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Graduation rates are commonly used by jurisdictions as an indicator of the effectiveness of the overall education system, and a high school diploma continues to be a meaningful predictor of employability.

Although graduation rates have seen an overall upward trend over the long term in the NWT, current rates are not where we should expect them to be.

Graduation rates are consistently lower in our small communities, which dropped by 12% in 2015. Although we can expect to see considerable variability from year to year due to our small population numbers, these data support the need for initiatives such as Education Renewal and Early Childhood Development.

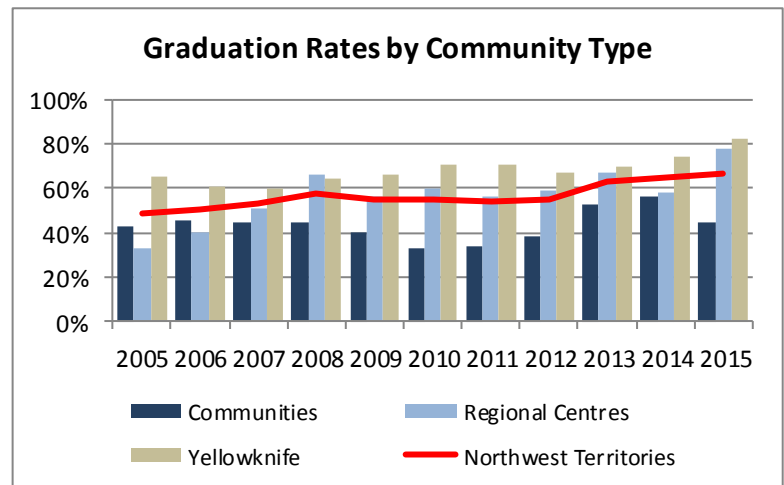
Similar differences can also be seen in other indicators such as the Early Development Instrument (EDI), Alberta Achievement Tests (AATs), and student attendance.

How do our graduation rates compare to the rest of Canada?

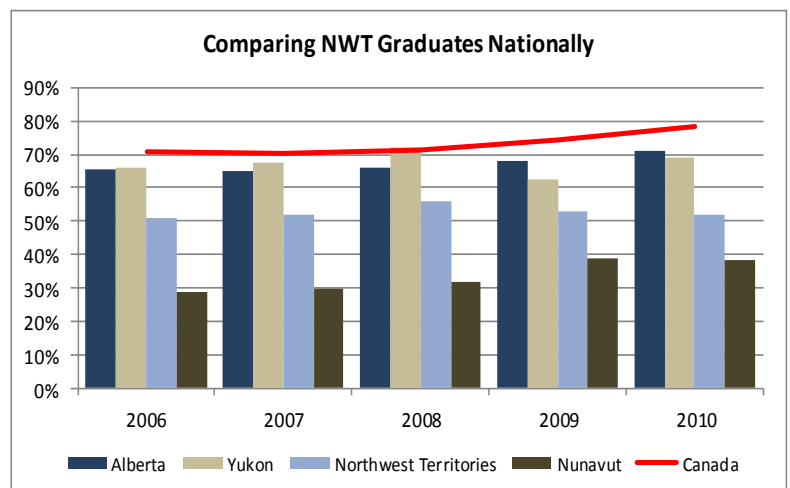
The 2015 NWT graduation rate is 67%. Graduation rates in the NWT are consistently lower than the rest of Canada. The most recent comparable data tells us that the NWT graduation rate at 52% was significantly below the Canadian average at 78%.

Graduation rates are challenging to compare as each province and territory calculates graduation rates differently. Comparative data have only been made available by Stats Canada from 2006 to 2010. For the years that are available, NWT graduation rates fall below the Canadian average.

ECE's Education Renewal will work to improve student outcomes by taking a holistic approach to systemic change and responding to the complex needs of our students. Click [here](#) for more information.



Please Note: Graduation rates count all graduates for a given year, including those who met the minimum graduation requirements. Students who graduate with the minimum graduation require-



- Source: Stats Canada <http://www.statcan.gc.ca/pub/81-595-m/2011095/tbl/tbla.11-eng.htm> and ECE Student Records Education Operations and Development Division
- Graduation rate calculation methodologies differs among jurisdictions and is difficult to compare.
- In the NWT the graduation rate is the number of graduates as a proportion of the number of 18 year olds in the population.
- Data is subject to future revisions and is not necessarily comparable to numbers in past tabulations and reports

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