Graduation Rates in British Columbia

Graduation rates of BC secondary students have steadily increased in the last 15 years.¹

Between 2003–04 and 2017–18, the six-year Dogwood Diploma completion rates for public school students increased by 5.7%. The gap in completion rates between male and female students decreased from 8.2% to 3.5%.

Graduation rates for Aboriginal students increased and the gap in graduation rates between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students has narrowed.²

The six-year Dogwood completion rate of Aboriginal students increased from 46.8% to 69.6% in the last fifteen years. The difference in completion rates of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students has also decreased from 35.1% in 2003–04 to 16.9% in 2017–18.
Graduation rates for students in English Language Learner programs has increased.\(^3\)

The six-year Dogwood completion rate of students in ELL programs has increased by 5.3% in the last fifteen years.

However, the graduation rate of non-resident students has fallen, and the gap between non-resident and other students has increased.\(^4\)

The six-year Dogwood completion rate of non-resident students has fallen from 54.9% to 49.2% in the last fifteen years, and the gap between non-resident students and other students has increased from 24.5% to 39.3%. This suggests that non-resident students need more supports than they are currently receiving.

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\(^1\) Ministry of Education. (2019). BC Schools - Six Year Completion Rate.

\(^2\) Ibid.

\(^3\) Ibid.

\(^4\) Ibid.