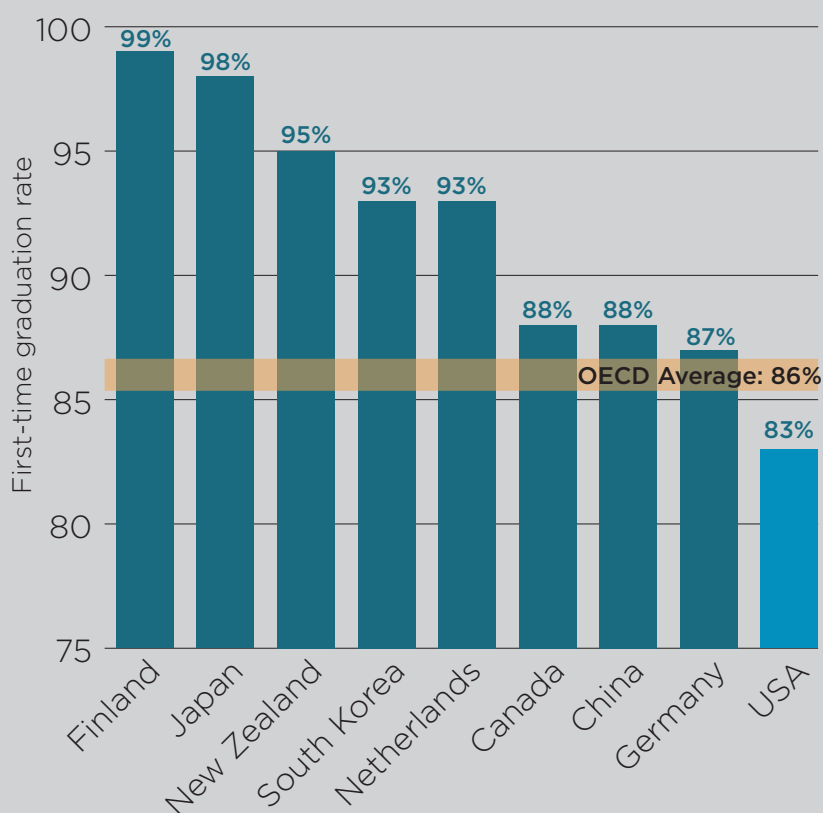


Graduation Rates Worldwide: How Does the United States Compare to Top-Performers

High School Graduation Rates by Country



Source: OECD Education at a Glance 2017

Each of the countries in this chart except the United States is also a top performer on PISA 2015. This means that overall, students from these countries receive a better quality secondary education and are also more likely to complete that education than their peers in the U.S.

Recently, the Alliance for Excellent Education in the U.S. developed an economic model to calculate the impact of a 90% graduation rate in the U.S., 7 points higher than the rate shown above. Their analysis forecasted:

\$5.7 billion
in economic growth

and

\$16.1 billion
in health care savings

Not only do many top performers already have graduation rates close to 90%, but some have rates far higher. Finland has an upper-secondary graduation rate of **99%**!

For more on how these top-performing countries build education systems that lead to higher student performance and better student outcomes, see CIEB's country profiles.