

Table 140. Percent of public high school graduates earning minimum credits in selected combinations of academic courses, by sex and race/ethnicity: Selected years, 1982 to 2000

Year of graduation and course combination taken ¹	All students	Sex		Race/ethnicity				
		Male	Female	White, non-Hispanic	Black, non-Hispanic	Hispanic	Asian/Pacific Islander	American Indian/Alaska Native
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1982 graduates								
4 Eng., 3 S.S., 3 Sci., 3 Math, 5 Comp., and 2 F.L. ²	2.0 (0.22)	2.3 (0.31)	1.8 (0.27)	2.4 (0.28)	0.7 (0.28)	0.6 (0.22)	5.8 (1.72)	1.1 (0.77)
4 Eng., 3 S.S., 3 Sci., 3 Math, and 2 F.L.	9.5 (0.57)	9.1 (0.70)	9.9 (0.71)	10.9 (0.69)	5.2 (1.02)	3.9 (0.57)	17.0 (2.49)	3.3 (1.68)
4 Eng., 3 S.S., 3 Sci., 3 Math	14.3 (0.66)	15.2 (0.86)	13.4 (0.79)	15.9 (0.79)	11.0 (1.39)	6.7 (0.79)	21.1 (2.65)	8.1 (3.02)
4 Eng., 3 S.S., 2 Sci., 2 Math	31.5 (1.07)	31.7 (1.26)	31.3 (1.22)	32.4 (1.21)	30.8 (2.32)	25.6 (1.76)	32.0 (3.40)	23.6 (5.39)
1987 graduates								
4 Eng., 3 S.S., 3 Sci., 3 Math, and 5 Comp., and 2 F.L. ²	10.6 (0.73)	11.5 (1.01)	9.8 (0.65)	11.3 (0.97)	6.6 (0.91)	5.5 (1.03)	20.5 (2.57)	2.5 (0.86)
4 Eng., 3 S.S., 3 Sci., 3 Math, and 2 F.L.	18.1 (0.91)	18.0 (1.13)	18.3 (1.01)	19.0 (1.10)	12.7 (1.15)	10.8 (1.70)	35.7 (4.49)	4.9 (1.40)
4 Eng., 3 S.S., 3 Sci., 3 Math	24.8 (1.03)	25.9 (1.27)	23.7 (1.07)	26.1 (1.21)	19.6 (1.99)	14.5 (1.69)	39.8 (4.51)	24.3 (3.69)
4 Eng., 3 S.S., 2 Sci., 2 Math	48.1 (1.74)	48.0 (2.22)	48.4 (1.56)	48.1 (2.15)	48.3 (2.63)	43.9 (1.92)	57.9 (4.82)	61.8 (5.56)
1990 graduates								
4 Eng., 3 S.S., 3 Sci., 3 Math, 5 Comp., and 2 F.L. ²	18.0 (1.06)	17.8 (1.16)	18.2 (1.09)	18.6 (1.21)	15.1 (1.66)	17.8 (2.42)	23.3 (2.23)	7.8 (3.33)
4 Eng., 3 S.S., 3 Sci., 3 Math, and 2 F.L.	29.9 (1.26)	28.8 (1.38)	31.0 (1.36)	31.7 (1.46)	22.9 (2.27)	25.4 (2.41)	42.6 (2.95)	9.9 (3.70)
4 Eng., 3 S.S., 3 Sci., 3 Math	38.2 (1.50)	38.5 (1.69)	37.9 (1.54)	39.2 (1.63)	39.0 (3.57)	29.8 (2.51)	47.4 (3.04)	19.2 (4.70)
4 Eng., 3 S.S., 2 Sci., 2 Math	65.5 (1.96)	64.3 (2.09)	66.4 (1.98)	64.9 (2.28)	71.3 (3.00)	63.7 (3.01)	69.1 (3.90)	46.3 (6.39)
1994 graduates								
4 Eng., 3 S.S., 3 Sci., 3 Math, 5 Comp., and 2 F.L. ²	25.1 (1.05)	23.4 (0.93)	26.8 (1.32)	26.4 (1.19)	19.0 (1.45)	27.1 (3.75)	35.5 (2.84)	12.9 (3.09)
4 Eng., 3 S.S., 3 Sci., 3 Math, and 2 F.L.	39.0 (1.12)	35.0 (1.11)	42.7 (1.33)	41.6 (1.32)	29.6 (1.52)	35.6 (2.94)	50.1 (2.39)	22.5 (4.31)
4 Eng., 3 S.S., 3 Sci., 3 Math	49.3 (1.45)	47.0 (1.45)	51.5 (1.58)	52.4 (1.67)	43.7 (2.39)	40.3 (3.25)	54.9 (2.46)	46.0 (3.30)
4 Eng., 3 S.S., 2 Sci., 2 Math	73.9 (1.50)	71.2 (1.63)	76.4 (1.46)	75.1 (1.69)	74.5 (2.32)	74.7 (2.61)	72.3 (3.62)	76.3 (3.60)
1998 graduates								
4 Eng., 3 S.S., 3 Sci., 3 Math, 5 Comp., and 2 F.L. ²	28.6 (1.72)	27.6 (2.12)	30.1 (1.90)	29.6 (1.99)	27.9 (3.36)	20.4 (2.44)	38.6 (4.61)	16.5 (4.65)
4 Eng., 3 S.S., 3 Sci., 3 Math, and 2 F.L.	44.2 (1.92)	40.5 (2.19)	48.2 (2.05)	46.2 (2.16)	40.0 (3.41)	32.0 (2.94)	57.8 (4.51)	28.3 (4.53)
4 Eng., 3 S.S., 3 Sci., 3 Math	55.0 (2.44)	52.9 (2.64)	57.8 (2.48)	56.8 (2.69)	55.6 (4.39)	40.0 (3.28)	66.1 (5.69)	40.0 (4.73)
4 Eng., 3 S.S., 2 Sci., 2 Math	74.5 (2.18)	72.8 (2.34)	77.0 (2.14)	74.7 (2.64)	76.0 (3.21)	70.1 (2.57)	79.5 (4.76)	76.4 (5.21)
2000 graduates								
4 Eng., 3 S.S., 3 Sci., 3 Math, 5 Comp., and 2 F.L. ²	31.0 (1.53)	28.6 (1.59)	33.2 (1.73)	31.5 (1.55)	28.9 (1.65)	28.4 (5.50)	37.8 (5.45)	16.2 (2.69)
4 Eng., 3 S.S., 3 Sci., 3 Math, and 2 F.L.	46.5 (1.46)	40.3 (1.59)	52.1 (1.60)	47.8 (1.56)	44.2 (2.14)	38.4 (5.05)	56.5 (3.13)	25.6 (3.40)
4 Eng., 3 S.S., 3 Sci., 3 Math	57.2 (1.58)	52.9 (1.65)	61.1 (1.70)	58.1 (1.70)	62.4 (2.44)	46.4 (5.46)	61.1 (3.11)	40.9 (5.56)
4 Eng., 3 S.S., 2 Sci., 2 Math	77.6 (1.58)	74.2 (1.86)	80.6 (1.44)	77.9 (1.84)	81.2 (2.23)	74.1 (3.24)	74.5 (3.05)	71.2 (4.44)

¹ Eng. = English; S.S. = social studies; Sci. = science; Comp. = computer science; and F.L. = foreign language.

² The National Commission on Excellence in Education recommended that all college-bound high school students take these courses as a minimum.

NOTE: Data differ slightly from figures appearing in other NCES reports because of differences in taxonomies and case exclusion criteria. Standard errors appear in parentheses.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, "High School and Beyond," First Followup survey; "1990 High School Transcript Study," "High School Transcript Study," various years. (This table was prepared November 2002.)