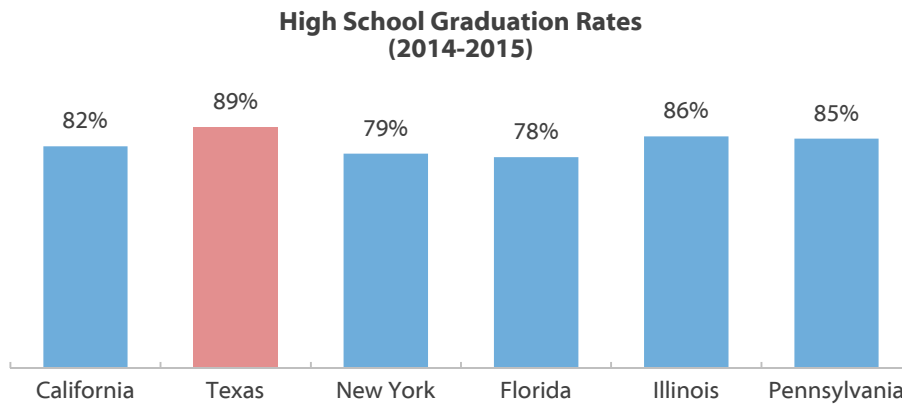
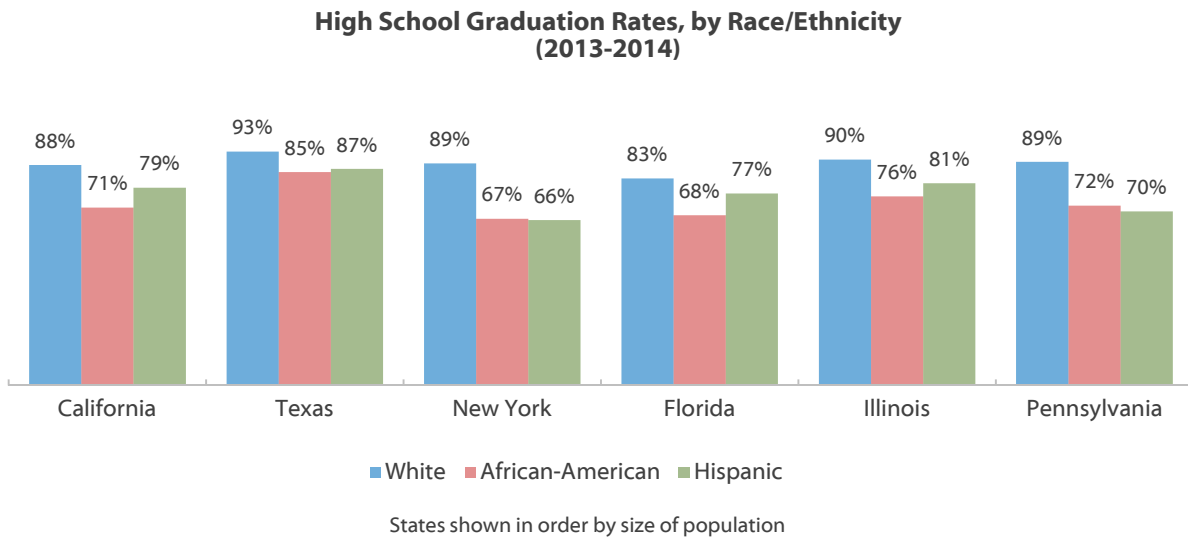


# Texas Ranks Near Top in High School Graduation Rates



Texas ranked fourth in the nation for high school graduation rates in 2014-2015, tying with 2 other states at 89 percent. Texas ranked highest among the six most populous states in the nation and led the most populous states in graduation rates within racial and ethnic groups. Nationally, the overall graduation rate in 2014-2015 was 83 percent.



The recent increases in high school graduation rates have been due in part to dramatic reductions in the number of “dropout factory” high schools in the past 10 years. These schools are defined as having 60 percent or less of their ninth grade class still enrolled in their senior year. In 2002, more than 2.6 million students were enrolled in these type “dropout factory” high schools compared to around 900,000 in 2014.

Sources: Graduation Rates: U.S. Department of Education, ED Data Express, Data about elementary and secondary schools in the U.S. (<http://www.eddataexpress.ed.gov/>); All else: America’s Promise Alliance, *Building a Grad Nation: Progress and Challenge in Ending the High School Dropout Epidemic, 2016 Report* ([http://www.gradnation.org/sites/default/files/civic\\_2016\\_full\\_report\\_FNL2-2\\_0.pdf](http://www.gradnation.org/sites/default/files/civic_2016_full_report_FNL2-2_0.pdf)).

