Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate

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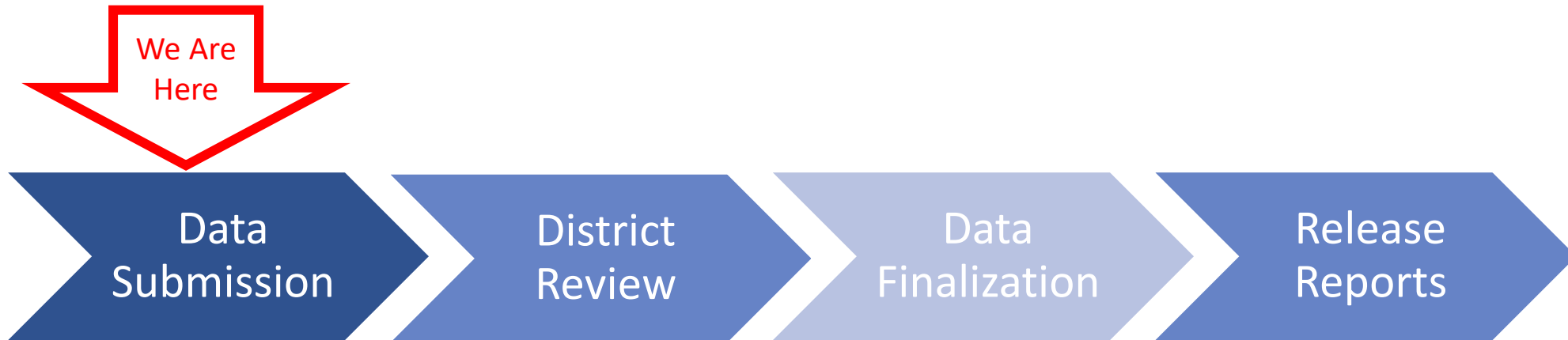
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Report Card Timeline

We Are Here

| Data Submission | District Review | Data Finalization | Release Reports |

- Data Submission: Now through July (depends on specific collection).

- District Review: Now through July (depends on specific collection).

- Data Finalization: July and August (depends on specific collection).

- Data Review and Verification Tool via MyIRC.
  - Opens by noon **July 1, 2025.**
  - Closes after all data collection deadlines have passed **(July or August depending on the specific collection).**

- Educator Preview Release: **October 1, 2025**, by noon.

- Report Card Release: **October 30, 2025**, by 9 a.m.

- ISBE Data Collections Key Dates

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Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate

- Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate is the rate of graduates compared to the total number of students in their four-year, five-year, and six-year cohort for schools, districts, and the state.

- Adjusted Cohort Graduation Student Count is defined as the number of graduates in four-year, five-year, and six-year cohort for schools, districts, and the state.

- The graduation rate is calculated using rules as specified in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Students are counted at their home school. The rate is based on the number of students who start 9th grade for the first time. The cohort is adjusted by adding students who transfer in later and removing students who transfer out, move to another country, go to prison or a juvenile facility, or pass away during that period.

Graduation Rate FAQ

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Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate

The Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate is determined by dividing the number of "graduates" who belong to a specified "cohort" by the total number of graduates and "non-graduates" in that cohort and multiplying the resulting quotient by 100.

$$Adjust\ Cohort\ Graduation\ Rate = \frac{Number\ of\ Graduates}{Total\ Number\ of\ Graduates + Total\ Number\ of\ NonGraduates} \times 100$$

The cohort year is calculated from the reporting school year as follows:

- **Four-year cohort**: School year – 3 = School year for the 9th grade cohort (e.g., for SY 2024-25 reporting, the four-year cohort consists of students whose first year in 9th grade was SY 2021-22).

- **Five-year cohort:** School year – 4 = School year for the 9th grade cohort (e.g., for SY 2024-25 reporting, the five-year cohort consists of students whose first year in 9th grade was SY 2020-21).

- **Six-year cohort:** School year – 5 = School year for the 9th grade cohort (e.g., for SY 2024-25 reporting, the six-year cohort consists of students whose first year in 9th grade was SY 2019-20).

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Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate

Exit codes, descriptions, and whether to include or exclude are:

Exit Code	Description	[I] Include / [E] Exclude
02	Transfer to another public school within the district	I
03	Transfer to Home Schooled	E
04	Transfer to Private School	E
05	Promotion	I
06	Graduated with regular, advanced, International Baccalaureate, or other type of diploma	I
07	Death	E
08	Expulsion	I
09	Dropped Out	I
10	Transfer to GED program	I
11	Moved, not known to be continuing	I
12	Retained in same grade	I
14	Aged Out	I
15	Certificate of Completion	I
16	Victim of a Violent Crime	I
17	Change in Serving School or Full Time Equivalent	I
18	Moved Out of the United States	E
19	Transfer to another public-school district OUT of Illinois	E
20	Transfer to another public-school district IN Illinois	E

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Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate

- The SY 2024-25 Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate is calculated based on SIS data.

- The related information will be derived from student information, so the accuracy of data reported to SIS becomes even more significant. The Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate will be calculated based on student enrollments and upon proper identification of Cohort Enrollment Exit Codes.

- The Cohort Exit Type Code is essential in providing an accurate measure of high school graduation data. The Cohort Exit Type Code is initially set to the student's general Enrollment Exit Type Code, but it can be updated (as appropriate) through the related online screens.

- Cohort Exit Type Codes fall into three categories (Graduates, Non-Graduates, and Removed from Cohort) that are used in calculating the Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate.

Adjusted Cohort -- Search by Student

Select 'Edit' to update Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate data.

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Adjusted Cohort

SID: 123456789
Legal Last Name: Test   Legal First Name: Student   Date Of Birth: 05/29/2004

Student Enrollment

Enrollment Type	Transfer in from within District	School Year	2025
RCDTS for Home	123456789012345	RCDTS for Serving	123456789012345
Enrollment Grade Level	11 - Grade 11	FTE	1.00
Enrollment Date	08/13/2024	Exit Date	10/02/2024

Cohort Graduation Data

1st School Year in Grade 9   2021
Enrollment Exit Type   Transfer to another public school district IN Illinois   ⌄

Edit

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Use dropdown menu to update Enrollment Exit Type and select 'Next.'

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Cohort Graduation Data

1st School Year in Grade 9   2021
Enrollment Exit Type   Transfer to another public school district OUT of Illinois ⌄

Next   Cancel

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Check box to verify Enrollment Exit Type selection and click 'Submit.'

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☑ I have verified local evidence supporting my selection.

Submit   Cancel

Message confirms the Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate was successfully updated.

Reports Menu > Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate > Summary or Details

Criteria Page

Reminder: Change the Reporting School Year field to see a projected list of students for a particular cohort year.

Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate Summary Report

School Year 2025

This Cohort Consist of Students Whose 1st Year in 9th Grade Was School Year 2022

This report uses information from the iSTAR system to determine IDEA values

SIS Home District: **12345678901** **ISBE Test District**

Selection Criteria: Year In Cohort = 4

6.15 % Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate

Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate = Total Graduates / (Total Graduates + Non-Graduates)

Enrollment Exit Type	Graduates	Non-Graduates	Removed from Cohort (Not Enrolled)	History of Cohort			
				2022	2023	2024	2025
Transfer to another public school within the district	0	58	1	3	4	36	16
Graduated with regular, advanced, International Baccalaureate, or other type of diploma	26	0	6	0	0	1	31
Transfer to Home Schooled	0	0	4	2	1	1	0
Death	0	0	2	0	0	1	1
Dropped Out	0	4	8	1	2	6	3
Expulsion	0	2	1	0	0	2	1
Transfer to Private School	0	0	5	1	1	1	2
Transfer to GED program	0	3	1	1	0	3	0
Moved, not known to be continuing	0	20	2	1	3	6	12
Promotion	0	292	35	10	13	303	1
Erroneous enrollment	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
Retained in same grade	0	14	1	3	3	8	1

Monitor the promotion exit type and associated students to determine data errors.

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Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate Detail Report
School Year 2025

This Cohort Consist of Students Whose 1st Year in 9th Grade Was School Year 2022
This report uses information from the iSTAR system to determine IDEA values

SIS Home District: 123456578901   ISBE Test District

Selection Criteria: Year In Cohort = 4   Sorted By: Student Name

Graduated

| Graduated with regular, advanced, International Baccalaureate, or other type of diploma | | | | | | | | | Last Exited Enrollment in SIS | | |
Student ID	Name	Gender	Race	1st School Year In 9th Grade	9th Grade Home RCDTS	EL	IDEA Services	FRL	Grade	School Year	Home RCDTS	Serving RCDTS
123456789	Test. Student	F	14	2022	123456789012345	0	0	1	12	2024	123456789012345	123456789012345

Total Students by Cohort Enrollment Exit Type Code: 1

Graduated: 1

Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate Recap

- All students, Grades 9-12, will need to be exited before an accurate Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate can be calculated.

- Four-, five-, and six-year Cohort Graduation Rate will be included on the Illinois Report Card. Accuracy is very important.

- A SIS user can only update Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate field (Cohort Exit Type Code) if the last enrollment was within the SIS user's district.

- The SY 2024-25 data will be final as of **July 31, 2025**.

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Upcoming Webinar

SY 2024-25 Webinars

Activity	Date (scheduled 1:30-3 p.m.)
End of SY 2024-25 Report Card Data Verification	Tuesday, June 17, 2025

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Where to Direct Questions

ISBE Help Desk

- 217-558-3600 - Option 3
- sis@isbe.net
  - SIS policy questions will be directed to the proper ISBE department.
  - SIS technical questions will be directed to the SIS Help Desk.
  - Note: *Please* do not use the same email thread for different inquiries. The SIS Help Desk does not receive responses to closed tickets.

Data Strategies and Analytics

- For questions regarding data policy contact:
  - datahelp@isbe.net
  - 312-814-9192