## ALABAMA

## MEETING THE MOMENT DATA PROFILE

Alabama ACGR, 2011-2019


In 2019, Alabama's graduation rate was 91.7 percent, above the national average of 85.8 percent. Since 2011, Alabama's Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate (ACGR) has increased 19.7 percentage points, greater than the national rate of gain of 6.8 percentage points.

## CLOSING GRADUATION GAPS

Alabama vs. U.S. Average
for Subgroups, 2019


Alabama Subgroup Graduation Rate Comparisons, 2019
LEP = Limited English Proficiency; SWD = Students with Disabilities


## Black and Hispanic Students are Overrepresented in Alabama's Non-Grads

COVID-19 has only exacerbated equity gaps that existed prior to the pandemic. States must keep this in mind as they design improvement strategies to support the students who predominately make up Alabama's non-graduates.


Alabama had 2 low-graduation-rate high schools in 2019. These schools were a regular and special education school. Alabama must target these under-performing schools to create a winning strategy for increasing graduation rates statewide.

## Alabama's Low Grad Rate High Schools <br> (ACGR <= 67\%)



Where do Alabama's Non-Grads Come From?


## STUDENT CHALLENGES

Prior to the pandemic, student engagement was already a significant issue for many states. In Alabama, 16.7 percent of students were chronically absent, greater than the national average of 16.2 percent, and 20.5 percent of children had 2 or more Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), which negatively impact students' learning.


POSTSECONDARY PATHWAYS

## Secondary School Improvement Index



Postsecondary Attainment Rates ${ }^{1}$


Alabama improved on 3 of the 4 metrics of the Secondary School Improvement Index. The state does not have alignment between high school graduation requirements and postsecondary admission requirements.

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## WHERE IS THE CHALLENGE CONCENTRATED?

## Target Districts: Where 50\% of Non-Grads Live in Alabama



[^1]These 13 target districts contain 51 percent of all non-graduates in the state. Within these 13 target districts, the average graduation rate was 89 percent, 2.7 percentage points lower than the state average. These districts are more likely to have high-poverty schools and higher chronic absenteeism than the rest of the state. Additionally, these districts have high concentrations of need post-COVID-19. ${ }^{2}$

## Alabama Target District Schools

Comparison, 2019


Over 57 percent of all schools with high rates of Free and Reduced Price Lunch (FRPL) and Chronic Absenteeism (CA) are located in these 13 target school districts. This is an indicator that schools that serve high-poverty communities with higher rates of youth disconnection need greater support.

## Alabama Target District and

 Overall Demographic Comparisons, 2019

Additionally, Black students and students with disabilities are over-represented in these districts. About 55.5 percent of students in these districts are economically disadvantaged.

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## ALASKA

## MEETING THE MOMENT DATA PROFILE

Alaska ACGR, 2011-2019


In 2019, Alaska's graduation rate was 80.4 percent, below the national average of 85.8 percent. Since 2011, Alaska's Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate (ACGR) has increased 12.4 percentage points, greater than the national rate of gain of 6.8 percentage points.

## CLOSING GRADUATION GAPS

Alaska vs. U.S. Average
for Subgroups, 2019


National Average $\quad$ Alaska

Alaska Subgroup
Graduation Rate Comparisons, 2019
LEP = Limited English Proficiency; SWD = Students with Disabilities


COVID-19 has only exacerbated equity gaps that existed prior to the pandemic. States must keep this in mind as they design improvement strategies to support the students who predominately make up Alaska's non-graduates.


Alaska had 21 low-graduation-rate high schools in 2019. All of these schools were regular and alternative schools. Alaska must target these under-performing schools to create a winning strategy for increasing graduation rates statewide.


## STUDENT CHALLENGES

Prior to the pandemic, student engagement was already a significant issue for many states. In Alaska, 29.6 percent of students were chronically absent, greater than the national average of 16.2 percent, and 25.5 percent of children had 2 or more Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), which negatively impact students' learning.

## Chronic Absenteeism <br> by Grade Level



## Child Poverty and ACE Scores,

 Alaska v. National

POSTSECONDARY PATHWAYS

## Secondary School Improvement Index



Postsecondary Attainment Rates ${ }^{1}$


Alaska improved on 2 of the 4 metrics of the Secondary School Improvement Index. The state does not have alignment between high school graduation requirements and postsecondary admission requirements.

[^3]
## WHERE IS THE CHALLENGE CONCENTRATED?

## Target Districts: Where 50\% of Non-Grads Live in Alaska



These 4 target districts contain 63 percent of all non-graduates in the state. Within these 4 target districts, the average graduation rate was 82.2 percent, 1.8 percentage points higher than the state average. These districts are more likely to have high-poverty schools and higher chronic absenteeism than the rest of the state. Additionally, these districts have high concentrations of need post-COVID-19. ${ }^{2}$


[^4]
## ARKANSAS

## MEETING THE MOMENT DATA PROFILE

Arkansas ACGR, 2011-2019


In 2019, Arkansas's graduation rate was 87.6 percent, above the national average of 85.8 percent. Since 2011, Arkansas's Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate (ACGR) has increased 6.9 percentage points, greater than the national rate of gain of 6.8 percentage points.

## CLOSING GRADUATION GAPS

Arkansas vs. U.S. Average
for Subgroups, 2019


## Arkansas Subgroup

 Graduation Rate Comparisons, 2019LEP = Limited English Proficiency; SWD = Students with Disabilities


## Black and Hispanic Students are Overrepresented <br> in Arkansas's Non-Grads

COVID-19 has only exacerbated equity gaps that existed prior to the pandemic. States must keep this in mind as they design improvement strategies to support the students who predominately make up Arkansas's non-graduates.


Arkansas Non-Grads 51.9\%
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■ White (\%) — Black (\%) ■ Hispanic (\%) ■Other (\%)

Arkansas had 13 low-graduation-rate high schools in 2019. All of these schools were regular schools. Arkansas must target these under-performing schools to create a winning strategy for increasing graduation rates statewide.


Where do Arkansas's Non-Grads Come From?


## STUDENT CHALLENGES

Prior to the pandemic, student engagement was already a significant issue for many states. In Arkansas, 18.1 percent of students were chronically absent, greater than the national average of 16.2 percent, and 29.0 percent of children had 2 or more Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), which negatively impact students' learning.

## Chronic Absenteeism <br> by Grade Level



## Child Poverty and ACE Scores,

 Arkansas v. National

POSTSECONDARY PATHWAYS

Secondary School Improvement Index


Postsecondary Attainment Rates ${ }^{1}$


Arkansas improved on 3 of the 4 metrics of the Secondary School Improvement Index. The state does not have alignment between high school graduation requirements and postsecondary admission requirements.

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## WHERE IS THE CHALLENGE CONCENTRATED?

## Target Districts: Where 50\% of Non-Grads Live in Arkansas



[^6]These 21 target districts contain 51 percent of all non-graduates in the state. Within these 21 target districts, the average graduation rate was 84.2 percent, 3.4 percentage points lower than the state average. These districts are more likely to have high-poverty schools and higher chronic absenteeism than the rest of the state. Additionally, these districts have high concentrations of need post-COVID-19. ${ }^{2}$

## Arkansas Target District Schools

Comparison, 2019


Over 30 percent of all schools with high rates of Free and Reduced Price Lunch (FRPL) and Chronic Absenteeism (CA) are located in these 21 target school districts. This is an indicator that schools that serve high-poverty communities with higher rates of youth disconnection need greater support.

## Arkansas Target District and Overall Demographic Comparisons, 2019



Additionally, Black, Hispanic, and English Learner students are over-represented in these districts. About 66.9 percent of students in these districts are economically disadvantaged.

[^7]
## ARIZONA

## MEETING THE MOMENT DATA PROFILE

Arizona ACGR, 2011-2019


In 2019, Arizona's graduation rate was 77.8 percent, below the national average of 85.8 percent. Since 2011, Arizona's Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate (ACGR) has decreased 0.1 percentage points, less than the national rate of gain of 6.8 percentage points.

## CLOSING GRADUATION GAPS

Arizona vs. U.S. Average for Subgroups, 2019


Arizona Subgroup Graduation Rate Comparisons, 2019
LEP = Limited English Proficiency; SWD = Students with Disabilities


## Hispanic Students are Overrepresented in Arizona's Non-Grads

COVID-19 has only exacerbated equity gaps that existed prior to the pandemic. States must keep this in mind as they design improvement strategies to support the students who predominately make up Arizona's non-graduates.


Arizona had 89 low-graduation-rate high schools in 2019. A disproportionate number of these schools were regular schools. Arizona must target these under-performing schools to create a winning strategy for increasing graduation rates statewide.


## STUDENT CHALLENGES

Prior to the pandemic, student engagement was already a significant issue for many states. In Arizona, 25.9 percent of students were chronically absent, greater than the national average of 16.2 percent, and 21.9 percent of children had 2 or more Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), which negatively impact students' learning.


POSTSECONDARY PATHWAYS

## Secondary School Improvement Index



Postsecondary Attainment Rates ${ }^{1}$


Arizona improved on 1 of the $\mathbf{4}$ metrics of the Secondary School Improvement Index. The state does not have alignment between high school graduation requirements and postsecondary admission requirements.

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## WHERE IS THE CHALLENGE CONCENTRATED?

## Target Districts: Where 50\% of Non-Grads Live in Arizona



[^9]These 17 target districts contain 50 percent of all non-graduates in the state. Within these 17 target districts, the average graduation rate was 71 percent, 6.8 percentage points lower than the state average. These districts are more likely to have high-poverty schools and higher chronic absenteeism than the rest of the state. Additionally, these districts have high concentrations of need post-COVID-19. ${ }^{2}$

## Arizona Target District Schools

## Comparison, 2019



Over 15 percent of all schools with high rates of Free and Reduced Price Lunch (FRPL) and Chronic Absenteeism (CA) are located in these 17 target school districts. This is an indicator that schools that serve high-poverty communities with higher rates of youth disconnection need greater support.

## Arizona Target District and Overall Demographic Comparisons, 2019



Additionally, Hispanic students are over-represented in these districts. About 28.9 percent of students in these districts are economically disadvantaged.

[^10]
## CALIFORNIA

## MEETING THE MOMENT DATA PROFILE

California ACGR, 2011-2019


In 2019, California's graduation rate was 84.5 percent, below the national average of 85.8 percent. Since 2011, California's Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate (ACGR) has increased 8.2 percentage points, greater than the national rate of gain of 6.8 percentage points.

## CLOSING GRADUATION GAPS

California vs. U.S. Average
for Subgroups, 2019


California Subgroup Graduation Rate Comparisons, 2019
LEP = Limited English Proficiency; SWD = Students with Disabilities


## Black and Hispanic Students are Overrepresented in California's Non-Grads

COVID-19 has only exacerbated equity gaps that existed prior to the pandemic. States must keep this in mind as they design improvement strategies to support the students who predominately make up California's non-graduates.

Whole Cohort


California had 381 low-graduation-rate high schools in 2019. A disproportionate number of these schools were alternative and regular schools. California must target these under-performing schools to create a winning strategy for increasing graduation rates statewide.


## STUDENT CHALLENGES

Prior to the pandemic, student engagement was already a significant issue for many states. In California, 13.3 percent of students were chronically absent, less than the national average of 16.2 percent, and 15.0 percent of children had 2 or more Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), which negatively impact students' learning.


POSTSECONDARY PATHWAYS

Secondary School Improvement Index


Postsecondary Attainment Rates ${ }^{1}$


California improved on 4 of the 4 metrics of the Secondary School Improvement Index. The state does not have alignment between high school graduation requirements and postsecondary admission requirements.

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## WHERE IS THE CHALLENGE CONCENTRATED?

## Target Districts: Where 50\% of Non-Grads Live in California



[^12]These 37 target districts contain 50 percent of all non-graduates in the state. Within these 37 target districts, the average graduation rate was 83.8 percent, $\mathbf{0 . 7}$ percentage points lower than the state average. These districts are more likely to have high-poverty schools and higher chronic absenteeism than the rest of the state. Additionally, these districts have high concentrations of need post-COVID-19. ${ }^{2}$

## California Target District Schools

 Comparison, 2019

Over 34 percent of all schools with high rates of Free and Reduced Price Lunch (FRPL) and Chronic Absenteeism (CA) are located in these 37 target school districts. This is an indicator that schools that serve high-poverty communities with higher rates of youth disconnection need greater support.

## California Target District and Overall Demographic Comparisons, 2019



Additionally, Black, Hispanic, and low-income students are over-represented in these districts. About 64.5 percent of students in these districts are economically disadvantaged.

[^13]
## COLORADO

## MEETING THE MOMENT DATA PROFILE

Colorado ACGR, 2011-2019


In 2019, Colorado's graduation rate was 81.1 percent, below the national average of 85.8 percent. Since 2011, Colorado's Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate (ACGR) has increased 7.2 percentage points, greater than the national rate of gain of 6.8 percentage points.

## CLOSING GRADUATION GAPS

Colorado vs. U.S. Average
for Subgroups, 2019


## Colorado Subgroup

 Graduation Rate Comparisons, 2019LEP = Limited English Proficiency; SWD = Students with Disabilities


Black and Hispanic Students are Overrepresented in Colorado's Non-Grads

COVID-19 has only exacerbated equity gaps that existed prior to the pandemic. States must keep this in mind as they design improvement strategies to support the students who predominately make up Colorado's non-graduates.



- White (\%) Black (\%) ■ Hispanic (\%) ■Other (\%)

Colorado had 79 low-graduation-rate high schools in 2019. A disproportionate number of these schools were alternative schools. Colorado must target these under-performing schools to create a winning strategy for increasing graduation rates statewide.


Where do Colorado's Non-Grads Come From?


## STUDENT CHALLENGES

Prior to the pandemic, student engagement was already a significant issue for many states. In Colorado, 23.4 percent of students were chronically absent, greater than the national average of 16.2 percent, and 19.3 percent of children had 2 or more Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), which negatively impact students' learning.

## Chronic Absenteeism <br> by Grade Level



## Child Poverty and ACE Scores,

 Colorado v. National

POSTSECONDARY PATHWAYS

## Secondary School Improvement Index



Postsecondary Attainment Rates ${ }^{1}$


Colorado improved on 2 of the 4 metrics of the Secondary School Improvement Index. The state does not have alignment between high school graduation requirements and postsecondary admission requirements.

[^14]
## WHERE IS THE CHALLENGE CONCENTRATED?

## Target Districts: Where 50\% of Non-Grads Live in Colorado



These 8 target districts contain 52 percent of all non-graduates in the state. Within these 8 target districts, the average graduation rate was 76.3 percent, 4.8 percentage points lower than the state average. These districts are more likely to have high-poverty schools and higher chronic absenteeism than the rest of the state. Additionally, these districts have high concentrations of need post-COVID-19. ${ }^{2}$

## Colorado Target District Schools

Comparison, 2019


Over 60 percent of all schools with high rates of Free and Reduced Price Lunch (FRPL) and Chronic Absenteeism (CA) are located in these 8 target school districts. This is an indicator that schools that serve high-poverty communities with higher rates of youth disconnection need greater support.

## Colorado Target District and Overall Demographic Comparisons, 2019



Additionally, Black, Hispanic, Native American, and English Learner students are over-represented in these districts. About 44.6 percent of students in these districts are economically disadvantaged.

[^15]
## CONNECTICUT

## MEETING THE MOMENT DATA PROFILE

Connecticut ACGR, 2011-2019


In 2019, Connecticut's graduation rate was 88.5 percent, above the national average of 85.8 percent. Since 2011, Connecticut's Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate (ACGR) has increased 5.5 percentage points, less than the national rate of gain of 6.8 percentage points.

## CLOSING GRADUATION GAPS

Connecticut vs. U.S. Average for Subgroups, 2019


Connecticut Subgroup
Graduation Rate Comparisons, 2019
LEP = Limited English Proficiency; SWD = Students with Disabilities


## Black and Hispanic Students are Overrepresented in Connecticut's Non-Grads

COVID-19 has only exacerbated equity gaps that existed prior to the pandemic. States must keep this in mind as they design improvement strategies to support the students who predominately make up Connecticut's non-graduates.

Whole Cohort


Connecticut Non-Grads

■ White (\%) ■ Black (\%) ■ Hispanic (\%) ■Other (\%)

Connecticut had 5 low-graduation-rate high schools in 2019. All of these schools were regular schools. Connecticut must target these under-performing schools to create a winning strategy for increasing graduation rates statewide.

## Connecticut's Low Grad Rate High Schools

(ACGR <= 67\%)


## Where do Connecticut's

Non-Grads Come From?


## STUDENT CHALLENGES

Prior to the pandemic, student engagement was already a significant issue for many states. In Connecticut, 9.8 percent of students were chronically absent, less than the national average of 16.2 percent, and 15.4 percent of children had 2 or more Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), which negatively impact students' learning.

Chronic Absenteeism
by Grade Level


Child Poverty and ACE Scores, Connecticut v. National


POSTSECONDARY PATHWAYS

Secondary School Improvement Index


Postsecondary Attainment Rates ${ }^{1}$


Connecticut improved on 3 of the 4 metrics of the Secondary School Improvement Index. The state does have alignment between high school graduation requirements and postsecondary admission requirements, with reservation. The state does not have course sequencing alignment between high school graduation and postsecondary admission requirements in Math.

[^16]
## WHERE IS THE CHALLENGE CONCENTRATED?

## Target Districts: Where 50\% of Non-Grads Live in Connecticut



These 11 target districts contain 52 percent of all non-graduates in the state. Within these 11 target districts, the average graduation rate was 76.4 percent, 12.1 percentage points lower than the state average. These districts are more likely to have high-poverty schools and higher chronic absenteeism than the rest of the state. Additionally, these districts have high concentrations of need post-COVID-19. ${ }^{2}$

Connecticut Target District Schools Comparison, 2019


Over 80 percent of all schools with high rates of Free and Reduced Price Lunch (FRPL) and Chronic Absenteeism (CA) are located in these 11 target school districts. This is an indicator that schools that serve high-poverty communities with higher rates of youth disconnection need greater support.

## Connecticut Target District and

Overall Demographic Comparisons, 2019


[^17]
## DELAWARE

## MEETING THE MOMENT DATA PROFILE

Delaware ACGR, 2011-2019


In 2019, Delaware's graduation rate was 89.0 percent, above the national average of 85.8 percent. Since 2011, Delaware's Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate (ACGR) has increased 10.5 percentage points, greater than the national rate of gain of 6.8 percentage points.

## CLOSING GRADUATION GAPS

Delaware vs. U.S. Average
for Subgroups, 2019


Delaware Subgroup Graduation Rate Comparisons, 2019
LEP = Limited English Proficiency; SWD = Students with Disabilities


## Black and Hispanic Students are Overrepresented in Delaware's Non-Grads

COVID-19 has only exacerbated equity gaps that existed prior to the pandemic. States must keep this in mind as they design improvement strategies to support the students who predominately make up Delaware's non-graduates.


Delaware had 5 low-graduation-rate high schools in 2019. All of these schools were special education and alternative schools.
Delaware must target these under-performing schools to create a winning strategy for increasing graduation rates statewide.


## STUDENT CHALLENGES

Prior to the pandemic, student engagement was already a significant issue for many states. In Delaware, 17.7 percent of students were chronically absent, more than the national average of 16.2 percent, and 20.7 percent of children had 2 or more Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), which negatively impact students' learning.


POSTSECONDARY PATHWAYS

## Secondary School Improvement Index



Postsecondary Attainment Rates ${ }^{1}$


Delaware improved on 2 of the $\mathbf{4}$ metrics of the Secondary School Improvement Index. The state does not have alignment between high school graduation requirements and postsecondary admission requirements.

[^18]
## WHERE IS THE CHALLENGE CONCENTRATED?

## Target Districts: Where 50\% of Non-Grads Live in Delaware



These 6 target districts contain 54 percent of all non-graduates in the state. Within these 6 target districts, the average graduation rate was 84.7 percent, 4.3 percentage points lower than the state average. These districts are more likely to have high-poverty schools and higher chronic absenteeism than the rest of the state. Additionally, these districts have high concentrations of need post-COVID-19. ${ }^{2}$

## Delaware Target District Schools

Comparison, 2019


## Delaware Target District and Overall Demographic Comparisons, 2019



Since no cohort data was reported for low-income students, it was not possible to identify schools with high rates of Free and Reduced Price Lunch (FRPL) and Chronic Absenteeism (CA) located in these 6 target districts. This data would have been an indicator that schools serving high-poverty communities with higher rates of youth disconnection need greater support.

Additionally, students with disabilities, English Learner, Black, and Hispanic students are over-represented in these districts. The percent of economically disadvantaged students in these districts is unavailable.

[^19]
## FLORIDA

## MEETING THE MOMENT DATA PROFILE

Florida ACGR, 2011-2019


In 2019, Florida's graduation rate was 87.2 percent, above the national average of 85.8 percent. Since 2011, Florida's Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate (ACGR) has increased 16.6 percentage points, greater than the national rate of gain of 6.8 percentage points.

## CLOSING GRADUATION GAPS

Florida vs. U.S. Average
for Subgroups, 2019


Florida Subgroup Graduation Rate Comparisons, 2019
LEP = Limited English Proficiency; SWD = Students with Disabilities


## Black and Hispanic Students are Overrepresented in Florida's Non-Grads

COVID-19 has only exacerbated equity gaps that existed prior to the pandemic. States must keep this in mind as they design improvement strategies to support the students who predominately make up Florida's non-graduates.


Florida Non-Grads


Florida had 111 low-graduation-rate high schools in 2019. A disproportionate number of these schools were alternative schools. Florida must target these under-performing schools to create a winning strategy for increasing graduation rates statewide.

Florida's Low Grad Rate High Schools (ACGR <= 67\%)


Where do Florida's Non-Grads Come From?


## STUDENT CHALLENGES

Prior to the pandemic, student engagement was already a significant issue for many states. In Florida, 21.7 percent of students were chronically absent, more than the national average of 16.2 percent, and 18 percent of children had 2 or more Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), which negatively impact students' learning.

Chronic Absenteeism
by Grade Level


Child Poverty and ACE Scores, Florida v . National


POSTSECONDARY PATHWAYS

## Secondary School Improvement Index



Postsecondary Attainment Rates ${ }^{1}$


Florida improved on $\mathbf{4}$ of the $\mathbf{4}$ metrics of the Secondary School Improvement Index. The state does not have alignment between high school graduation requirements and postsecondary admission requirements.

[^20]
## WHERE IS THE CHALLENGE CONCENTRATED?

## Target Districts: Where 50\% of Non-Grads Live in Florida



These 6 target districts contain 51 percent of all non-graduates in the state. Within these 6 target districts, the average graduation rate was 86.4 percent, 0.8 percentage points lower than the state average. These districts are more likely to have high-poverty schools and higher chronic absenteeism than the rest of the state. Additionally, these districts have high concentrations of need post-COVID-19. ${ }^{2}$

## Florida Target District Schools

Comparison, 2019


Over 40 percent of all schools with high rates of Free and Reduced Price Lunch (FRPL) and Chronic Absenteeism (CA) are located in these 6 target school districts. This is an indicator that schools that serve high-poverty communities with higher rates of youth disconnection need greater support.

## Florida Target District and

 Overall Demographic Comparisons, 2019

Additionally, Black, Hispanic, and low-income students are over-represented in these districts. About 58.9 percent of students in these districts are economically disadvantaged.

[^21]
## GEORGIA

## MEETING THE MOMENT DATA PROFILE

Georgia ACGR, 2011-2019


In 2019, Georgia's graduation rate was 82.0 percent, below the national average of 85.8 percent. Since 2011, Georgia's Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate (ACGR) has increased 14.5 percentage points, greater than the national rate of gain of 6.8 percentage points.

## CLOSING GRADUATION GAPS

Georgia vs. U.S. Average for Subgroups, 2019


## Georgia Subgroup

 Graduation Rate Comparisons, 2019LEP = Limited English Proficiency; SWD = Students with Disabilities


COVID-19 has only exacerbated equity gaps that existed prior to the pandemic. States must keep this in mind as they design improvement strategies to support the students who predominately make up Georgia's non-graduates.


$\square$ White (\%) Black (\%) ■ Hispanic (\%) ■ Other (\%)

Georgia had 36 low-graduation-rate high schools in 2019. A disproportionate number of these schools were regular and alternative schools. Georgia must target these under-performing schools to create a winning strategy for increasing graduation rates statewide.


Where do Georgia's Non-Grads Come From?


## STUDENT CHALLENGES

Prior to the pandemic, student engagement was already a significant issue for many states. In Georgia, 14.3 percent of students were chronically absent, less than the national average of 16.2 percent, and 22.2 percent of children had 2 or more Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), which negatively impact students' learning.

Chronic Absenteeism
by Grade Level


## Child Poverty and ACE Scores,

 Georgia v. National

## POSTSECONDARY PATHWAYS

## Secondary School Improvement Index



Postsecondary Attainment Rates ${ }^{1}$


Georgia improved on $\mathbf{3}$ of the $\mathbf{4}$ metrics of the Secondary School Improvement Index. The state does not have alignment between high school graduation requirements and postsecondary admission requirements.

[^22]
## WHERE IS THE CHALLENGE CONCENTRATED?

## Target Districts: Where 50\% of Non-Grads Live in Georgia



These 9 target districts contain 51 percent of all non-graduates in the state. Within these 9 target districts, the average graduation rate was 76.9 percent, 5.1 percentage points lower than the state average. These districts are more likely to have high-poverty schools and higher chronic absenteeism than the rest of the state. Additionally, these districts have high concentrations of need post-COVID-19. ${ }^{2}$

## Georgia Target District Schools

Comparison, 2019


Over 55 percent of all schools with high rates of Free and Reduced Price Lunch (FRPL) and Chronic Absenteeism (CA) are located in these 9 target school districts. This is an indicator that schools that serve high-poverty communities with higher rates of youth disconnection need greater support.

## Georgia Target District and Overall Demographic Comparisons, 2019


${ }^{2}$ Task Force on Next Generation Community Schools. (2021 February). "Addressing education inequality with a next generation of community schools: A blueprint for mayors, states, and the federal government." Center for Universal Education at Brookings.

## MEETING THE MOMENT DATA PROFILE

Hawaii ACGR, 2011-2019


In 2019, Hawaii's graduation rate was 85.2 percent, below the national average of 85.8 percent. Since 2011, Hawaii's Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate (ACGR) has increased 5.2 percentage points, less than the national rate of gain of 6.8 percentage points.

## CLOSING GRADUATION GAPS

Hawaii vs. U.S. Average
for Subgroups, 2019


Hawaii Subgroup
Graduation Rate Comparisons, 2019
LEP = Limited English Proficiency; SWD = Students with Disabilities


Hawaii's Non-Grads are Reflective
of the State's Whole Cohort

COVID-19 has only exacerbated equity gaps that existed prior to the pandemic. States must keep this in mind as they design improvement strategies to support the students who predominately make up Hawaii's non-graduates.


Hawaii had 3 low-graduation-rate high schools in 2019. All of these schools were regular schools. Hawaii must target these underperforming schools to create a winning strategy for increasing graduation rates statewide.


## STUDENT CHALLENGES

Prior to the pandemic, student engagement was already a significant issue for many states. In Hawaii, 18.9 percent of students were chronically absent, more than the national average of 16.2 percent, and 16.2 percent of children had 2 or more Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), which negatively impact students' learning.


POSTSECONDARY PATHWAYS

Secondary School Improvement Index


Postsecondary Attainment Rates ${ }^{1}$


Hawaii improved on $\mathbf{3}$ of the 4 metrics of the Secondary School Improvement Index. The state does have alignment between high school graduation requirements and postsecondary admission requirements.

[^23]
## WHERE IS THE CHALLENGE CONCENTRATED?

Hawaii has one school district. Of its 292 schools, 64 reported an ACGR in 2018-19. The following data is based on this cohort.

## Target Schools: Where 50\% of Non-Grads Live in Hawaii



These 11 target schools contain 52.6 percent ot all non-graduates in the state. Within these target schools, the average graduation rate was 79.4 percent, 5.8 percentage points lower than the state average. These 11 schools are more likely to have high rates of poverty than other schools in Hawaii, but rates of chronic absenteeism are equivalent to those in other schools reporting ACGR. Additionally, these schools have high concentrations of need post-COVID-19. ${ }^{2}$

## Hawaii Target Schools <br> Comparison, 2019



While non-graduates are concentrated in these 11 schools, schools with high rates of Chronic Absenteeism (CA) and Free and Reduced Priced Lunch (FRL) are found in other parts of the state. Schools serving high-poverty communities with higher rates of youth disconnection need greater support.


[^24]Iowa ACGR, 2011-2019


In 2019, Iowa's graduation rate was 91.6 percent, above the national average of 85.8 percent. Since 2011, Iowa's Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate (ACGR) has increased 3.3 percentage points, less than the national rate of gain of 6.8 percentage points.

## CLOSING GRADUATION GAPS

Iowa vs. U.S. Average
for Subgroups, 2019


Iowa Subgroup Graduation Rate Comparisons, 2019
LEP = Limited English Proficiency; SWD = Students with Disabilities


## Black and Hispanic Students are Underrepresented in lowa's Non-Grads

COVID-19 has only exacerbated equity gaps that existed prior to the pandemic. States must keep this in mind as they design improvement strategies to support the students who predominately make up lowa's non-graduates.

Whole Cohort
78.6\%
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$\begin{array}{ccccccc}0.0 \% & 10.0 \% & 20.0 \% & 30.0 \% & 40.0 \% & 50.0 \% & 60.0 \% \\ & & \text { ■ White (\%) } & \boxed{ } \quad \text { Black (\%) } & \text { ■ Hispanic (\%) } & \text { ■ Other (\%) }\end{array}$

Iowa had 9 low-graduation-rate high schools in 2019. A disproportionate number of these schools were alternative schools. Iowa must target these under-performing schools to create a winning strategy for increasing graduation rates statewide.


Where do lowa's Non-Grads Come From?


## STUDENT CHALLENGES

Prior to the pandemic, student engagement was already a significant issue for many states. In lowa, 10.3 percent of students were chronically absent, less than the national average of 16.2 percent, and 20.3 percent of children had 2 or more Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), which negatively impact students' learning.

Chronic Absenteeism
by Grade Level


Child Poverty and ACE Scores, Iowa v. National


POSTSECONDARY PATHWAYS

## Secondary School Improvement Index



Postsecondary Attainment Rates ${ }^{1}$

lowa improved on $\mathbf{2}$ of the $\mathbf{4}$ metrics of the Secondary School Improvement Index. The state does not have alignment between high school graduation requirements and postsecondary admission requirements.

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## WHERE IS THE CHALLENGE CONCENTRATED?

## Target Districts: Where 50\% of Non-Grads Live in lowa



These 12 target districts contain 51 percent of all non-graduates in the state. Within these target districts, the average graduation rate was 83.6 percent, 8.0 percentage points lower than the state average. These districts are more likely to have high-poverty schools and higher chronic absenteeism than the rest of the state. Additionally, these districts have high concentrations of need post-COVID-19. ${ }^{2}$

## Iowa Target District Schools

Comparison, 2019


Over 40 of all schools with high rates of Free and Reduced Price Lunch (FRPL) and Chronic Absenteeism (CA) are located in these 12 target school districts. This is an indicator that schools that serve high-poverty communities with higher rates of youth disconnection need greater support.

${ }^{2}$ Task Force on Next Generation Community Schools. (2021 February). "Addressing education inequality with a next generation of community schools: A blueprint for mayors, states, and the federal government." Center for Universal Education at Brookings.

Idaho ACGR, 2011-2019


In 2019, Idaho's graduation rate was 80.8 percent, below the national average of 85.8 percent. Since 2014, Idaho's Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate (ACGR) has increased 3.5 percentage points, less than the national rate of gain of 6.8 percentage points.

## CLOSING GRADUATION GAPS

Idaho vs. U.S. Average
for Subgroups, 2019


Idaho Subgroup Graduation Rate Comparisons, 2019
LEP = Limited English Proficiency; SWD = Students with Disabilities


Hispanic Students are Overrepresented in Idaho's Non-Grads

COVID-19 has only exacerbated equity gaps that existed prior to the pandemic. States must keep this in mind as they design improvement strategies to support the students who predominately make up Idaho's non-graduates.


Idaho had 33 low-graduation-rate high schools in 2019. A disproportionate number of these schools were alternative schools. Idaho must target these under-performing schools to create a winning strategy for increasing graduation rates statewide.


## STUDENT CHALLENGES

Prior to the pandemic, student engagement was already a significant issue for many states. In Idaho, 3.1 percent of students were chronically absent, less than the national average, and 20.8 percent of children had 2 or more Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), which negatively impact students' learning.

Chronic Absenteeism
by Grade Level


Child Poverty and ACE Scores, Idaho v. National


POSTSECONDARY PATHWAYS

Secondary School Improvement Index


Postsecondary Attainment Rates ${ }^{1}$


Idaho improved on $\mathbf{3}$ of the $\mathbf{4}$ metrics of the Secondary School Improvement Index. The state does not have alignment between high school graduation requirements and postsecondary admission requirements.

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## WHERE IS THE CHALLENGE CONCENTRATED?

## Target Districts: Where 50\% of Non-Grads Live in Idaho



These 10 target districts contain 52 percent of all non-graduates in the state. Within these target districts, the average graduation rate was 76.8 percent, 4 percentage points lower than the state average. These districts are more likely to have high-poverty schools and higher chronic absenteeism than the rest of the state. Additionally, these districts have high concentrations of need post-COVID-19. ${ }^{2}$

## Idaho Target District Schools <br> Comparison, 2019



Idaho Target District and Overall Demographic Comparisons, 2019


Idaho does not have any schools with high rates of Free and Reduced Price Lunch (FRPL) and Chronic Absenteeism (CA). This would be an indicator that schools that serve high-poverty communities with higher rates of youth disconnection need greater support.

[^27]
## MEETING THE MOMENT DATA PROFILE

Illinois ACGR, 2011-2019


In 2019, Illinois's graduation rate was 86.2 percent, above the national average of 85.8 percent. Since 2011, Illinois's Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate (ACGR) has increased 2.4 percentage points, less than the national rate of gain of 6.8 percentage points.

## CLOSING GRADUATION GAPS

Illinois vs. U.S. Average
for Subgroups, 2019


Illinois Subgroup
Graduation Rate Comparisons, 2019
LEP = Limited English Proficiency; SWD = Students with Disabilities


## Black and Hispanic Students are Overrepresented in Illinois's Non-Grads

COVID-19 has only exacerbated equity gaps that existed prior to the pandemic. States must keep this in mind as they design improvement strategies to support the students who predominately make up Illinois's non-graduates.

No district or school level data was released for Illinois for the 2018-19 school year.

## Illinois's Low Grad Rate High Schools <br> (ACGR <= 67\%)

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## Where do Illinois's Non-Grads Come From?



## STUDENT CHALLENGES

Prior to the pandemic, student engagement was already a significant issue for many states. In Illinois, 16.7 percent of students were chronically absent, more than the national average of 16.2 percent, and 15.7 percent of children had 2 or more Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), which negatively impact students' learning.

Chronic Absenteeism by Grade Level


Child Poverty and ACE Scores, Illinois v. National


POSTSECONDARY PATHWAYS

Secondary School Improvement Index


Postsecondary Attainment Rates ${ }^{1}$


Illinois improved on 4 of the 4 metrics of the Secondary School Improvement Index. The state does not have alignment between high school graduation requirements and postsecondary admission requirements.

[^28]
## WHERE IS THE CHALLENGE CONCENTRATED?

## Target Districts: Where 50\% of Non-Grads Live in Illinois

No district level data available.

- Non Target Districts = Districts Needed to Reach 50\% of Nongrads

No district or state level data was released for the 2018-19 school year. District data would indicate where disproportionate amounts of students are falling off-track to graduation, and which districts have greater concentrations of high poverty and chronic absenteeism rates and need greater support. Additionally, it would show where there is greater need post-COVID-19. ${ }^{2}$

## Illinois Target District Schools

 Comparison, 2019

While non-graduates are targeted in these districts, schools with high rates of Free and Reduced Priced Lunch (FRPL) and Chronic Absenteeism (CA) are found in other areas of the state. Schools serving high-poverty communities with higher rates of youth disconnection need greater support.

## Illinois Target District and Overall Demographic Comparisons, 2019



The percent of economically disadvantaged students in these districts is unavailable.

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In 2019, Indiana's graduation rate was 87.2 percent, above the national average of 85.8 percent. Since 2011, Indiana's Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate (ACGR) has increased 1.5 percentage points, less than the national rate of gain of 6.8 percentage points.

## CLOSING GRADUATION GAPS

Indiana vs. U.S. Average
for Subgroups, 2019


Indiana Subgroup Graduation Rate Comparisons, 2019
LEP = Limited English Proficiency; SWD = Students with Disabilities


## Black and Hispanic Students are Overrepresented in Indiana's Non-Grads

COVID-19 has only exacerbated equity gaps that existed prior to the pandemic. States must keep this in mind as they design improvement strategies to support the students who predominately make up Indiana's non-graduates.


$\square$ White (\%) Black (\%) ■ Hispanic (\%) ■ Other (\%)

Indiana had 39 low-graduation-rate high schools in 2019. A disproportionate number of these schools were regular schools. Indiana must target these under-performing schools to create a winning strategy for increasing graduation rates statewide.

## Indiana's Low Grad Rate High Schools (ACGR <= 67\%)



Where do Indiana's Non-Grads Come From?


## STUDENT CHALLENGES

Prior to the pandemic, student engagement was already a significant issue for many states. In Indiana, 13.2 percent of students were chronically absent, less than the national average of 16.2 percent, and 20.6 percent of children had 2 or more Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), which negatively impact students' learning.

Chronic Absenteeism
by Grade Level


Child Poverty and ACE Scores, Indiana v. National


POSTSECONDARY PATHWAYS

## Secondary School Improvement Index



Postsecondary Attainment Rates ${ }^{1}$


Indiana improved on $\mathbf{4}$ of the $\mathbf{4}$ metrics of the Secondary School Improvement Index. The state does not have alignment between high school graduation requirements and postsecondary admission requirements.

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## WHERE IS THE CHALLENGE CONCENTRATED?

## Target Districts: Where 50\% of Non-Grads Live in Indiana



These 22 target districts contain 51 percent of all non-graduates in the state. Within these target districts, the average graduation rate was 72.4 percent, 14.8 percentage points lower than the state average. These districts are more likely to have high-poverty schools and higher chronic absenteeism than the rest of the state. Additionally, these districts have high concentrations of need post-COVID-19. ${ }^{2}$

## Indiana Target District Schools

Comparison, 2019


Over 50 percent of all schools with high rates of Free and Reduced Price Lunch (FRPL) and Chronic Absenteeism (CA) are located in these 22 target school districts. This is an indicator that schools that serve high-poverty communities with higher rates of youth disconnection need greater support.

## Indiana Target District and Overall Demographic Comparisons, 2019



Additionally, Black, Hispanic, and English Learner students are over-represented in these districts. About 63.3 percent of students in these districts are economically disadvantaged.

[^31]
## KANSAS

## MEETING THE MOMENT DATA PROFILE

Kansas ACGR, 2011-2019


In 2019, Kansas's graduation rate was 87.2 percent, above the national average of 85.8 percent. Since 2011, Kansas's Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate (ACGR) has increased 4.2 percentage points, less than the national rate of gain of 6.8 percentage points.

## CLOSING GRADUATION GAPS

Kansas vs. U.S. Average
for Subgroups, 2019


Kansas Subgroup Graduation Rate Comparisons, 2019
LEP = Limited English Proficiency; SWD = Students with Disabilities


## Black and Hispanic Students are Overrepresented in Kansas's Non-Grads

COVID-19 has only exacerbated equity gaps that existed prior to the pandemic. States must keep this in mind as they design improvement strategies to support the students who predominately make up Kansas's non-graduates.

Kansas had 8 low-graduation-rate high schools in 2019. All of these schools were regular schools. Kansas must target these underperforming schools to create a winning strategy for increasing graduation rates statewide.


Where do Kansas's Non-Grads Come From?


## STUDENT CHALLENGES

Prior to the pandemic, student engagement was already a significant issue for many states. In Kansas, 14.8 percent of students were chronically absent, less than the national average of 16.2 percent, and 19.9 percent of children had 2 or more Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), which negatively impact students' learning.

Chronic Absenteeism
by Grade Level


Child Poverty and ACE Scores, Kansas v. National


POSTSECONDARY PATHWAYS

Secondary School Improvement Index


Postsecondary Attainment Rates ${ }^{1}$


Kansas improved on $\mathbf{2}$ of the $\mathbf{4}$ metrics of the Secondary School Improvement Index. The state does have alignment between high school graduation requirements and postsecondary admission requirements, with reservations. The state does not have course sequencing alignment between high school graduation and postsecondary admission requirements in Science.

[^32]
## WHERE IS THE CHALLENGE CONCENTRATED?

## Target Districts: Where 50\% of Non-Grads Live in Kansas



- Non Target Districts | Districts Needed to Reach 50\% of Nongrads

These 10 target districts contain 51 percent of all non-graduates in the state. Within these target districts, the average graduation rate was 83.7 percent, 3.5 percentage points lower than the state average. These districts are more likely to have high-poverty schools and higher chronic absenteeism than the rest of the state. Additionally, these districts have high concentrations of need post-COVID-19. ${ }^{2}$

## Kansas Target District Schools

Comparison, 2019


Over 80 percent of all schools with high rates of Free and Reduced Price Lunch (FRPL) and Chronic Absenteeism (CA) are located in these 10 target school districts. This is an indicator that schools that serve high-poverty communities with higher rates of youth disconnection need greater support.

## Kansas Target District and Overall Demographic Comparisons, 2019



Additionally, Black, Hispanic, and English Learner students are over-represented in these districts. About 44.6 percent of students in these districts are economically disadvantaged.

[^33]
## KENTUCKY

## MEETING THE MOMENT DATA PROFILE

Kentucky ACGR, 2011-2019


In 2019, Kentucky's graduation rate was 90.6 percent, above the national average of 85.8 percent. Since 2013, Kentucky's Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate (ACGR) has increased 4.5 percentage points, more than the national rate of gain of 6.8 percentage points.

## CLOSING GRADUATION GAPS

Kentucky vs. U.S. Average for Subgroups, 2019


Kentucky Subgroup Graduation Rate Comparisons, 2019
LEP = Limited English Proficiency; SWD = Students with Disabilities


## Black and Hispanic Students are Overrepresented in Kentucky's Non-Grads

COVID-19 has only exacerbated equity gaps that existed prior to the pandemic. States must keep this in mind as they design improvement strategies to support the students who predominately make up Kentucky's non-graduates.


Kentucky had 11 low-graduation-rate high schools in 2019. A disproportionate number of these schools were alternative schools. Kentucky must target these under-performing schools to create a winning strategy for increasing graduation rates statewide.


## STUDENT CHALLENGES

Prior to the pandemic, student engagement was already a significant issue for many states. In Kentucky, 17.8 percent of students were chronically absent, more than the national average of 16.2 percent, and 21.8 percent of children had 2 or more Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), which negatively impact students' learning.


POSTSECONDARY PATHWAYS

## Secondary School Improvement Index



Postsecondary Attainment Rates ${ }^{1}$


Kentucky improved on 2 of the $\mathbf{4}$ metrics of the Secondary School Improvement Index. The state does not have alignment between high school graduation requirements and postsecondary admission requirements.

[^34]
## WHERE IS THE CHALLENGE CONCENTRATED?

## Target Districts: Where 50\% of Non-Grads Live in Kentucky



These 6 target districts contain 50 percent of all non-graduates in the state. Within these target districts, the average graduation rate was 85.9 percent, 4.7 percentage points lower than the state average. These districts are more likely to have high-poverty schools and higher chronic absenteeism than the rest of the state. Additionally, these districts have high concentrations of need post-COVID-19. ${ }^{2}$

## Kentucky Target District Schools

Comparison, 2019


Over 20 percent of all schools with high rates of Free and Reduced Price Lunch (FRPL) and Chronic Absenteeism (CA) are located in these 6 target school districts. This is an indicator that schools that serve high-poverty communities with higher rates of youth disconnection need greater support.

## Kentucky Target District and Overall Demographic Comparisons, 2019



Additionally, Black, Hispanic, and English Learner students are over-represented in these districts. About 51.1 percent of students in these districts are economically disadvantaged.

[^35]
## LOUISIANA

## MEETING THE MOMENT DATA PROFILE

Louisiana ACGR, 2011-2019


In 2019, Louisiana's graduation rate was 80.1 percent, below the national average of 85.8 percent. Since 2011, Louisiana's Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate (ACGR) has increased 9.2 percentage points, more than the national rate of gain of 6.8 percentage points.

## CLOSING GRADUATION GAPS

Louisiana vs. U.S. Average for Subgroups, 2019


Louisiana Subgroup Graduation Rate Comparisons, 2019
LEP = Limited English Proficiency; SWD = Students with Disabilities

## Black and Hispanic Students are Overrepresented in Louisiana's Non-Grads

COVID-19 has only exacerbated equity gaps that existed prior to the pandemic. States must keep this in mind as they design improvement strategies to support the students who predominately make up Louisiana's non-graduates.


Louisiana had 39 low-graduation-rate high schools in 2019. A disproportionate number of these schools were regular schools. Louisiana must target these under-performing schools to create a winning strategy for increasing graduation rates statewide.


## STUDENT CHALLENGES

Prior to the pandemic, student engagement was already a significant issue for many states. In Louisiana, 15.9 percent of students were chronically absent, less than the national average of 16.2 percent, and 23.0 percent of children had 2 or more Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), which negatively impact students' learning.


POSTSECONDARY PATHWAYS

Secondary School Improvement Index


Postsecondary Attainment Rates ${ }^{1}$


Louisiana improved on 4 of the 4 metrics of the Secondary School Improvement Index. The state does not have alignment between high school graduation requirements and postsecondary admission requirements.

[^36]
## WHERE IS THE CHALLENGE CONCENTRATED?

## Target Districts: Where 50\% of Non-Grads Live in Louisiana



These 8 target districts contain 50 percent of all non-graduates in the state. Within these target districts, the average graduation rate was 75.2 percent, 4.9 percentage points lower than the state average. These districts are more likely to have high-poverty schools and higher chronic absenteeism than the rest of the state. Additionally, these districts have high concentrations of need post-COVID-19. ${ }^{2}$

## Louisiana Target District Schools

Comparison, 2019


Over 40 percent of all schools with high rates of Free and Reduced Price Lunch (FRPL) and Chronic Absenteeism (CA) are located in these 8 target school districts. This is an indicator that schools that serve high-poverty communities with higher rates of youth disconnection need greater support.

## Louisiana Target District and Overall Demographic Comparisons, 2019



Additionally, Hispanic and English Learner students are overrepresented in these districts. About 53 percent of students in these districts are economically disadvantaged.

[^37]
## MASSACHUSETTS

## MEETING THE MOMENT DATA PROFLLE

Massachusetts ACGR, 2011-2019


In 2019, Massachusetts's graduation rate was 88.0 percent, above the national average of 85.8 percent. Since 2011, Massachusetts's Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate (ACGR) has increased 4.6 percentage points, less than the national rate of gain of 6.8 percentage points.

## CLOSING GRADUATION GAPS

Massachusetts vs. U.S. Average for Subgroups, 2019


Massachusetts Subgroup Graduation Rate Comparisons, 2019
LEP = Limited English Proficiency; SWD = Students with Disabilities


## Black and Hispanic Students are Overrepresented in Massachusetts's Non-Grads

COVID-19 has only exacerbated equity gaps that existed prior to the pandemic. States must keep this in mind as they design improvement strategies to support the students who predominately make up Massachusetts's nongraduates.


Massachusetts had $\mathbf{2 0}$ low-graduation-rate high schools in 2019. A disproportionate number of these schools were regular and alternative schools. Massachusetts must target these under-performing schools to create a winning strategy for increasing graduation rates statewide.

## Massachusetts's Low Grad Rate High Schools (ACGR <= 67\%)



Where do Massachusetts's Non-Grads Come From?


## STUDENT CHALLENGES

Prior to the pandemic, student engagement was already a significant issue for many states. In Massachusetts, 13.4 percent of students were chronically absent, less than the national average of 16.2 percent, and 14.3 percent of children had 2 or more Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), which negatively impact students' learning.

## Chronic Absenteeism <br> by Grade Level



Child Poverty and ACE Scores, Massachusetts v. National


POSTSECONDARY PATHWAYS

Secondary School Improvement Index


Postsecondary Attainment Rates ${ }^{1}$


Massachusetts improved on 2 of the $\mathbf{4}$ metrics of the Secondary School Improvement Index. The state does not have alignment between high school graduation requirements and postsecondary admission requirements.

[^38]
## WHERE IS THE CHALLENGE CONCENTRATED?

## Target Districts: Where 50\% of Non-Grads Live in Massachusetts



[^39]These 16 target districts contain 50 percent of all non-graduates in the state. Within these target districts, the average graduation rate was 74.2 percent, 13.8 percentage points lower than the state average. These districts are more likely to have high-poverty schools and higher chronic absenteeism than the rest of the state. Additionally, these districts have high concentrations of need post-COVID-19. ${ }^{2}$

## Massachusetts Target District Schools Comparison, 2019



Massachusetts Target District and Overall Demographic Comparisons, 2019


Since no cohort data was reported for low-income students it was not possible to identify schools with high rates of Free and Reduced Price Lunch (FRPL) and Chronic Absenteeism (CA) located in these 16 target districts. This data would have been an indicator that schools serving high-poverty communities with higher rates of youth disconnection need greater support.

Additionally, Black, Hispanic, and low-income students are over-represented in these districts. The percent of economically disadvantaged students in these districts is unavailable.

[^40]
## MARYLAND

## MEETING THE MOMENT DATA PROFILE

Maryland ACGR, 2011-2019


In 2019, Maryland's graduation rate was 86.9 percent, above the national average of 85.8 percent. Since 2011, Maryland's Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate (ACGR) has increased 4.1 percentage points, less than the national rate of gain of 6.8 percentage points.

## CLOSING GRADUATION GAPS

Maryland vs. U.S. Average for Subgroups, 2019


Maryland Subgroup Graduation Rate Comparisons, 2019
LEP = Limited English Proficiency; SWD = Students with Disabilities

## Black and Hispanic Students are Overrepresented in Maryland's Non-Grads

COVID-19 has only exacerbated equity gaps that existed prior to the pandemic. States must keep this in mind as they design improvement strategies to support the students who predominately make up Maryland's non-graduates.


Maryland had 27 low-graduation-rate high schools in 2019. A disproportionate number of these schools were regular and alternative schools. Maryland must target these under-performing schools to create a winning strategy for increasing graduation rates statewide.

## Maryland's Low Grad Rate High Schools <br> (ACGR <= 67\%)



Where do Maryland's Non-Grads Come From?


## STUDENT CHALLENGES

Prior to the pandemic, student engagement was already a significant issue for many states. In Maryland, 20.9 percent of students were chronically absent, more than the national average of 16.2 percent, and 15.8 percent of children had 2 or more Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), which negatively impact students' learning.


POSTSECONDARY PATHWAYS

Secondary School Improvement Index


Postsecondary Attainment Rates ${ }^{1}$


Maryland improved on 2 of the $\mathbf{4}$ metrics of the Secondary School Improvement Index. The state does not have alignment between high school graduation requirements and postsecondary admission requirements.

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## WHERE IS THE CHALLENGE CONCENTRATED?

## Target Districts: Where 50\% of Non-Grads Live in Maryland



[^42]These 3 target districts contain 58 percent of all non-graduates in the state. Within these target districts, the average graduation rate was 81.9 percent, 5.0 percentage points lower than the state average. These districts are more likely to have high-poverty schools and higher chronic absenteeism than the rest of the state. Additionally, these districts have high concentrations of need post-COVID-19. ${ }^{2}$

## Maryland Target District Schools

 Comparison, 2019

Nearly 90 percent of all schools with high rates of Free and Reduced Price Lunch (FRPL) and Chronic Absenteeism (CA) are located in these 3 target school districts. This is an indicator that schools that serve high-poverty communities with higher rates of youth disconnection need greater support.

## Maryland Target District and Overall Demographic Comparisons, 2019



Additionally, Black, Hispanic, and English Learner students are over-represented in these districts. About 66.3 percent of students in these districts are economically disadvantaged.

[^43]
## MAINE

## MEETING THE MOMENT DATA PROFILE

Maine ACGR, 2011-2019


In 2019, Maine's graduation rate was 87.4 percent, above the national average of 85.8 percent. Since 2011, Maine's Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate (ACGR) has increased 3.6 percentage points, less than the national rate of gain of 6.8 percentage points.

## CLOSING GRADUATION GAPS

Maine vs. U.S. Average
for Subgroups, 2019


Maine Subgroup
Graduation Rate Comparisons, 2019
LEP = Limited English Proficiency; SWD = Students with Disabilities


## Black and Hispanic Students are Overrepresented in Maine's Non-Grads

COVID-19 has only exacerbated equity gaps that existed prior to the pandemic. States must keep this in mind as they design improvement strategies to support the students who predominately make up Maine's non-graduates.

Maine had 3 low-graduation-rate high schools in 2019. All of these schools were regular schools. Maine must target these underperforming schools to create a winning strategy for increasing graduation rates statewide.


## STUDENT CHALLENGES

Prior to the pandemic, student engagement was already a significant issue for many states. In Maine, 16.8 percent of students were chronically absent, more than the national average of 16.2 percent, and 20.2 percent of children had 2 or more Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), which negatively impact students' learning.


POSTSECONDARY PATHWAYS

Secondary School Improvement Index


Postsecondary Attainment Rates ${ }^{1}$


Maine improved on $\mathbf{2}$ of the $\mathbf{4}$ metrics of the Secondary School Improvement Index. The state does not have alignment between high school graduation requirements and postsecondary admission requirements.

[^44]
## WHERE IS THE CHALLENGE CONCENTRATED?

## Target Districts: Where 50\% of Non-Grads Live in Maine



These 23 target districts contain 51 percent of all non-graduates in the state. Within these target districts, the average graduation rate was 82.0 percent, 5.4 percentage points lower than the state average. These districts are more likely to have high-poverty schools and higher chronic absenteeism than the rest of the state. Additionally, these districts have high concentrations of need post-COVID-19. ${ }^{2}$

## Maine Target District Schools

Comparison, 2019
 While Maine had schools with high rates of Free and Reduced Priced Lunch (FRPL) and schools with high rates of Chronic Absenteeism (CA), no schools reached the threshold for both. Schools that serve high poverty communities or schools with high rates of youth disconnection need greater support.


Additionally, Black, Hispanic, and English Learner students are over-represented in these districts. About 50.5 percent of students in these districts are economically disadvantaged.

[^45]
## MEETING THE MOMENT DATA PROFILE

Michigan ACGR, 2011-2019


In 2019, Michigan's graduation rate was 81.4 percent, below the national average of 85.8 percent. Since 2011, Michigan's Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate (ACGR) has increased 7.1 percentage points, more than the national rate of gain of 6.8 percentage points.

## CLOSING GRADUATION GAPS

Michigan vs. U.S. Average for Subgroups, 2019


Michigan Subgroup Graduation Rate Comparisons, 2019
LEP = Limited English Proficiency; SWD = Students with Disabilities


## Black and Hispanic Students are Overrepresented in Michigan's Non-Grads

COVID-19 has only exacerbated equity gaps that existed prior to the pandemic. States must keep this in mind as they design improvement strategies to support the students who predominately make up Michigan's non-graduates.

Whole Cohort


Michigan had 166 low-graduation-rate high schools in 2019. A disproportionate number of these schools were alternative schools. Michigan must target these under-performing schools to create a winning strategy for increasing graduation rates statewide.

Michigan's Low Grad Rate High Schools
(ACGR <= 67\%)


Where do Michigan's Non-Grads Come From?


## STUDENT CHALLENGES

Prior to the pandemic, student engagement was already a significant issue for many states. In Michigan, 22.3 percent of students were chronically absent, more than the national average of 16.2 percent, and 21.0 percent of children had 2 or more Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), which negatively impact students' learning.

## Chronic Absenteeism by Grade Level



## Child Poverty and ACE Scores,

 Michigan v. National

POSTSECONDARY PATHWAYS

## Secondary School Improvement Index



Postsecondary Attainment Rates ${ }^{1}$


Michigan improved on $\mathbf{2}$ of the $\mathbf{4}$ metrics of the Secondary School Improvement Index. The state does have alignment between high school graduation requirements and postsecondary admission requirements.

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## WHERE IS THE CHALLENGE CONCENTRATED?

## Target Districts: Where 50\% of Non-Grads Live in Michigan



[^47]These 70 target districts contain 50 percent of all non-graduates in the state. Within these target districts, the average graduation rate was 75.4 percent, 6.0 percentage points lower than the state average. These districts are more likely to have high-poverty schools and higher chronic absenteeism than the rest of the state. Additionally, these districts have high concentrations of need post-COVID-19. ${ }^{2}$

## Michigan Target District Schools

Comparison, 2019


About 50 percent of all schools with high rates of Free and Reduced Price Lunch (FRPL) and Chronic Absenteeism (CA) are located in these 70 target school districts. This is an indicator that schools that serve high-poverty communities with higher rates of youth disconnection need greater support.

Michigan Target District and Overall Demographic Comparisons, 2019


Additionally, Black, Hispanic, and low-income students are over-represented in these districts. About 61.7 percent of students in these districts are economically disadvantaged.

[^48]
## MINNESOTA

## MEETING THE MOMENT DATA PROFILE

Minnesota ACGR, 2011-2019


## CLOSING GRADUATION GAPS

Minnesota vs. U.S. Average for Subgroups, 2019


Minnesota Subgroup Graduation Rate Comparisons, 2019
LEP = Limited English Proficiency; SWD = Students with Disabilities

## Black and Hispanic Students are Overrepresented in Minnesota's Non-Grads

COVID-19 has only exacerbated equity gaps that existed prior to the pandemic. States must keep this in mind as they design improvement strategies to support the students who predominately make up Minnesota's non-graduates.

In 2019, Minnesota's graduation rate was 83.7 percent, below the national average of 85.8 percent. Since 2011, Minnesota's Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate (ACGR) has increased 6.8 percentage points, the same as the national rate gain of 6.8 percentage points.

Minnesota had 57 low-graduation-rate high schools in 2019. A disproportionate number of these schools were regular and alternative schools. Minnesota must target these under-performing schools to create a winning strategy for increasing graduation rates statewide.

## Minnesota's Low Grad Rate High Schools

 (ACGR <= 67\%)

Where do Minnesota's Non-Grads Come From?


## STUDENT CHALLENGES

Prior to the pandemic, student engagement was already a significant issue for many states. In Minnesota, 17.0 percent of students were chronically absent, more than the national average of 16.2 percent, and 15.8 percent of children had 2 or more Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), which negatively impact students' learning.


POSTSECONDARY PATHWAYS

## Secondary School Improvement Index



Postsecondary Attainment Rates ${ }^{1}$


Minnesota improved on 2 of the 4 metrics of the Secondary School Improvement Index. The state does not have alignment between high school graduation requirements and postsecondary admission requirements.

[^49]
## WHERE IS THE CHALLENGE CONCENTRATED?

## Target Districts: Where 50\% of Non-Grads Live in Minnesota



These 26 target districts contain 50 percent of all non-graduates in the state. Within these target districts, the average graduation rate was 78.9 percent, 4.8 percentage points lower than the state average. These districts are more likely to have high-poverty schools and higher chronic absenteeism than the rest of the state. Additionally, these districts have high concentrations of need post-COVID-19. ${ }^{2}$

## Minnesota Target District Schools

 Comparison, 2019

Over 50 percent of all schools with high rates of Free and Reduced Price Lunch (FRPL) and Chronic Absenteeism (CA) are located in these 26 target school districts. This is an indicator that schools that serve high-poverty communities with higher rates of youth disconnection need greater support.

## Minnesota Target District and Overall Demographic Comparisons, 2019



[^50]Missouri ACGR, 2011-2019


In 2019, Missouri's graduation rate was 89.7 percent, above the national average of 85.8 percent. Since 2011, Missouri's Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate (ACGR) has increased 8.5 percentage points, more than the national rate of gain of 6.8 percentage points.

## CLOSING GRADUATION GAPS

Missouri vs. U.S. Average for Subgroups, 2019


Missouri Subgroup Graduation Rate Comparisons, 2019
LEP = Limited English Proficiency; SWD = Students with Disabilities


## Black and Hispanic Students are Overrepresented in Missouri's Non-Grads

COVID-19 has only exacerbated equity gaps that existed prior to the pandemic. States must keep this in mind as they design improvement strategies to support the students who predominately make up Missouri's non-graduates.

Whole Cohort



Missouri Non-Grads
57.1\%
57.1\%


Missouri had 12 low-graduation-rate high schools in 2019. A disproportionate number of these schools were regular schools. Missouri must target these under-performing schools to create a winning strategy for increasing graduation rates statewide.


## STUDENT CHALLENGES

Prior to the pandemic, student engagement was already a significant issue for many states. In Missouri, 10.9 percent of students were chronically absent, less than the national average of 16.2 percent, and 16.2 percent of children had 2 or more Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), which negatively impact students' learning.

Chronic Absenteeism
by Grade Level


Child Poverty and ACE Scores, Missouri v. National


POSTSECONDARY PATHWAYS

## Secondary School Improvement Index



Postsecondary Attainment Rates ${ }^{1}$


Missouri improved on 2 of the $\mathbf{4}$ metrics of the Secondary School Improvement Index. The state does not have alignment between high school graduation requirements and postsecondary admission requirements.

[^51]
## WHERE IS THE CHALLENGE CONCENTRATED?

## Target Districts: Where 50\% of Non-Grads Live in Missouri



These 28 target districts contain 51 percent of all non-graduates in the state. Within these target districts, the average graduation rate was 87.4 percent, 2.3 percentage points lower than the state average. These districts are more likely to have high-poverty schools and higher chronic absenteeism than the rest of the state. Additionally, these districts have high concentrations of need post-COVID-19. ${ }^{2}$

## Missouri Target District Schools

Comparison, 2019


Over 75 percent of all schools with high rates of Free and Reduced Price Lunch (FRPL) and Chronic Absenteeism (CA) are located in these 28 target school districts. This is an indicator that schools that serve high-poverty communities with higher rates of youth disconnection need greater support.

Missouri Target District and Overall Demographic Comparisons, 2019


Additionally, students with disabilities, Black, and Hispanic students are over-represented in these districts. About 55.6 percent of students in these districts are economically disadvantaged.

[^52]
## MISSISSIPPI

## MEETING THE MOMENT DATA PROFLLE

Mississippi ACGR, 2011-2019


In 2019, Mississippi's graduation rate was 85.0 percent, below the national average of 85.8 percent. Since 2011, Mississippi's Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate (ACGR) has increased 11.3 percentage points, more than the national rate of gain of 6.8 percentage points.

## CLOSING GRADUATION GAPS

Mississippi vs. U.S. Average
for Subgroups, 2019


Mississippi Subgroup Graduation Rate Comparisons, 2019
LEP = Limited English Proficiency; SWD = Students with Disabilities


## Black Students are Overrepresented in Mississippi's Non-Grads

COVID-19 has only exacerbated equity gaps that existed prior to the pandemic. States must keep this in mind as they design improvement strategies to support the students who predominately make up Mississippi's non-graduates.


Mississippi had 8 low-graduation-rate high schools in 2019. All of these schools were regular schools. Mississippi must target these under-performing schools to create a winning strategy for increasing graduation rates statewide.


Where do Mississippi's
Non-Grads Come From?


## STUDENT CHALLENGES

Prior to the pandemic, student engagement was already a significant issue for many states. In Mississippi, 18.8 percent of students were chronically absent, more than the national average of 16.2 percent, and 22.3 percent of children had 2 or more Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), which negatively impact students' learning.

Chronic Absenteeism
by Grade Level


Child Poverty and ACE Scores, Mississippiv. National


POSTSECONDARY PATHWAYS

## Secondary School Improvement Index



Postsecondary Attainment Rates ${ }^{1}$


Mississippi improved on $\mathbf{4}$ of the $\mathbf{4}$ metrics of the Secondary School Improvement Index. The state does have alignment between high school graduation requirements and postsecondary admission requirements.

[^53]
## WHERE IS THE CHALLENGE CONCENTRATED?

## Target Districts: Where 50\% of Non-Grads Live in Mississippi



- Non Target Districts - Districts Needed to Reach 50\% of Nongrads

These 24 target districts contain 50 percent of all non-graduates in the state. Within these target districts, the average graduation rate was 84.4 percent, $\mathbf{0 . 6}$ percentage points lower than the state average. These districts are more likely to have high-poverty schools and higher chronic absenteeism than the rest of the state. Additionally, these districts have high concentrations of need post-COVID-19. ${ }^{2}$


Over 40 percent of all schools with high rates of Free and Reduced Price Lunch (FRPL) and Chronic Absenteeism (CA) are located in these 24 target school districts. This is an indicator that schools that serve high-poverty communities with higher rates of youth disconnection need greater support.

Additionally, Black, Hispanic, and English Learner students are over-represented in these districts. About 76.3 percent of students in these districts are economically disadvantaged.

[^54]
## MEETING THE MOMENT DATA PROFILE

Montana ACGR, 2011-2019


## CLOSING GRADUATION GAPS

Montana vs. U.S. Average for Subgroups, 2019


Montana Subgroup
Graduation Rate Comparisons, 2019
LEP = Limited English Proficiency; SWD = Students with Disabilities


## Native American Students are Overrepresented in Montana's Non-Grads

COVID-19 has only exacerbated equity gaps that existed prior to the pandemic. States must keep this in mind as they design improvement strategies to support the students who predominately make up Montana's non-graduates.

In 2019, Montana's graduation rate was 86.6 percent, above the national average of 85.8 percent. Since 2011, Montana's Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate (ACGR) has increased 4.4 percentage points, less than the national rate of gain of 6.8 percentage points.

Montana had 5 low-graduation-rate high schools in 2019. All of these schools were regular schools. Montana must target these underperforming schools to create a winning strategy for increasing graduation rates statewide.


## STUDENT CHALLENGES

Prior to the pandemic, student engagement was already a significant issue for many states. In Montana, 23.4 percent of students were chronically absent, more than the national average of 16.2 percent, and 26.0 percent of children had 2 or more Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), which negatively impact students' learning.

## Chronic Absenteeism <br> by Grade Level



## Child Poverty and ACE Scores,

 Montana v. National

POSTSECONDARY PATHWAYS

## Secondary School Improvement Index



Postsecondary Attainment Rates ${ }^{1}$


Montana improved on 2 of the 4 metrics of the Secondary School Improvement Index. The state does not have alignment between high school graduation requirements and postsecondary admission requirements.

[^55]
## WHERE IS THE CHALLENGE CONCENTRATED?

## Target Districts: Where 50\% of Non-Grads Live in Montana



These 6 target districts contain 50 percent of all non-graduates in the state. Within these target districts, the average graduation rate was 85.1 percent, 1.5 percentage points lower than the state average. These districts are more likely to have high-poverty schools and higher chronic absenteeism than the rest of the state. Additionally, these districts have high concentrations of need post-COVID-19. ${ }^{2}$

## Montana Target District Schools <br> Comparison, 2019



While non-graduates are targeted in these 6 districts, schools with high rates of Free and Reduced Priced Lunch (FRPL) and Chronic Absenteeism (CA) are found in other areas of the state. Schools serving high-poverty communities with higher rates of youth disconnection need greater support.

## Montana Target District and Overall Demographic Comparisons, 2019



Additionally, Black and Hispanic students are overrepresented in these districts. About 23.4 percent of students in these districts are economically disadvantaged.

[^56]
## NORTH CAROLINA

## MEETING THE MOMENT DATA PROFLLE

North Carolina ACGR, 2011-2019


In 2019, North Carolina's graduation rate was 86.5 percent, above the national average of 85.8 percent. Since 2011, North Carolina's Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate (ACGR) has increased 8.6 percentage points, more than the national rate of gain of 6.8 percentage points.

## CLOSING GRADUATION GAPS

North Carolina vs. U.S. Average for Subgroups, 2019


North Carolina Subgroup Graduation Rate Comparisons, 2019
LEP = Limited English Proficiency; SWD = Students with Disabilities


Black and Hispanic Students are Overrepresented in North Carolina's Non-Grads

COVID-19 has only exacerbated equity gaps that existed prior to the pandemic. States must keep this in mind as they design improvement strategies to support the students who predominately make up North Carolina's non-graduates.

Whole Cohort 50.3\% 15.7\% $8.1 \%$


North Carolina had 34 low-graduation-rate high schools in 2019. A disproportionate number of these schools were alternative and regular schools. North Carolina must target these under-performing schools to create a winning strategy for increasing graduation rates statewide.


Where do North Carolina's Non-Grads Come From?


## STUDENT CHALLENGES

Prior to the pandemic, student engagement was already a significant issue for many states. In North Carolina, 14.9 percent of students were chronically absent, less than the national average of 16.2 percent, and 15.3 percent of children had 2 or more Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), which negatively impact students' learning.

## Chronic Absenteeism by Grade Level



Child Poverty and ACE Scores, North Carolina v. National


POSTSECONDARY PATHWAYS

## Secondary School Improvement Index



Postsecondary Attainment Rates ${ }^{1}$


North Carolina improved on $\mathbf{3}$ of the $\mathbf{4}$ metrics of the Secondary School Improvement Index. The state does not have alignment between high school graduation requirements and postsecondary admission requirements.

[^57]
## WHERE IS THE CHALLENGE CONCENTRATED?

## Target Districts: Where 50\% of Non-Grads Live in North Carolina



- Non Target Districts | Districts Needed to Reach 50\% of Nongrads

These 16 target districts contain 50 percent of all non-graduates in the state. Within these target districts, the average graduation rate was 86.9 percent, $\mathbf{0 . 4}$ percentage points higher than the state average. These districts are more likely to have high-poverty schools and higher chronic absenteeism than the rest of the state. Additionally, these districts have high concentrations of need post-COVID-19. ${ }^{2}$


[^58]
## NORTH DAKOTA

## MEETING THE MOMENT DATA PROFILE

North Dakota ACGR, 2011-2019


## CLOSING GRADUATION GAPS

North Dakota vs. U.S. Average for Subgroups, 2019


North Dakota Subgroup Graduation Rate Comparisons, 2019
LEP = Limited English Proficiency; SWD = Students with Disabilities


COVID-19 has only exacerbated equity gaps that existed prior to the pandemic. States must keep this in mind as they design improvement strategies to support the students who predominately make up North Dakota's non-graduates.

Whole Cohort



North Dakota had 3 low-graduation-rate high schools in 2019. All of these schools were regular schools. North Dakota must target these under-performing schools to create a winning strategy for increasing graduation rates statewide.

## North Dakota's Low Grad Rate High Schools (ACGR <= 67\%)



Where do North Dakota's
Non-Grads Come From?


## STUDENT CHALLENGES

Prior to the pandemic, student engagement was already a significant issue for many states. In North Dakota, 11.8 percent of students were chronically absent, less than the national average of 16.2 percent, and 20.5 percent of children had 2 or more Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), which negatively impact students' learning.


POSTSECONDARY PATHWAYS

Secondary School Improvement Index


Postsecondary Attainment Rates ${ }^{1}$


North Dakota improved on $\mathbf{2}$ of the $\mathbf{4}$ metrics of the Secondary School Improvement Index. The state does not have alignment between high school graduation requirements and postsecondary admission requirements.

[^59]
## WHERE IS THE CHALLENGE CONCENTRATED?

## Target Districts: Where 50\% of Non-Grads Live in North Dakota



These 7 target districts contain 51 percent of all non-graduates in the state. Within these target districts, the average graduation rate was 86.5 percent, 1.8 percentage points lower than the state average. These districts are more likely to have high-poverty schools and higher chronic absenteeism than the rest of the state. Additionally, these districts have high concentrations of need post-COVID-19. ${ }^{2}$


While non-graduates are concentrated in these districts, schools with high rates of Free and Reduced Priced Lunch (FRPL) and Chronic Absenteeism (CA) are found in other areas of the state. Schools serving high-poverty communities with higher rates of youth disconnection need greater support.

## North Dakota Target District and Overall Demographic Comparisons, 2019



Additionally, Black, Hispanic, and English Learner students are over-represented in these districts. About 27.8 percent of students in these districts are economically disadvantaged.

[^60]
## NEBRASKA

## MEETING THE MOMENT DATA PROFILE

Nebraska ACGR, 2011-2019


In 2019, Nebraska's graduation rate was 88.4 percent, above the national average of 85.8 percent. Since 2011, Nebraska's Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate (ACGR) has increased 2.5 percentage points, less than the national rate of gain of 6.8 percentage points.

## CLOSING GRADUATION GAPS

Nebraska vs. U.S. Average
for Subgroups, 2019


Nebraska Subgroup Graduation Rate Comparisons, 2019
LEP = Limited English Proficiency; SWD = Students with Disabilities


## Black and Hispanic Students are Overrepresented in Nebraska's Non-Grads

COVID-19 has only exacerbated equity gaps that existed prior to the pandemic. States must keep this in mind as they design improvement strategies to support the students who predominately make up Nebraska's non-graduates.


Nebraska had O low-graduation-rate high schools in 2019.

## Nebraska's Low Grad Rate High Schools <br> (ACGR <= 67\%)


in the 2018 -19 school year.


## STUDENT CHALLENGES

Prior to the pandemic, student engagement was already a significant issue for many states. In Nebraska, 14.6 percent of students were chronically absent, less than the national average of 16.2 percent, and 18.6 percent of children had 2 or more Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), which negatively impact students' learning.

Chronic Absenteeism
by Grade Level


## Child Poverty and ACE Scores,

 Nebraska v. National

POSTSECONDARY PATHWAYS

Secondary School Improvement Index


Postsecondary Attainment Rates ${ }^{1}$


Nebraska improved on $\mathbf{3}$ of the 4 metrics of the Secondary School Improvement Index. The state does not have alignment between high school graduation requirements and postsecondary admission requirements.

[^61]
## WHERE IS THE CHALLENGE CONCENTRATED?

## Target Districts: Where 50\% of Non-Grads Live in Nebraska



These 4 target districts contain 52 percent of all non-graduates in the state. Within these target districts, the average graduation rate was 82.3 percent, 6.1 percentage points lower than the state average. These districts are more likely to have high-poverty schools and higher chronic absenteeism than the rest of the state. Additionally, these districts have high concentrations of need post-COVID-19. ${ }^{2}$

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            Nebraska Target District Schools
            Comparison, 2019
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Over 55 percent of all schools with high rates of Free and Reduced Price Lunch (FRPL) and Chronic Absenteeism (CA) are located in these 4 target school districts. This is an indicator that schools that serve high-poverty communities with higher rates of youth disconnection need greater support.
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## Nebraska Target District and Overall Demographic Comparisons, 2019



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Additionally, Black, Hispanic, and low-income students are over-represented in these districts. About 51.8 percent of students in these districts are economically disadvantaged.
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[^62]
## NEW HAMPSHIRE

## MEETING THE MOMENT DATA PROFILE

New Hampshire ACGR, 2011-2019


In 2019, New Hampshire's graduation rate was 88.4 percent, above the national average of 85.8 percent. Since 2011, New Hampshire's Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate (ACGR) has increased 2.3 percentage points, less than the national rate of gain of 6.8 percentage points.

## CLOSING GRADUATION GAPS

New Hampshire vs. U.S. Average for Subgroups, 2019


New Hampshire Subgroup Graduation Rate Comparisons, 2019
LEP = Limited English Proficiency; SWD = Students with Disabilities


## Black and Hispanic Students are Overrepresented in New Hampshire's Non-Grads

COVID-19 has only exacerbated equity gaps that existed prior to the pandemic. States must keep this in mind as they design improvement strategies to support the students who predominately make up New Hampshire's non-graduates.


New Hampshire had 2 low-graduation-rate high schools in 2019. All of these schools were regular schools. New Hampshire must target these under-performing schools to create a winning strategy for increasing graduation rates statewide.

## New Hampshire's Low Grad Rate High Schools

 (ACGR <= 67\%)

Where do New Hampshire's Non-Grads Come From?


## STUDENT CHALLENGES

Prior to the pandemic, student engagement was already a significant issue for many states. In New Hampshire, 15.1 percent of students were chronically absent, less than the national average of 16.2 percent, and 15.7 percent of children had 2 or more Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), which negatively impact students' learning.

## Chronic Absenteeism <br> by Grade Level



## Child Poverty and ACE Scores, New Hampshire v. National



POSTSECONDARY PATHWAYS

## Secondary School Improvement Index



Postsecondary Attainment Rates ${ }^{1}$


New Hampshire improved on 2 of the $\mathbf{4}$ metrics of the Secondary School Improvement Index. The state does not have alignment between high school graduation requirements and postsecondary admission requirements.

[^63]
## WHERE IS THE CHALLENGE CONCENTRATED?

## Target Districts: Where 50\% of Non-Grads Live in New Hampshire



These 10 target districts contain 52 percent of all non-graduates in the state. Within these target districts, the average graduation rate was 83.3 percent, 5.1 percentage points lower than the state average. These districts are more likely to have high-poverty schools and higher chronic absenteeism than the rest of the state. Additionally, these districts have high concentrations of need post-COVID-19. ${ }^{2}$

## New Hampshire Target District Schools

Comparison, 2019


Over 70 percent of all schools with high rates of Free and Reduced Price Lunch (FRPL) and Chronic Absenteeism (CA) are located in these 10 target school districts. This is an indicator that schools that serve high-poverty communities with higher rates of youth disconnection need greater support.

## New Hampshire Target District and Overall Demographic Comparisons, 2019



Additionally, Black, Hispanic, and English Learner students are over-represented in these districts. About 29.1 percent of students in these districts are economically disadvantaged.

[^64]
## NEW JERSEY

## MEETING THE MOMENT DATA PROFILE

New Jersey ACGR, 2011-2019


## CLOSING GRADUATION GAPS

New Jersey vs. U.S. Average for Subgroups, 2019


New Jersey Subgroup Graduation Rate Comparisons, 2019
LEP = Limited English Proficiency; SWD = Students with Disabilities


## Black and Hispanic Students are Overrepresented in New Jersey's Non-Grads

COVID-19 has only exacerbated equity gaps that existed prior to the pandemic. States must keep this in mind as they design improvement strategies to support the students who predominately make up New Jersey's non-graduates.


New Jersey had 9 low-graduation-rate high schools in 2019. All of these schools were regular schools. New Jersey must target these under-performing schools to create a winning strategy for increasing graduation rates statewide.


Where do New Jersey's
Non-Grads Come From?


## STUDENT CHALLENGES

Prior to the pandemic, student engagement was already a significant issue for many states. In New Jersey, 10.7 percent of students were chronically absent, less than the national average of 16.2 percent, and 13.2 percent of children had 2 or more Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), which negatively impact students' learning.

Chronic Absenteeism
by Grade Level


Child Poverty and ACE Scores, New Jersey v. National


## POSTSECONDARY PATHWAYS

## Secondary School Improvement Index



Postsecondary Attainment Rates ${ }^{1}$


New Jersey improved on $\mathbf{2}$ of the $\mathbf{4}$ metrics of the Secondary School Improvement Index. The state does not have alignment between high school graduation requirements and postsecondary admission requirements.

[^65]
## WHERE IS THE CHALLENGE CONCENTRATED?

## Target Districts: Where 50\% of Non-Grads Live in New Jersey



These 30 target districts contain 50 percent of all non-graduates in the state. Within these target districts, the average graduation rate was 83.1 percent, 7.5 percentage points lower than the state average. These districts are more likely to have high-poverty schools and higher chronic absenteeism than the rest of the state. Additionally, these districts have high concentrations of need post-COVID-19. ${ }^{2}$

## New Jersey Target District Schools

Comparison, 2019


Over 90 percent of all schools with high rates of Free and Reduced Price Lunch (FRPL) and Chronic Absenteeism (CA) are located in these 30 target school districts. This is an indicator that schools that serve high-poverty communities with higher rates of youth disconnection need greater support.

New Jersey Target District and Overall Demographic Comparisons, 2019


Additionally, Black, Hispanic, and low-income students are over-represented in these districts. About 55.6 percent of students in these districts are economically disadvantaged.

[^66]
## NEW MEXICO

## MEETING THE MOMENT DATA PROFILE

New Mexico ACGR, 2011-2019


In 2019, New Mexico's graduation rate was 75.1 percent, below the national average of 85.8 percent. Since 2011, New Mexico's Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate (ACGR) has increased 12.1 percentage points, more than the national rate of gain of 6.8 percentage points.

## CLOSING GRADUATION GAPS

New Mexico vs. U.S. Average for Subgroups, 2019



Hispanic Students are Slightly Overrepresented in New Mexico's Non-Grads

COVID-19 has only exacerbated equity gaps that existed prior to the pandemic. States must keep this in mind as they design improvement strategies to support the students who predominately make up New Mexico's non-graduates.

Whole Cohort



New Mexico had 38 low-graduation-rate high schools in 2019. All of these schools were regular and alternative schools. New Mexico must target these under-performing schools to create a winning strategy for increasing graduation rates statewide.

New Mexico's Low Grad Rate High Schools (ACGR <= 67\%)


## Where do New Mexico's

Non-Grads Come From?


## STUDENT CHALLENGES

Prior to the pandemic, student engagement was already a significant issue for many states. In New Mexico, 17.3 percent of students were chronically absent, more than the national average of 16.2 percent, and 25.6 percent of children had 2 or more Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), which negatively impact students' learning.

Chronic Absenteeism
by Grade Level


## Child Poverty and ACE Scores,

 New Mexico v. National

POSTSECONDARY PATHWAYS

## Secondary School Improvement Index



Postsecondary Attainment Rates ${ }^{1}$


New Mexico improved on $\mathbf{3}$ of the $\mathbf{4}$ metrics of the Secondary School Improvement Index. The state does not have alignment between high school graduation requirements and postsecondary admission requirements.

[^67]
## WHERE IS THE CHALLENGE CONCENTRATED?

## Target Districts: Where 50\% of Non-Grads Live in New Mexico



These 6 target districts contain 53 percent of all non-graduates in the state. Within these target districts, the average graduation rate was 74.1 percent, 1.1 percentage points lower than the state average. These districts are more likely to have high-poverty schools and higher chronic absenteeism than the rest of the state. Additionally, these districts have high concentrations of need post-COVID-19. ${ }^{2}$


[^68]
## NEVADA

## MEETING THE MOMENT DATA PROFILE

Nevada ACGR, 2011-2019


In 2019, Nevada's graduation rate was 84.1 percent, below the national average of 85.8 percent. Since 2011, Nevada's Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate (ACGR) has increased 22.1 percentage points, more than the national rate of gain of 6.8 percentage points.

## CLOSING GRADUATION GAPS

Nevada vs. U.S. Average
for Subgroups, 2019


Nevada Subgroup Graduation Rate Comparisons, 2019
LEP = Limited English Proficiency; SWD = Students with Disabilities


## Black and Hispanic Students are Overrepresented in Nevada's Non-Grads

COVID-19 has only exacerbated equity gaps that existed prior to the pandemic. States must keep this in mind as they design improvement strategies to support the students who predominately make up Nevada's non-graduates.


Nevada had 13 low-graduation-rate high schools in 2019. A disproportionate number of these schools were alternative schools. Nevada must target these under-performing schools to create a winning strategy for increasing graduation rates statewide.


## STUDENT CHALLENGES

Prior to the pandemic, student engagement was already a significant issue for many states. In Nevada, 20.3 percent of students were chronically absent, more than the national average of 16.2 percent, and 19.5 percent of children had 2 or more Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), which negatively impact students' learning.

Chronic Absenteeism
by Grade Level


Child Poverty and ACE Scores, Nevada v. National


POSTSECONDARY PATHWAYS

Secondary School Improvement Index


Postsecondary Attainment Rates ${ }^{1}$


Nevada improved on 3 of the 4 metrics of the Secondary School Improvement Index. The state does not have alignment between high school graduation requirements and postsecondary admission requirements.

[^69]
## WHERE IS THE CHALLENGE CONCENTRATED?

## Target Districts: Where 50\% of Non-Grads Live in Nevada



This 1 target district contains 68 percent of all non-graduates in the state. Within this target district, the average graduation rate was 86.0 percent, 1.9 percentage points higher than the state average. This district is more likely to have high-poverty schools and higher chronic absenteeism than the rest of the state. Additionally, this district has a high concentration of need post-COVID-19. ${ }^{2}$

## Nevada Target District Schools

## Comparison, 2019



Over 70 percent of all schools with high rates of Free and Reduced Price Lunch (FRPL) and Chronic Absenteeism (CA) are located in this 1 target school district. This is an indicator that schools that serve high-poverty communities with higher rates of youth disconnection need greater support.

## Nevada Target District and Overall Demographic Comparisons, 2019



Additionally, Black, Hispanic, and low-income students are over-represented in these districts. About 69.2 percent of students in these districts are economically disadvantaged.

[^70]
## NEW YORK

## MEETING THE MOMENT DATA PROFILE

New York ACGR, 2011-2019


In 2019, New York's graduation rate was 82.8 percent, below the national average of 85.8 percent. Since 2011, New York's Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate (ACGR) has increased 6.0 percentage points, less than the national rate of gain of 6.8 percentage points.

## CLOSING GRADUATION GAPS

New York vs. U.S. Average for Subgroups, 2019


New York Subgroup Graduation Rate Comparisons, 2019
LEP = Limited English Proficiency; SWD = Students with Disabilities


## Black and Hispanic Students are Overrepresented in New York's Non-Grads

COVID-19 has only exacerbated equity gaps that existed prior to the pandemic. States must keep this in mind as they design improvement strategies to support the students who predominately make up New York's non-graduates.

Whole Cohort



|  | $0.0 \%$ | $10.0 \%$ | $20.0 \%$ | $30.0 \%$ | $40.0 \%$ | $50.0 \%$ | $60.0 \%$ | $70.0 \%$ | $80.0 \%$ | $90.0 \%$ | $100.0 \%$ |
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■ White (\%) — Black (\%) ■ Hispanic (\%) ■ Other (\%)

New York had 134 low-graduation-rate high schools in 2019. A disproportionate number of these schools were regular schools. New York must target these under-performing schools to create a winning strategy for increasing graduation rates statewide.


## STUDENT CHALLENGES

Prior to the pandemic, student engagement was already a significant issue for many states. In New York, 21.4 percent of students were chronically absent, more than the national average of 16.2 percent, and 13.8 percent of children had 2 or more Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), which negatively impact students' learning.


POSTSECONDARY PATHWAYS

Secondary School Improvement Index


Postsecondary Attainment Rates ${ }^{1}$


New York improved on 3 of the 4 metrics of the Secondary School Improvement Index. The state does not have alignment between high school graduation requirements and postsecondary admission requirements.

[^71]
## WHERE IS THE CHALLENGE CONCENTRATED?

## Target Districts: Where 50\% of Non-Grads Live in New York



These 27 target districts contain 51 percent of all non-graduates in the state. Within these target districts, the average graduation rate was 75.4 percent, 7.4 percentage points lower than the state average. These districts are more likely to have high-poverty schools and higher chronic absenteeism than the rest of the state. Additionally, these districts have high concentrations of need post-COVID-19. ${ }^{2}$

## New York Target District Schools

Comparison, 2019


Over 68 percent of all schools with high rates of Free and Reduced Price Lunch (FRPL) and Chronic Absenteeism (CA) are located in these 27 target school districts. This is an indicator that schools that serve high-poverty communities with higher rates of youth disconnection need greater support.

## New York Target District and Overall Demographic Comparisons, 2019



Additionally, Black, Hispanic, and low-income students are over-represented in these districts. About 71.3 percent of students in these districts are economically disadvantaged.

[^72]
## OHIO

## MEETING THE MOMENT DATA PROFILE

Ohio ACGR, 2011-2019


In 2019, Ohio's graduation rate was 82.0 percent, below the national average of 85.8 percent. Since 2011, Ohio's Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate (ACGR) has increased 2.0 percentage points, less than the national rate of gain of 6.8 percentage points.

## CLOSING GRADUATION GAPS

Ohio vs. U.S. Average for Subgroups, 2019


Ohio Subgroup Graduation Rate Comparisons, 2019
LEP = Limited English Proficiency; SWD = Students with Disabilities


## Black and Hispanic Students are Overrepresented in Ohio's Non-Grads

COVID-19 has only exacerbated equity gaps that existed prior to the pandemic. States must keep this in mind as they design improvement strategies to support the students who predominately make up Ohio's non-graduates.


Ohio had 101 low-graduation-rate high schools in 2019. A disproportionate number of these schools were regular schools. Ohio must target these under-performing schools to create a winning strategy for increasing graduation rates statewide.


## STUDENT CHALLENGES

Prior to the pandemic, student engagement was already a significant issue for many states. In Ohio, 18.6 percent of students were chronically absent, more than the national average of 16.2 percent, and 21.9 percent of children had 2 or more Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), which negatively impact students' learning.


## POSTSECONDARY PATHWAYS

## Secondary School Improvement Index



Postsecondary Attainment Rates ${ }^{1}$


Ohio improved on $\mathbf{3}$ of the 4 metrics of the Secondary School Improvement Index. The state does not have alignment between high school graduation requirements and postsecondary admission requirements.

[^73]
## WHERE IS THE CHALLENGE CONCENTRATED?

## Target Districts: Where 50\% of Non-Grads Live in Ohio



[^74]These 58 target districts contain 50 percent of all non-graduates in the state. Within these target districts, the average graduation rate was 72.7 percent, 9.3 percentage points lower than the state average. These districts are more likely to have high-poverty schools and higher chronic absenteeism than the rest of the state. Additionally, these districts have high concentrations of need post-COVID-19. ${ }^{2}$

Ohio Target District Schools
Comparison, 2019


Over 20 percent of all schools with high rates of Free and Reduced Price Lunch (FRPL) and Chronic Absenteeism (CA) are located in these 58 target school districts. This is an indicator that schools that serve high-poverty communities with higher rates of youth disconnection need greater support.

Ohio Target District and Overall Demographic Comparisons, 2019


Additionally, Black, Hispanic, and English Learner students are over-represented in these districts. About 20.9 percent of students in these districts are economically disadvantaged.

[^75]
## OKLAHOMA

## MEETING THE MOMENT DATA PROFLLE

Oklahoma ACGR, 2011-2019


In 2019, Oklahoma's graduation rate was 84.9 percent, below the national average of 85.8 percent. Since 2013, Oklahoma's Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate (ACGR) has increased 0.1 percentage points, less than the national rate of gain of 6.8 percentage points.

## CLOSING GRADUATION GAPS

Oklahoma vs. U.S. Average
for Subgroups, 2019


Oklahoma Subgroup
Graduation Rate Comparisons, 2019
LEP = Limited English Proficiency; SWD = Students with Disabilities


# Black and Hispanic Students are Overrepresented 

 in Oklahoma's Non-GradsCOVID-19 has only exacerbated equity gaps that existed prior to the pandemic. States must keep this in mind as they design improvement strategies to support the students who predominately make up Oklahoma's non-graduates.

Whole Cohort


Oklahoma had 17 low-graduation-rate high schools in 2019. All of these schools were regular schools. Oklahoma must target these under-performing schools to create a winning strategy for increasing graduation rates statewide.

## Oklahoma's Low Grad Rate High Schools (ACGR <= 67\%)



Where do Oklahoma's Non-Grads Come From?


## STUDENT CHALLENGES

Prior to the pandemic, student engagement was already a significant issue for many states. In Oklahoma, 18.7 percent of students were chronically absent, more than the national average of 16.2 percent, and 25.1 percent of children had 2 or more Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), which negatively impact students' learning.

## Chronic Absenteeism by Grade Level



## Child Poverty and ACE Scores,

 Oklahoma v. National

POSTSECONDARY PATHWAYS

## Secondary School Improvement Index



Postsecondary Attainment Rates ${ }^{1}$


Oklahoma improved on 1 of the 4 metrics of the Secondary School Improvement Index. The state does have alignment between high school graduation requirements and postsecondary admission requirements, with reservation. Oklahoma does not have course sequencing alignment between high school graduation and postsecondary admission requirements in Math.

[^76]
## WHERE IS THE CHALLENGE CONCENTRATED?

## Target Districts: Where 50\% of Non-Grads Live in Oklahoma



These 15 target districts contain 50 percent of all non-graduates in the state. Within these target districts, the average graduation rate was 79.1 percent, 5.8 percentage points lower than the state average. These districts are more likely to have high-poverty schools and higher chronic absenteeism than the rest of the state. Additionally, these districts have high concentrations of need post-COVID-19. ${ }^{2}$

Oklahoma Target District Schools
Comparison, 2019


Over 45 percent of all schools with high rates of Free and Reduced Price Lunch (FRPL) and Chronic Absenteeism (CA) are located in these 15 target school districts. This is an indicator that schools that serve high-poverty communities with higher rates of youth disconnection need greater support.

## Oklahoma Target District and Overall Demographic Comparisons, 2019



Additionally, Black, Hispanic, and English Learner students are over-represented in these districts. About 61.3 percent of students in these districts are economically disadvantaged.

[^77]
## MEETING THE MOMENT DATA PROFILE

Oregon ACGR, 2011-2019


In 2019, Oregon's graduation rate was 80.0 percent, below the national average of 85.8 percent. Since 2011, Oregon's Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate (ACGR) has increased 12.4 percentage points, more than the national rate of gain of 6.8 percentage points.

## CLOSING GRADUATION GAPS

Oregon vs. U.S. Average
for Subgroups, 2019


Oregon Subgroup Graduation Rate Comparisons, 2019
LEP = Limited English Proficiency; SWD = Students with Disabilities


## Hispanic Students are Overrepresented in Oregon's Non-Grads

COVID-19 has only exacerbated equity gaps that existed prior to the pandemic. States must keep this in mind as they design improvement strategies to support the students who predominately make up Oregon's non-graduates.



$■$ White (\%) Black (\%) ■ Hispanic (\%) ■ Other (\%)

Oregon had 29 low-graduation-rate high schools in 2019. All of these schools were regular and alternative schools. Oregon must target these under-performing schools to create a winning strategy for increasing graduation rates statewide.

Oregon's Low Grad Rate High Schools (ACGR <= 67\%)


Where do Oregon's Non-Grads Come From?


## STUDENT CHALLENGES

Prior to the pandemic, student engagement was already a significant issue for many states. In Oregon, 25.5 percent of students were chronically absent, more than the national average of 16.2 percent, and 21.4 percent of children had 2 or more Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), which negatively impact students' learning.

## Chronic Absenteeism <br> by Grade Level



## Child Poverty and ACE Scores,

 Oregon v. National

POSTSECONDARY PATHWAYS

## Secondary School Improvement Index



Postsecondary Attainment Rates ${ }^{1}$


Oregon improved on $\mathbf{3}$ of the 4 metrics of the Secondary School Improvement Index. The state does not have alignment between high school graduation requirements and postsecondary admission requirements.

[^78]
## WHERE IS THE CHALLENGE CONCENTRATED?

## Target Districts: Where 50\% of Non-Grads Live in Oregon



[^79]These 15 target districts contain 51 percent of all non-graduates in the state. Within these target districts, the average graduation rate was 78.9 percent, 1.1 percentage points lower than the state average. These districts are more likely to have high-poverty schools and higher chronic absenteeism than the rest of the state. Additionally, these districts have high concentrations of need post-COVID-19. ${ }^{2}$

## Oregon Target District Schools

Comparison, 2019


Over 45 percent of all schools with high rates of Free and Reduced Price Lunch (FRPL) and Chronic Absenteeism (CA) are located in these 15 target school districts. This is an indicator that schools that serve high-poverty communities with higher rates of youth disconnection need greater support.

Oregon Target District and Overall Demographic Comparisons, 2019


Additionally, Black, Hispanic, and English Learner students are over-represented in these districts. About 45.4 percent of students in these districts are economically disadvantaged.

[^80]
## PENNSYLVANIA

## MEETING THE MOMENT DATA PROFILE

Pennsylvania ACGR, 2011-2019


## CLOSING GRADUATION GAPS

Pennsylvania vs. U.S. Average for Subgroups, 2019


Pennsylvania Subgroup
Graduation Rate Comparisons, 2019
LEP = Limited English Proficiency; SWD = Students with Disabilities


# Black and Hispanic Students are Overrepresented 

 in Pennsylvania's Non-GradsCOVID-19 has only exacerbated equity gaps that existed prior to the pandemic. States must keep this in mind as they design improvement strategies to support the students who predominately make up Pennsylvania's non-graduates.

Whole Cohort



Pennsylvania had 41 low-graduation-rate high schools in 2019. A disproportionate number of these schools were regular schools. Pennsylvania must target these under-performing schools to create a winning strategy for increasing graduation rates statewide.

## Pennsylvania's Low Grad Rate High Schools (ACGR <= 67\%)



Where do Pennsylvania's
Non-Grads Come From?


## STUDENT CHALLENGES

Prior to the pandemic, student engagement was already a significant issue for many states. In Pennsylvania, 15.1 percent of students were chronically absent, less than the national average of 16.2 percent, and 18.3 percent of children had 2 or more Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), which negatively impact students' learning.


POSTSECONDARY PATHWAYS

## Secondary School Improvement Index



Postsecondary Attainment Rates ${ }^{1}$


Pennsylvania improved on $\mathbf{2}$ of the $\mathbf{4}$ metrics of the Secondary School Improvement Index. The state does not have alignment between high school graduation requirements and postsecondary admission requirements.

[^81]
## WHERE IS THE CHALLENGE CONCENTRATED?

## Target Districts: Where 50\% of Non-Grads Live in Pennsylvania



These 24 target districts contain 50 percent of all non-graduates in the state. Within these target districts, the average graduation rate was 69.0 percent, 17.5 percentage points lower than the state average. These districts are more likely to have high-poverty schools and higher chronic absenteeism than the rest of the state. Additionally, these districts have high concentrations of need post-COVID-19. ${ }^{2}$


[^82]
## RHODE ISLAND

## MEETING THE MOMENT DATA PROFILE

Rhode Island ACGR, 2011-2019


## CLOSING GRADUATION GAPS

Rhode Island vs. U.S. Average
for Subgroups, 2019


Rhode Island Subgroup
Graduation Rate Comparisons, 2019
LEP = Limited English Proficiency; SWD = Students with Disabilities


# Black and Hispanic Students are Overrepresented 

 in Rhode Island's Non-GradsCOVID-19 has only exacerbated equity gaps that existed prior to the pandemic. States must keep this in mind as they design improvement strategies to support the students who predominately make up Rhode Island's non-graduates.



Rhode Island had 4 low-graduation-rate high schools in 2019. All of these schools were regular schools. Rhode Island must target these under-performing schools to create a winning strategy for increasing graduation rates statewide.


## STUDENT CHALLENGES

Prior to the pandemic, student engagement was already a significant issue for many states. In Rhode Island, 22.5 percent of students were chronically absent, more than the national average of 16.2 percent, and 17.6 percent of children had 2 or more Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), which negatively impact students' learning.

## Chronic Absenteeism <br> by Grade Level



Child Poverty and ACE Scores, Rhode Island v. National


POSTSECONDARY PATHWAYS

Secondary School Improvement Index


Postsecondary Attainment Rates ${ }^{1}$


Rhode Island improved on $\mathbf{3}$ of the 4 metrics of the Secondary School Improvement Index. The state does not have alignment between high school graduation requirements and postsecondary admission requirements.

[^83]
## WHERE IS THE CHALLENGE CONCENTRATED?

## Target Districts: Where 50\% of Non-Grads Live in Rhode Island



These 5 target districts contain 53 percent of all non-graduates in the state. Within these target districts, the average graduation rate was 78.8 percent, 5.1 percentage points lower than the state average. These districts are more likely to have high-poverty schools and higher chronic absenteeism than the rest of the state. Additionally, these districts have high concentrations of need post-COVID-19. ${ }^{2}$

## Rhode Island Target District Schools

 Comparison, 2019

Over 85 percent of all schools with high rates of Free and Reduced Price Lunch (FRPL) and Chronic Absenteeism (CA) are located in these 5 target school districts. This is an indicator that schools that serve high-poverty communities with higher rates of youth disconnection need greater support.

## Rhode Island Target District and Overall Demographic Comparisons, 2019



Additionally, Black, Hispanic, and low-income students are over-represented in these districts. About 61.3 percent of students in these districts are economically disadvantaged.

[^84]
## SOUTH CAROLINA

## MEETING THE MOMENT DATA PROFILE

South Carolina ACGR, 2011-2019


In 2019, South Carolina's graduation rate was 81.1 percent, below the national average of 85.8 percent. Since 2011, South Carolina's Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate (ACGR) has increased 7.5 percentage points, more than the national rate of gain of 6.8 percentage points.

## CLOSING GRADUATION GAPS

South Carolina vs. U.S. Average for Subgroups, 2019


South Carolina Subgroup Graduation Rate Comparisons, 2019
LEP = Limited English Proficiency; SWD = Students with Disabilities


Black Students are Overrepresented in South Carolina's Non-Grads

COVID-19 has only exacerbated equity gaps that existed prior to the pandemic. States must keep this in mind as they design improvement strategies to support the students who predominately make up South Carolina's non-graduates.



South Carolina had 13 low-graduation-rate high schools in 2019. A disproportionate number of these schools were regular schools. South Carolina must target these under-performing schools to create a winning strategy for increasing graduation rates statewide.

## South Carolina's Low Grad Rate High Schools

(ACGR <= 67\%)


Where do South Carolina's Non-Grads Come From?


## STUDENT CHALLENGES

Prior to the pandemic, student engagement was already a significant issue for many states. In South Carolina, 14.5 percent of students were chronically absent, less than the national average of 16.2 percent, and 20.7 percent of children had 2 or more Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), which negatively impact students' learning.

## Chronic Absenteeism by Grade Level



Child Poverty and ACE Scores, South Carolina v. National


POSTSECONDARY PATHWAYS

## Secondary School Improvement Index



Postsecondary Attainment Rates ${ }^{1}$


South Carolina improved on $\mathbf{3}$ of the 4 metrics of the Secondary School Improvement Index. The state does not have alignment between high school graduation requirements and postsecondary admission requirements.

[^85]
## WHERE IS THE CHALLENGE CONCENTRATED?

## Target Districts: Where 50\% of Non-Grads Live in South Carolina



These 9 target districts contain 52 percent of all non-graduates in the state. Within these target districts, the average graduation rate was 72.0 percent, 9.1 percentage points lower than the state average. These districts are more likely to have high-poverty schools and higher chronic absenteeism than the rest of the state. Additionally, these districts have high concentrations of need post-COVID-19. ${ }^{2}$

## South Carolina Target District Schools Comparison, 2019



Over 35 percent of all schools with high rates of Free and

South Carolina Target District and Overall Demographic Comparisons, 2019


Reduced Price Lunch (FRPL) and Chronic Absenteeism (CA) are located in these 9 target school districts. This is an indicator that schools that serve high-poverty communities with higher rates of youth disconnection need greater support.

Additionally, Hispanic and English Learner students are overrepresented in these districts. About 67.9 percent of students in these districts are economically disadvantaged.

[^86]
## SOUTH DAKOTA

## MEETING THE MOMENT DATA PROFILE

South Dakota ACGR, 2011-2019


In 2019, South Dakota's graduation rate was 84.1 percent, below the national average of 85.8 percent. Since 2011, South Dakota's Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate (ACGR) has increased 0.7 percentage points, less than the national rate of gain of 6.8 percentage points.

## CLOSING GRADUATION GAPS

South Dakota vs. U.S. Average for Subgroups, 2019


South Dakota Subgroup Graduation Rate Comparisons, 2019
LEP = Limited English Proficiency; SWD = Students with Disabilities


Hispanic and Native American Students are Overrepresented in South Dakota's Non-Grads

COVID-19 has only exacerbated equity gaps that existed prior to the pandemic. States must keep this in mind as they design improvement strategies to support the students who predominately make up South Dakota's non-graduates.


South Dakota had 2 low-graduation-rate high schools in 2019. All of these schools were regular and alternative schools. South Dakota must target these under-performing schools to create a winning strategy for increasing graduation rates statewide.

## South Dakota's Low Grad Rate High Schools (ACGR <= 67\%)



Where do South Dakota's
Non-Grads Come From?


## STUDENT CHALLENGES

Prior to the pandemic, student engagement was already a significant issue for many states. In South Dakota, 14.7 percent of students were chronically absent, less than the national average of 16.2 percent, and 21.1 percent of children had 2 or more Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), which negatively impact students' learning.

Chronic Absenteeism by Grade Level


Child Poverty and ACE Scores, South Dakota v. National


POSTSECONDARY PATHWAYS

Secondary School Improvement Index


Postsecondary Attainment Rates ${ }^{1}$


South Dakota improved on $\mathbf{2}$ of the $\mathbf{4}$ metrics of the Secondary School Improvement Index. The state does have alignment between high school graduation requirements and postsecondary admission requirements.

[^87]
## WHERE IS THE CHALLENGE CONCENTRATED?

## Target Districts: Where 50\% of Non-Grads Live in South Dakota



These 7 target districts contain 50 percent of all non-graduates in the state. Within these target districts, the average graduation rate was 79.1 percent, 5.0 percentage points lower than the state average. These districts are more likely to have high-poverty schools and higher chronic absenteeism than the rest of the state. Additionally, these districts have high concentrations of need post-COVID-19. ${ }^{2}$

perent of all schools with high rates of Free and Reduced Price Lunch (FRPL) and Chronic Absenteeism (CA) are located in these 7 target school districts. This is an indicator that schools that serve high-poverty communities with higher rates of youth disconnection need greater support.

## South Dakota Target District and Overall Demographic Comparisons, 2019



Additionally, Black, Hispanic, and Native American students are over-represented in these districts. About 55.7 percent of students in these districts are economically disadvantaged.

[^88]
## MEETING THE MOMENT DATA PROFILE

Tennessee ACGR, 2011-2019


In 2019, Tennessee's graduation rate was 90.5 percent, above the national average of 85.8 percent. Since 2011, Tennessee's Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate (ACGR) has increased 5.0 percentage points, less than the national rate of gain of 6.8 percentage points.

## CLOSING GRADUATION GAPS

Tennessee vs. U.S. Average
for Subgroups, 2019


Tennessee Subgroup Graduation Rate Comparisons, 2019
LEP = Limited English Proficiency; SWD = Students with Disabilities


## Black and Hispanic Students are Overrepresented <br> in Tennessee's Non-Grads

COVID-19 has only exacerbated equity gaps that existed prior to the pandemic. States must keep this in mind as they design improvement strategies to support the students who predominately make up Tennessee's non-graduates.


Tennessee had 14 low-graduation-rate high schools in 2019. A disproportionate number of these schools were regular schools. Tennessee must target these under-performing schools to create a winning strategy for increasing graduation rates statewide.


## STUDENT CHALLENGES

Prior to the pandemic, student engagement was already a significant issue for many states. In Tennessee, 13.8 percent of students were chronically absent, less than the national average of 16.2 percent, and 20.4 percent of children had 2 or more Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), which negatively impact students' learning.


POSTSECONDARY PATHWAYS

Secondary School Improvement Index


Postsecondary Attainment Rates ${ }^{1}$


Tennessee improved on 4 of the 4 metrics of the Secondary School Improvement Index. The state does have alignment between high school graduation requirements and postsecondary admission requirements, with reservations. The state does not have course sequencing alignment between high school graduation and postsecondary admission requirements in History.

[^89]
## WHERE IS THE CHALLENGE CONCENTRATED?

## Target Districts: Where 50\% of Non-Grads Live in Tennessee



These 4 target districts contain 50 percent of all non-graduates in the state. Within these target districts, the average graduation rate was 83.5 percent, 7 percentage points lower than the state average. These districts are more likely to have high-poverty schools and higher chronic absenteeism than the rest of the state. Additionally, these districts have high concentrations of need post-COVID-19. ${ }^{2}$

## Tennessee Target District Schools

Comparison, 2019


Tennessee Target District and Overall Demographic Comparisons, 2019


Since no cohort data was reported for low-income students, it was not possible to identify schools with high rates of Free and Reduced Price Lunch (FRPL) and Chronic Absenteeism (CA) located in these 4 target districts. This data would have been an indicator that schools serving high-poverty communities with higher rates of youth disconnection need greater support.

Additionally, Black, Hispanic, and English Learner students are over-represented in these districts. The percent of economically disadvantaged students in these districts is unavailable.

[^90]
## TEXAS

MEETING THE MOMENT DATA PROFILE

Texas ACGR, 2011-2019


In 2019, Texas' graduation rate was 90.0 percent, above the national average of 85.8 percent. Since 2011, Texas' Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate (ACGR) has increased 4.1 percentage points, less than the national rate of gain of 6.8 percentage points.

## CLOSING GRADUATION GAPS

Texas vs. U.S. Average
for Subgroups, 2019


Texas Subgroup
Graduation Rate Comparisons, 2019
LEP = Limited English Proficiency; SWD = Students with Disabilities


## Black and Hispanic Students are Overrepresented in Texas' Non-Grads

COVID-19 has only exacerbated equity gaps that existed prior to the pandemic. States must keep this in mind as they design improvement strategies to support the students who predominately make up Texas's non-graduates.


Texas had 88 low-graduation-rate high schools in 2019. A disproportionate number of these schools were alternative schools. Texas must target these under-performing schools to create a winning strategy for increasing graduation rates statewide.


## STUDENT CHALLENGES

Prior to the pandemic, student engagement was already a significant issue for many states. In Texas, 12.6 percent of students were chronically absent, less than the national average of 16.2 percent, and 19.4 percent of children had 2 or more Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), which negatively impact students' learning.

Chronic Absenteeism
by Grade Level


Child Poverty and ACE Scores, Texas v. National


POSTSECONDARY PATHWAYS

## Secondary School Improvement Index



Postsecondary Attainment Rates ${ }^{1}$


Texas improved on $\mathbf{2}$ of the $\mathbf{4}$ metrics of the Secondary School Improvement Index. The state does not have alignment between high school graduation requirements and postsecondary admission requirements.

[^91]
## WHERE IS THE CHALLENGE CONCENTRATED?

## Target Districts: Where 50\% of Non-Grads Live in Texas



These 28 target districts contain 50 percent of all non-graduates in the state. Within these target districts, the average graduation rate was 85.2 percent, 4.8 percentage points lower than the state average. These districts are more likely to have high-poverty schools and higher chronic absenteeism than the rest of the state. Additionally, these districts have high concentrations of need post-COVID-19. ${ }^{2}$

## Texas Target District Schools

Comparison, 2019


Over 45 percent of all schools with high rates of Free and Reduced Price Lunch (FRPL) and Chronic Absenteeism (CA) are located in these 28 target school districts. This is an indicator that schools that serve high-poverty communities with higher rates of youth disconnection need greater support.

## Texas Target District and

 Overall Demographic Comparisons, 2019

Additionally, Black, Hispanic, and English Learner students are over-represented in these districts. About 66.4 percent of students in these districts are economically disadvantaged.

[^92]Utah ACGR, 2011-2019


In 2019, Utah's graduation rate was 87.4 percent, above the national average of 85.8 percent. Since 2011, Utah's Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate (ACGR) has increased 11.4 percentage points, more than the national rate of gain of 6.8 percentage points.

## CLOSING GRADUATION GAPS

Utah vs. U.S. Average
for Subgroups, 2019


Utah Subgroup Graduation Rate Comparisons, 2019
LEP = Limited English Proficiency; SWD = Students with Disabilities


## Black and Hispanic Students are Overrepresented in Utah's Non-Grads

COVID-19 has only exacerbated equity gaps that existed prior to the pandemic. States must keep this in mind as they design improvement strategies to support the students who predominately make up Utah's non-graduates.


Utah had 20 low-graduation-rate high schools in 2019. A disproportionate number of these schools were alternative schools. Utah must target these under-performing schools to create a winning strategy for increasing graduation rates statewide.


## STUDENT CHALLENGES

Prior to the pandemic, student engagement was already a significant issue for many states. In Utah, 13.2 percent of students were chronically absent, less than the national average of 16.2 percent, and 17.4 percent of children had 2 or more Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), which negatively impact students' learning.


POSTSECONDARY PATHWAYS

Secondary School Improvement Index


Postsecondary Attainment Rates ${ }^{1}$


Utah improved on 4 of the 4 metrics of the Secondary School Improvement Index. The state does not have alignment between high school graduation requirements and postsecondary admission requirements.

[^93]
## WHERE IS THE CHALLENGE CONCENTRATED?

## Target Districts: Where 50\% of Non-Grads Live in Utah

No cohort data available.

- Districts Needed to Reach $50 \%$ of Nongrads

District level ACGR data for Utah is not available, so it is not possible to identify target districts. District data would indicate where disproportionate amounts of students are falling off-track to graduation, and which districts have greater concentrations of high poverty and chronic absenteeism rates and need greater support. Additionally, it would show where there is greater need post-COVID-19. ${ }^{2}$

## Utah Target District Schools

Comparison, 2019


While it was not possible to identify target districts, 16 schools across Utah had high rates of Free and Reduced Price Lunch (FRPL) and Chronic Absenteeism (CA). Schools serving high-poverty communities with higher rates of youth connection need greater support.

Demographic data in the Common Core of Data file was missing for most districts in Utah. For this reason, analyzing which student demographics are over-represented was not possible.

[^94]
## MEETING THE MOMENT DATA PROFILE

Virginia ACGR, 2011-2019


In 2019, Virginia's graduation rate was 87.5 percent, above the national average of 85.8 percent. Since 2011, Virginia's Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate (ACGR) has increased 5.5 percentage points, less than the national rate of gain of 6.8 percentage points.

## CLOSING GRADUATION GAPS

Virginia vs. U.S. Average for Subgroups, 2019


## Virginia Subgroup

 Graduation Rate Comparisons, 2019LEP = Limited English Proficiency; SWD = Students with Disabilities


Black and Hispanic Students are Overrepresented in Virginia's Non-Grads

COVID-19 has only exacerbated equity gaps that existed prior to the pandemic. States must keep this in mind as they design improvement strategies to support the students who predominately make up Virginia's non-graduates.



White (\%) Black (\%) ■ Hispanic (\%) ■ Other (\%)

Virginia had 8 low-graduation-rate high school in 2019. A disproportionate number of these schools were alternative schools. Virginia must target these under-performing schools to create a winning strategy for increasing graduation rates statewide.


## STUDENT CHALLENGES

Prior to the pandemic, student engagement was already a significant issue for many states. In Virginia, 10.8 percent of students were chronically absent, less than the national average of 16.2 percent, and 15.6 percent of children had 2 or more Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), which negatively impact students' learning.

Chronic Absenteeism
by Grade Level


Child Poverty and ACE Scores, Virginia v. National


POSTSECONDARY PATHWAYS

## Secondary School Improvement Index



Postsecondary Attainment Rates ${ }^{1}$


Virginia improved on 2 of the $\mathbf{4}$ metrics of the Secondary School Improvement Index. The state does have alignment between high school graduation requirements and postsecondary admission requirements.

[^95]
## WHERE IS THE CHALLENGE CONCENTRATED?

## Target Districts: Where 50\% of Non-Grads Live in Virginia



These 9 target districts contain 51 percent of all non-graduates in the state. Within these target districts, the average graduation rate was 87.1 percent, $\mathbf{0 . 4} \mathbf{~ p e r c e n t a g e ~ p o i n t s ~ l o w e r ~ t h a n ~ t h e ~ s t a t e ~ a v e r a g e . ~ T h e s e ~ d i s t r i c t s ~ a r e ~ m o r e ~ l i k e l y ~ t o ~ h a v e ~ h i g h - p o v e r t y ~ s c h o o l s ~ a n d ~}$ higher chronic absenteeism than the rest of the state. Additionally, these districts have high concentrations of need post-COVID-19. ${ }^{2}$

## Virginia Target District Schools

 Comparison, 2019

Over 30 percent of all schools with high rates of Free and Reduced Price Lunch (FRPL) and Chronic Absenteeism (CA) are located in these 9 target school districts. This is an indicator that schools that serve high-poverty communities with higher rates of youth disconnection need greater support.

## Virginia Target District and

 Overall Demographic Comparisons, 2019

Additionally, Black, Hispanic, and English Learner students are over-represented in these districts. About 45.2 percent of students in these districts are economically disadvantaged.

[^96]
## MEETING THE MOMENT DATA PROFILE

Washington ACGR, 2011-2019


In 2019, Washington's graduation rate was 81.1 percent, below the national average of 85.8 percent. Since 2011, Washington's Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate (ACGR) has increased 4.5 percentage points, less than the national rate of gain of 6.8 percentage points.

## CLOSING GRADUATION GAPS

Washington vs. U.S. Average for Subgroups, 2019


Washington Subgroup
Graduation Rate Comparisons, 2019
LEP = Limited English Proficiency; SWD = Students with Disabilities


Black and Hispanic Students are Overrepresented in Washington's Non-Grads

COVID-19 has only exacerbated equity gaps that existed prior to the pandemic. States must keep this in mind as they design improvement strategies to support the students who predominately make up Washington's non-graduates.



Washington had 65 low-graduation-rate high school in 2019. A disproportionate number of these schools were alternative schools. Washington must target these under-performing schools to create a winning strategy for increasing graduation rates statewide.


## STUDENT CHALLENGES

Prior to the pandemic, student engagement was already a significant issue for many states. In Washington, 21.7 percent of students were chronically absent, more than the national average of 16.2 percent, and 16.3 percent of children had 2 or more Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), which negatively impact students' learning.

Chronic Absenteeism
by Grade Level


## Child Poverty and ACE Scores, Washington v. National



POSTSECONDARY PATHWAYS

## Secondary School Improvement Index



Postsecondary Attainment Rates ${ }^{1}$


Washington improved on $\mathbf{3}$ of the $\mathbf{4}$ metrics of the Secondary School Improvement Index. The state does have alignment between high school graduation requirements and postsecondary admission requirements.

[^97]
## WHERE IS THE CHALLENGE CONCENTRATED?

## Target Districts: Where 50\% of Non-Grads Live in Washington



[^98]These 24 target districts contain 50 percent of all non-graduates in the state. Within these target districts, the average graduation rate was 82.0 percent, $\mathbf{0 . 9}$ percentage points higher than the state average. These districts are more likely to have high-poverty schools and higher chronic absenteeism than the rest of the state. Additionally, these districts have high concentrations of need post-COVID-19. ${ }^{2}$

Washington Target District Schools
Comparison, 2019


Over 35 percent of all schools with high rates of Free and Reduced Price Lunch (FRPL) and Chronic Absenteeism (CA) are located in these 24 target school districts. This is an indicator that schools that serve high-poverty communities with higher rates of youth disconnection need greater support.

## Washington Target District and

Overall Demographic Comparisons, 2019


Additionally, Black, Hispanic, and Native American students are over-represented in these districts. About 44.2 percent of students in these districts are economically disadvantaged.

[^99]
## WISCONSIN

## MEETING THE MOMENT DATA PROFILE

Wisconsin ACGR, 2011-2019


In 2019, Wisconsin's graduation rate was 90.1 percent, above the national average of 85.8 percent. Since 2011, Wisconsin's Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate (ACGR) has increased 3.1 percentage points, less than the national rate of gain of 6.8 percentage points.

## CLOSING GRADUATION GAPS

Wisconsin vs. U.S. Average
for Subgroups, 2019


Wisconsin Subgroup Graduation Rate Comparisons, 2019
LEP = Limited English Proficiency; SWD = Students with Disabilities


## Black and Hispanic Students are Overrepresented in Wisconsin's Non-Grads

COVID-19 has only exacerbated equity gaps that existed prior to the pandemic. States must keep this in mind as they design improvement strategies to support the students who predominately make up Wisconsin's non-graduates.

Whole Cohort


Wisconsin had 24 low-graduation-rate high schools in 2019. All of these schools were regular and alternative schools. Wisconsin must target these under-performing schools to create a winning strategy for increasing graduation rates statewide.


## STUDENT CHALLENGES

Prior to the pandemic, student engagement was already a significant issue for many states. In Wisconsin, 20.7 percent of students were chronically absent, more than the national average of 16.2 percent, and 17.3 percent of children had 2 or more Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), which negatively impact students' learning.


POSTSECONDARY PATHWAYS

Secondary School Improvement Index


Postsecondary Attainment Rates ${ }^{1}$


Wisconsin improved on 3 of the 4 metrics of the Secondary School Improvement Index. The state does not have alignment between high school graduation requirements and postsecondary admission requirements.

[^100]
## WHERE IS THE CHALLENGE CONCENTRATED?

## Target Districts: Where 50\% of Non-Grads Live in Wisconsin



These 10 target districts contain 51 percent of all non-graduates in the state. Within these target districts, the average graduation rate was 79.2 percent, $\mathbf{1 0 . 9}$ percentage points lower than the state average. These districts are more likely to have high-poverty schools and higher chronic absenteeism than the rest of the state. Additionally, these districts have high concentrations of need post-COVID-19. ${ }^{2}$

## Wisconsin Target District Schools

 Comparison, 2019

Over 85 percent of all schools with high rates of Free and Reduced Price Lunch (FRPL) and Chronic Absenteeism (CA) are located in these 10 target school districts. This is an indicator that schools that serve high-poverty communities with higher rates of youth disconnection need greater support.

## Wisconsin Target District and Overall Demographic Comparisons, 2019



Additionally, Black, Hispanic, and English Learner students are over-represented in these districts. About 48.9 percent of students in these districts are economically disadvantaged.

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## WEST VIRGINIA

## MEETING THE MOMENT DATA PROFILE

West Virginia ACGR, 2011-2019


## CLOSING GRADUATION GAPS

West Virginia vs. U.S. Average for Subgroups, 2019


West Virginia Subgroup Graduation Rate Comparisons, 2019
LEP = Limited English Proficiency; SWD = Students with Disabilities


Black Students are Overrepresented in West Virginia's Non-Grads

COVID-19 has only exacerbated equity gaps that existed prior to the pandemic. States must keep this in mind as they design improvement strategies to support the students who predominately make up West Virginia's non-graduates.

Whole Cohort



$■$ White (\%) ■ Black (\%) ■ Hispanic (\%) ■ Other (\%)

West Virginia had 1 low-graduation-rate high school in 2019, which was a regular school. West Virginia must target this underperforming school to create a winning strategy for increasing graduation rates statewide.

## West Virginia's Low Grad Rate High Schools <br> (ACGR <= 67\%)



Where do West Virginia's
Non-Grads Come From?


## STUDENT CHALLENGES

Prior to the pandemic, student engagement was already a significant issue for many states. In West Virginia, 15.6 percent of students were chronically absent, less than the national average of 16.2 percent, and 25.0 percent of children had 2 or more Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), which negatively impact students' learning.

## Chronic Absenteeism <br> by Grade Level



Child Poverty and ACE Scores, West Virginia v. National


POSTSECONDARY PATHWAYS

Secondary School Improvement Index


Postsecondary Attainment Rates ${ }^{1}$


West Virginia improved on 4 of the 4 metrics of the Secondary School Improvement Index. The state does not have alignment between high school graduation requirements and postsecondary admission requirements.

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## WHERE IS THE CHALLENGE CONCENTRATED?

## Target Districts: Where 50\% of Non-Grads Live in West Virginia



[^103]These 8 target districts contain 51 percent of all non-graduates in the state. Within these target districts, the average graduation rate was 88.2 percent, 3.1 percentage points lower than the state average. These districts are more likely to have high-poverty schools and higher chronic absenteeism than the rest of the state. Additionally, these districts have high concentrations of need post-COVID-19. ${ }^{2}$

## West Virginia Target District Schools

Comparison, 2019


While non-graduates are targeted in these 8 districts, schools with high rates of Free and Reduced Priced Lunch (FRPL) and Chronic Absenteeism (CA) are found in other areas of the state. Schools serving high-poverty communities with higher rates of youth disconnection need greater support.


Additionally, Black, Hispanic, and low-income students are over-represented in these districts. About 4.3 percent of students in these districts are economically disadvantaged.

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## WYOMING

## MEETING THE MOMENT DATA PROFILE

Wyoming ACGR, 2011-2019


In 2019, Wyoming's graduation rate was 82.1 percent, below the national average of 85.8 percent. Since 2011, Wyoming's Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate (ACGR) has increased 2.4 percentage points, less than the national rate of gain of 6.8 percentage points.

## CLOSING GRADUATION GAPS

Wyoming vs. U.S. Average
for Subgroups, 2019


Wyoming Subgroup
Graduation Rate Comparisons, 2019
LEP = Limited English Proficiency; SWD = Students with Disabilities


Hispanic and Native American Students are Overrepresented in Wyoming's Non-Grads

COVID-19 has only exacerbated equity gaps that existed prior to the pandemic. States must keep this in mind as they design improvement strategies to support the students who disproportionately make up Wyoming's non-graduates.

Whole Cohort



Wyoming had 10 low-graduation-rate high schools in 2019. All of these schools were regular schools. Wyoming must target these under-performing schools to create a winning strategy for increasing graduation rates statewide.


Where do Wyoming's Non-Grads Come From?


## STUDENT CHALLENGES

Prior to the pandemic, student engagement was already a significant issue for many states. In Wyoming, 1.9 percent of students were chronically absent, less than the national average of 16.2 percent, and 25.7 percent of children had 2 or more Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), which negatively impact students' learning.

## Chronic Absenteeism <br> by Grade Level



## Child Poverty and ACE Scores,

 Wyoming v. National

POSTSECONDARY PATHWAYS

Secondary School Improvement Index


Postsecondary Attainment Rates ${ }^{1}$


Wyoming improved on 2 of the 4 metrics of the Secondary School Improvement Index. The state does not have alignment between high school graduation requirements and postsecondary admission requirements.

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## WHERE IS THE CHALLENGE CONCENTRATED?

## Target Districts: Where 50\% of Non-Grads Live in Wyoming



These 5 target districts contain 54 percent of all non-graduates in the state. Within these target districts, the average graduation rate was 79.0 percent, 3.1 percentage points lower than the state average. These districts are more likely to have high-poverty schools and higher chronic absenteeism than the rest of the state. Additionally, these districts have high concentrations of need post-COVID-19. ${ }^{2}$


Wyoming Target District and Overall Demographic Comparisons, 2019


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## meeting The moment data profile

Vermont ACGR, 2011-2019


In 2019, Vermont's graduation rate was 84.5 percent, below the national average of 85.8 percent. Since 2011, Vermont's Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate (ACGR) has decreased 3.0 percentage points, less than the national rate of gain of 6.8 percentage points.

## CLOSING GRADUATION GAPS

Vermont vs. U.S. Average
for Subgroups, 2019


Vermont Subgroup Graduation Rate Comparisons, 2019
LEP = Limited English Proficiency; SWD = Students with Disabilities


Black, Hispanic, and 'Other' Students are Overrepresented in Vermont's Non-Grads

COVID-19 has only exacerbated equity gaps that existed prior to the pandemic. States must keep this in mind as they design improvement strategies to support the students who predominately make up Vermont's non-graduates.


Vermont had 1 low-graduation-rate high school in 2019, which was a regular school. Vermont must target this under-performing school to create a winning strategy for increasing graduation rates statewide.


Where do Vermont's Non-Grads Come From?


STUDENT CHALLENGES
Prior to the pandemic, student engagement was already a significant issue for many states. Across the United States, 16.2 percent of students were chronically absent. In Vermont, chronic absenteeism data was not available, and 20.3 percent of children had 2 or more Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), which negatively impact students' learning.

## Chronic Absenteeism by Grade Level



Child Poverty and ACE Scores, Vermont v. National


## POSTSECONDARY PATHWAYS

Secondary School Improvement Index


Postsecondary Attainment Rates ${ }^{1}$


Vermont improved on 1 of the 4 metrics of the Secondary School Improvement Index. Vermont is moving to proficiency-based high school graduation requirements, which are not comparable to postsecondary admission standards.

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## WHERE IS THE CHALLENGE CONCENTRATED?

## Target Districts: Where 50\% of Non-Grads Live in Vermont



These 11 target districts contain 50 percent of all non-graduates in the state. Within these target districts, the average graduation rate was 78.9 percent, 5.6 percentage points lower than the state average. These districts are more likely to have high-poverty schools and higher chronic absenteeism than the rest of the state. Additionally, these districts have high concentrations of need post-COVID-19. ${ }^{2}$

## Vermont Target District Schools

Comparison, 2019

Schools w/high poverty + extreme CA

Schools w/ >=75\% FRL \& >=30\% CA, High School

Schools w/ >=75\% FRL \& >=30\% CA, Middle School

Schools w/ $>=75 \%$ FRL \& $>=30 \%$ CA, Elementary
$0 \% \quad 10 \% \quad 20 \% \quad 30 \% \quad 40 \% \quad 50 \% \quad 60 \% \quad 70 \% \quad 80 \% \quad 90 \% \quad 100 \%$ Proportion of High-Poverty Statewide Schools

- Target $=$ Non-Target

Vermont Target District and Overall Demographic Comparisons, 2019


Since no chronic absenteeism or cohort data is available for Vermont, it is not possible to identify schools with high rates of free and reduced price lunch (FRPL) and chronic absenteeism (CA). This data would have been an indicator that schools serving high-poverty communities with higher rates of youth disconnection need greater support.

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