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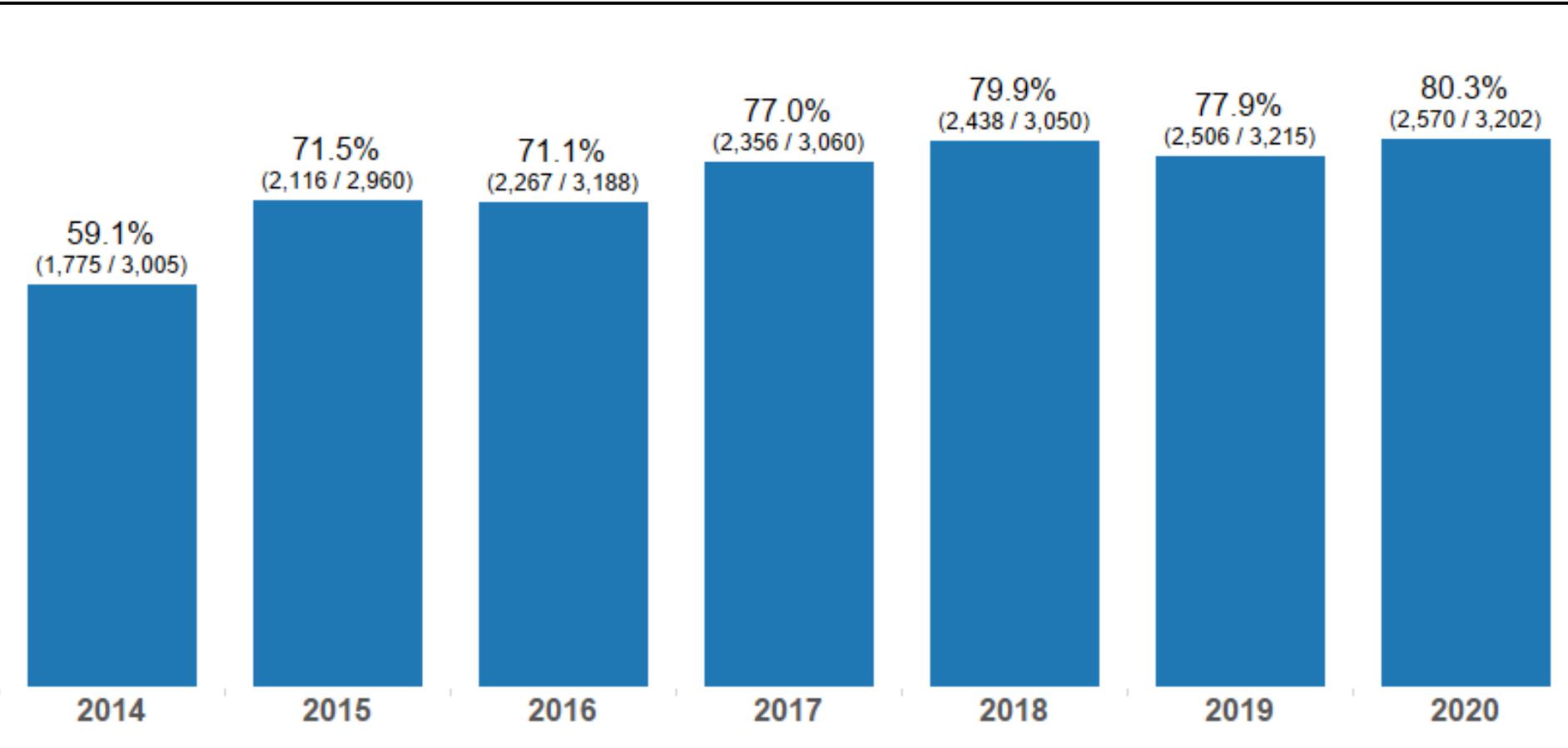
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Cohort 2020 Graduation Rate Overview

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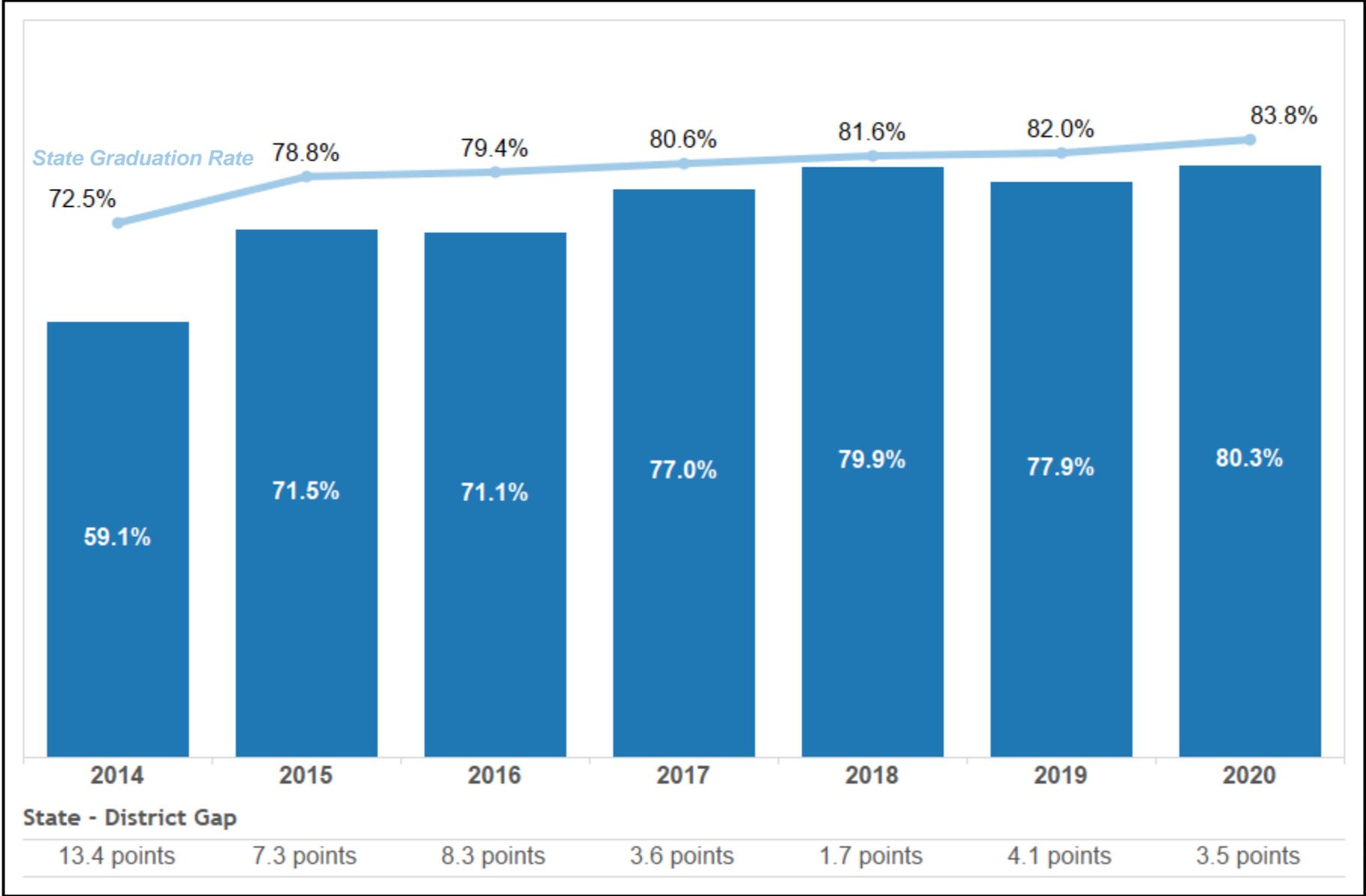
The Atlanta Public Schools 2020 graduation rate is 80.3 percent, a 2.4 percentage point increase from 2019.



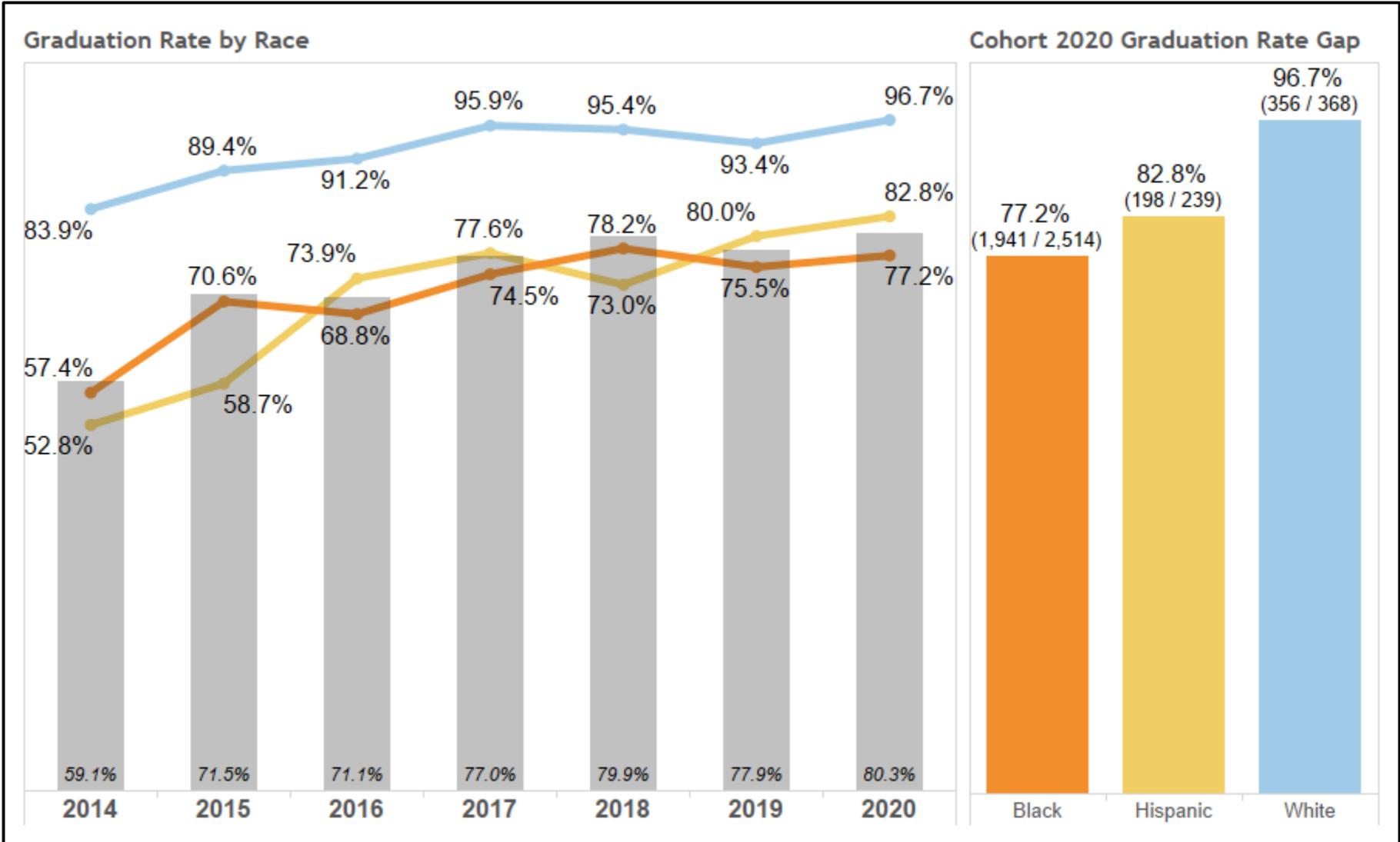
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APS graduation rate continues to lag behind the state, though the state-district gap has decreased since 2014.

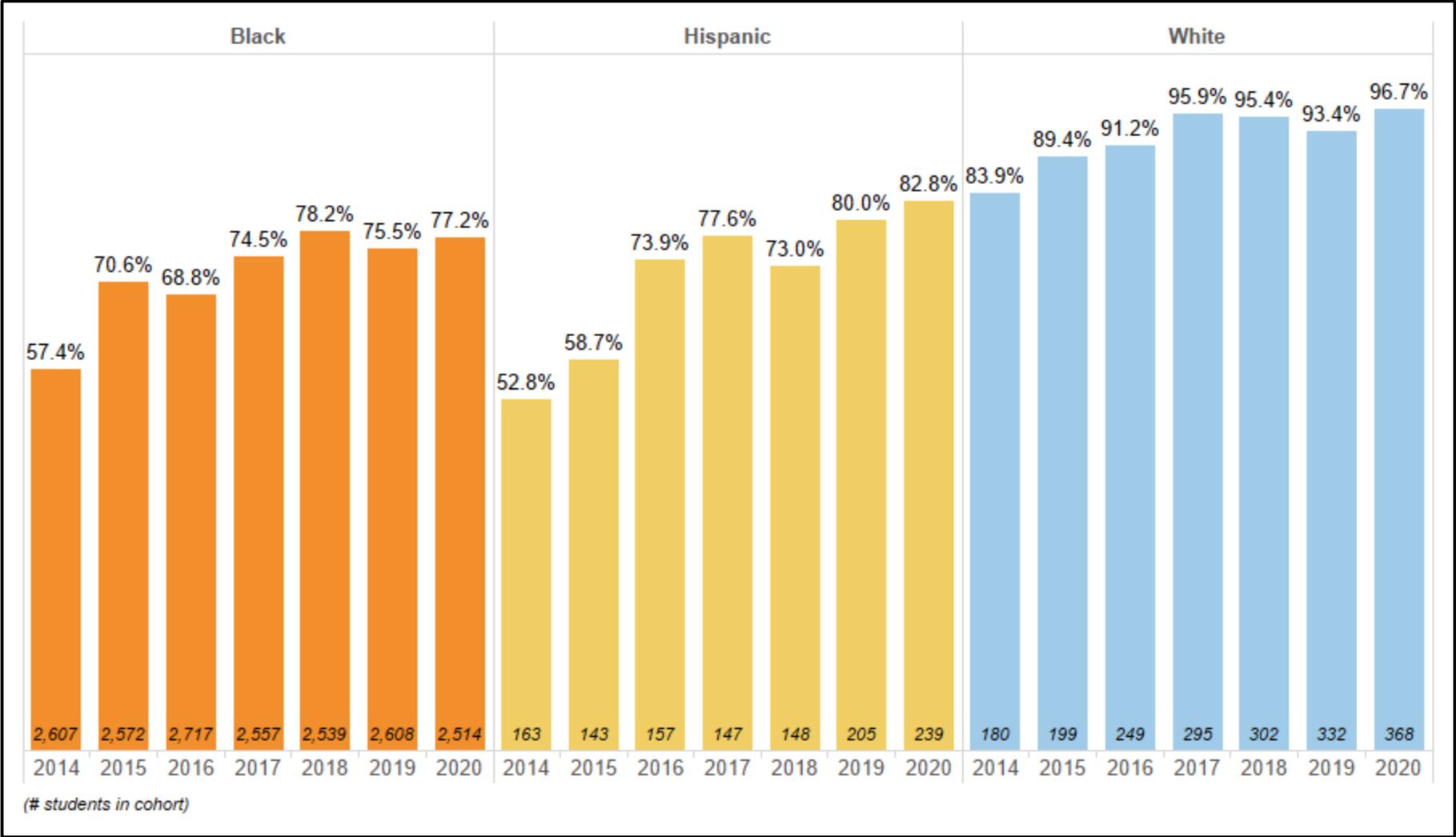


The 2020 graduation rate for White students is 96.7%, nearly 20 percentage points above the rate for Black students (77.2%).

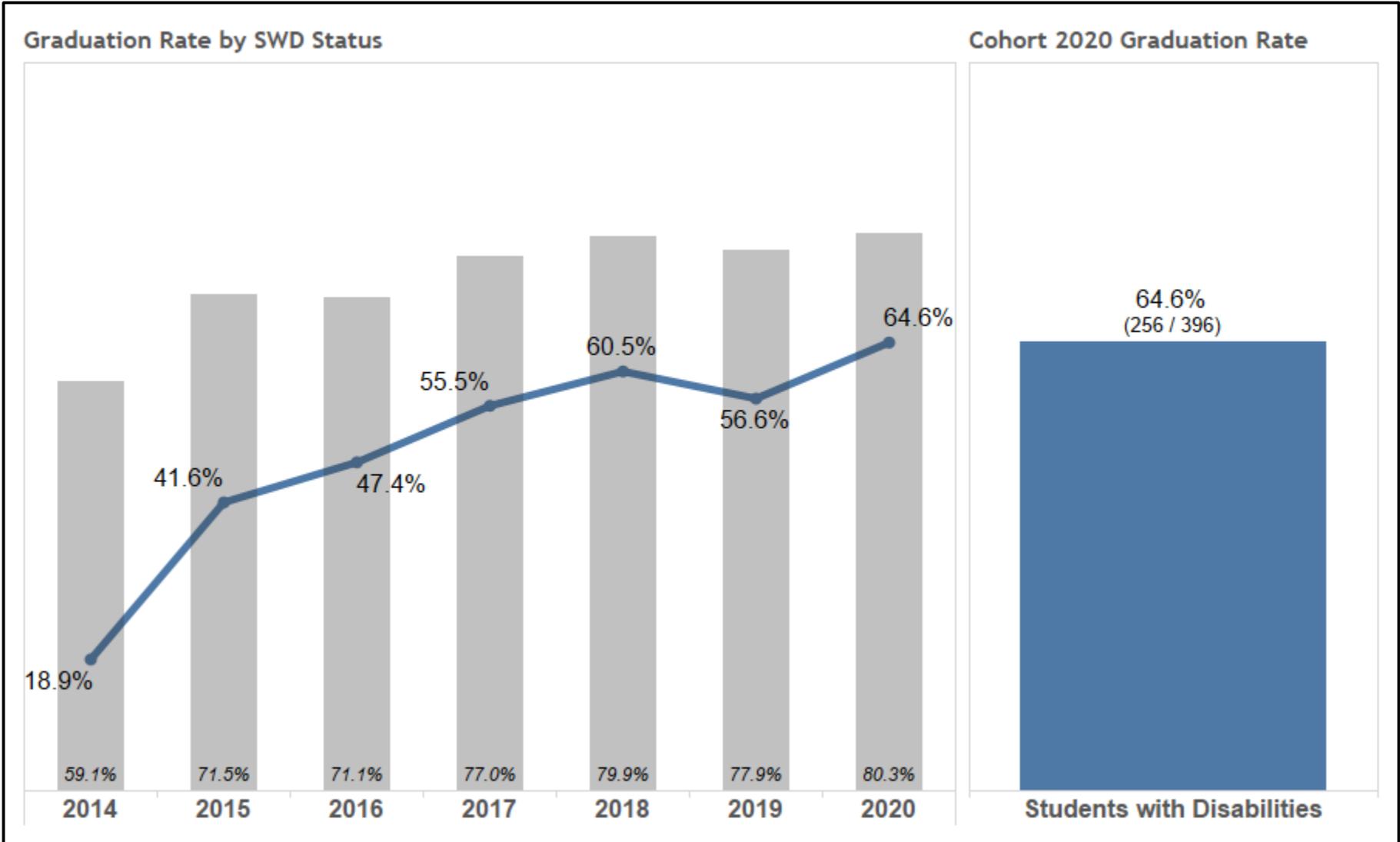


Overall District Rate

White and Hispanic graduation rates both reached new highs in cohort 2020; the Black graduation rate increased but is lower than the 2018 high of 78.2%.



The 2020 graduation rate for students with disabilities increased by 8.2 percentage points compared to 2019.

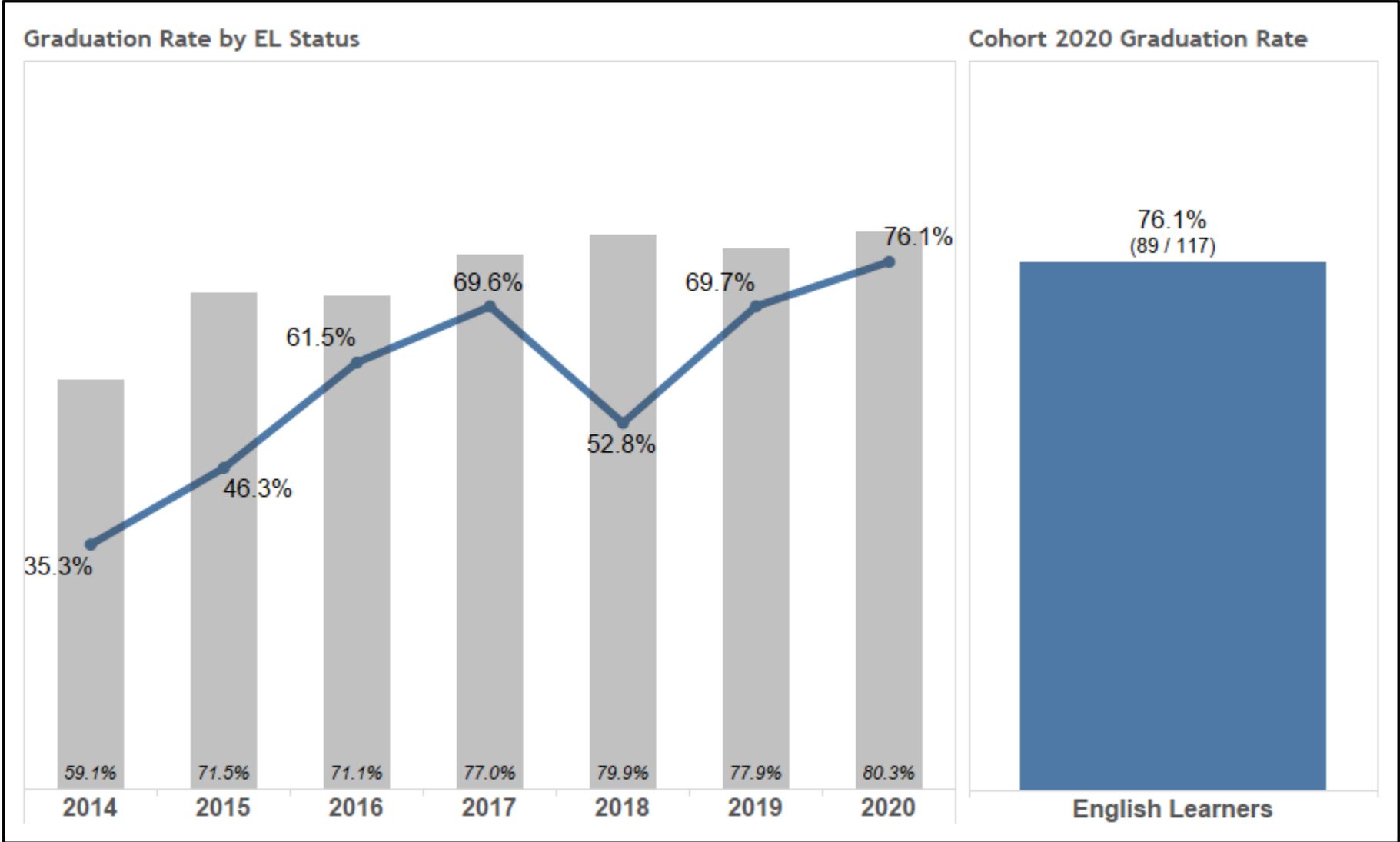


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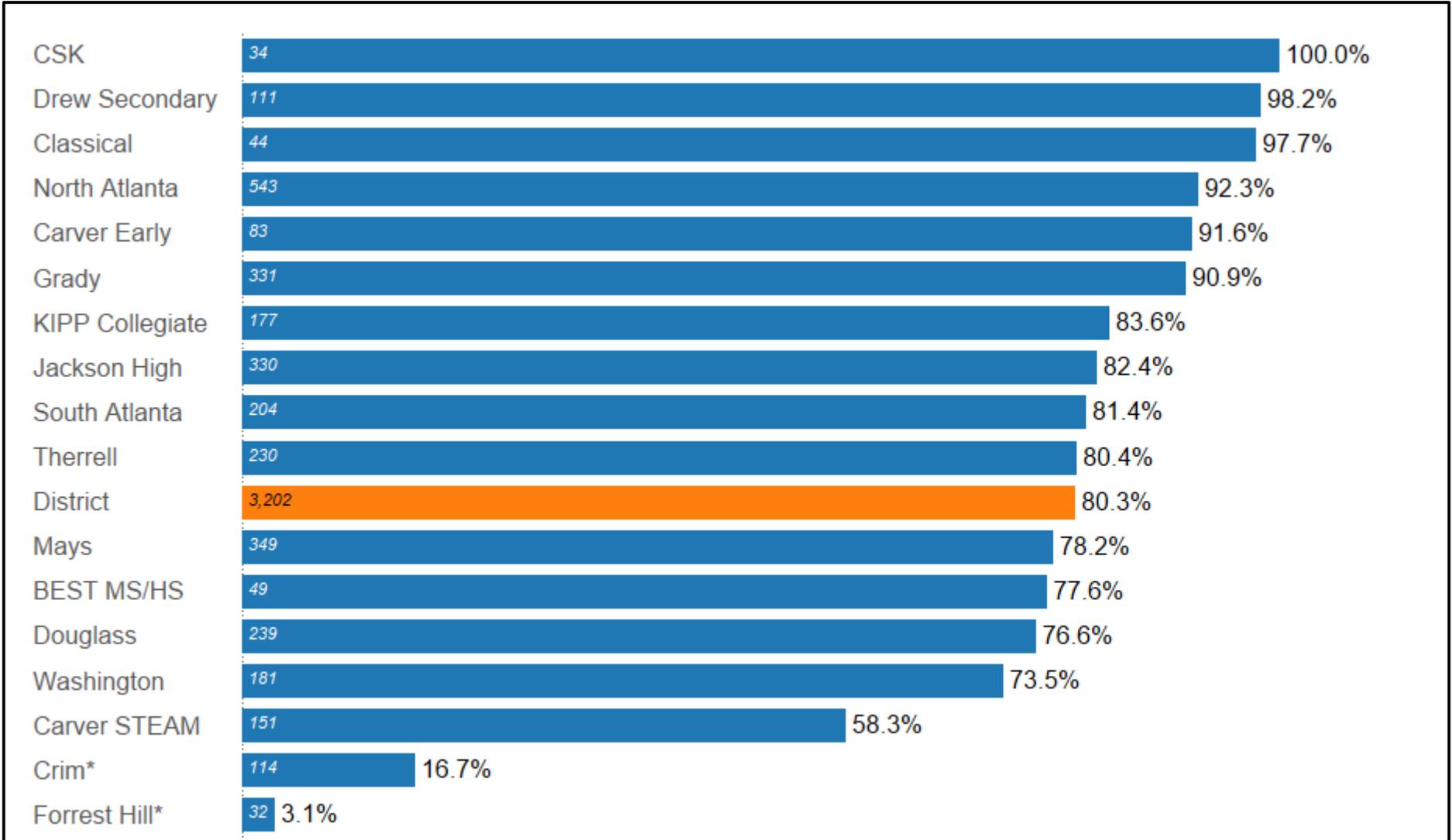


The 2020 graduation rate for English learners increased by 6.4 percentage points compared to 2019.



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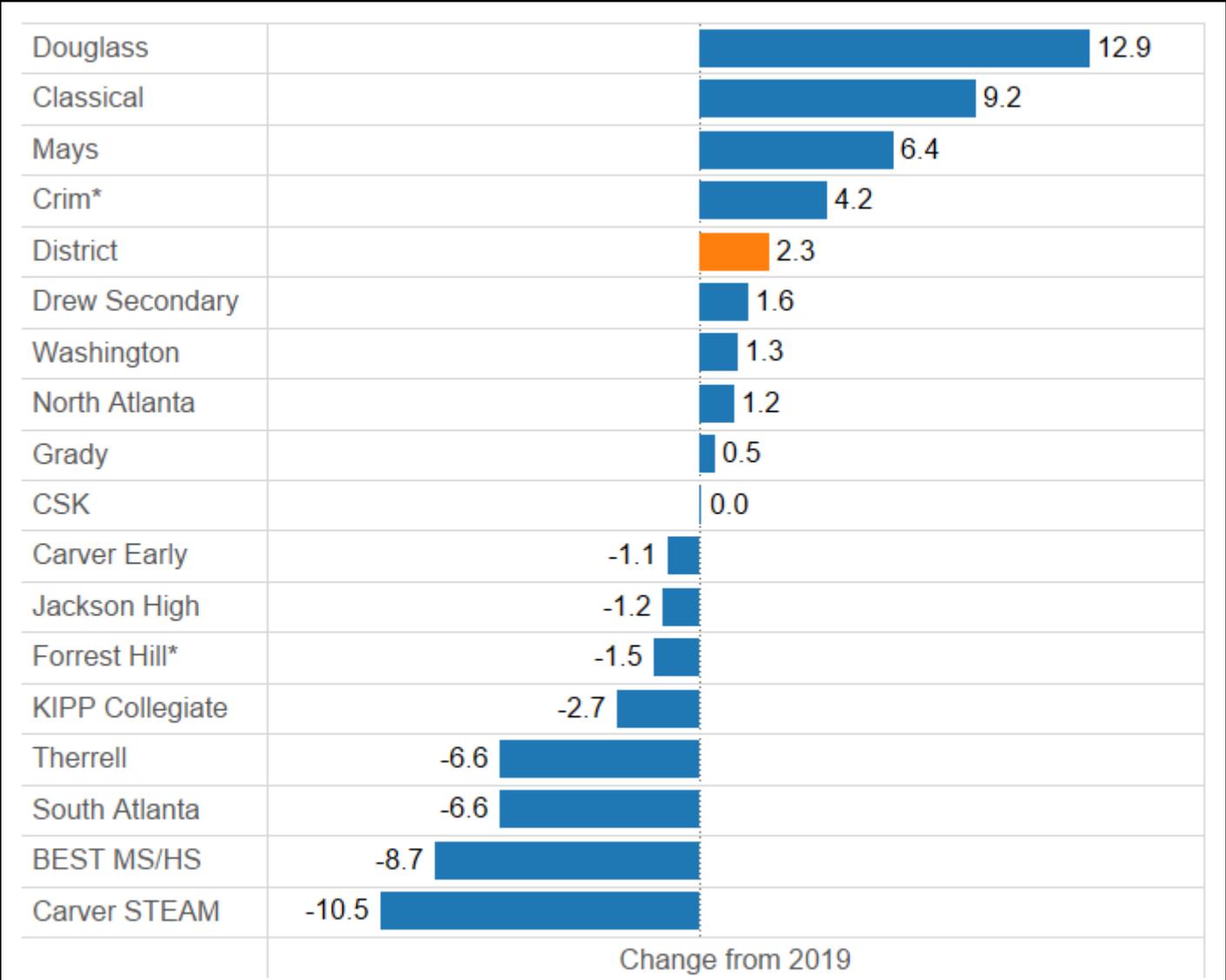
School-level rates vary. Six schools had graduation rates greater than 90%, with CSK attaining a 100% graduation rate.



(# students in cohort)

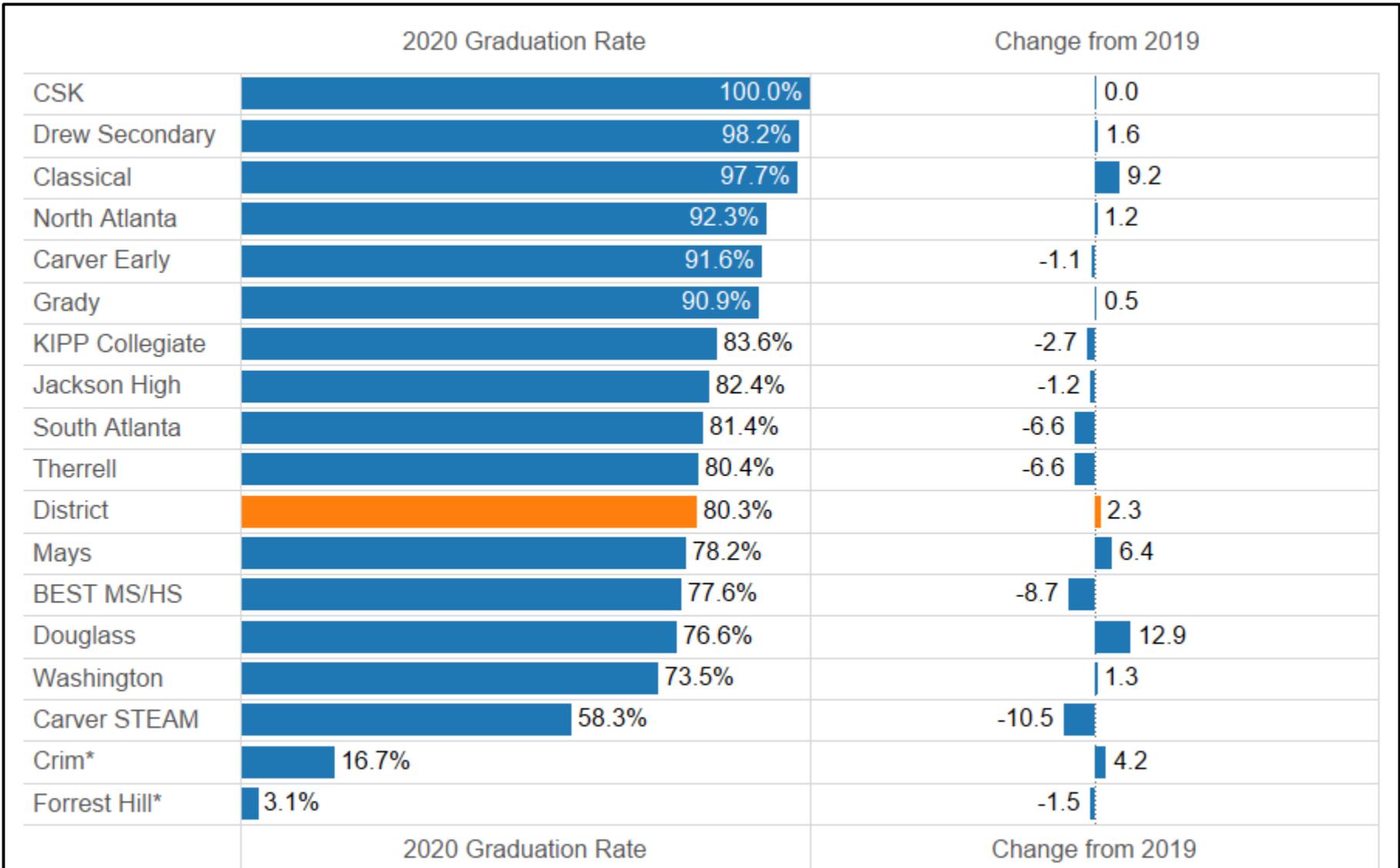
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Eight schools increased their 2020 graduation rates compared to 2019; Douglass had the largest increase of 12.9 percentage points. Eight schools had decreases in graduation rate compared to 2019.



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2020 APS Graduation Rates and Change from 2019



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At schools that have multiple racial subgroups, graduation rates for Black and Hispanic students are lower than those for White and Multi-racial students.

