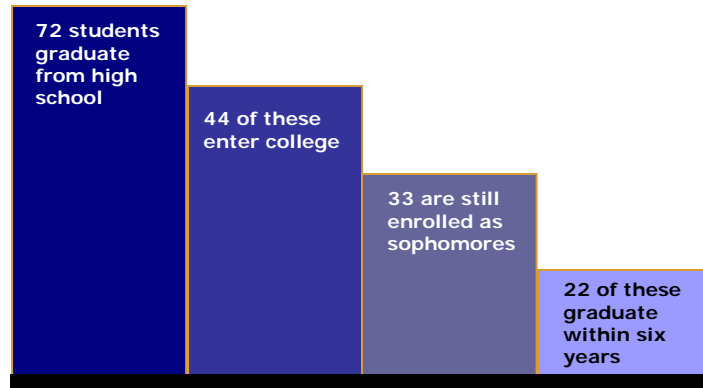


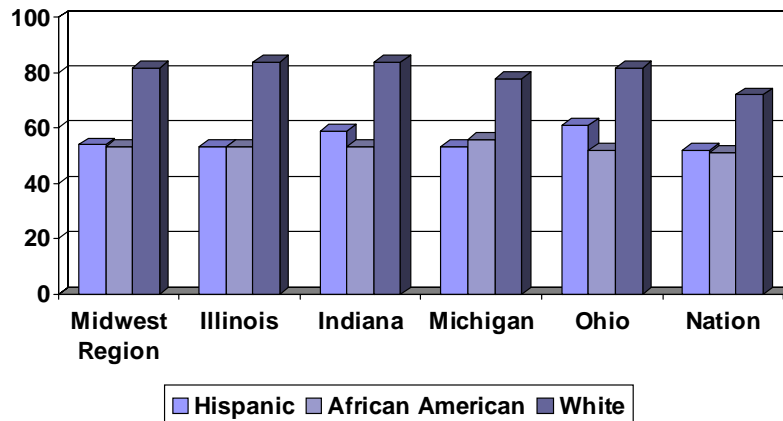
Fast Facts

Of every 100 Indiana 9th graders, only...



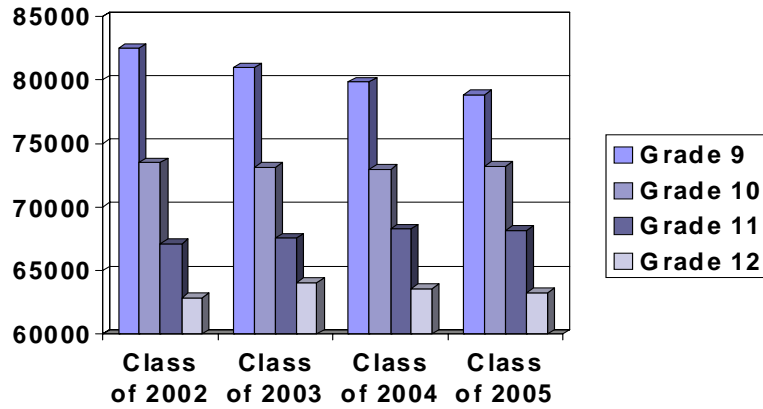
Source: National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education, April 2004 and the Manhattan Institute for Policy Research

High School Graduation Comparison Rate by State and Race



Source: Manhattan Institute for Policy Research

Indiana Public High School Enrollment



Source: Indiana Department of Education, 2005

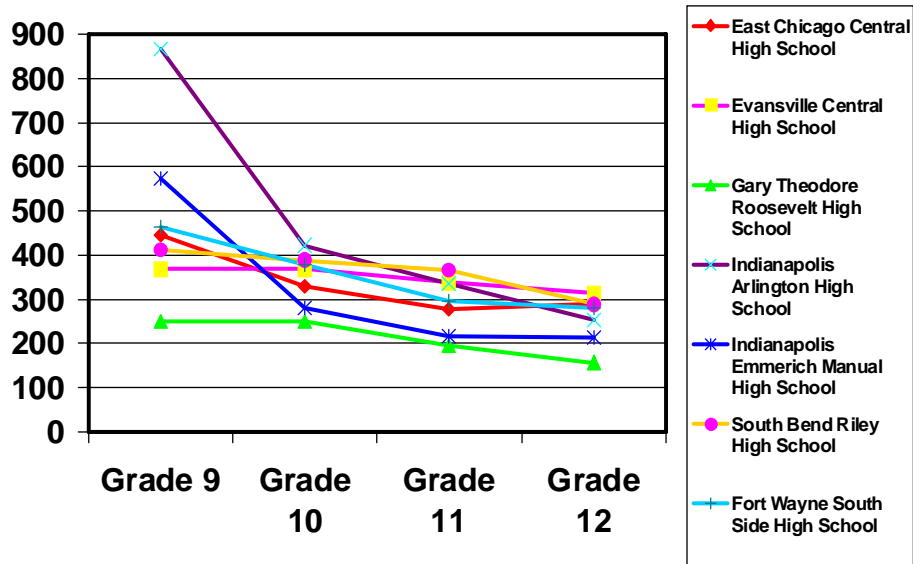
Who makes it through high school?

Graduation Rate:

- African American: 53%
- Latino: 59%
- White: 78%
- Asian: 84%
- Total: 74%

Snapshot: Enrollment Trends

Graduating Class of 2004



Indiana Department of Education, 2005

GED vs. HS Diploma

- GED officials say that one in seven HS graduates earn their diploma through GED programs.
 - 41% of them are 19 and under and 37% are between 20-29 yrs. of age
- The military stopped equating the GED with a HS Diploma
 - GED students score lower on the Armed Forces Qualifying Test
 - They also drop out of the military at higher rates
- Wages over a 40-year period:
 - Without a HS Diploma= \$852,000
 - With a HS Diploma= \$1,221,000
- Nobel Prize-winning economist James Heckman and Stephen Cameron found in their study that:
 - GED holders are “statistically indistinguishable” from high school dropouts.

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