

On-Time Graduation Rates: All Students

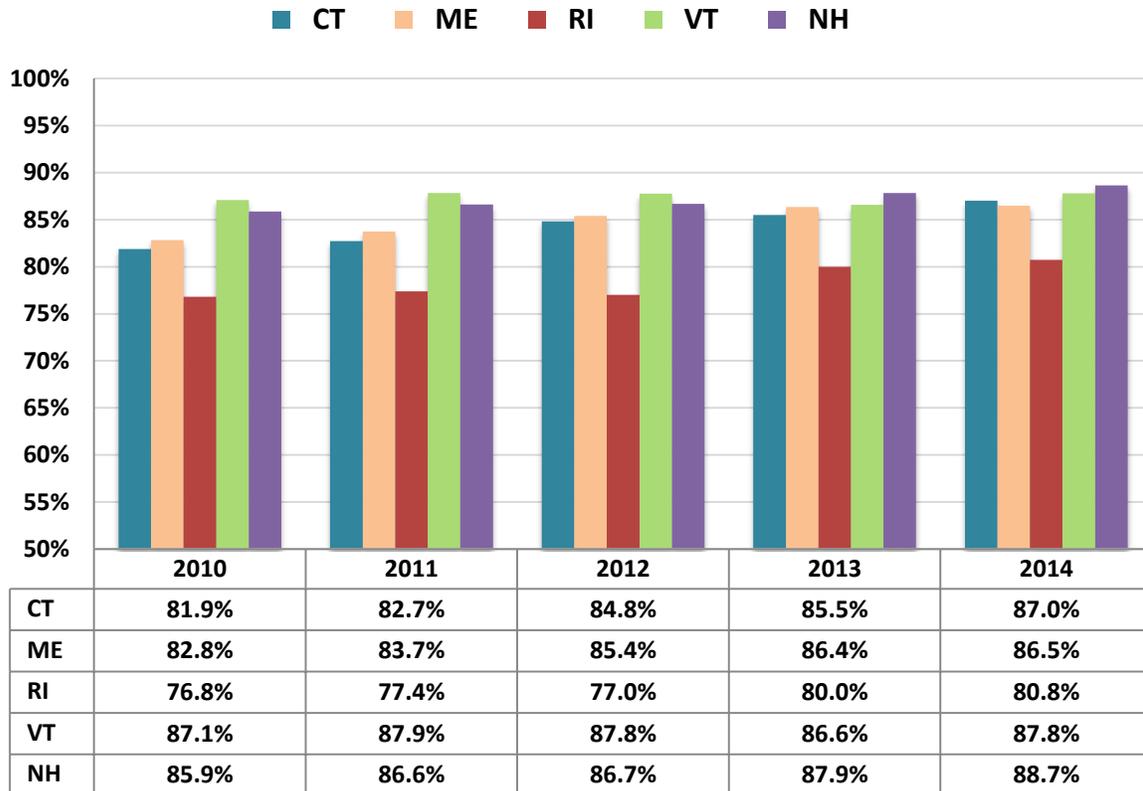


Table 1

On-time graduation means earning a standard high school diploma within 4 years. This definition does not count students who earn a GED or an alternative credential requiring less than the state’s minimum course and achievement requirements for a standard diploma. Also, on-time does not count students who earn a standard diploma but need a 5th or 6th year to do so.

- Over the past 5 years, all NESSC states have seen an increase in the on-time graduation rate. Rate increases ranged from 0.7% to 5.1%.
- 2014 rates ranged from 80.8% to 88.7%.
- From 2010 through 2012, NH’s rate was second only to VT. In 2013 and 2014, NH had the highest on-time graduation rate.
- NH’s graduation rate improved dramatically from 81.0% in 2009 to 85.9% in 2010. This coincided with implementation of dropout legislation passed in 2007. The dropout age was raised from 16 to 18. Sixteen and seventeen year olds uncomfortable with the traditional high school program now have individualized plans which utilize educational learning objectives leading to either a regular diploma or a GED. Since 2010 the rate has continued to improve.

Notes: Graduation rates include only standard diploma graduates, not GED recipients. This chart used the same data NH publishes in its annual graduation report.