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## NEW YORK

With an estimated 2016 population of 8,537,673 , New York City is the most densely populated major city in the United States. Situated on one of the world's largest natural harbors, New York City consists of five boroughs – Brooklyn, Queens, Manhattan, The Bronx, and Staten Island – that were consolidated into a single city in 1898. The city and its metropolitan area constitute the premier gateway for legal immigration to the United States. As many as 800 languages are spoken in New York, making it the most linguistically diverse city in the world. New York City is home to more than 3.2 million residents born outside the United States, the largest foreign-born population of any city in the world.

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# State of NYC



## NY High School Dropout Rate

The graduation rate in New York State barely budged last year, up just half a percentage point, according to data released by the New York State Education Department. According to the department, 80.2 percent of public school students graduated on time.

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## The State of New York

New York has made a series of changes to its graduation requirements in recent years, which make it difficult to judge whether schools are improving. For example, the state said that instead of passing five Regents exams, students could graduate by passing four of them and earning a credential that demonstrates they are qualified for entry-level employment. That change was in place for the 2016 graduating class, but the class of 2017 had more opportunity to use the alternative path to graduation. School districts reported that 9,900 students graduated using alternative requirements last year.

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# NYC Area Schools Charts

## New York School Dropout Rate

In New York City, 71.1 percent of students graduated on time last year, up from 70 percent the year before. The city said that across every borough and ethnicity, the graduation rate rose and the dropout rate declined. The dropout rate citywide last year was 7.8 percent, which the city said was the lowest on record. In the state's wealthier districts, the picture was starkly different. Almost 95 percent of students in districts with a high level of resources graduated on time. Statewide, 89 percent of white students graduated on time last year, while just 68.4 percent of Hispanic students and 69.3 percent of black students did. Those gaps narrowed slightly from the prior year, but they remained stubbornly wide. Students who were still learning English graduated at a rate of just 26.6 percent and their dropout rate actually increased, from 28 percent in 2016 to 29.7 percent in 2017. Students who had come into school not speaking English and had mastered the language graduated at a rate of 84.4 percent.