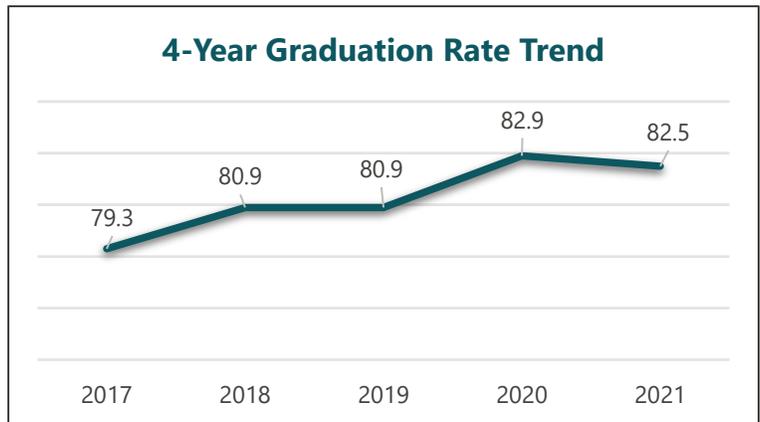


# Overview: 2021 Graduation Data

## Graduation rates have remained steady

The statewide 4-year graduation rate was essentially flat from the Class of 2020 to the Class of 2021, with a slight decrease of 0.4% (a difference of about 300 students).



## We have more graduates than ever before

Over the past several years, our 4-year graduating class has continued to grow alongside the percentage of students graduating. We had just over 70,000 graduates in the Class of 2021!

## Some opportunity gaps are closing, while others persist

The graduation rate for Black/African American students in the Class of 2021 rose by 1.4% from the Class of 2020 to 77.7%. The rate for Asian students rose by 1.1% to 92.2%, and the rate for multilingual/English learners rose by 0.5% to 68.9%.

However, compared to the Class of 2020, some student groups experienced declines in graduation rates. The largest declines were seen by students identified as low-income (1.1% decline), Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander (2.0% decline), Two or More Races (2.1% decline), in foster care (2.1% decline), and American Indian/Alaska Native (2.7% decline).

## Students are staying enrolled to earn their diploma, even past their fourth year

When comparing the Class of 2021 to the Class of 2020, students who are American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) experienced the largest decrease (-2.7%) in graduation rates (69.8% in 2020 compared to 67.1% in 2021). However, data show an increasing number of AI/AN students who didn't graduate with their 4-year cohort are staying enrolled to complete their studies and earn their diploma. This is also true for students who are migratory – data show a 1.1% decline since last year in graduation rates for students who are migratory, but similar to students who are AI/AN, an increasing number of migrant students are continuing their studies.

