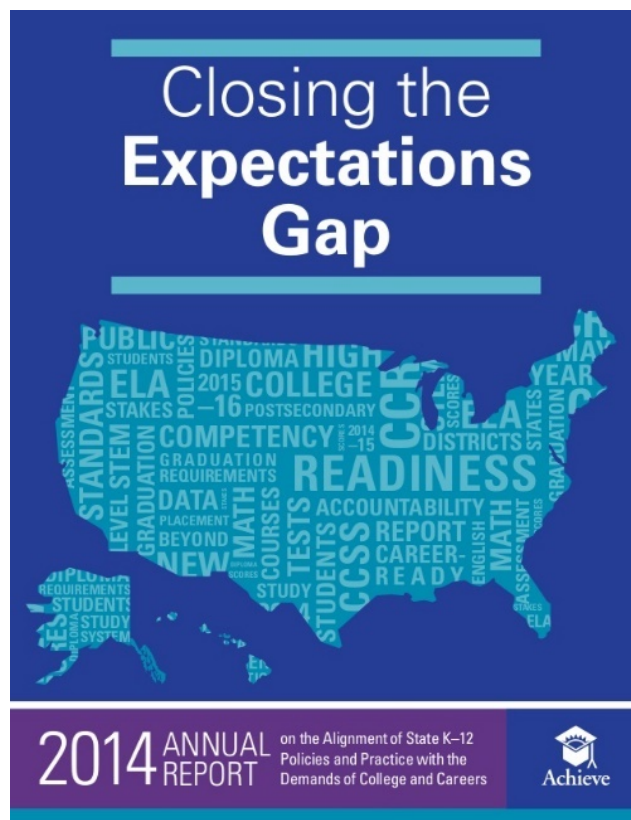


■ ACGR ■ NAEP Reading ■ ACT ■ SAT ■ GPA



What is a College- and Career-Ready Diploma?



**4 Years of English
Language Arts**



**3 Years of Math through
Algebra II/Integrated Math III**



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Course	General Diploma	*Core 40	*Core 40 w/ Academic Honors	*Core 40 w/ Technical Honors
English Lang. Arts	4 years	4	4	4
Math	2	3	4	3
Social Studies	2	3	3	3
Science	2	3	3	3
Foreign Language	0	0	3 or 4	0

* Indicates CCR diploma pathway
1 credit equates to 1 year of coursework



Key Research Questions

- 1 Does your state offer multiple pathways to a high school diploma?
- 2 Does your state track diploma pathways data in the aggregate and disaggregated by student subgroup?
- 3 Are your data publicly available?
- 4 Are there alternative ways for a student to earn a high school diploma?



Overall Findings

Class of 2014



98 diploma pathways across 50 states & DC.

47 (Roughly half) were CCR diploma pathways.



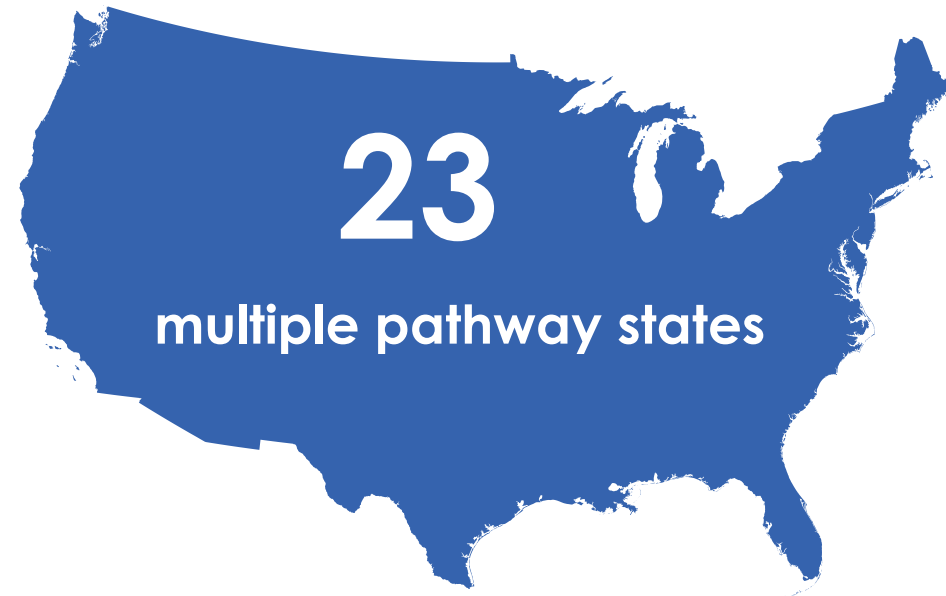
18 states offered no CCR-aligned pathway for students.

32 states + DC, offered 1 or more CCR diploma pathway.



Overall Findings

Class of 2014



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of these 23 states had at least one CCR pathway and were tracking disaggregated data for each pathway (by pathway and by subgroup).

9 States Featured



Arkansas



California



Indiana



Maryland



Massachusetts



Nevada



New York



Texas



Virginia



Finding One

The College & Career-Ready Graduation Rate (CCR Rate) is much lower than the Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate (ACGR) in most states

State	ACGR	CCR Rate
California	81.0%	41.9%
Maryland	86.4%	65.8%
Massachusetts	86.1%	72.4%
Nevada	70.0%	29.8%
New York	77.8%	40.8%
Virginia	85.3%	56.3%



Finding Two

Maryland

Overall, traditionally underserved students are less likely to graduate with a CCR diploma than their peers.

Subgroup	CCR Rate	Subgroup	CCR Rate
White	75.8%	African American	53.7%
White	75.8%	American Indian	62.6%
White	75.8%	Latino	53.1%
Not Low-Income	72.8%	Low-Income	52.2%
Students w/o Disab.	69.8%	Students w/Disabilities	27.5%
Non-English Learners	66.6%	English Learners	26.0%



Finding Three

States with CCR diplomas as their main pathway had smaller gaps between subgroups.

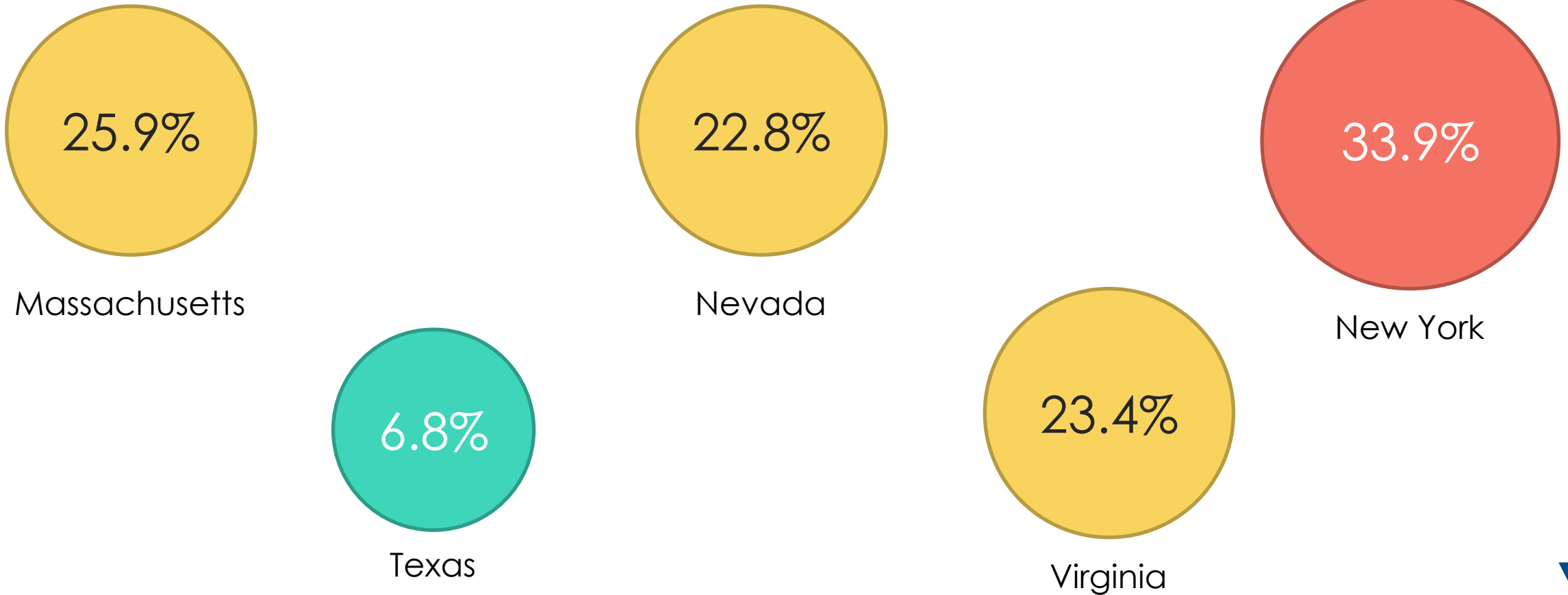
CCR MAIN			
State	Subgroup	Subgroup	Gap
Arkansas	White	African American	-0.2%
Indiana	White	African American	4.4%
Texas	White	Latino	0.4%

NO CCR MAIN			
State	Subgroup	Subgroup	Gap
California	White	Latino	16.3%
Maryland	White	Latino	22.7%
Massachusetts	White	Latino	20.1%



Finding Four

Among racial/ethnic subgroups, CCR gaps were largest for African American students in most states.



Finding Five

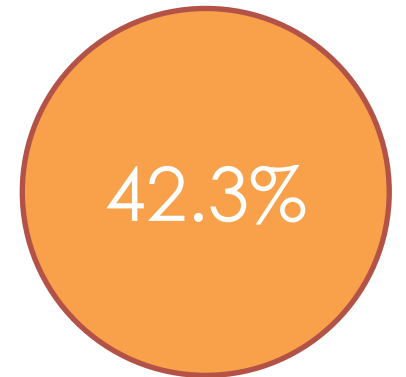
In most states, there were large CCR gaps between students with disabilities and their peers.



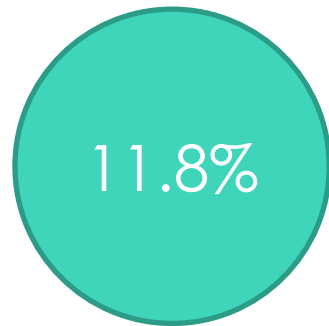
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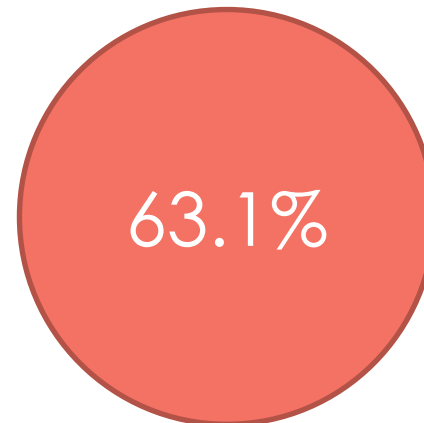
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Postsecondary Outcomes

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Indiana



Diploma Pathway	% Grads	% Enrolled in College	% Needing Remediation	Average Freshman GPA
*Core 40 with Honors	34%	92%	4%	3.1
*Core 40	51%	59%	29%	2.2
General Diploma	15%	24%	59%	1.9

*Indicates CCR Diploma



States with Waiver Diplomas

A regular high school diploma awarded to students for which the state alters, substitutes, or removes state-adopted graduation requirements.



37 Waiver Diplomas across **35** States



Data Tracking and Reporting

States with Publicly Available Data

★ California

Hawaii

★ Indiana

Maryland

★ Massachusetts

Nevada

New York

Oklahoma

★ Texas

★ Virginia



Recommendations

- State high school graduation requirements should align with the full breadth and depth of CCR standards
- States with CCR diplomas should make the CCR diploma the main diploma for all students
- State and local report cards should publicly report pathways data in the aggregate and disaggregated by pathway and by student subgroup
- School districts and high schools should educate parents and students about postsecondary outcomes aligned with pathway selection



ESSA State Plans

Accountability

% of students enrolled in postsecondary education without the need for remediation

% of students graduating with a CCR diploma

