

Florida's High School Cohort

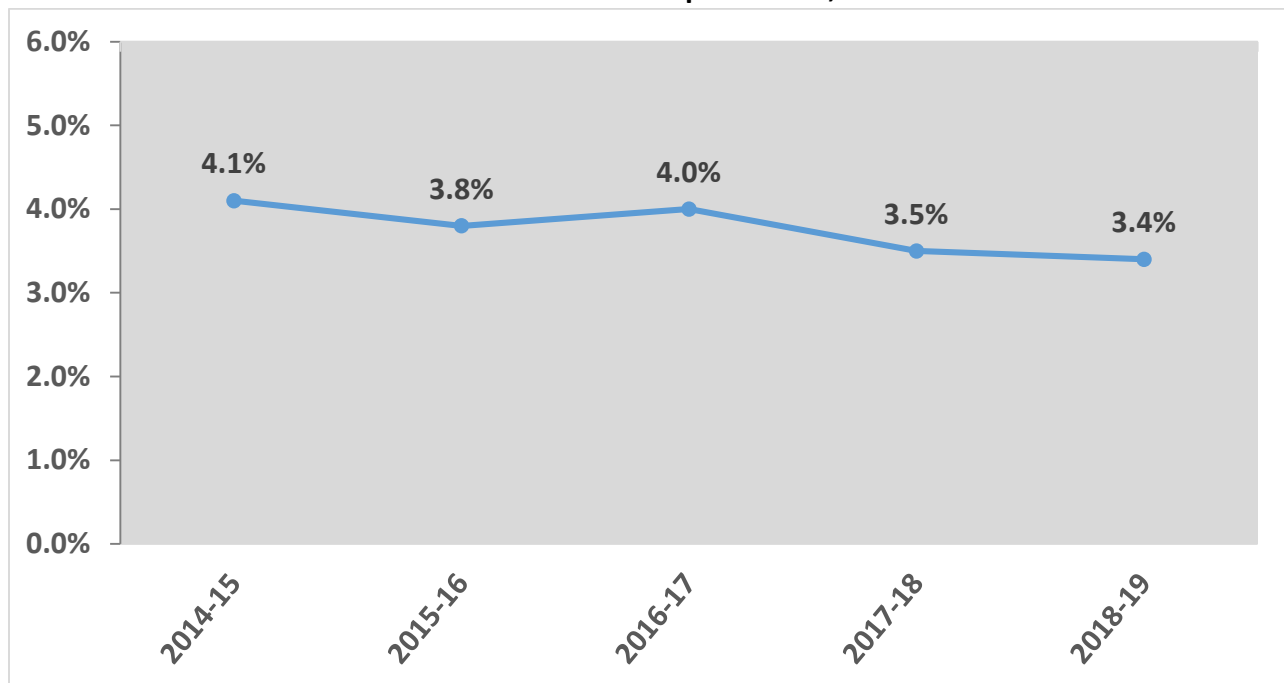
2018-19 Dropout Rate

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Florida's cohort-based dropout rate has steadily declined since 2014-15, with 0.7 percentage points fewer students dropping out prior to their scheduled graduation. The rate declined from 4.1 percent in 2014-15 to 3.4 percent in 2018-19, with a slight increase of 0.2 percent from 2015-16 to 2016-17. Exhibit 1 below shows the cohort-based dropout rates from 2014-15 to 2018-19.

Exhibit 1: Florida's Cohort-Based Dropout Rates, 2014-15 to 2018-19



The cohort-based dropout rate is the percentage of students who drop out of school within four years of their first enrollment in ninth grade. Subsequent to their enrollment in ninth grade, students who transfer out and deceased students are removed from the calculation. Entering transfer students are included in the rate for the class with which they are scheduled to graduate, based on their date of enrollment. In a cohort, at the end of four years students can be classified as graduates, dropouts or non-graduates. A dropout is defined as a student who withdraws from school for any of several reasons without transferring to another school, home education program or adult education program. In 2018-19, the cohort-based dropout rate was 3.4%, down from 4.1% in 2014-15.

The department used to publish a single-year dropout rate. The single-year dropout rate often caused confusion because it was not comparable to the graduation rate. It represented the percentage of high school students who dropped out in any one year and was not an inverse of the graduation rate. The department no longer produces a single-year dropout rate; however, counts of students who drop out within a single year are available upon request. Requests can be made by contacting [PERADataRequest.fldoe.org](mailto:PERADataRequest@fldoe.org).

Exhibit 2 below provides the definitions for students counted as dropouts.

Exhibit 2: Dropout Withdrawal Codes and Definitions

DNE - Any KG-12 student who was expected to attend a school but did not enter as expected for unknown reasons
W05 - Any student age 16 or older who leaves school voluntarily with no intention of returning
W13 - Any KG-12 student withdrawn from school due to court action
W15 - Any KG-12 student who is withdrawn from school due to nonattendance
W18 - Any KG-12 student who withdraws from school due to medical reasons
W21 - Any KG-12 student who is withdrawn from school due to being expelled
W22 - Any KG-12 student whose whereabouts is unknown
W23 – Any KG-12 student who withdraws from school for any reason other than W01 - W22 or W24 – W27

Cohort-Based Dropout Rates by Race/Ethnicity and Gender

Florida’s cohort-based dropout rates vary by race/ethnicity. The subgroup with the largest decrease since 2014-15 were African American (-1.4 percentage points). The subgroups with the largest one-year decreases include: White (-0.3 percentage points) and Two or More Races (-0.3 percentage points). Exhibit 3 below shows the cohort-based dropout rates by race/ethnicity.

Exhibit 3: Cohort-Based Dropout Rates by Race/Ethnicity, 2014-2015 through 2018-2019

Year	White	Black or African American	Hispanic/Latino	Asian	American Indian or Alaska Native	Two or More Races	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	Total
2014-15	3.5%	5.5%	4.2%	0.9%	6.4%	3.8%	2.2%	4.1%
2015-16	3.2%	4.9%	4.1%	0.8%	5.7%	3.6%	2.8%	3.8%
2016-17	3.3%	5.2%	4.3%	0.9%	5.4%	4.0%	2.2%	4.0%
2017-18	3.0%	4.2%	4.0%	0.9%	8.1%	3.4%	2.8%	3.5%
2018-19	2.7%	4.1%	3.9%	0.9%	9.2%	3.1%	4.0%	3.4%

Exhibit 4 provides the dropout rates for gender and by race/ethnicity within gender. Overall, the dropout rates for both females and males have decreased since 2014-15, by 0.6 percent and 0.7 percent, respectively. Additional disaggregations for the cohort-based dropout rates may be obtained through the “Build Your Own Table” feature in the High School Graduation Rates section of the EDStats tool at <https://edstats.fldoe.org>.

Exhibit 4: Cohort-Based Dropout Rates by Gender within Race/Ethnicity, 2014-15 through 2018-19

Year	White Female	White Male	Black or African American Female	Black or African American Male	Hispanic/Latino Female	Hispanic/Latino Male	Asian Female	Asian Male
2014-15	2.7%	4.3%	4.2%	6.7%	3.4%	5.0%	0.6%	1.3%
2015-16	2.3%	4.0%	3.7%	6.1%	3.0%	5.2%	0.6%	1.0%
2016-17	2.6%	4.1%	3.9%	6.4%	3.3%	5.3%	0.7%	1.1%
2017-18	2.4%	3.6%	2.9%	5.5%	3.1%	4.9%	0.6%	1.1%
2018-19	2.0%	3.5%	3.1%	5.2%	3.1%	4.8%	0.5%	1.2%

Exhibit 4 Continued: Dropout Rates by Gender within Race/Ethnicity, 2014-15 through 2018-19

Year	American Indian or Alaska Native Female	American Indian or Alaska Native Male	Two or More Races Female	Two or More Races Male	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander Female	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander Male	Total Female	Total Male
2014-15	3.5%	9.4%	3.0%	4.7%	3.5%	0.9%	3.2%	5.0%
2015-16	5.5%	5.9%	2.7%	4.6%	1.7%	4.0%	2.8%	4.7%
2016-17	5.7%	5.2%	3.2%	4.8%	0.8%	3.8%	3.1%	4.9%
2017-18	4.2%	11.8%	3.0%	3.8%	2.4%	3.4%	2.7%	4.4%
2018-19	4.6%	13.1%	2.3%	4.1%	2.1%	5.8%	2.6%	4.3%

Cohort-Based Dropout Rates by District

Exhibit 5 shows the cohort-based dropout rates by district from 2014-15 to 2018-19. School-level and additional district-level disaggregations for the cohort-based dropout rates may be obtained via the “Build Your Own Table” section in the High School Graduation Rates section of the EDStats tool at <https://edstats.fldoe.org>.

Exhibit 5: Cohort-Based Dropout Rates by District, 2014-15 through 2018-19

	District	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
	FLORIDA	4.1%	3.8%	4.0%	3.5%	3.4%
1	ALACHUA	6.1%	4.6%	4.8%	3.7%	1.6%
2	BAKER	3.7%	3.2%	7.5%	3.9%	2.4%
3	BAY	3.6%	2.5%	2.6%	3.1%	4.6%
4	BRADFORD	5.0%	1.0%	3.0%	1.4%	3.4%
5	BREVARD	2.3%	1.7%	2.3%	2.0%	2.0%
6	BROWARD	2.5%	2.5%	2.1%	1.6%	1.8%
7	CALHOUN	4.9%	6.7%	7.0%	7.3%	4.8%
8	CHARLOTTE	8.0%	8.9%	7.4%	4.4%	4.7%
9	CITRUS	4.7%	3.4%	6.1%	9.0%	7.2%
10	CLAY	3.6%	3.4%	2.8%	3.4%	3.0%
11	COLLIER	5.0%	4.4%	3.4%	3.3%	3.0%
12	COLUMBIA	3.5%	1.8%	2.5%	1.8%	0.3%
13	MIAMI-DADE	4.7%	5.0%	5.7%	4.8%	4.9%
14	DESOTO	12.7%	14.2%	7.6%	9.6%	8.2%
15	DIXIE	1.0%	1.6%	3.5%	0.8%	1.4%
16	DUVAL	5.1%	4.5%	5.3%	4.5%	3.0%
17	ESCAMBIA	2.1%	1.9%	1.1%	1.1%	0.6%
18	FLAGLER	5.3%	3.1%	2.6%	4.1%	3.6%
19	FRANKLIN	4.1%	9.5%	10.4%	8.0%	14.1%
20	GADSDEN	11.0%	11.6%	11.5%	10.9%	11.4%
21	GILCHRIST	1.2%	0.0%	2.4%	5.6%	5.3%
22	GLADES	5.3%	6.7%	3.7%	1.6%	3.7%
23	GULF	4.1%	1.3%	4.5%	2.5%	3.9%
24	HAMILTON	11.1%	9.0%	18.6%	9.8%	9.3%
25	HARDEE	11.2%	10.8%	8.0%	4.9%	5.0%
26	HENDRY	11.2%	12.2%	9.0%	7.2%	8.4%
27	HERNANDO	7.1%	7.3%	9.0%	7.9%	5.5%
28	HIGHLANDS	8.1%	6.9%	5.4%	4.8%	5.3%
29	HILLSBOROUGH	2.8%	3.3%	3.4%	3.6%	2.9%
30	HOLMES	5.9%	9.4%	11.6%	9.3%	7.7%
31	INDIAN RIVER	0.9%	0.8%	0.6%	1.1%	1.0%
32	JACKSON	4.2%	3.4%	2.9%	2.0%	3.1%
33	JEFFERSON	2.2%	4.0%	5.6%	15.6%	15.7%
34	LAFAYETTE	3.9%	1.4%	1.2%	1.3%	1.2%
35	LAKE	6.5%	5.4%	6.1%	6.1%	4.8%
36	LEE	5.4%	3.5%	4.3%	3.3%	2.9%
37	LEON	1.3%	0.7%	0.4%	0.4%	0.6%
38	LEVY	4.2%	3.1%	3.8%	4.4%	4.5%
39	LIBERTY	3.2%	3.1%	4.8%	8.0%	3.2%
40	MADISON	3.0%	2.7%	0.6%	6.7%	4.2%
41	MANATEE	7.3%	6.8%	4.7%	4.9%	6.8%
42	MARION	2.8%	3.4%	6.3%	4.1%	3.6%
43	MARTIN	1.6%	1.6%	4.3%	4.9%	4.8%

District		2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
44	MONROE	3.9%	4.4%	4.4%	2.4%	2.8%
45	NASSAU	1.2%	1.6%	0.9%	1.6%	0.5%
46	OKALOOSA	2.5%	1.7%	2.1%	1.9%	1.8%
47	OKEECHOBEE	12.0%	9.5%	10.5%	7.7%	11.2%
48	ORANGE	1.9%	1.4%	1.4%	1.3%	1.9%
49	OSCEOLA	1.8%	2.3%	1.7%	1.9%	1.3%
50	PALM BEACH	6.8%	5.0%	5.9%	5.1%	6.2%
51	PASCO	2.0%	2.3%	3.3%	2.2%	1.7%
52	PINELLAS	3.2%	5.0%	4.1%	4.1%	3.0%
53	POLK	9.0%	8.8%	8.4%	7.8%	7.3%
54	PUTNAM	13.9%	11.1%	7.1%	5.8%	5.2%
55	ST. JOHNS	2.6%	2.0%	2.9%	2.2%	1.8%
56	ST. LUCIE	3.0%	1.8%	1.9%	0.9%	1.7%
57	SANTA ROSA	3.2%	2.6%	2.9%	2.7%	2.4%
58	SARASOTA	5.0%	3.1%	3.6%	4.3%	4.2%
59	SEMINOLE	1.4%	1.3%	1.8%	1.1%	1.3%
60	SUMTER	9.4%	6.1%	3.6%	5.5%	4.1%
61	SUWANNEE	1.9%	0.8%	1.3%	1.2%	3.3%
62	TAYLOR	6.6%	12.6%	9.7%	1.2%	2.2%
63	UNION	2.9%	3.7%	1.3%	2.4%	4.8%
64	VOLUSIA	2.5%	2.2%	3.4%	2.8%	2.5%
65	WAKULLA	3.4%	1.2%	1.4%	0.7%	0.0%
66	WALTON	7.3%	8.1%	4.8%	5.2%	3.9%
67	WASHINGTON	10.3%	10.2%	9.3%	7.4%	10.9%
68	DEAF/BLIND	1.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.5%
69	WASH. SPECIAL	**.*	**.*	**.*	**.*	**.*
71	FL VIRTUAL	8.6%	6.8%	4.9%	3.0%	2.5%
72	FAU LAB SCHOOL	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
73	FSU CHARTER SCHOOL	0.7%	0.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
74	FAMU LAB SCHOOL	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
75	UF LAB SCHOOL	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Note:

To provide meaningful results and to protect the privacy of individual students, data are displayed only when the total number of students in a group is at least 10. Data for groups less than 10 are displayed with asterisks (**.*). A blank cell indicates no students in the cohort.