

Graduation Rates on the Rise

This map illustrates the change in high school graduation rates from 1996 to 2006 for every public school district in the country that enrolls high school students. An original analysis conducted by the EPE Research Center found that the nation's graduation rate rose by almost 3 percentage points over the past decade, increasing from 66 percent in 1996 to 69 percent for the class of 2006. The American public education system encompasses 11,000 local education agencies that enroll high school students. Of those, about 1,500 districts have increased their graduation rates by 15 percentage points or more. Examples of such dramatic improvements can be found in nearly every state. Detailed data for each school district can be found on the EdWeek Maps Web site, online at maps.edweek.org.

