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**SUBJECT:** 2019 COHORT GRADUATION RATE WITH STATE AND COMPARISON GROUP INFO

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On September 18, 2019, the Georgia Department of Education (GADOE) published official graduation rates for each school, district, and the state.

### Key Points

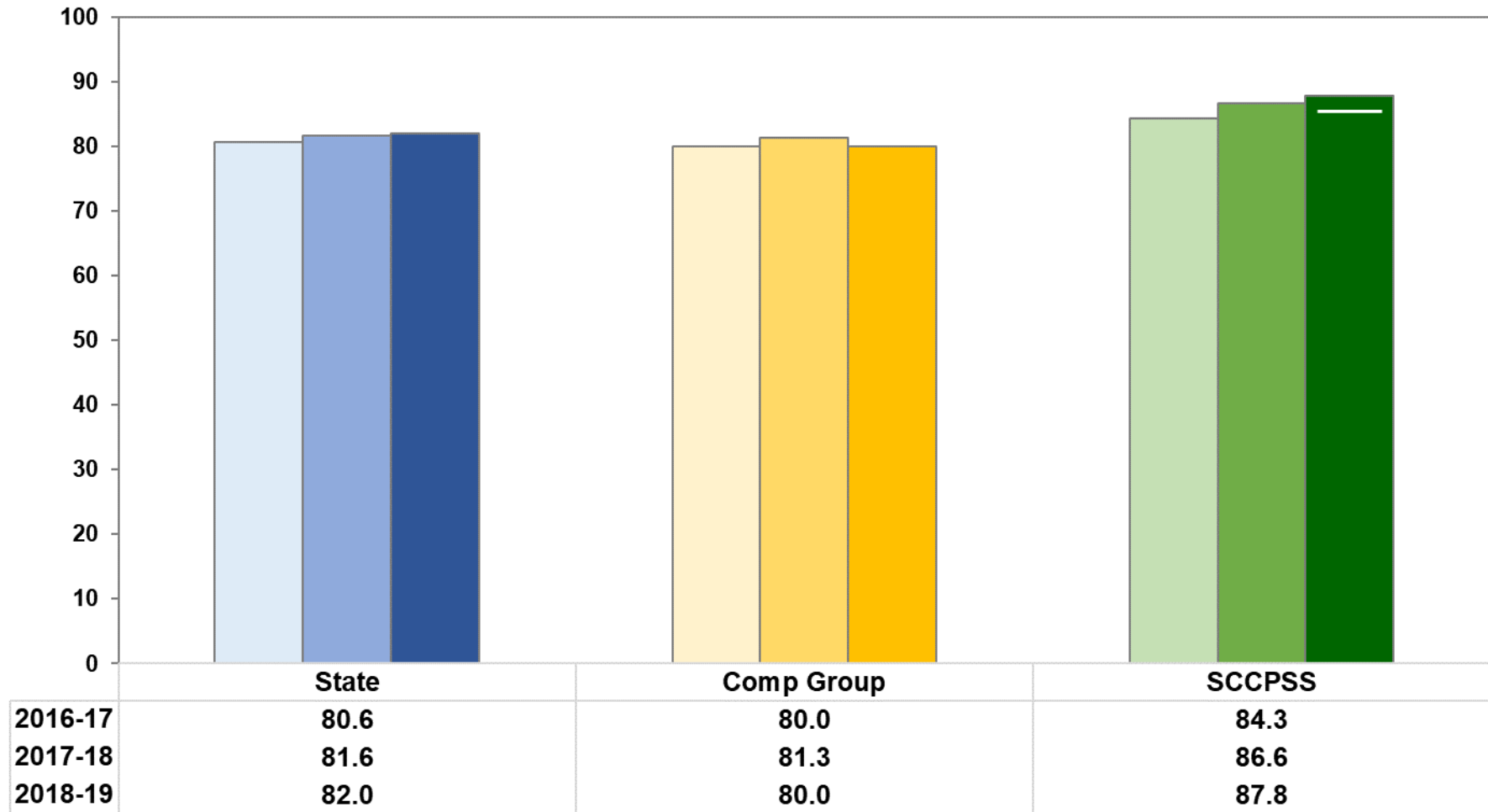
- SCCPSS achieved a graduation rate of 87.8%. This represents a gain of more than 1 point compared to last year and establishes a new record high for the district.
- The district has consistently improved the graduation rate since SY 2014-15, and exceeded the SY 2018-19 annual target of 85.2%.
- For the fifth consecutive year, the district exceeded both the state and the comparison group graduation rates. In SY 2018-19, SCCPSS earned the highest graduation rate within the comparison group.
- School graduation rates ranged from 75.3% to 100%.
- Early College, Islands, New Hampstead, Savannah Arts, Windsor Forest, and Woodville-Tompkins met or exceeded the district's 2022 graduation rate target of 86.5%, and Johnson exceeded the district's 2019 annual target of 85.2%. Beach, Groves, Jenkins, and the School of Liberal Studies at Savannah High were below the district targets.
- Beach, Jenkins, and Windsor Forest declined by 0.8 to 5.5 points compared to last year, while Groves, Islands, Johnson, New Hampstead, Savannah Arts, and the School of Liberal Studies at Savannah High improved their graduation rates. New Hampstead achieved the greatest increase, with a gain of more than 5 points.
- Early College and Woodville-Tompkins maintained their 100% graduation rate.





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**Figure 1. State, Comparison Group, and SCCPSS 4 Year Cohort Graduation Rate**



Note: Shading of color represents progression of years

Annual performance target

Comparison group includes Bibb, Clayton, Douglas, Henry, Muscogee, Richmond, and Atlanta Public Schools



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**Figure 2. Cohort Graduation Rate by Comparison Group District and Top Performing Districts**

Comparison Group Districts	2018-19	
	# of Graduates	Graduation Rate
SCCPSS	2,060	87.8
Douglas County	1,879	87.4
Henry County	3,207	87.0
Muscogee County	1,959	86.1
Bibb County	1,366	79.4
Atlanta Public Schools	2,506	78.0
Richmond County	1,650	75.1
Clayton County	2,836	72.7

Districts with the Top 10 Graduation Rates	2018-19	
	# of Graduates	Graduation Rate
SCCPSS	2,060	87.8
Echols County	62	100.0
Webster County	21	100.0
State Charter Schools II- Fulton Leadership	18	100.0
Union County	211	99.5
Bremen City	195	98.5
Chickamauga City	106	98.1
Calhoun City	258	98.1
Oconee County	599	97.7
Towns County	84	97.6
Haralson County	213	97.2
Trion City	106	97.2
Stewart County	32	96.9
Vidalia City	164	96.3
Jefferson City	243	95.9



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**Figure 3. Cohort Graduation Rate by School**

	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19		1 Yr Chg	3 Yr Chg
	Grad Rate	Grad Rate	# of Grads	Grad Rate		
State	80.6	81.6	110,793	82.0	0.4	1.4
Comp Group	80.0	81.3	15,403	80.0	-1.3	0.0
SCCPSS	84.3	86.6	2,060	87.8	1.2	3.5
Beach	84.9	80.8	183	75.3	-5.5	-9.6
Early College	100.0	100.0	56	100.0	0.0	0.0
Groves	73.0	76.5	168	77.1	0.6	4.1
Islands	88.1	86.3	236	89.7	3.4	1.6
Jenkins	75.6	86.5	204	84.7	-1.8	9.1
Johnson	88.8	84.2	175	85.8	1.6	-3.0
New Hampstead	84.2	88.7	318	93.8	5.1	9.6
Savannah Arts	99.5	97.5	224	99.6	2.1	0.1
SLS at Sav. High	75.1	77.3	107	81.7	4.4	6.6
Windsor Forest	80.0	88.1	241	87.3	-0.8	7.3
Woodville-Tompkins	100.0	100.0	148	100.0	0.0	0.0

At/above 2019 target    
  At/above 2022 target    
  Increase

Comparison group includes Bibb, Clayton, Douglas, Henry, Muscogee, Richmond, and Atlanta Public Schools