

High School Graduation Rate	
SHIP website description	This indicator shows the percentage of students who graduate high school in four years. Completion of high school is one of the strongest predictors of health in later life. People who graduate from high school are more likely to have better health outcomes, regularly visit doctors, and live longer than those without high school diplomas.
Source	Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) www.mdreportcard.org
Numerator	Number of cohort members (students entering 9th grade for the first time) who earned a regular high school diploma by the end of the school year.
Denominator	Number of first-time 9th graders (cohort) in school year (starting cohort year) plus students who transfer in, minus students who transfer out, emigrate, or die during the four school years the cohort is in HS (9th, 10th, 11th or 12 grade years for the cohort)
Threshold	10
Censorship (if below threshold)	Rate not reported if below threshold. Counts may be available upon request. All percentages greater than or equal to 95 are displayed as 95, per MSDE's data suppression rules.
Calculation and metric	$(\text{Numerator}/\text{Denominator}) * 100 = \text{Single-Year Calculation}$
Race/ethnicity categories (on SHIP chart)	All races/ethnicities (aggregated) Black/African American Hispanic/Latinos White Asian
Other	The SHIP currently uses the four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate which calculates the percentage of students who graduate in 4 years in an adjusted cohort which includes the group of students who enter 9th grade for the first time and adjusts for transfers in and out of the cohort. The SHIP previously used the Leaver Rate to measure high school graduation (http://www.mdreportcard.org/supporting/definitions.aspx?WDATA=def&K=01AAAA&inc=graduation).