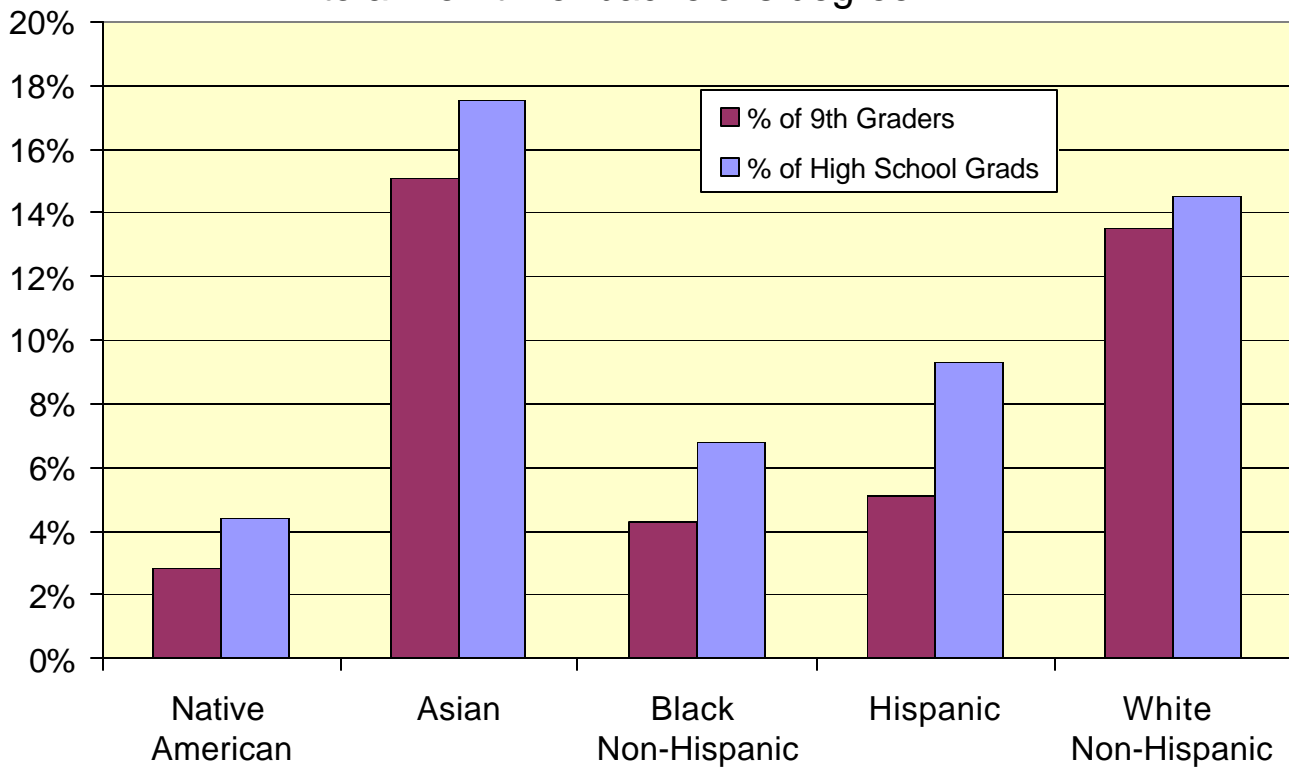


"Traditional Track" to the Baccalaureate:

Percent of students completing all the steps
to an "on-time" bachelor's degree.



NOTE

The percentages are not intended as indicators of the total number of students who will eventually complete a college degree. "Traditional Track" means finishing high school in 4 years, going directly to a baccalaureate (4-yr) college in Minnesota and then completing a bachelor's degree within 6 years. Due to data limitations, it is not possible to track students who depart from this pattern or who attend college out of state.

Thus, these percentages do NOT count:

- Students who take more than 4 yrs to finish high school or who complete a GED
- Students who start college at a 2-yr institution and transfer to 4-yr
- Students who wait a year (or more) after high school before starting college
- Students who go to college out of state

For these reasons, the percentages are not reflective of the total number of students who will eventually complete a college degree. They are most useful as comparatives among racial/ethnic groups. For example, in Minnesota in 2004, the odds of an African American high school graduate completing a bachelor's degree within six years were less than half the odds of a White student doing so. And a Native American student had about one-quarter of an Asian student's chances.

The Data Behind the Chart

	Native American	Asian	Black Non-Hispanic	Hispanic	White Non-Hispanic
<p>Four-year high school graduation rate for Minnesota 9th graders expected to graduate in 2004.</p> <p>Source: Minnesota Department of Education, cited in the 2006 State of Students of Color Report, Minnesota Minority Education Partnership.</p>	0.640	0.860	0.630	0.550	0.930
<p>Percent of 2004 high school graduates continuing to a postsecondary institution in Minnesota in Fall, 2004.</p> <p>Source: Minnesota Office of Higher Education, Insight Report March 2006</p>	0.346	0.540	0.413	0.337	0.481
<p>Percent of postsecondary students in Minnesota who had graduated from a Minnesota high school in the previous year that were enrolled in a four-year institution in 2003.</p> <p>Source: Minnesota Private College Research Foundation analysis of Data from Minnesota Office of Higher Education.</p>	0.441	0.663	0.434	0.613	0.579
<p>Baccalaureate degree completion rate within six years of matriculation for freshmen at Minnesota institutions expected to graduate in 2003.</p> <p>Source: Minnesota Office of Higher Education, cited in the 2006 State of Students of Color Report, Minnesota Minority Education Partnership.</p>	0.290	0.490	0.380	0.450	0.520
Cumulative Baccalaureate Completion Odds for a 9th grader	0.028	0.151	0.043	0.051	0.135
Cumulative Baccalaureate Completion Odds for a high school graduate	0.044	0.176	0.068	0.093	0.145