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Houston County's Graduation Rate at 87.2%

HOUSTON COUNTY, GA - The Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) released the 2018 high school graduation rates today, Sept. 19. Houston County's graduation rate is 87.2 percent, 5.6 percentage points higher than the state's 81.6 percent. The district's rate has increased a total of 14 percentage points since the four-year cohort graduation formula was initiated in 2011.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Mark Scott said, "We are proud that our graduation rate continues to outpace the state, however, we will continue to work hard to ensure our students are successful and ready for the work force or advanced education. I am especially proud of Warner Robins High School's gain over last year's rate by almost 5 percentage points! In fact, all five of our high schools outperformed the state average."

The 2018 four-year cohort graduation rates are provided by school.

Houston County School System	87.2%
State of Georgia	81.6%
Houston County High School	93.9%
Northside High School	87.1%
Perry High School	87.3%
Veterans High School	90.0%
Warner Robins High School	86.0%

This is the eighth year Georgia has used the current formula, known as the adjusted cohort rate, which is required by the U.S. Department of Education. All states now calculate the graduation rate using this same formula, but each state sets its own requirements for students to earn a diploma. Georgia has some of the highest requirements in the nation for students to graduate with a regular diploma.

The calculation is based on the number of students who graduate within four years of high school and does not include students who take more than four years to graduate. The four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate is based on when a student first becomes a freshman, using the number of students who graduate within four years and adjusted for student transfers.

School and district results provided by GaDOE may be accessed here: [Excel](#) | [PDF](#).

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