

## Manitoba's High School Graduation Rate

Every year, Manitoba Education, Citizenship and Youth conducts a survey to determine the number of students graduating from Manitoba's high schools. To gain an understanding of how many students complete high school sequentially from Grade 9 to Grade 12 graduation, the total number of public and funded independent high school graduates each year is divided by the total Grade 9 enrolment four years previous. This is commonly referred to as the graduation rate and yields the percentage of students who sequentially complete high school in four years.

It should be noted that individual students are not tracked. The high school graduation calculation is therefore a proxy method of measuring sequential graduation. The difference between the annual rate and 100% should not necessarily be considered a school leaver rate. Students may be continuing in high school, attending First Nation schools or continuing school outside the province, among other possibilities.

The provincial high school graduation rate for June 2008 is 79.0%. The rate has increased 2.4 percentage points from June 2007. In general, the graduation rate for Manitoba has been trending upward in recent years. Tables 1 and 2 present the provincial high school graduation rate for public and funded independent schools from June 2001 to June 2008.

**Table 1**

<b>Manitoba High School Graduation Rate Public and Funded Independent Schools Graduates to Grade 9 Enrolment Four Years Previous June 2001 to June 2008</b>				
Graduation Year	Public and Funded Independent High School Graduates	Year of Grade 9 Enrolment Four Years Previous	Grade 9 Enrolment Four Years Previous	Percentage Graduates to Grade 9 Enrolments
Jun-01	11,616	Sept 1997	16,037	72.4%
Jun-02	11,527	Sept 1998	16,201	71.1%
Jun-03	12,057	Sept 1999	16,231	74.3%
Jun-04	12,369	Sept 2000	16,709	74.0%
Jun-05	12,196	Sept 2001	16,013	76.2%
Jun-06	12,153	Sept 2002	15,766	77.1%
Jun-07	12,506	Sept 2003	16,337	76.6%
Jun-08	12,901	Sept 2004	16,332	79.0%

*Source: Education Administration Services*

**Table 2**

