

A Guide to the High School Graduation Cohort Status Profile

INTRODUCTION

In 2011, the New Jersey Department of Education began using the new adjusted cohort formula to calculate graduation rates, in accordance with federal requirements. This method utilizes NJ SMART to calculate rates for schools, districts, and the State.

NJ SMART's High School Graduation Cohort Status Profile is available on the District Report tab. It enables districts to view their 4-Year and 5-Year graduation rates as well as track cohort statuses of their high school students. Like all NJ SMART District Reports, the High School Graduation Cohort Status Profile is designed to display a rich array of student information at a high level, making it easy to recognize patterns that may require further analysis. These profiles include multiple types of data that might otherwise exist in separate reports or data systems, allowing users to compare and analyze trends across various categories of information.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION COHORT STATUS PROFILE (SA)

State Snapshot Report: [snapshot date] or Local Data Mart Report: [School Year] (Generated: mm/dd/yyyy)

[Graduation Rate]

[CDS Perspective]

[District]

[School]

4 Year Graduation Cohort: [Cohort Year]

Student Characteristics ⁴	Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate % ²	Adjusted Cohort Count ¹		Graduated		Transfer Out - Unverified		Transfer In		On-Track Continuing		Off-Track Continuing		Active Student - Status Unknown ³		Dropout		Excluded From Cohort ⁵
	$\frac{\text{[Graduated]}}{\text{[Adjusted Cohort Count]}}$	# of Students	% of Total	# of Students	% of Total	# of Students	% of Total	# of Students	% of Total	# of Students	% of Total	# of Students	% of Total	# of Students	% of Total	# of Students	% of Total	# of Students
Total Students	89.3%	288	100.0%	258	89.6%	3	1.0%	3	1.0%	2	0.7%	5	1.8%	2	0.7%	15	5.4%	28
School																		
School 1	88.9%	90	32.0%	80	89.0%	1	1.1%	1	1.1%	0	0.0%	3	3.3%	0	0.0%	5	5.6%	10
School 2	89.5%	190	67.9%	178	89.5%	2	1.0%	2	1.0%	2	1.0%	2	1.0%	2	1.0%	10	5.3%	18
Grade Level																		
Grade 11	90.0%	10	3.5%	9	90.0%	1	10.0%	1	10.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0
Grade 12	63.0%	270	94.0%	170	63.0%	2	0.7%	2	0.7%	2	0.7%	2	0.7%	2	0.7%	10	3.7%	18
Entering Gender																		
Female	88.9%	90	32.0%	80	88.9%	1	1.1%	1	1.1%	0	0.0%	3	3.3%	0	0.0%	5	5.6%	10
Male	89.5%	190	67.9%	178	89.5%	2	1.0%	2	1.0%	2	1.0%	2	1.0%	2	1.0%	10	5.3%	18

LID	SID	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Generation Suffix Code	DOB	City of Residence	City of Birth	State of Birth	Country of Birth	County Code Attending	District Code Attending	School Code Attending	Attending School Name	Migrant Status	Gr
12345	1234567890	Amelia		ANDERSON		06/09/1992	TRENTON			United States	00	0000	000	High School 1	N	
12345	1234567890	Roger	R	ALLEN		03/10/1991	TRENTON	TRENTON	NJ	United States	00	0000	000	High School 1	N	
12345	1234567890	Juan		AMREZ		11/25/1992	TRENTON	ATLANTIC CITY	NJ	United States	00	0000	000	High School 1	N	
12345	1234567890	Michelle	Elizabeth	BERG		03/18/1991	TRENTON	TRENTON	NJ	United States	00	0000	000	High School 1	N	

Enrollment Profile
Assessment Profile

PROFILE DESCRIPTION

1 Profile Header displays the profile name, whether it is an Official Snapshot or Local Data Mart profile, chosen school year, date that the profile was generated, district name, school name, and 4 Year Graduation Cohort Year.

2 4 Year Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate is calculated from the following equation:

$$\frac{\text{Graduated}}{\text{Adjusted Cohort Count}}$$

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Cohort Statuses (Columns):

- **Adjusted Cohort Count** refers to the number of students in the final cohort, as adjusted by the number of incoming and outgoing transfers. In the context of this profile, your adjusted cohort count is comprised of: Graduated, Transfer Out-Unverified, Transfer In, On-Track Continuing, Off-Track Continuing, Status Unknown, and Dropout students.
- **Graduated** refers to students that have been exited from SID Management as graduates through the summer of the specified cohort year.
 - Student Exit Withdrawal Code: L
- **Transfer Out – Unverified** refers to students that an LEA inactivated as Transfers but were never re-activated by another district or state institution. Thus, the student remains in the original district's cohort and is considered a "non-graduate" in the graduation rate calculation. (A 'Transfer Out' is considered verified when another district/institution activates the student's SID, thereby adding the student to its cohort.)
 - Student Exit Withdrawal Codes: T1, T2, T4, T6, T7, TC, TR, TD, TA
- **Transfer In** refers to *active* cohort students who transferred into your district and have been added to your adjusted cohort count. Students will have a temporary "Transfer In" status until the first State Submission subsequent to the transfer; at that time, the cohort status will be updated based on their submitted grade level.
- **On-Track Continuing** refers to *active* cohort students who are considered on-track to graduating in four years. Each State Submission, active students' cohort statuses are updated based on their submitted grade levels; if student's progress as expected through grade levels, they will remain "On-Track Continuing" until they exit as graduates.
- **Off-Track Continuing** refers to *active* cohort students who are not progressing through grade levels on time and are considered off-track to graduating in four years.
- **Active Students – Status Unknown** refers to *active* cohort students who were not submitted in the district's most recent State Submission, and therefore their status is unknown.
- **Dropout** refers to students who have dropped out of school for various reasons.
 - Student Exit Withdrawal Codes: D1, D2, D3, D4, D5, D6, D7, D8, D10, D11
- **Excluded from Cohort Status** refers to exempt cases that are not included in your cohort and therefore do not factor into the graduation rate. The status of these students in your district is subject to audit by the NJ Department of Education.
 - Student Exit Withdrawal Codes: D9, T3, T8, T9, TP, SC, PPE

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SUBGROUP VARIABLES (ROWS) can be clicked on to filter the population to the row category selected. This filter will allow the user to drill down to further examine each subgroup by clicking on the variable name within the profile. The available sub-group variables are:

- School
- Grade Level
- Entering Gender
- Entering Race/Ethnicity
- Entering Lunch Status
- Entering Special Education Status
- Entering Migrant Status
- Entering Homeless Status
- Entering Limited English Proficient Status
- Time in District
- Students Retained List
- SAT Composite (CR+M+W) Score Range
- SAT Critical Reading Score Range
- SAT Math Score Range
- SAT Writing Score Range
- LAL: HSPA Spring
- Math: HSPA Spring
- Number of Days Absent
- Discipline
- Program Enrollment

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PROFILE FEATURES: The High School Graduation Cohort Status Profile presents a starting point for further data analysis and includes:

- Ability to view aggregate student counts from NJ SMART snapshot data across multiple years and submissions, disaggregated across multiple categories.
- Ability to drill down from aggregate counts to detailed Student Lists that summarize key data for students.
- Ability to drill down from Student Lists to detailed student Enrollment and Assessment Records that provide history and in-depth information from across various submissions for individual students.
- Ability to export all profiles into Excel for further analysis and printing.

RESOURCES

Online training resources designed to assist LEAs in using the profiles are available on the Help and Support tab of the NJ SMART portal. Resources include an introduction video, instructions on how to access and read the profiles, FAQs, and a guided data analysis protocol.

In addition, NJ SMART hosts a series of web-based trainings and live demonstrations to provide further assistance – including general District Reports user trainings and a specific session on the High School Graduation profile. Training schedules are posted on the Home page of the NJ SMART portal.

The NJ Department of Education’s website has more information regarding the development of the new high school graduation rate and a related list of FAQs for school districts: <http://www.state.nj.us/education/data/grate/> .

For further information or assistance from NJ SMART, contact our Helpdesk at 1-800-254-0295 or njsmart@pcgus.com .