

# Graduation Fact Sheet



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## Successful High School Graduate

As defined by the Kansas State Board of Education, a successful high school graduate has the:

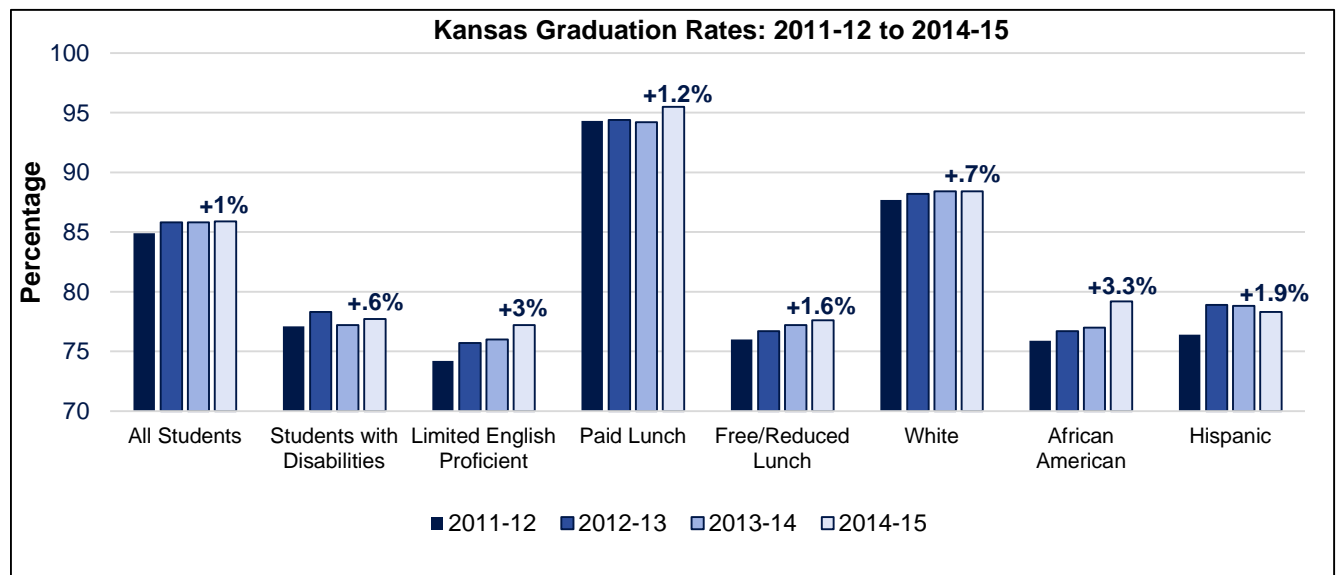
- Academic preparation,
- Cognitive preparation,
- Technical skills,
- Employability skills and
- Civic engagement

to be successful in postsecondary education, in the attainment of an industry recognized certification or in the workforce, without the need for remediation.

## Increasing Graduation Rates

Kansas uses the four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate, which is the number of students who graduate in four years with a regular high school diploma divided by the number of students who entered high school four years earlier (adjusting for transfers in and out).

Over the past four years, Kansas graduation rates have increased in every subgroup. The highest percentage increases from 2011-12 to 2014-15 have been in the Free/Reduced Lunch (1.6% increase), Hispanic (1.9% increase), Limited English Proficient (3% increase) and African American (3.3% increase) subgroups.

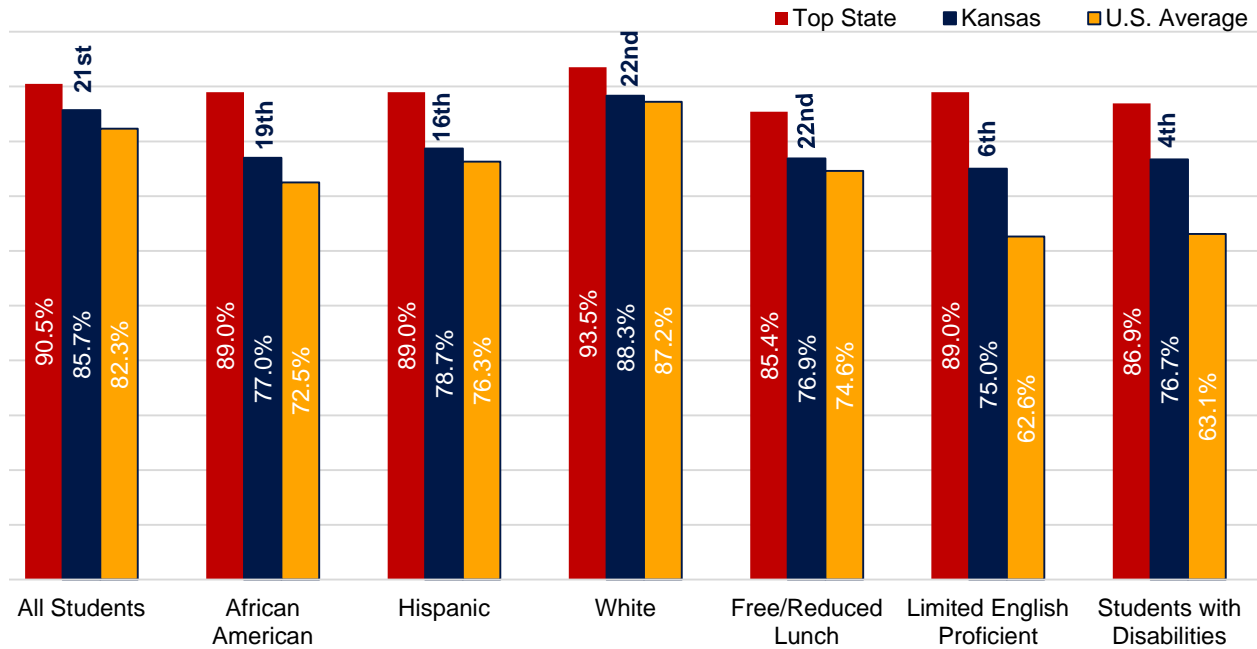


## Graduation Webpage

For more information about the graduation rate calculation, state-level accountability, current and historical graduation data and graduation requirements, please see additional fact sheets and documents on the Graduation webpage: <http://www.ksde.org/Agency/Division-of-Learning-Services/Teacher-Licensure-and-Accreditation/Graduation-and-Schools-of-Choice/Graduation-and-Dropouts>.

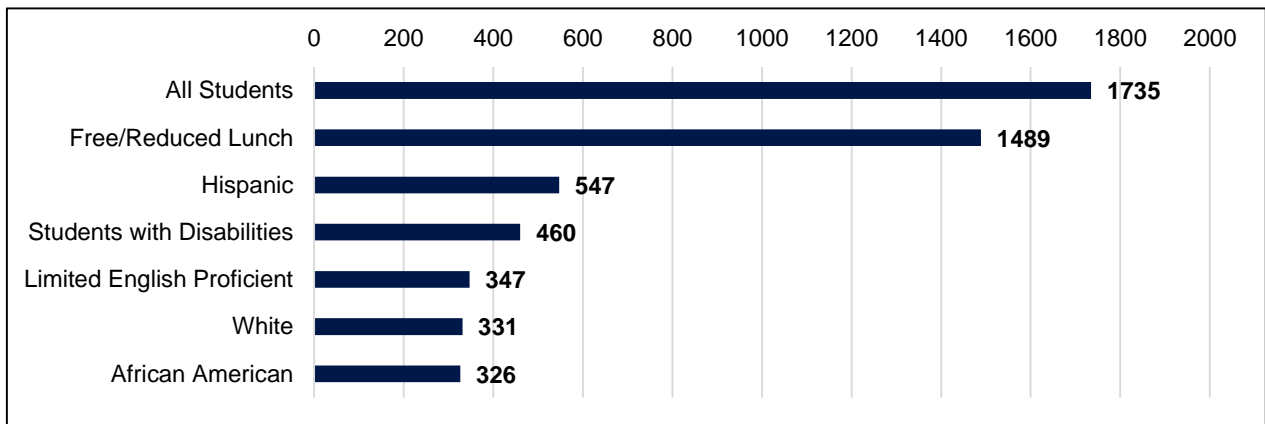
## 2014 Four-Year Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rates Nationally

The 2013-14 high school graduation rates are the most recent data published by the National Center for Educational Statistics for all states. In every subgroup, Kansas exceeds the United States average and maintains position among the top 22 states in the nation. Kansas is 6<sup>th</sup> in the nation among Limited English Proficient students and 4<sup>th</sup> in the nation among Students with Disabilities.



### Rising to the Top

In order to exceed the top state in each subgroup (see chart above), Kansas would have needed to graduate this number of additional students in 2014:



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