

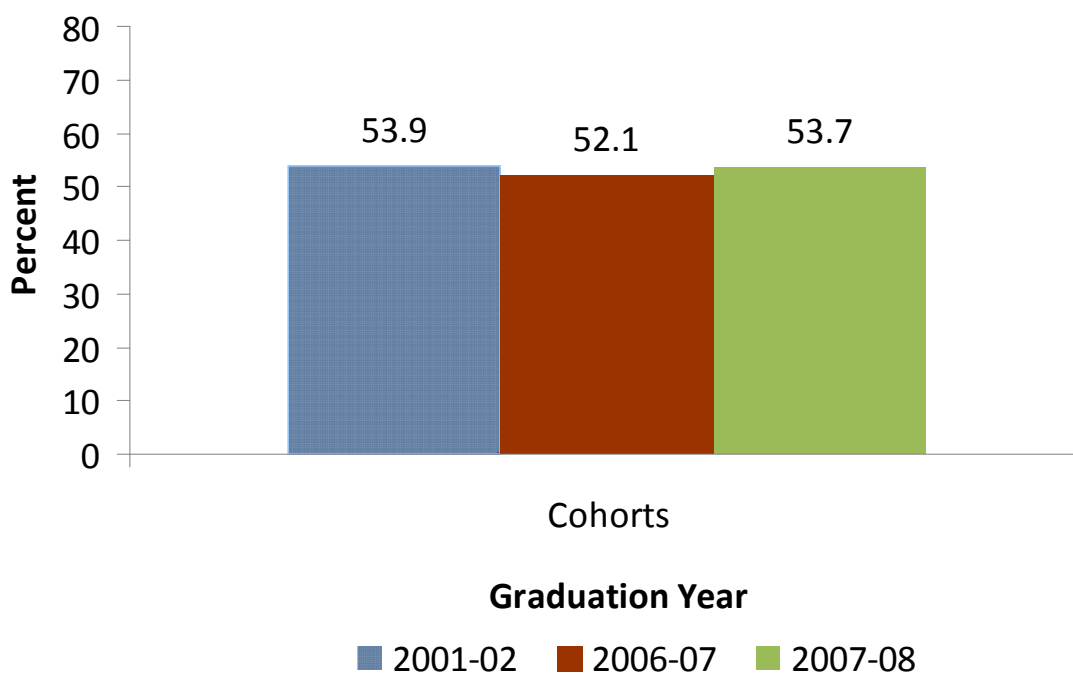
Louisiana's Seventh Grade Graduation Cohort Rate

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Considering the concern of loss of students prior to 9th grade, a 7th grade graduation cohort rate was examined. In order to do this, a cohort of first-time 7th graders was tracked through the 12th grade. Students transferring out of the Louisiana public school system such as students moving out of state, enrolling in non-public schools, or home school were removed from the cohort while new students moving in were added. At the end of six years (12th grade), each of these students were categorized based on how they exited high school. Exits or student outcomes are categorized as dropout, attender (still enrolled in school), certificated completer, obtained a GED, or graduated with a regular high school diploma.

The graph below displays three cohorts of 7th grade on-time graduation rates. This graduation rate has fluctuated from 52% to 54% from the graduating class of 2001-2002 to 2007-2008.

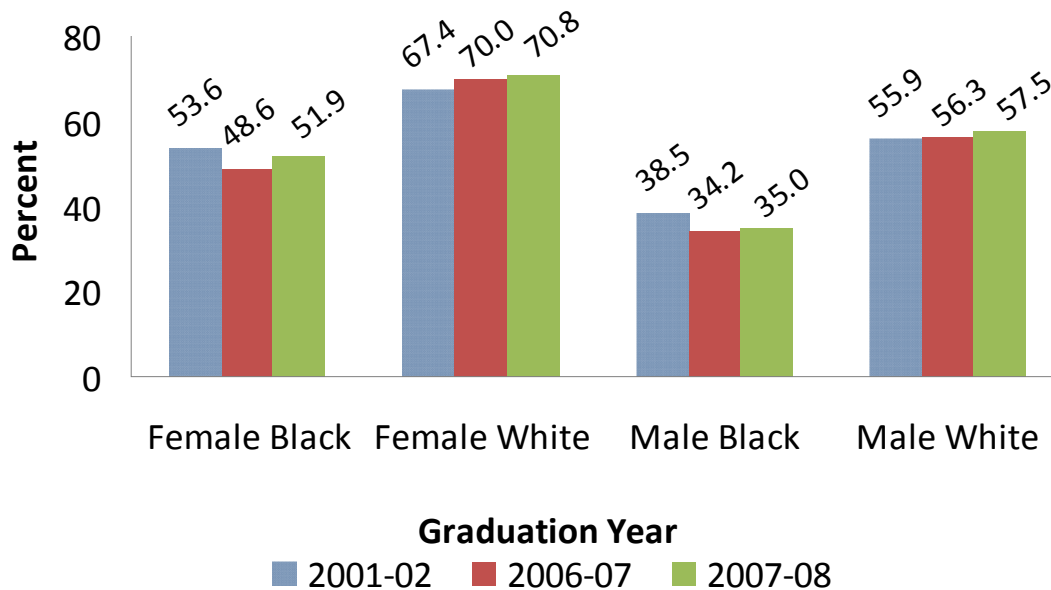
A Comparison of Three 7th Grade On-Time Cohort Graduation Rates



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The graph below displays three cohorts of 7th grade on-time graduation rates by gender and race/ethnicity. Cohort graduation rates are highest among white females, followed by white males, black females, and black males.

A Comparison of Three 7th Grade On-Time Cohort Graduation Rates Gender by Race/Ethnicity



The following tables provide additional detailed data related to these three cohorts. While the graphs above only depict regular High School Diploma graduation percentages, these data present other cohort outcomes. Cohort outcomes are categorized as dropout, attender (still enrolled in school), certificated completer, obtained a GED, or graduated with a regular high school diploma.

1996-97 SEVENTH GRADE GRADUATION COHORT
2001-02 Graduation Year
A look at 7th graders as they move through the system

TABLE 1

EXIT REASON	2001-02 On-Time Graduation Year	
	COHORT COUNT	COHORT RATES
Dropout	20,025	28.6%
Attender*	9,352	13.4%
Certificated Completer**	799	1.1%
GED	2,075	3.0%
Graduate	37,782	53.9%

Following this cohort 2 additional years through 2003-2004, the graduation rate increases to 58.4%.

TABLE 2

EXIT REASON	2001-02 On-Time Graduation Year			
	BLACK FEMALE	WHITE FEMALE	BLACK MALE	WHITE MALE
Dropout	28.4%	21.5%	37.0%	27.6%
Attender*	15.3%	7.3%	20.4%	10.5%
Certificated Completer**	1.3%	0.5%	2.1%	0.8%
GED	1.4%	3.3%	2.0%	5.1%
Graduate	53.6%	67.4%	38.5%	55.9%

Following this cohort 2 additional years through 2003-2004, the graduation rate increases to 58.3% for black females, 69.7% for white females, 45.1% for black males, and 59.9% for white males.

*Still enrolled in school

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2001-02 SEVENTH GRADE GRADUATION COHORT
2006-07 Graduation Year
A look at 7th graders as they move through the system

TABLE 1

EXIT REASON	2006-07 On-Time Graduation Year	
	COHORT COUNT	COHORT RATES
Dropout	17,711	27.0%
Attender*	8,898	13.6%
Certificated Completer**	2,026	3.1%
GED	2,731	4.2%
Graduate	34,152	52.1%

Following this cohort 1 additional year through 2007-2008, the graduation rate increases to 55.9%.

TABLE 2

EXIT REASON	2006-07 On-Time Graduation Year			
	BLACK FEMALE	WHITE FEMALE	BLACK MALE	WHITE MALE
Dropout	29.2%	16.9%	38.3%	23.4%
Attender*	16.6%	7.1%	20.1%	9.9%
Certificated Completer**	3.6%	1.7%	4.5%	2.8%
GED	2.0%	4.3%	2.9%	7.6%
Graduate	48.6%	70.0%	34.2%	56.3%

Following this cohort 1 additional year through 2007-2008, the graduation rate increases to 53.2% for black females, 71.9% for white females, 39.2% for black males, and 59.4% for white males.

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2002-03 SEVENTH GRADE GRADUATION COHORT
2007-08 Graduation Year
A look at 7th graders as they move through the system

TABLE 1

EXIT REASON	2007-08 On-Time Graduation Year	
	COHORT COUNT	COHORT RATES
Dropout	16,481	25.8%
Attender*	7,810	12.2%
Certificated Completer**	2,176	3.4%
GED	3,100	4.8%
Graduate	34,354	53.7%

TABLE 2

EXIT REASON	2007-08 On-Time Graduation Year			
	BLACK FEMALE	WHITE FEMALE	BLACK MALE	WHITE MALE
Dropout	27.8%	15.9%	37.8%	21.6%
Attender*	13.5%	6.9%	18.5%	9.5%
Certificated Completer**	4.3%	1.4%	5.0%	3.0%
GED	2.4%	5.0%	3.7%	8.4%
Graduate	51.9%	70.8%	35.0%	57.5%

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