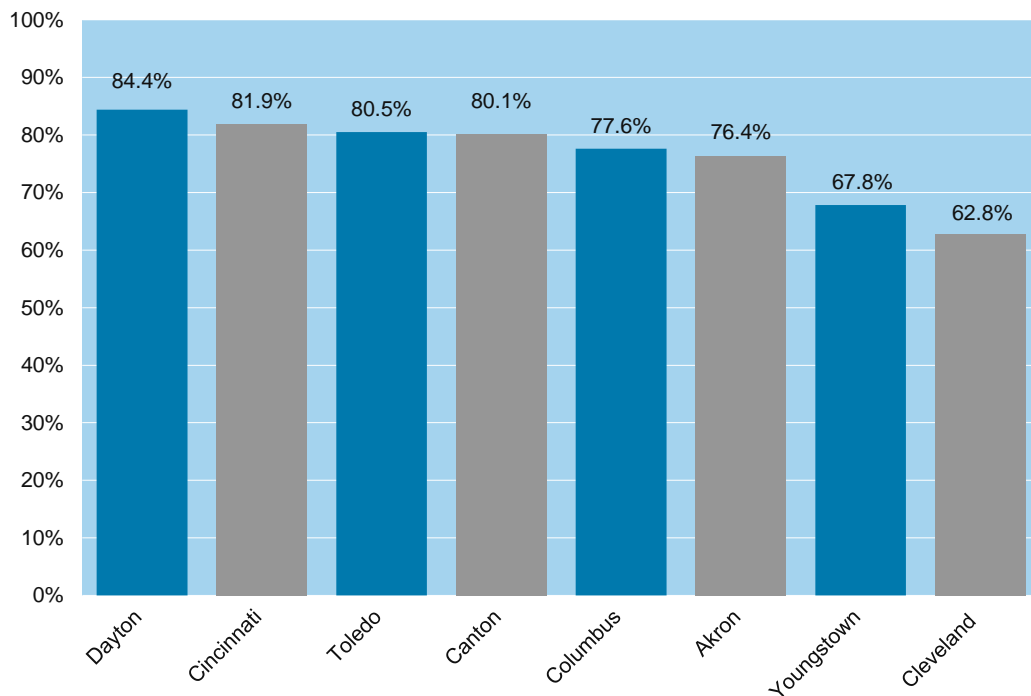
Table 1. Graduation Rates for Franklin County Public School Districts, 2008–2010

School District	Total Enrollment 2009–2010	Graduation Rate		
		2009–2010	2008–2009	2007–2008
New Albany-Plain Local	4,051	98.5%	99.6%	98.3%
Bexley City	2,016	98.2%	99.5%	98.4%
Dublin City	13,374	98.2%	98.5%	97.6%
Grandview Heights City	1,101	98.0%	99.0%	100.0%
Canal Winchester Local	3,436	97.4%	97.5%	97.2%
Upper Arlington City	5,521	97.2%	98.3%	97.3%
Reynoldsburg City	5,905	97.0%	91.6%	98.5%
Worthington City	9,272	95.0%	95.5%	95.5%
Hilliard City	14,797	94.9%	95.4%	94.6%
Gahanna-Jefferson City	6,928	94.9%	94.5%	92.2%
Westerville City	13,875	93.3%	93.4%	91.9%
Hamilton Local	2,901	92.5%	91.0%	93.0%
Whitehall City	2,848	90.4%	90.1%	90.3%
State Graduation Performance Standard				90.0%
Groveport Madison	5,472	87.8%	87.5%	90.3%
State of Ohio Average Graduation Rate		84.3%	83.0%	84.6%
Columbus City	51,352	77.6%	72.7%	73.9%

Note. Total public school students during school year 2009–2010 in Franklin County: 142,849

- In Franklin County, 91,497 students (64.1%) were in districts with 2009–2010 graduation rates above the state average, whereas 51,352 students (35.9%) were in districts with a graduation rate below the state average.
- During 2009–2010, all but two of Franklin County’s school districts were above the Ohio Department of Education graduation rate standard.

Chart 1. Graduation Rates for Ohio’s “Big 8” Metropolitan School Districts, 2009–2010



- Among Ohio’s “Big 8” metropolitan school districts, Columbus City Schools ranked fifth with a graduation rate of 77.6% in 2009–2010. Dayton fared best with an 84.4% graduation rate. Youngstown and Cleveland ranked the lowest, with rates of 67.8% and 62.8%, respectively.

About the Data

Data Sources:

- Ohio Department of Education, Interactive Local Report Card

Definitions:

- **Graduation rate:** The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) defines the graduation rate as the percentage of students who entered high school who received a regular diploma or honors diploma during the reporting year, including students who graduated the summer after the 12th grade and students who completed coursework prior to eventually passing all five sections of the Ohio Graduation Test.

Explanations and Caveats:

- The graduation rate formula used by ODE is consistent with National Center for Education Statistics recommendations for calculating graduation rates. The formula is not affected by retention.
- A student who takes more than four years to graduate does not negatively affect a district's graduation rate because that student would be counted with the next class. The graduation rate is affected when a student either graduates or drops out. A student is counted as a graduate in the year that he or she achieves a high school diploma.
- The graduation rate estimates a true cohort rate (one based on following individual students over time), but does not exactly replicate one because state law does not allow for the collection of student-level data by ODE.

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