

Executive Summary
2019 Graduation Rate

The graduation rate for Fulton County rose to 87.2 percent for 2019, a 0.4 percentage point gain over 2018. Fulton’s graduation rate exceeded the state’s overall graduation rate of 82 percent by 5.2 percentage points. Chattahoochee High School posted a graduation rate of 97.9 percent, highest in the district. Four other schools also posted graduation rates above 95 percent: Cambridge High School (97.6 percent); Northview High School (97 percent); Johns Creek High School (96.3 percent); and Milton High School (95.4 percent).

Banneker High School had the largest one-year gain, increasing their graduation rate by 5.8 percentage points from 75.9 percent in 2018 to 81.7 percent in 2019. In all, fourteen of nineteen high schools in the district saw an increase in the graduation rate for 2019.

Graduation rates released by the Georgia Department of Education for schools in the Fulton County district are shown below:

School	2018	2019	+/-
Alpharetta High School	92.8%	93.5%	0.7%
Banneker High School	75.9%	81.7%	5.8%
Cambridge High School	97.3%	97.6%	0.3%
Centennial High School	91.7%	92.3%	0.6%
Chattahoochee High School	95.4%	97.9%	2.5%
Creekside High School	82.7%	86.5%	3.8%
Hapeville Career Academy	94.8%	92.2%	-2.6%
Independence High School	52.1%	54.2%	2.1%
Johns Creek High School	97.1%	96.3%	-0.8%
Langston Hughes High School	86.4%	88.8%	2.4%
McClarín High School	69.3%	47.9%	-21.4%
Milton High School	96.7%	95.4%	-1.3%
North Springs High School	90.1%	93.1%	3.1%
Northview High School	96.4%	97.0%	0.6%
Riverwood International High School	92.2%	91.7%	-0.5%
Roswell High School	88.8%	90.8%	2.0%
Skyview High School	5.1%	8.9%	3.8%
Tri-Cities High School	80.9%	84.0%	3.1%
Westlake High School	91.5%	92.3%	0.8%
District	86.8%	87.2%	0.4%

Graduation rate results were mixed for metro area school districts. Cobb County's graduation rate rose 1.8 percentage points to 87 percent. However, Atlanta Public Schools, Dekalb County, and Gwinnett County all saw declines with graduation rates of 78 percent, 73.4 percent, and 80.9 percent, respectively. Fulton continues to post the highest graduation rate for the metro area.

As required by federal law, Georgia calculates a four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate. This rate is defined as the number of students who graduate in four years with a regular high school diploma divided by the number of students who form the adjusted cohort for the graduating class. The cohort is formed at the beginning of ninth grade by the group of students who enter ninth grade for the first time in a stated year. The cohort is then adjusted over the next three years by adding students who transfer in and subtracting students who transfer out.

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