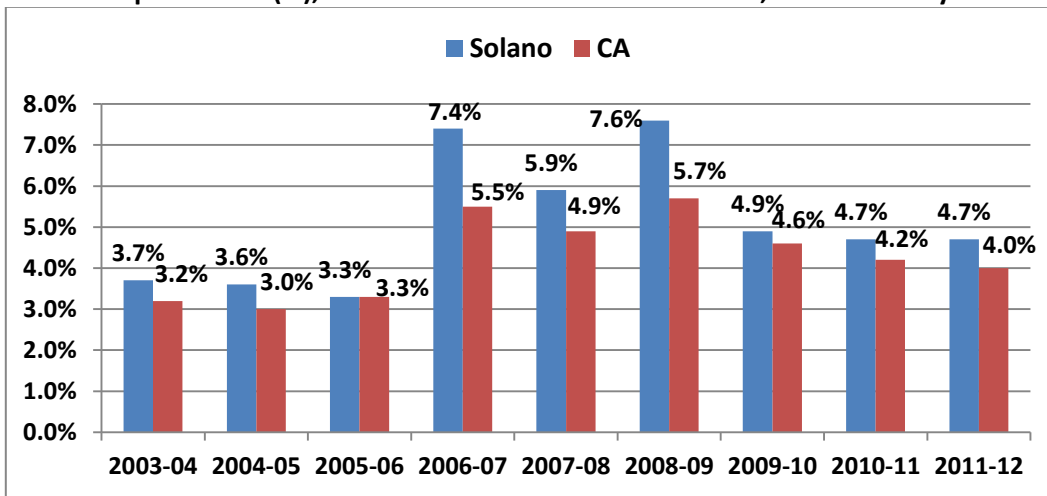


## Dropout Rates Compared to California

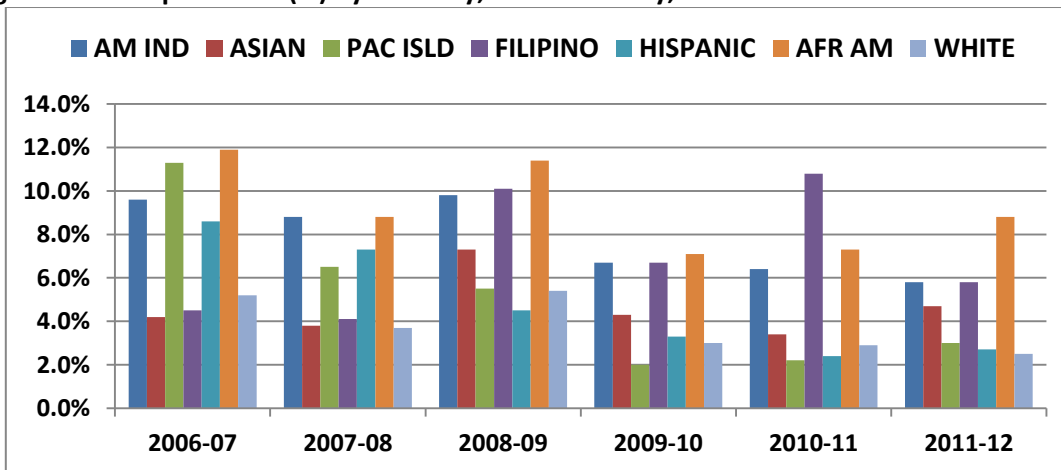
Dropout rates in Solano County have fallen since recent high rates in 2008-2009 academic years. As compared to the State of California, Solano County still has a relatively large dropout rate; California is reporting its statewide dropout rate at 4 percent versus Solano at 4.7 percent in 2011-12. From an ethnicity viewpoint, there have been some positive trends since 2006-07, especially for Pacific Islander, Hispanic and White students. African-American dropout rates remain relatively high compared to other groups in Solano schools, and Asian students have rising dropout rates versus rates trending down. In the 2011-12 academic year, the dropout rate for African-American students is 8.8 percent, over double the average dropout rate for California and 87 percent higher than Solano average.

**High School Dropout Rates (%), 2003-04 to 2011-12 Academic Years, Solano County and California**



Source: California Department of Education (cde.ca.gov)

**High School Dropout Rate (%) by Ethnicity, Solano County, 2006-07 to 2011-12 Academic Years**



Source: California Department of Education (cde.ca.gov)

**TAKEAWAY:** Dropout rates have fallen, but African-American, Filipino and American-Indian high-school students have higher dropout rates.

**WHAT IS IMPORTANT:** Asian students have experienced declining dropout rates.

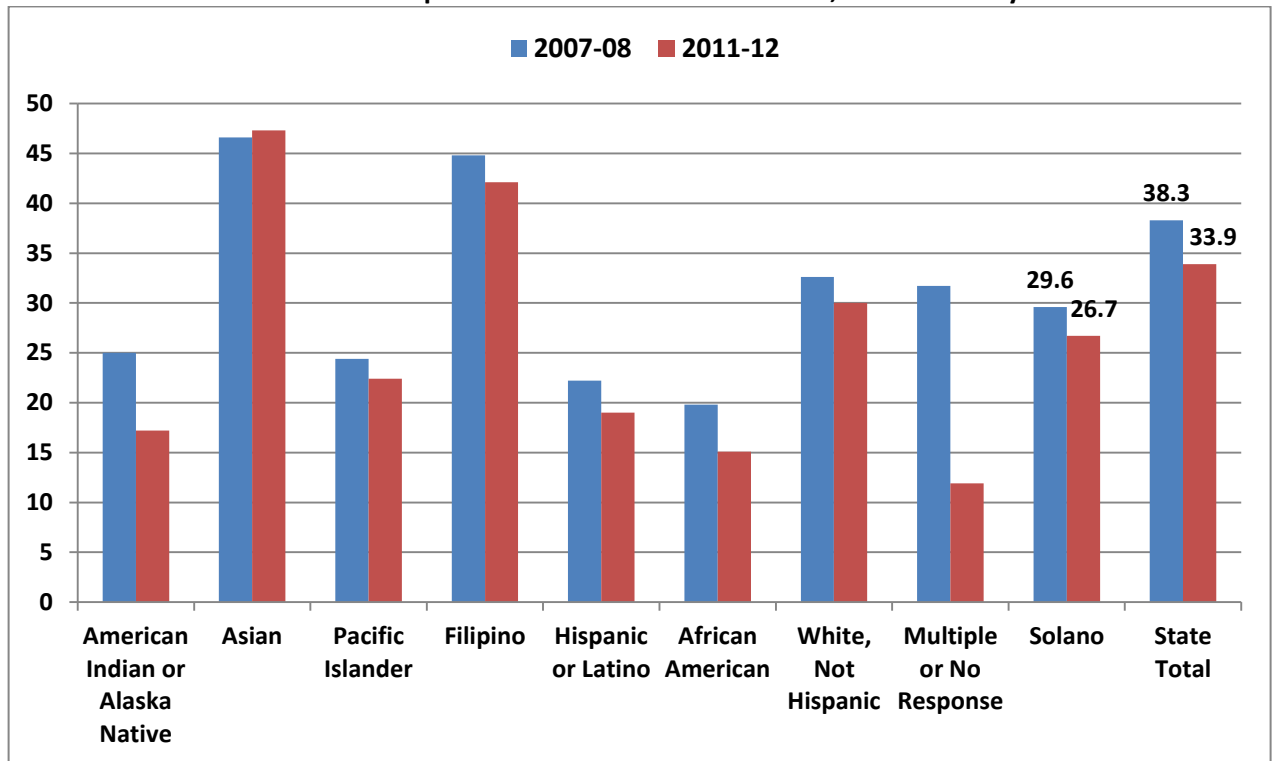
## Graduation Rates and UC/CSU Ready Graduates

Solano County slightly lags behind the state of California somewhat in overall graduation rates; in 2011-12, Solano County had 78.1 percent of graduating seniors eligible to attend either type of campus, where California was 78.9 percent. This gap has closed from just two years ago when California was 2.7 percent higher than Solano County in terms of UC/CSU ready graduates.

The state of California has 23 state universities and 10 UC campuses. One of the larger workforce concerns in many counties going forward is that graduating high-school students are made ready to attend one or both of those systems' institutions. Both Solano County and the State of California, since 2009-10, have shown an increase in the number of students who are eligible to attend either UC or CSU campuses upon high-school graduation. However, the number of students in Solano County has fallen compared to 2007-08 overall in terms of UC/CSU ready seniors. This is also true for the state overall.

Looking at the ethnicities of seniors, Asian students are the only ethnic group in Solano County that has shown an increase in UC/CSU ready seniors as compared to 2007-08. All other ethnicities have seen a decrease. It is important to recognize that these changes are relatively small, in many cases less than two percent higher or lower. The key idea is that by not trending higher across the board, there are fewer students that are UC/CSU ready, and those trends may be more problematic for some ethnic groups than others.

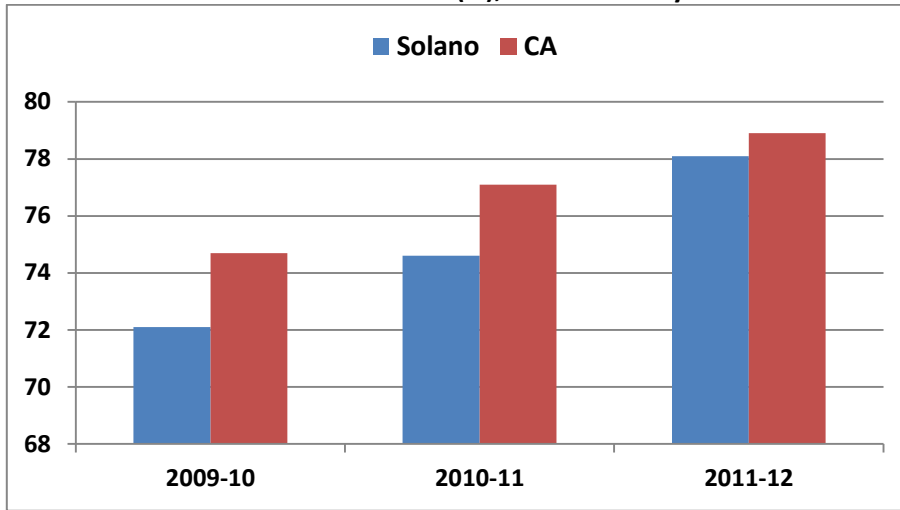
**Percent of High-School Graduates that Are UC/CSU Ready, 2007-08 Compared to 2011-12 Academic Years, Solano County**



Source: California Department of Education ([www.cde.ca.gov](http://www.cde.ca.gov))

## Graduation Rates and UC/CSU Ready Graduates (cont.)

Graduation Rates (%), Solano County



Source: California Department of Education (cde.ca.gov)

Note: There was a methodological change at the Department of Education that does not allow a comparison before 2009-10 with the most recent data

Graduation Rates by Ethnicity, 2011-12

Ethnicity	Solano County	California	Difference
American Indian or Alaska Native, Not Hispanic	79.1	72.4	6.7
African American, Not Hispanic	68.5	66.0	2.5
Two or More Races, Not Hispanic	85.8	84.0	1.8
White, Not Hispanic	85.8	86.6	-0.8
Asian, Not Hispanic	88.9	91.1	-2.2
Hispanic or Latino of Any Race	71.0	73.7	-2.7
Filipino, Not Hispanic	86.7	90.8	-4.1
Pacific Islander, Not Hispanic	69.2	77.0	-7.8

Source: California Department of Education (cde.ca.gov)

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**TAKEAWAY:** Graduation rates are lower in Solano County versus California, but Solano County graduates African-American students at a higher percentage than the state overall.

**WHAT IS IMPORTANT:** Solano County still has a large gap between its student readiness for UC or CSU admission versus the state, but that gap has become smaller since the 2007-08 academic year.