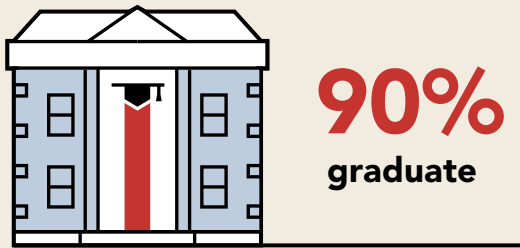


# Texas Graduation Rates Commendable, but State Could Fall Behind

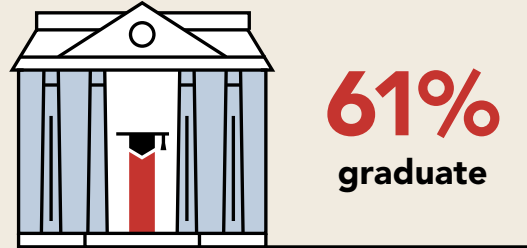
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## High School Rate Ranks No. 4 in U.S.



Texas high school graduation rates rank highly among the states and ahead of the U.S. overall.

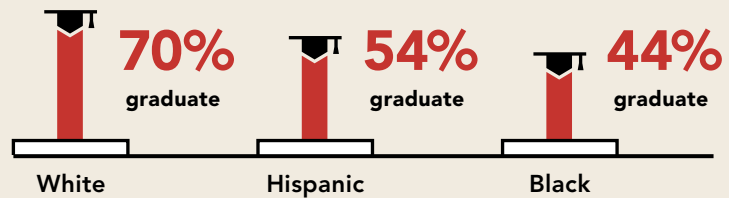
## College Rate Is on Par with U.S.



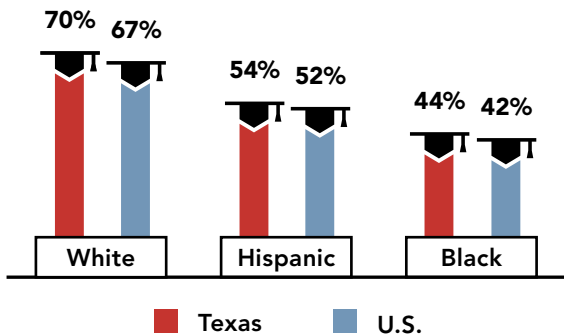
Texas equals the U.S. in graduation rates from four-year public colleges.

## However, College Rates by Race and Ethnicity Reveal Gaps

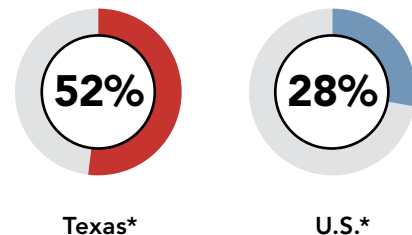
Texas college graduation rates are far higher for white students than Hispanic or black students.



## While Texas College Graduation Rates Are Ahead of U.S. ...

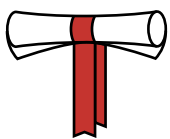


## ... the State's College Student Population Is More Diverse



\*Share of students enrolled at public universities who are either Hispanic or black.

## Texas Faces a Significant Graduation Rate Gap



Hispanic and black students together constitute a majority in Texas public universities—and the share is likely to grow. Yet Hispanic and black students graduate at much lower rates than non-Hispanic white students. Texas must close this graduation rate gap or risk falling behind the nation in terms of educational outcomes.

NOTES: The high school graduation rate is the four-year adjusted rate for the cohort graduating in 2017. College graduation rates are six-year rates at public four-year institutions for the cohort entering in 2011. Race groups are non-Hispanic. The share of college students is for 2017 enrollment. SOURCES: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, and Digest of Education Statistics; Texas Education Agency and Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board; National Student Clearinghouse.