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The 2015-16 Graduation Rate data contains known errors identified after the collection closed, which are not corrected for the certified report.

Graduation rates were previously calculated from data submitted by districts through the Individual Student Enrollment System (ISES) collection and represents data during a given timeframe. When the certified graduation data was captured in October 2016, some districts coded students incorrectly. While several of these districts submitted data errata letters to the department to document the errors, corrections cannot be incorporated into the closed, certified report. Districts submitting errata letters prior to publishing the final data were removed from the statewide calculations in the WISEdash Public Portal and for federal reporting.

Rates for high school completion are included in the calculation of accountability scores reported in the school and district report cards. The department engages and supports districts and schools, including those participating in choice programs, to submit accurate data so that accountability report cards reflect the accurate data. Updated graduation rates - as reported in the School Report Cards - will be made public this fall. As such, graduation rates reported in WISEdash may not match the rates for school and district report cards.

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