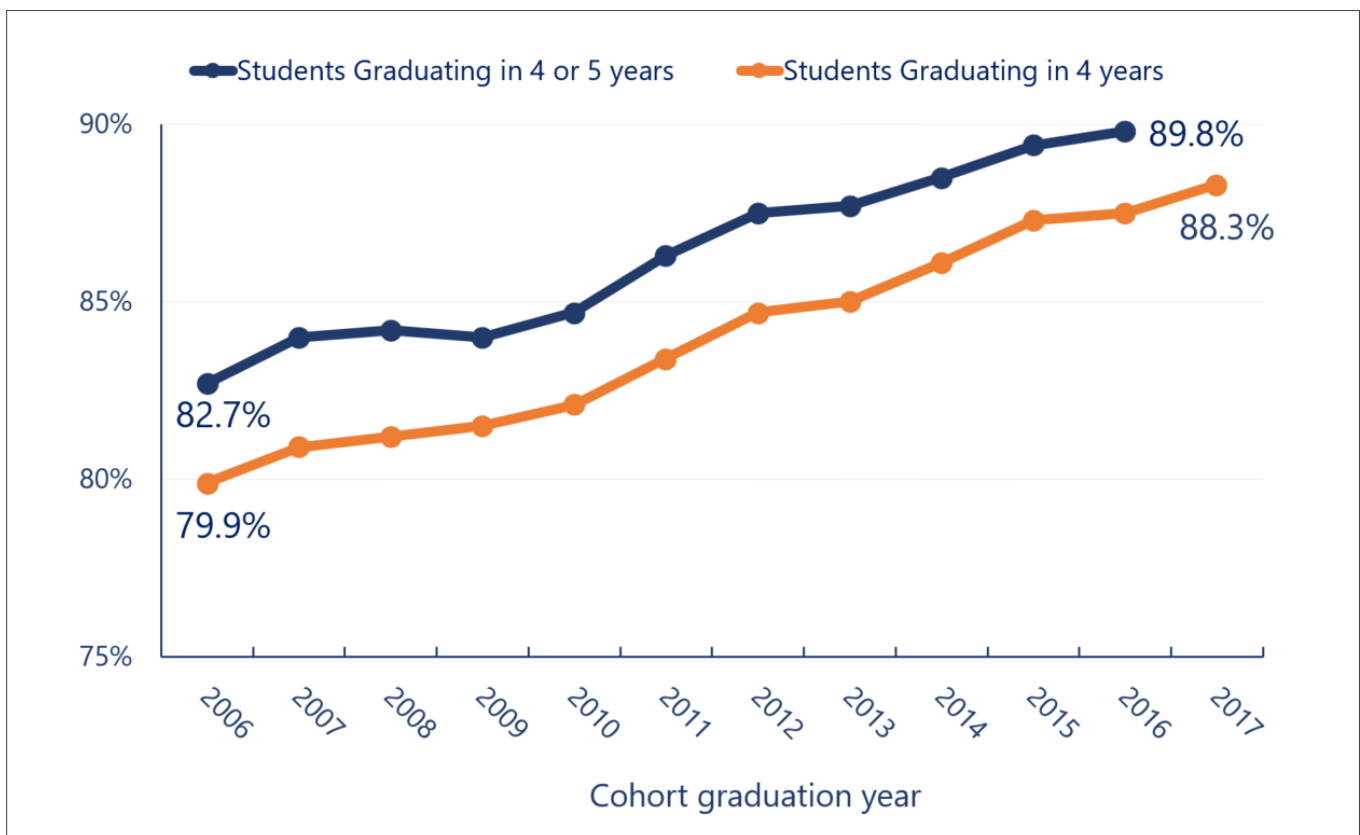


2017 Graduation Rate

The 2017 four-year cohort graduation rate for Massachusetts public high schools increased by 0.8 percentage points to 88.3 percent from 87.5 percent for the 2016 cohort. This represents the eleventh consecutive year of increase in the four-year rate (see below). All student subgroups showed increased four-year rates as compared to the 2016 cohort. The largest increase among major racial and ethnic groups was shown by the Hispanic and Asian subgroups, which increased by 1.7 and 1.4 percentage points respectively. There are, however, significant gaps in the graduation rates among subgroups. Among the major race and ethnicity subgroup rates, there is a 19.7 percentage point difference between the highest and lowest, belonging to Asian and Hispanic students. This difference is 0.3 percentage points lower than in 2016.



Additional critical findings of the report include:

- The dropout rate for the 2017 cohort was 4.9 percent. This rate remained the same from the 2016 cohort and is still the lowest since the ESE began calculating cohort dropout rates in 2006.
- 5.0 percent of the 2017 cohort is still enrolled in high school.
- The graduation rate for African-American students in the 2017 cohort was 80.0%. This is the first time the graduation rate for the African American subgroup has been at 80% since the ESE began calculating cohort graduation rates.