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State Public Charter School Authority Announces Graduation Rate of 86.89 Percent for Class of 2021

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The State Public Charter School Authority (SPCSA) announced today that the four-year graduation rate for the class of 2021 for public charter schools sponsored by the SPCSA was 86.89 percent. This represents an increase of more than two percentage points from the class of 2020 which had a graduation rate of 84.28 percent.

Of the 24 high schools sponsored by the SPCSA, six high schools earned a graduation rate of 100 percent, 13 high schools earned a graduation rate over 90 percent but less than 100 percent, and 23 of the 24 high schools earned graduation rates that exceeded the statewide graduation rate. Only one high school sponsored by the SPCSA, Beacon Academy, a high school serving at-risk students and rated under Nevada's Alternative Performance Framework, did not exceed the statewide graduation rate.

Additionally, SPCSA-sponsored schools showed increases in graduation rates for several student groups including students with disabilities, students qualifying for free or reduced-price lunch, and students identifying as Asian, Black/African American, White, Hispanic/Latino, and American Indian/Alaska Native.

"I am extremely proud of the public charter high schools serving students in Nevada," said Rebecca Feiden, Executive Director of the SPCSA. "The impacts of COVID-19 posed a number of challenges for students, staff, and families and it's a testament to the incredible work of our schools that they were able to improve graduation rates in these unique circumstances."

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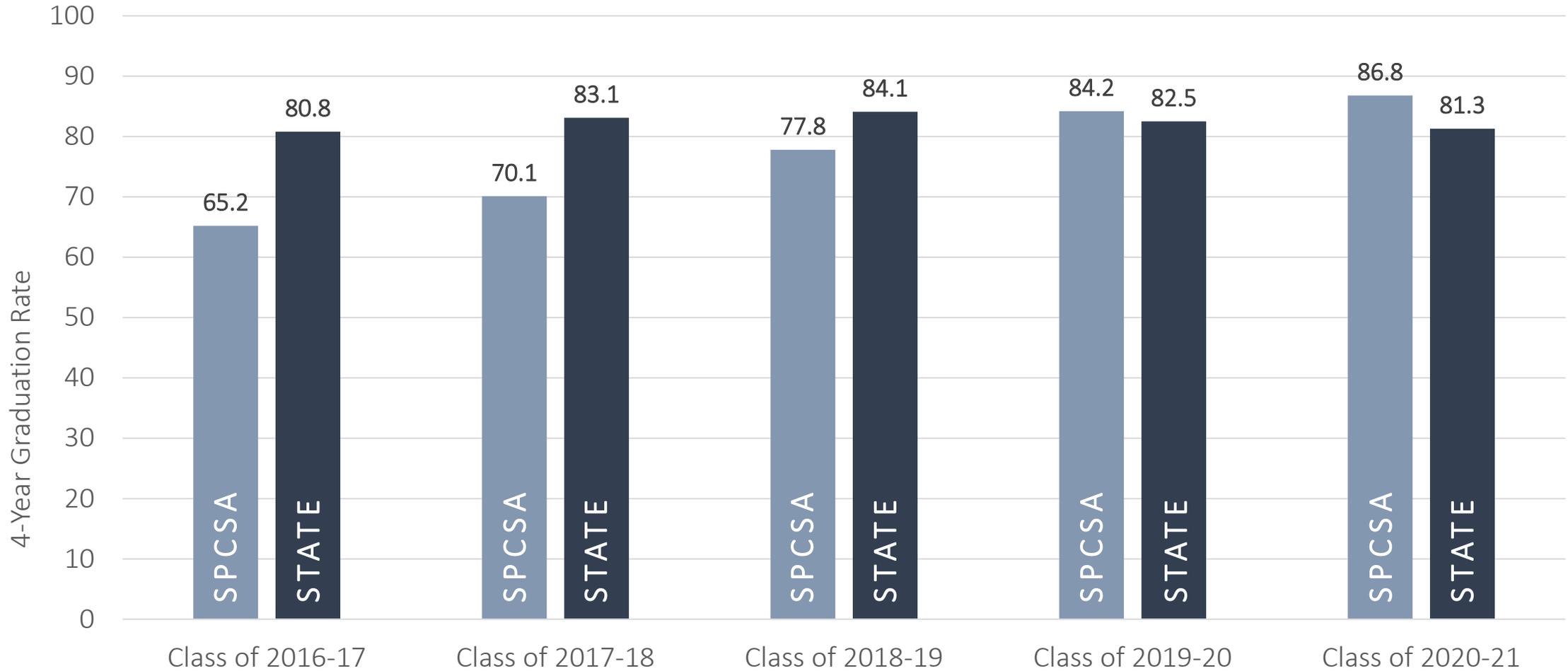
- 4-Year Graduation Rate Trends (last five school years)
- 4-Year Graduation Rates by SPCSA Student Group (Class of 2021)
- Individual SPCSA-Sponsored Charter School Graduation Rates (Class of 2021)

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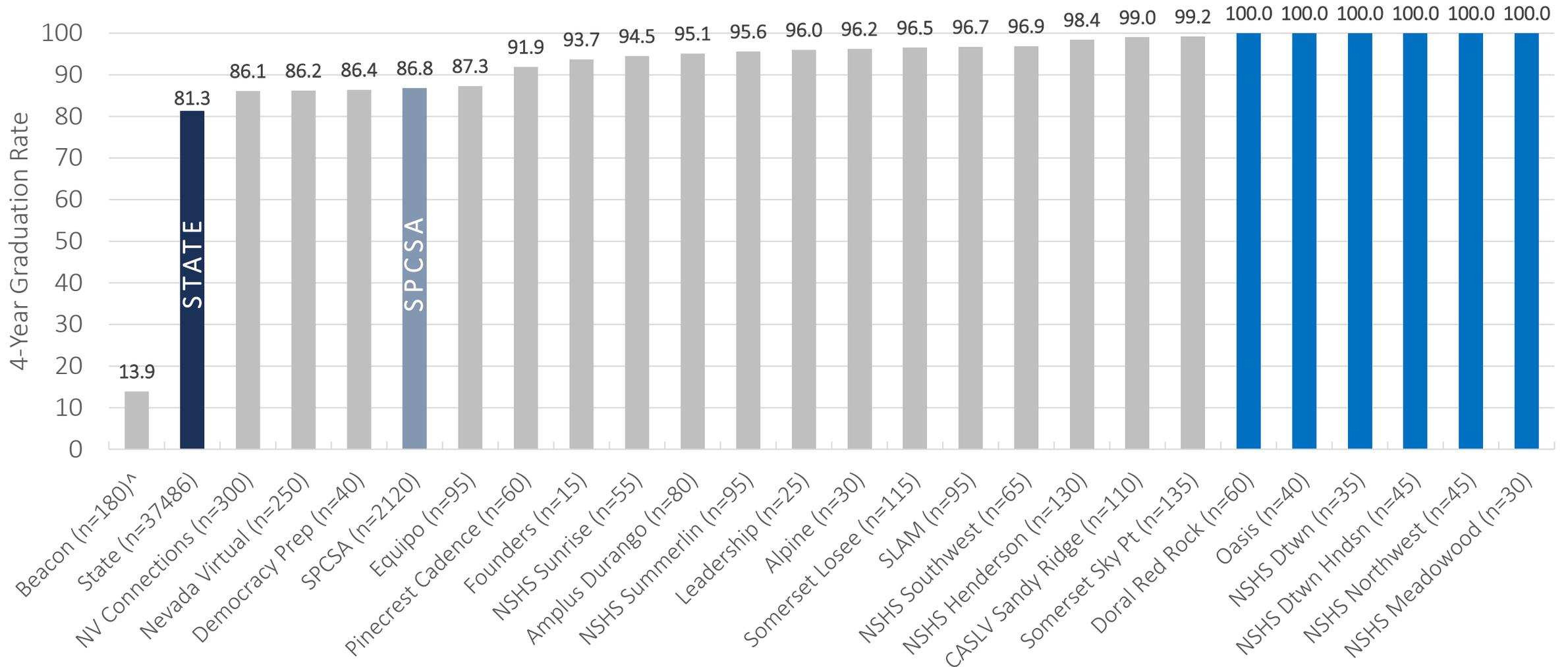
Nevada's State Public Charter School Authority (SPCSA) is a statewide, executive branch agency created in 2011 to sponsor and oversee most of Nevada's public charter schools. For the 2021-2022 school year, the SPCSA oversees 70 public charter school campuses serving approximately 55,000 students in Churchill, Clark, Elko, Washoe, and White Pine counties, making the SPCSA the third largest Local Education Agency (LEA) in the State of Nevada. The SPCSA and its sponsored public charter schools are committed to providing equitable access to high-quality public charter schools to students across Nevada. A copy of the SPCSA's Strategic Plan can be found here:

[https://charterschools.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/CharterSchoolsnvgov/content/Families/Strategic%20Plan%202019_FINAL_ADA\(1\).pdf](https://charterschools.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/CharterSchoolsnvgov/content/Families/Strategic%20Plan%202019_FINAL_ADA(1).pdf), and more information regarding the SPCSA and SPCSA-sponsored public charter schools can be found here: <https://charterschools.nv.gov/>.

SPCSA vs. State: 4-Year Graduation Rate Trend



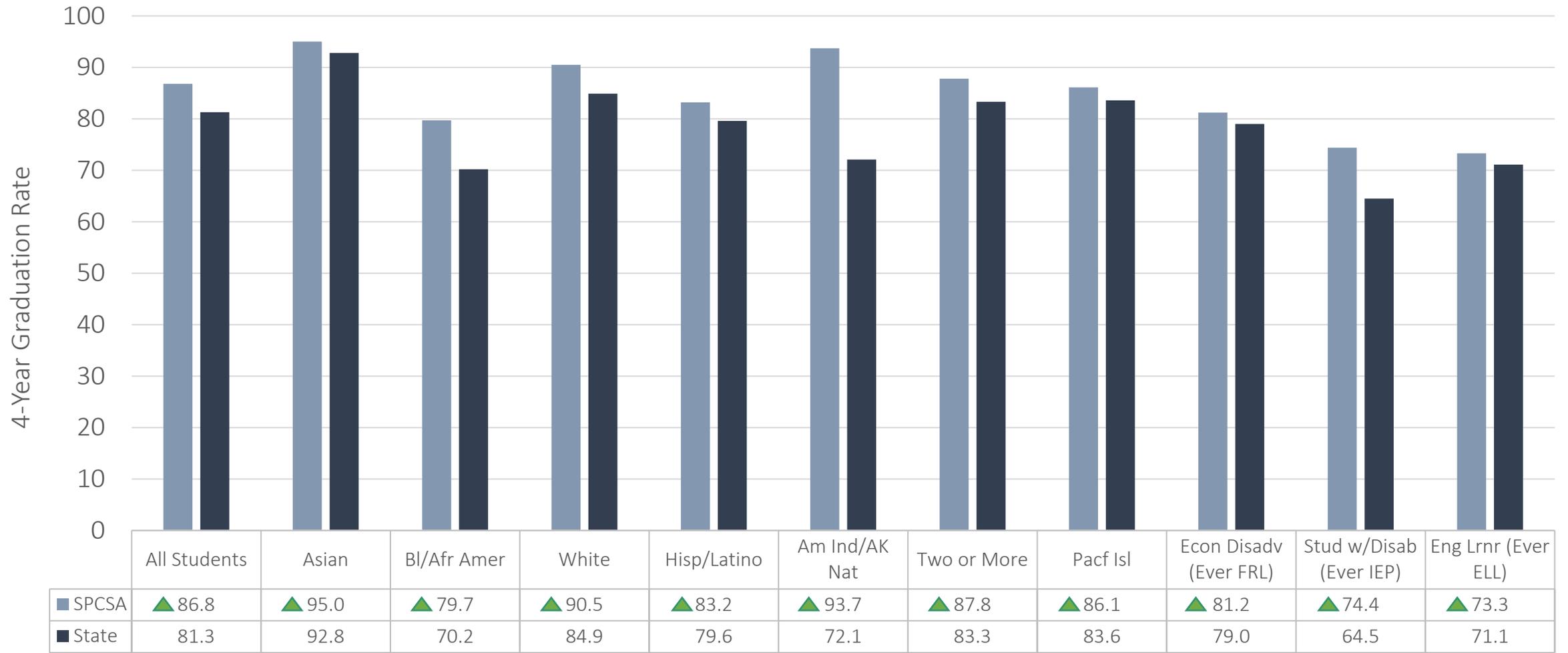
SPCSA Schools: Class of 2020-21 4-Year Graduation Rates



The n-sizes displayed are the sum of graduates plus non-graduates and have been rounded for privacy reasons. Rates were calculated and truncated to one decimal place.

[^]Beacon serves a unique population of at-risk students and is the only SPCSA school rated on the NDE's Alternative Performance Framework.

SPCSA vs. State Student Groups: Class of 2020-21 4-Year Graduation Rates



State rates were truncated to one decimal place by the SPCSA. “Ever” denotes students were part of that population during their high school career. Up triangles (green) signify a SPCSA rate above the state group, while down triangles (red) signify a rate below the state group.