

**Table 263. Public High School Graduates by State: 1980 to 2005**

[In thousands (2,747.7 represents 2,747,700). For school year ending in year shown]

State	1980	1990	2000	2005, proj.	State	1980	1990	2000	2005, proj.
<b>United States . . .</b>	<b>2,747.7</b>	<b>2,320.3</b>	<b>2,553.8</b>	<b>2,801.2</b>	Missouri . . . . .	62.3	49.0	52.8	57.0
Alabama . . . . .	45.2	40.5	37.8	36.9	Montana . . . . .	12.1	9.4	10.9	10.3
Alaska . . . . .	5.2	5.4	6.6	7.2	Nebraska . . . . .	22.4	17.7	20.1	19.7
Arizona . . . . .	28.6	32.1	38.3	62.4	Nevada . . . . .	8.5	9.5	14.6	17.9
Arkansas . . . . .	29.1	26.5	27.3	26.6	New Hampshire . . . . .	11.7	10.8	11.8	13.8
California . . . . .	249.2	236.3	309.9	355.7	New Jersey . . . . .	94.6	69.8	74.4	89.3
Colorado . . . . .	36.8	33.0	38.9	44.1	New Mexico . . . . .	18.4	14.9	18.0	17.8
Connecticut . . . . .	37.7	27.9	31.6	35.8	New York . . . . .	204.1	143.3	141.7	149.2
Delaware . . . . .	7.6	5.6	6.1	6.8	North Carolina . . . . .	70.9	64.8	62.1	74.0
District of Columbia . . . . .	5.0	3.6	2.7	2.9	North Dakota . . . . .	9.9	7.7	8.6	7.6
Florida . . . . .	87.3	88.9	106.7	136.5	Ohio . . . . .	144.2	114.5	111.7	118.4
Georgia . . . . .	61.6	56.6	62.6	71.1	Oklahoma . . . . .	39.3	35.6	37.6	36.3
Hawaii . . . . .	11.5	10.3	10.4	10.5	Oregon . . . . .	29.9	25.5	30.2	32.3
Idaho . . . . .	13.2	12.0	16.2	16.1	Pennsylvania . . . . .	146.5	110.5	114.0	124.7
Illinois . . . . .	135.6	108.1	111.8	121.0	Rhode Island . . . . .	10.9	7.8	8.5	9.9
Indiana . . . . .	73.1	60.0	57.0	57.4	South Carolina . . . . .	38.7	32.5	31.6	32.6
Iowa . . . . .	43.4	31.8	33.9	33.2	South Dakota . . . . .	10.7	7.7	9.3	8.6
Kansas . . . . .	30.9	25.4	29.1	29.7	Tennessee . . . . .	49.8	46.1	41.6	44.6
Kentucky . . . . .	41.2	38.0	36.8	36.9	Texas . . . . .	171.4	172.5	212.9	241.0
Louisiana . . . . .	46.3	36.1	38.4	35.9	Utah . . . . .	20.0	21.2	32.5	29.2
Maine . . . . .	15.4	13.8	12.2	13.3	Vermont . . . . .	6.7	6.1	6.7	7.2
Maryland . . . . .	54.3	41.6	47.8	54.2	Virginia . . . . .	66.6	60.6	65.6	74.5
Massachusetts . . . . .	73.8	55.9	53.0	59.1	Washington . . . . .	50.4	45.9	57.6	61.1
Michigan . . . . .	124.3	93.8	97.7	103.3	West Virginia . . . . .	23.4	21.9	19.4	17.0
Minnesota . . . . .	64.9	49.1	57.4	58.4	Wisconsin . . . . .	69.3	52.0	58.5	63.6
Mississippi . . . . .	27.6	25.2	24.2	23.4	Wyoming . . . . .	6.1	5.8	6.5	5.5

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