

High School Graduation Rates of Youth in Foster Care Annual Report 2025

Foster Care Youth¹ Enrolled² in NYC Public Schools During SY 2024-2025

	Enrolled in Public Schools	
	Total	High School
Total	6,650	2,019
Age Group³		
13-15 yrs old	1,327	756
16-18 yrs old	1,195	1,163
19-20 yrs old	107	100
Gender		
Female	*	1,037
Male	3,385	*
Neither Female nor Male	*	*
Race/Ethnicity		
African American	3,164	1,037
Latinx	2,494	794
White	353	70
Asian	145	52
Other/Unknown	494	66

Foster Care Youth Enrolled in High School at the End of the School Year Who are On Track to Graduate⁴, SY 2024-2025

	Total	On Track to Graduate	
		In 4 Years	In 5 Years
Total	1,704	614	50
Age Group			
<14 yrs old	*	*	0
14-15 yrs old	630	274	0
16-18 yrs old	989	331	*
19-20 yrs old	*	*	*
Gender			
Female	899	351	27
Male	*	*	23
Neither Female nor Male	*	*	0
Race/Ethnicity			
African American	877	301	26
Latinx	668	236	19
White	54	22	*
Asian	48	32	*
Other/Unknown	57	23	*

¹ Includes youth in 24 hour care status, on trial discharge and absent from care.

² Enrollment data consider all students who enrolled at any point in the year between September 5, 2024 through July 1, 2025.

³ Age is calculated as of December 31, 2024.

⁴ "On track" status is measured by cohort and credit accumulation for each high school grade level as of August 31, 2025.

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Foster Care Youth who Graduated from High School^{1,2,3}, SY 2023-2024

Total	Age at Graduation					Gender		Race/Ethnicity				
	16	17	18	19	20	Female	Neither Female nor Male	African American	Latinx	White	Asian	Other/ Unk
169	8	105	44	12	0	104	0	86	60	*	12	*

Type of Diploma or Credential Received by Foster Care Youth, SY 2023-2024

	Total	Gender			Race/Ethnicity			
		Female	Male	Neither Female nor Male	African American	Latinx	White	Other/ Unk
Total	169	104	65	0	86	60	*	*
Local High School Diploma	13	*	*	0	*	*	0	*
High School Regents Diploma	138	90	48	0	69	51	*	*
High School Regents Diploma with Honors	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
High School Advanced Regents Diploma	*	*	*	0	*	0	*	0
High School Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
High School Equivalency Diploma (GED) [D79 only]	14	*	*	0	*	*	*	0
Career Development and Occupational Studies Commencement Credential (CDOS)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Skills and Achievement Commencement Credential (SACC)	*	0	*	0	0	0	0	0

Number of Years in High School before Graduation, Youth in Foster Care, SY 2023-2024

	Total	1 yr	2 yrs	3 yrs	4 yrs	5 yrs	6 yrs
	169	0	0	12	128	19	10
Gender							
Female	104	0	0	*	88	*	*
Male	65	0	0	*	40	13	*
Neither Female nor Male	0	0	0	0	0	*	0
Race/Ethnicity							
African American	86	0	0	8	64	*	*
Latinx	60	0	0	*	45	9	*
White	*	0	0	*	*	*	0
Asian	12	0	0	0	12	0	0
Other/Unknown	*	0	0	0	*	0	*

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Notes: (1) Graduation data consider all students who were enrolled in SY 2023-2024.(2) Graduation data include all outcomes for students enrolled at any point in the year. (3) Graduation outcomes do not align with official graduation sources published by NY State which report 4-year, 5-year, and 6-year outcomes by cohort.