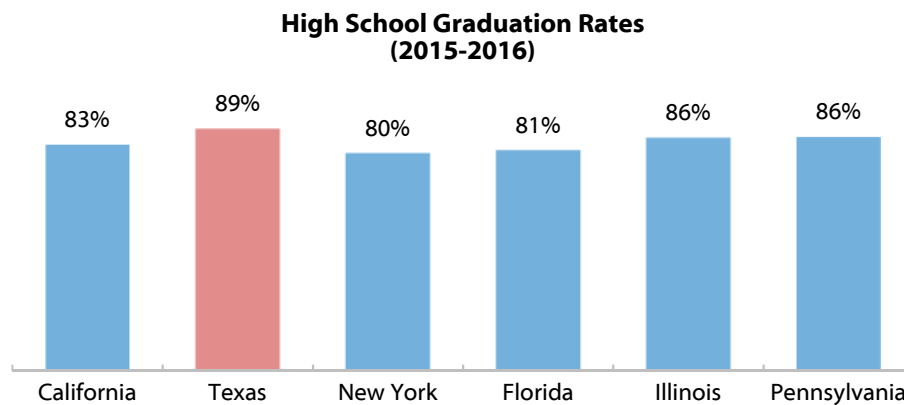
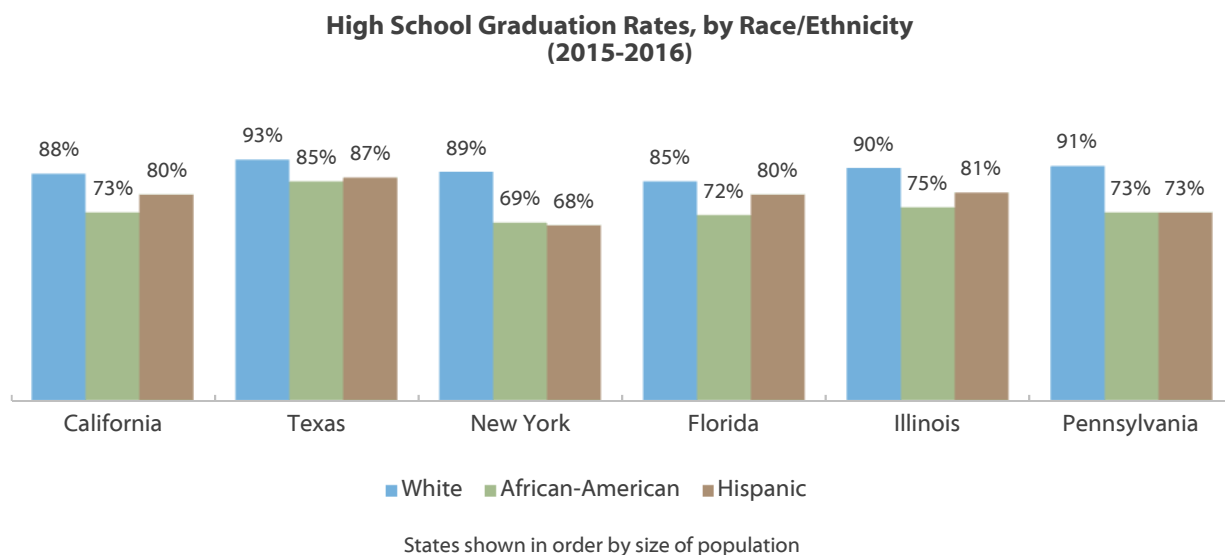


Texas Ranks Near Top in High School Graduation Rates



Texas ranked fifth in the nation for high school graduation rates in 2015-2016, tying with 4 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 2015-2016 was 84 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 less than 900,000 in 2015.

Sources: Graduation Rates: U.S. Department of Education, ED Data Express, Data about elementary and secondary schools in the U.S. (<https://eddataexpress.ed.gov/>); All else: America's Promise Alliance, 2017 *Building a Grad Nation Report: Progress and Challenge in Raising High School Graduation Rates* (<http://gradnation.americaspromise.org/report/2017-building-grad-nation-report#driver-5-low-graduation-rate-high-schools>).

