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## **SPECIAL REPORT**

### **Examining Annual Targets for Indicator 1: *Percent of youth with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) exiting special education due to graduating with a regular high school diploma***

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The Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) at the U.S. Dept. of Education has released [each state's 2022 State Performance Plan \(SPP\) and Annual Performance Report \(APR\)](#) which includes new annual targets for results and compliance indicators 1-17 for years 2020 through 2025. Details are available [here](#).

This special report examines each state's annual targets for the SPP/APR Indicator 1, which measures the percent of youth with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) exiting special education due to graduating with a regular high school diploma.

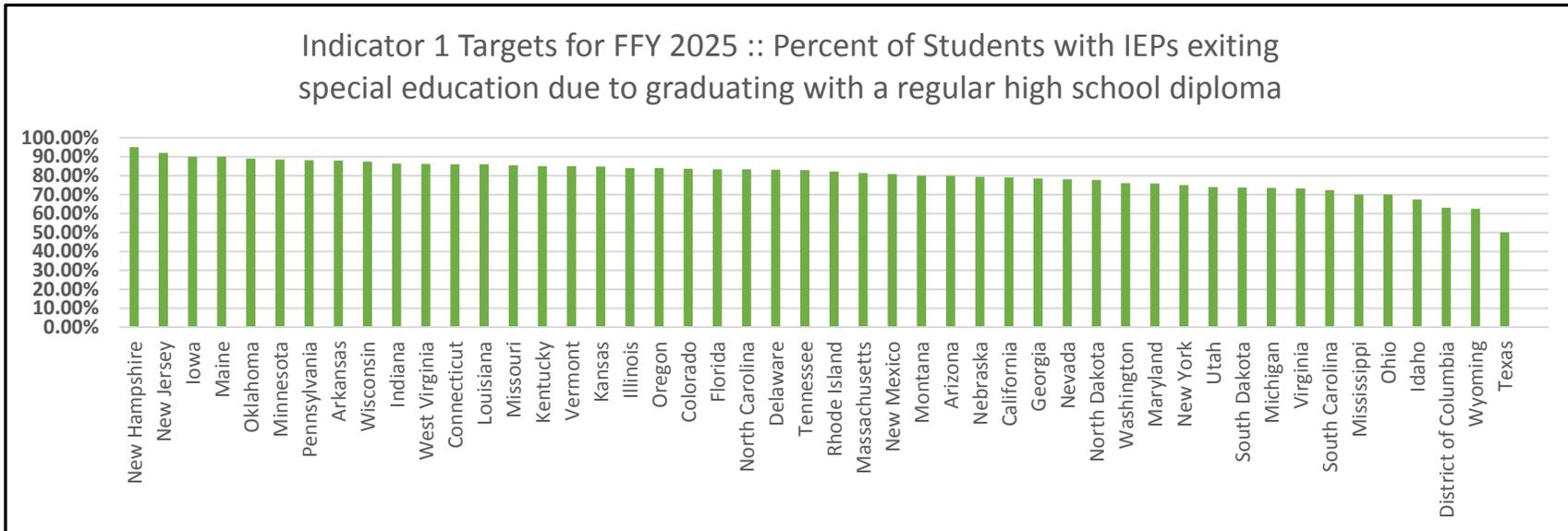
Below are the state targets for Indicator 1. As directed by OSEP, the state's [2025 target must reflect improvement over the baseline data](#).

Caution should be used when comparing graduation rates across states since the requirements for a regular high school diploma vary significantly among states. Additionally, a state's current graduation rate performance should be taken into consideration when evaluating the amount of improvement proposed.

State	SPP/APR INDICATOR 1 :: GRADUATION RATE TARGETS						Percent Change
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2020 - 2025
Alabama	73.31%	73.56%	73.81%	74.06%	74.31%	74.56%	2
Alaska	70.71%	70.00%	70.00%	71.00%	72.00%	73.00%	3
Arizona	77.38%	77.88%	78.38%	78.88%	79.38%	79.88%	3
Arkansas	88.00%	88.00%	88.00%	88.00%	88.00%	88.00%	0
California	75.00%	75.50%	76.00%	77.00%	78.00%	79.00%	5
Colorado	79.27%	79.27%	79.83%	81.09%	82.35%	83.61%	5
Connecticut	87.65%	85.00%	85.00%	85.50%	85.50%	86.00%	-2
Delaware	80.62%	81.12%	81.62%	82.12%	82.62%	83.12%	3
District of Columbia	52.00%	54.00%	56.00%	58.00%	60.00%	63.00%	21
Florida*	82.30%	82.30%	82.50%	83.00%	83.00%	83.30%	1
Georgia	73.46%	74.46%	75.46%	76.46%	77.46%	78.46%	7
Hawaii	72.24%	73.00%	74.00%	75.00%	76.00%	77.00%	7
Idaho	63.84%	63.85%	63.90%	65.05%	66.21%	67.37%	6
Illinois	82.60%	82.60%	82.60%	82.60%	82.60%	84.00%	2
Indiana	83.88%	84.33%	84.88%	85.33%	85.88%	86.33%	3
Iowa	83.37%	85.42%	86.57%	87.72%	88.87%	90.00%	8
Kansas	84.54%	81.00%	81.90%	82.80%	83.70%	84.75%	0
Kentucky	81.85%	81.85%	81.99%	82.50%	84.00%	85.00%	4
Louisiana*	76.00%	78.00%	80.00%	82.00%	84.00%	86.00%	13
Maryland	73.35%	73.85%	74.35%	74.85%	75.35%	75.85%	3
Massachusetts	76.33%	77.33%	78.33%	79.33%	80.33%	81.33%	7
Maine	90.00%	90.00%	90.00%	90.00%	90.00%	90.00%	0
Michigan	70.78%	70.78%	70.78%	70.78%	72.30%	73.50%	4
Minnesota*	86.00%	86.50%	87.00%	87.50%	88.00%	88.50%	3
Mississippi	60.00%	62.00%	64.00%	66.00%	68.00%	70.00%	17
Missouri*	83.00%	83.50%	84.00%	84.50%	85.00%	85.50%	3
Montana	76.00%	77.00%	78.00%	79.00%	80.00%	80.00%	5
Nebraska	77.85%	77.85%	77.85%	78.35%	78.85%	79.35%	2
Nevada	72.72%	74.00%	75.00%	76.00%	77.00%	78.00%	7
New Hampshire	95.00%	95.00%	95.00%	95.00%	95.00%	95.00%	0
New Jersey	91.50%	91.50%	91.75%	91.75%	92.00%	92.00%	1
New Mexico*	73.33%	73.83%	74.83%	76.33%	78.33%	80.83%	10
New York	70.00%	71.00%	72.00%	73.00%	74.00%	75.00%	7
North Carolina	77.02%	78.27%	79.52%	80.77%	82.02%	83.27%	8
North Dakota	76.12%	76.12%	76.32%	76.53%	76.93%	77.74%	2
Ohio*	60.00%	62.00%	64.00%	66.00%	68.00%	70.00%	17
Oklahoma	84.00%	85.00%	86.00%	87.00%	88.00%	89.00%	6
Oregon	75.37%	80.00%	81.00%	82.00%	83.00%	84.00%	11
Pennsylvania	85.90%	85.90%	85.90%	86.71%	87.52%	88.13%	3
Rhode Island	79.64%	80.14%	80.64%	81.14%	81.64%	82.14%	3
South Carolina	60.13%	60.39%	63.38%	66.38%	69.38%	72.37%	20
South Dakota	67.99%	67.99%	68.45%	68.91%	71.84%	73.67%	8
Tennessee	78.72%	79.25%	79.78%	80.83%	81.88%	82.93%	5
Texas	44.77%	45.00%	46.00%	47.00%	48.00%	50.00%	12
Utah	67.90%	67.90%	68.66%	69.43%	70.95%	74.00%	9
Vermont	77.00%	77.00%	79.00%	81.00%	83.00%	85.00%	10
Virginia	70.74%	71.24%	71.74%	72.24%	72.74%	73.24%	4
Washington	71.00%	72.00%	73.00%	74.00%	75.00%	76.00%	7
West Virginia	83.71%	84.21%	84.71%	85.21%	85.71%	86.21%	3
Wisconsin*	85.32%	85.50%	85.80%	86.20%	86.70%	87.40%	2
Wyoming	57.88%	57.88%	58.21%	58.98%	59.40%	62.50%	8

Source: 2022 SPP/APR submissions available at <https://sites.ed.gov/idea/spp-apr-letters>

**NOTE:** \*These states provide different conditions for students with disabilities to earn a regular high school diploma. See SPP/APR for detail



Graduation rate targets for 2025 range from a high of 95% in New Hampshire to a low of 50% in Texas.

Graduation rate is calculated using the number of youth with IEPs (ages 14-21) who exited special education due to graduating with a regular high school diploma in the numerator and the number of all youth with IEPs who exited special education (ages 14-21) in the denominator. The denominator includes the following exiting categories: (a) graduated with a regular high school diploma; (b) graduated with a state-defined alternate diploma; (c) received a certificate; (d) reached maximum age; or (e) dropped out. The denominator does not include the number of youths with IEPs who exited special education due to: (a) transferring to regular education; or (b) who moved but are known to be continuing in an educational program.