



## **Exceptional Student Services (ESS) Special Education Professionals Check-In**

Update on FFY 2021 State Performance Plan and Annual  
Performance Report Indicators:

4, 9, and 10: Disproportionality

11, 12, and 13: Monitoring

5 and 6: Environment

8: Parent Involvement

December 15, 2022

# Agenda

- Disproportionality (Indicators 4, 9, and 10)
- Monitoring (Indicators 11, 12, and 13)
- Educational Environment (Indicators 5 and 6)
- Parent Involvement (Indicator 8)

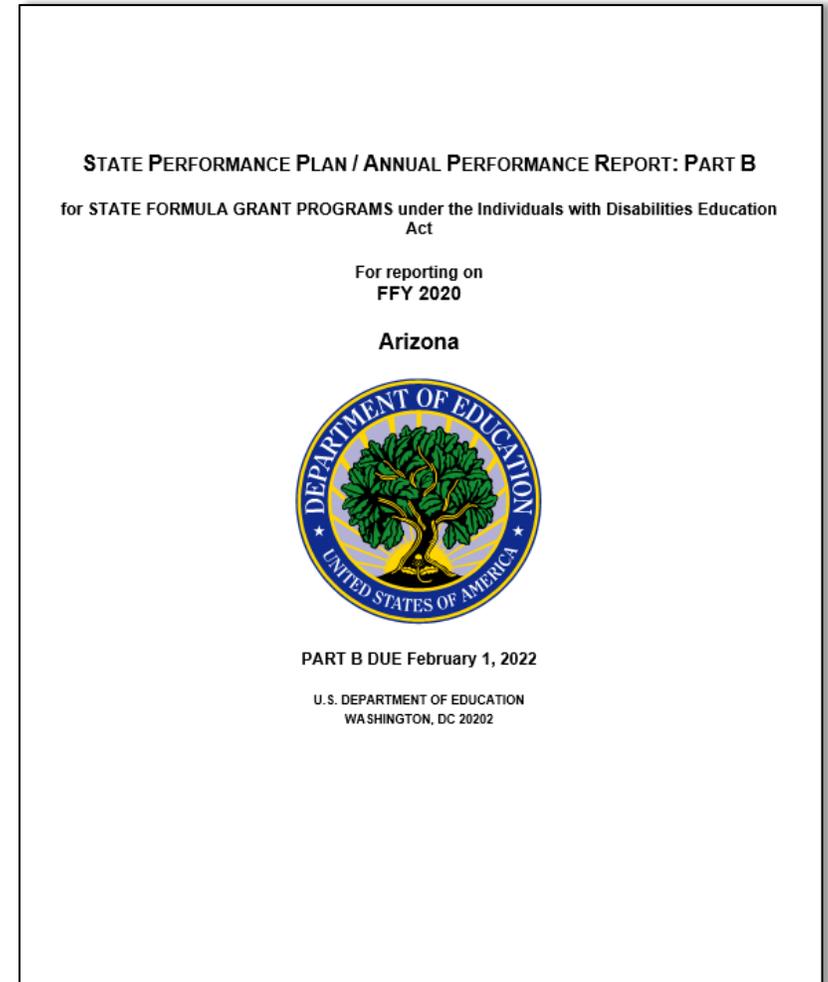
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# What is the SPP/APR?

The State Performance Plan (SPP)/Annual Performance Report (APR) comprise a required annual federal special education data collection overseen by the Office of Special Education Programs. They are outlined under a variety of sections in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

Exceptional Student Services (ESS) reports on portions of this information to stakeholders throughout the year.



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## Indicator 4, Discipline Removal Rates

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# Indicator 4, Discipline Removal Rates: Introduction

Two sections for the indicator:

- a) % of districts with significant discrepancy
- b) % of districts with significant discrepancy by race/ethnicity

Data is lagged by one year because ESS is required to determine if there was any noncompliance for any public education agencies (PEAs) identified as significantly discrepant the year following the data calculation.

Data Sources:

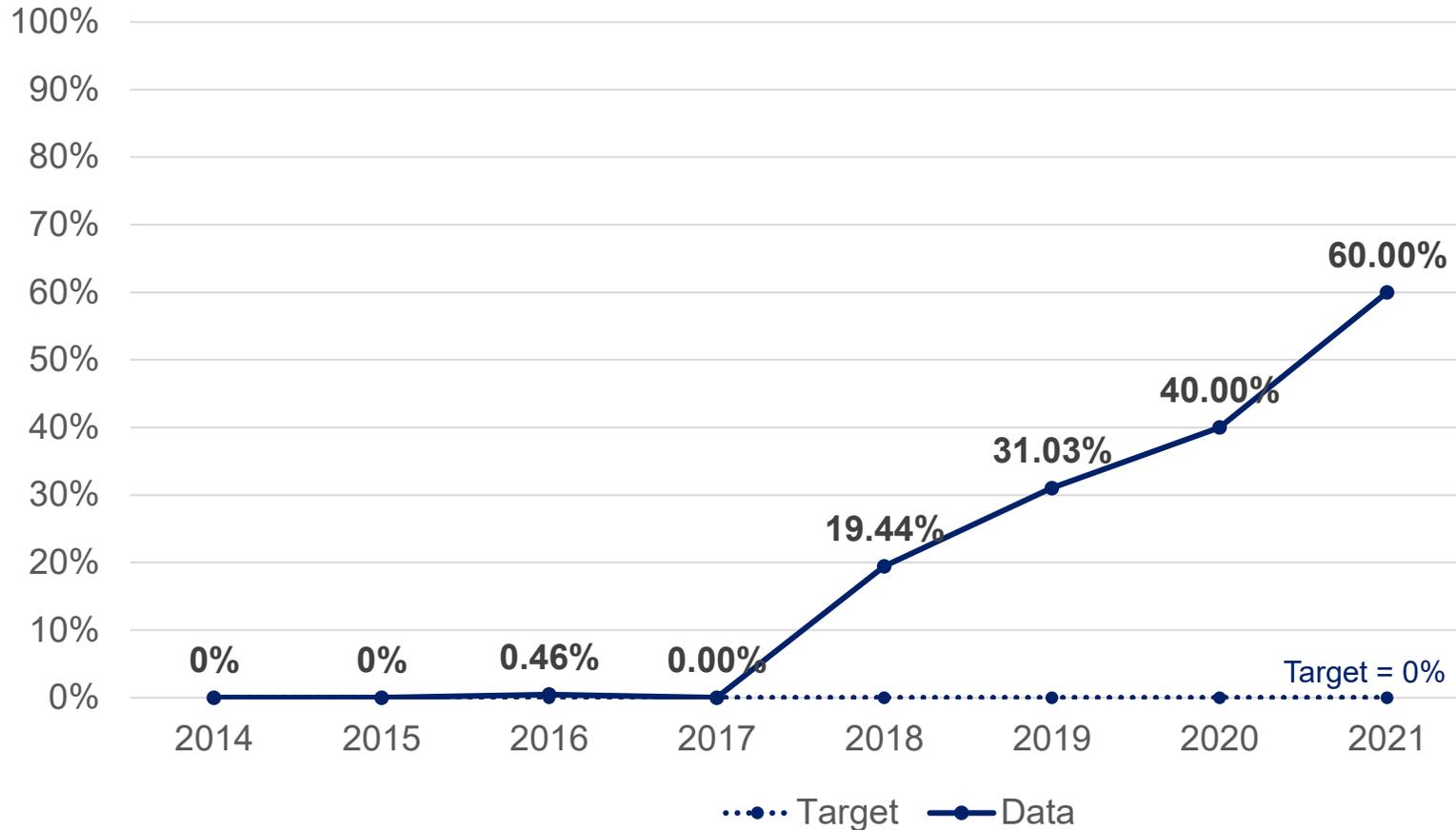
- Exceptional Student Services (ESS) Discipline Data Collection Tool
- ESS October 1 special education child count

## Indicator 4A, Discipline Removal Rates: Description

Percent of districts that have a significant discrepancy in the rate of suspensions and expulsions of greater than 10 days in a school year for **children with IEPs** (34 C.F.R. §300.170(a)).

Target is set at zero percent.

# Indicator 4A, Discipline Removal Rates: Results



3 of the 5 PEAs that met the minimum n size were found to have a significant discrepancy.

FFY 2016	FFY 2017	FFY 2018	FFY 2019	FFY 2020	FFY 2021
0.46%	0%	19.44%	31.03%	40.00%	60.00%

## Indicator 4B, Discipline Removal Rates by Race/Ethnicity: Description

Percent of districts that have a significant discrepancy, **by race or ethnicity**, in the rate of suspensions and expulsions of greater than 10 days in a school year for **children with IEPs** (34 C.F.R. §300.170(a)).

Target must be set at zero percent.

# Indicator 4B, Discipline Removal Rates by Race/Ethnicity: Results

Calculation of Percentage = (b)/(a)

Number of districts that met the State's minimum n-size (a)	Number of districts that have a significant discrepancy, by race or ethnicity	Number of those districts that have policies procedure, or practices that contribute to the significant discrepancy and do not comply with requirements (b)	FFY 2021 Target	FFY 2021 Data	Status
3	2	TBD	0%	TBD	TBD

Historically, indicator 4B is always zero percent for Arizona. Few PEAs ever meet the n-size threshold to test for any race/ethnicity under this calculation.

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## Indicator 9, Disproportionality in Identification

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# Indicator 9, Disproportionality in Identification: Introduction

Percent of districts with disproportionate representation of racial and ethnic groups in special education and related services that is the result of inappropriate identification.

Provide racial/ethnic disproportionality data for children aged 5 in kindergarten and aged 6 through 21 served under IDEA, aggregated across all disability categories.

## Data Sources:

- ESS October 1 special education child count
- Agency October 1 special education count

# Indicator 9, Disproportionality in Identification: Results

Calculation of Percentage = (b)/(a)

Number of Districts that met the State's minimum n-size (a)	Number of districts with disproportionate representation of racial and ethnic groups in special education and related services	Number of districts with disproportionate representation of racial and ethnic groups in special education and related services that is the result of inappropriate identification (b)	FFY 2021 Target	FFY 2020 Data	Status
454	0	0	0%	0%	Met Target

Historically, this indicator has always been zero percent the data. Rarely does a PEA receive a finding of inappropriate identification through monitoring or a review of the PEA's practices or processes.

# State Performance Plan Indicators

## Indicator 10, Disproportionality in Identification by Race/Ethnicity

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# Indicator 10, Disproportionality in Identification by Race/Ethnicity: Introduction

Percent of districts with disproportionate representation of racial and ethnic groups in specific disability categories that is the result of inappropriate identification.

This includes racial/ethnic disproportionality data for children aged 5 in kindergarten and aged 6 through 21 served under IDEA. The following six disability categories are included in this indicator: intellectual disability, specific learning disabilities, emotional disturbance, speech or language impairments, other health impairments, and autism.

## Data Sources:

- ESS October 1 special education child count
- Agency October 1 special education count

# Indicator 10, Disproportionality in Identification by Race/Ethnicity: Results

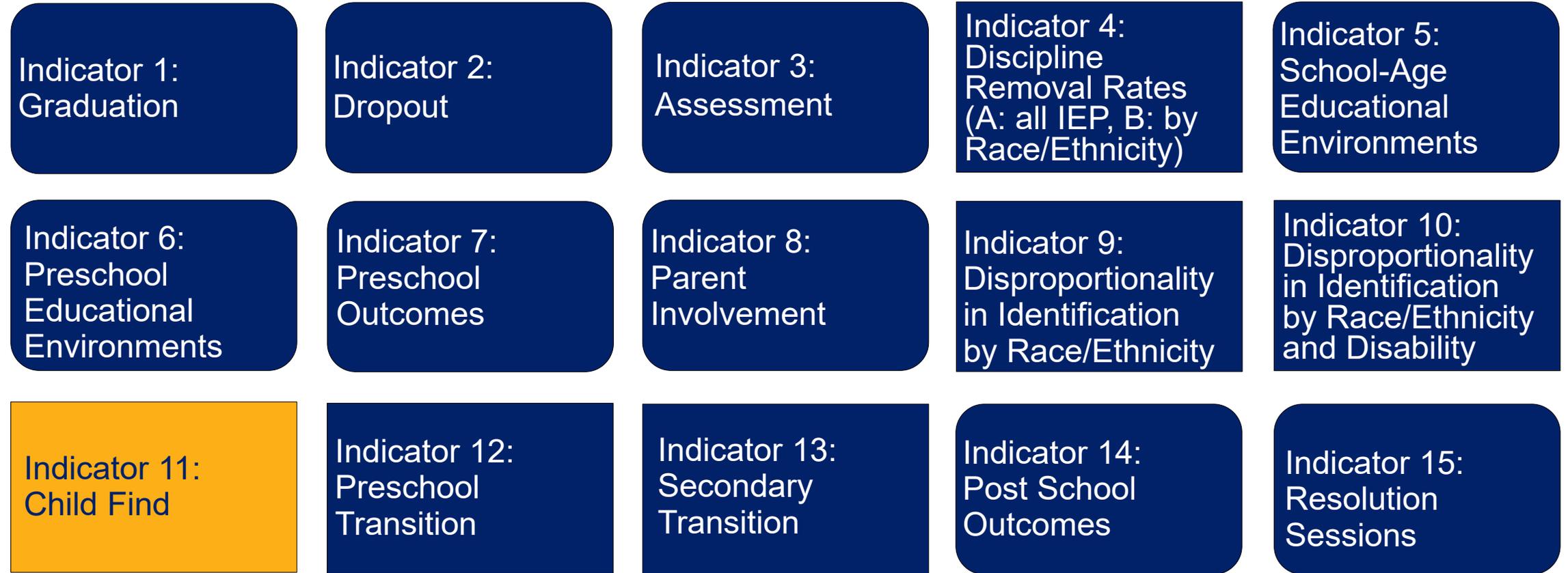
Calculation of Percentage = (b)/(a)

Number of districts that met the State's minimum n-size (a)	Number of districts with disproportionate representation of racial and ethnic groups in specific disability categories	Number of districts with disproportionate representation of racial and ethnic groups in specific disability categories that is the result of inappropriate identification (b)	FFY 2021 Target	FFY 2021 Data	Status
305	12	TBD	0%	TBD	TBD

Historically, like indicator 9, this indicator has always been zero percent for the data. Rarely does a PEA receive a finding of inappropriate identification through monitoring or a review of the PEA's practices or processes.

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## Indicator 11, Child Find



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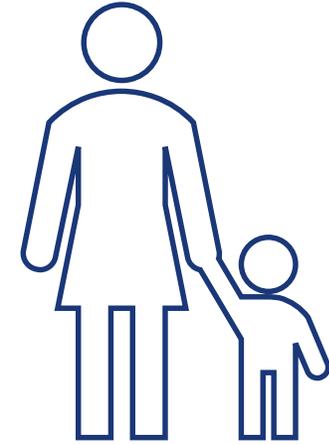
# Indicator 11, Child Find: Introduction

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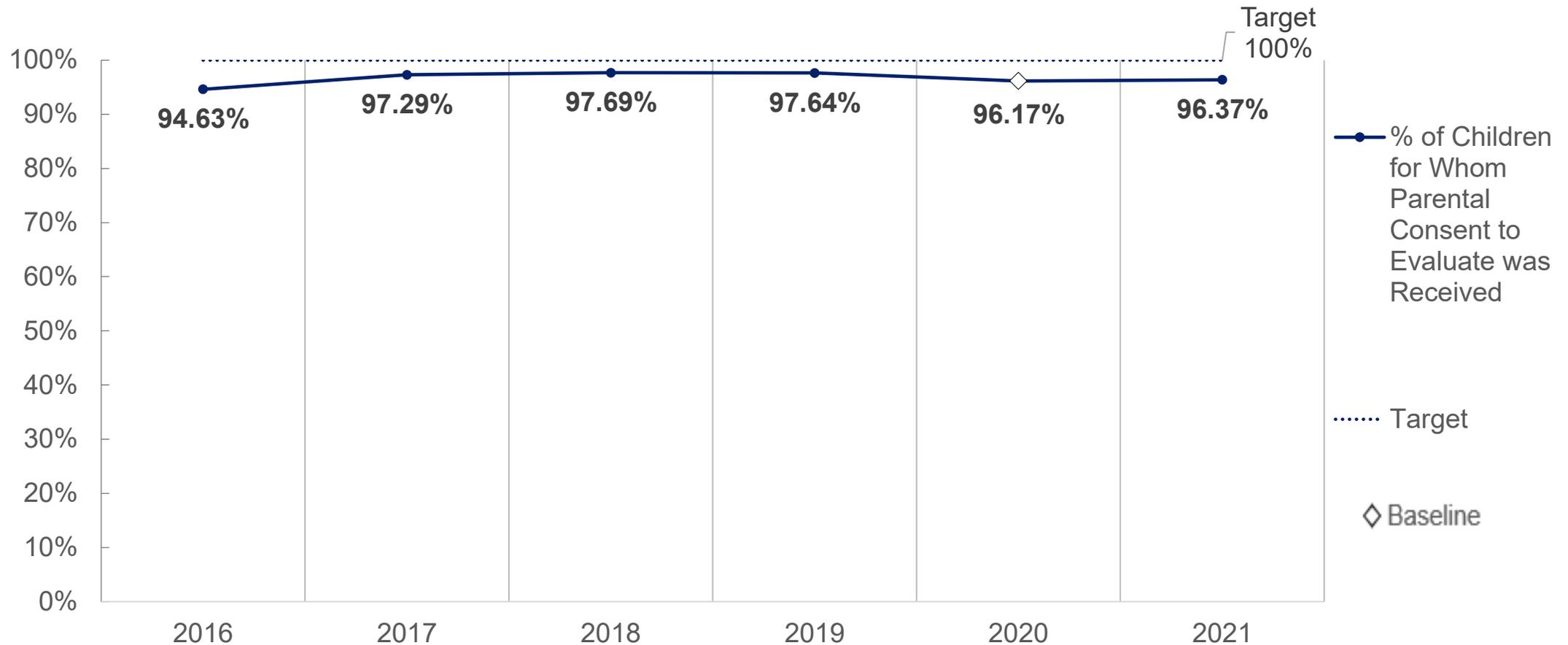
- Child Find measures the percent of students with parental consent to evaluate who were evaluated and for whom eligibility was determined within 60 days (or the State established timeline). 20 U.S.C. § 1416(a)(3)(B).

## Data Source

- Data is collected from Arizona's monitoring system and is based upon a file review of a sample of files from PEAs in year 4 of their monitoring cycle.



# Indicator 11, Percent of Children Evaluated Within 60 Days of Parental Consent: Results



2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
94.63%	97.29%	97.69%	97.64%	96.17%	96.37%

# State Performance Plan Indicators

## Indicator 12: Preschool Transition

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# Indicator 12, Early Childhood Transition: Introduction

## Description

- Percent of students referred by Part C prior to age 3 who are found eligible for Part B and who have an IEP developed and implemented by their third birthday.

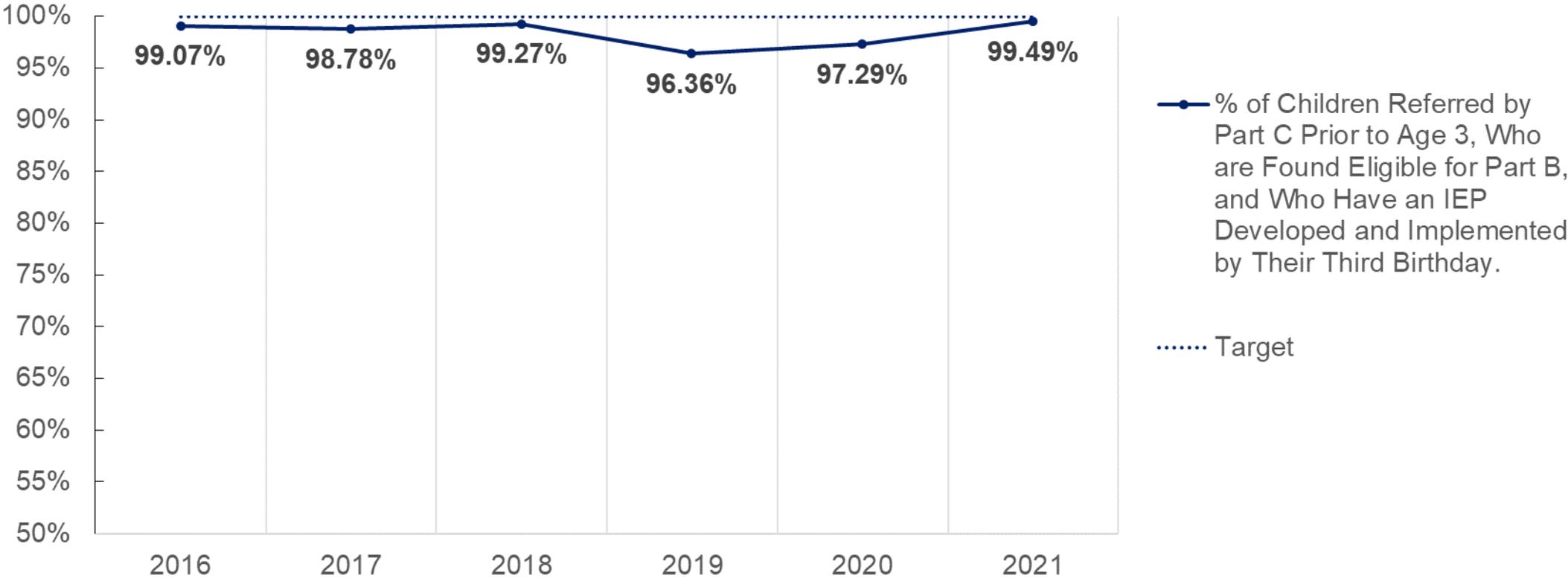


## Data Source

- Data is self-reported by PEAs and non-compliance is verified by ESS.



# Indicator 12, Referrals of Eligible Children from Part C with IEPs Implemented by Their Third Birthday: Results



FFY	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Data	99.07%	98.78%	99.27%	96.36%	97.29%	99.49%

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## Indicator 13, Secondary Transition

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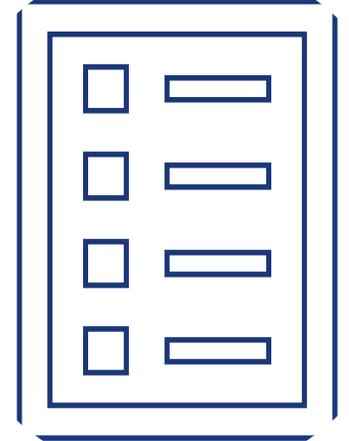
# Indicator 13, Secondary Transition: Introduction

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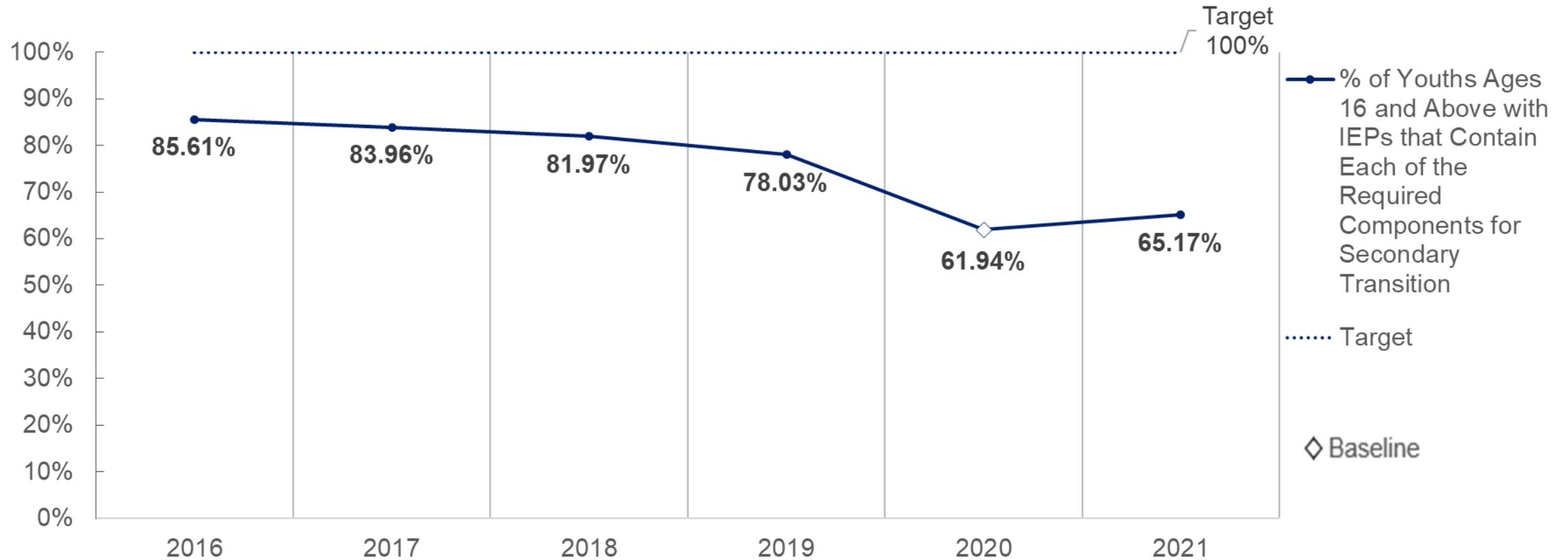
- Percent of youths with IEPs aged 16 and above with an IEP that includes a compliant postsecondary transition plan. This plan includes the 8 components outlined in IDEA.

## Data Source

- Data is collected from Arizona's monitoring system and is based upon a file review of a sample of files from PEAs in year 4 of their monitoring cycle.



# Indicator 13, Percent of Youths of Ages 16+ That Meet All 8 Components: Results



2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
85.61%	83.96%	81.97%	78.03%	61.94%	65.17%

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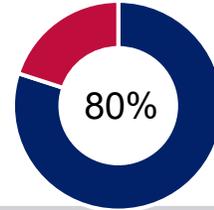
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# Indicator 5, Educational Environments (School-Age): Introduction

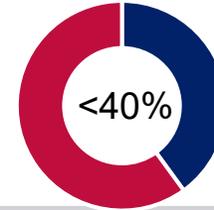
- Students are reported in the SPP/APR as being in in one of the following categories: A, B, or C
- Includes students with IEPs of age 5 and enrolled in kindergarten and of ages 6–21

A



Inside regular class 80% or more of the day.

B



Inside regular class less than 40% of the day

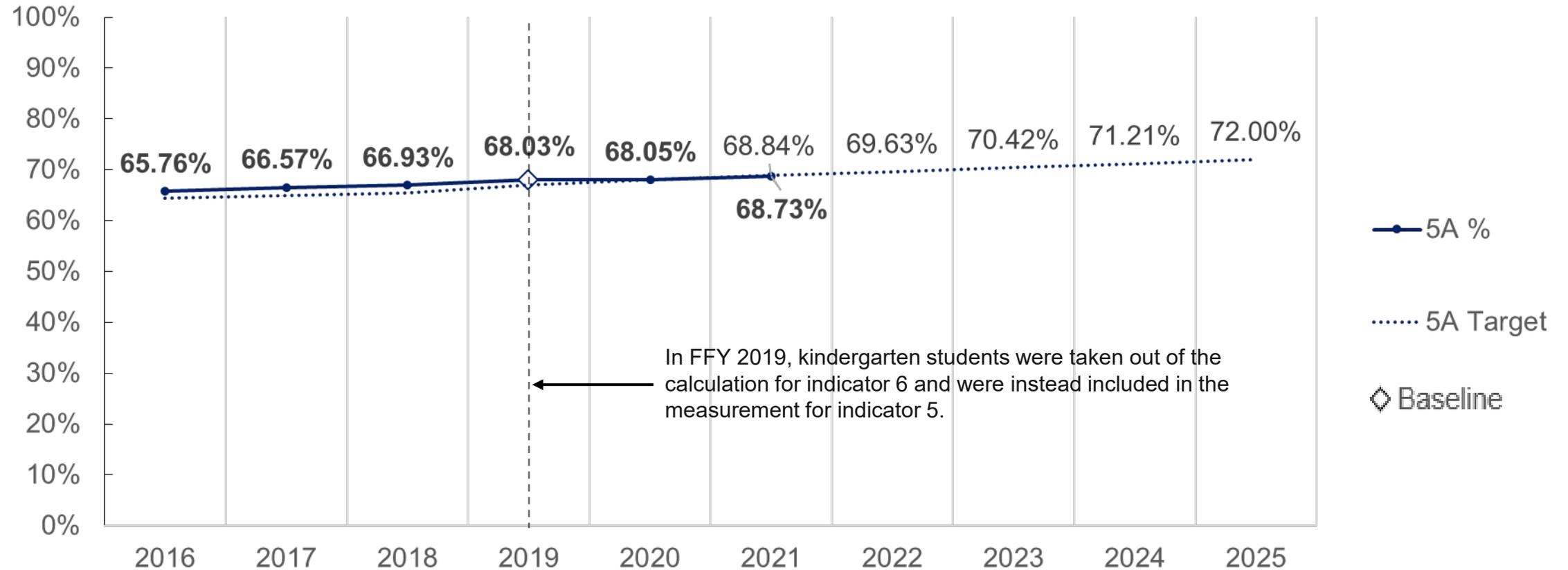
C



In separate schools, residential facilities, placement in the home, or hospital

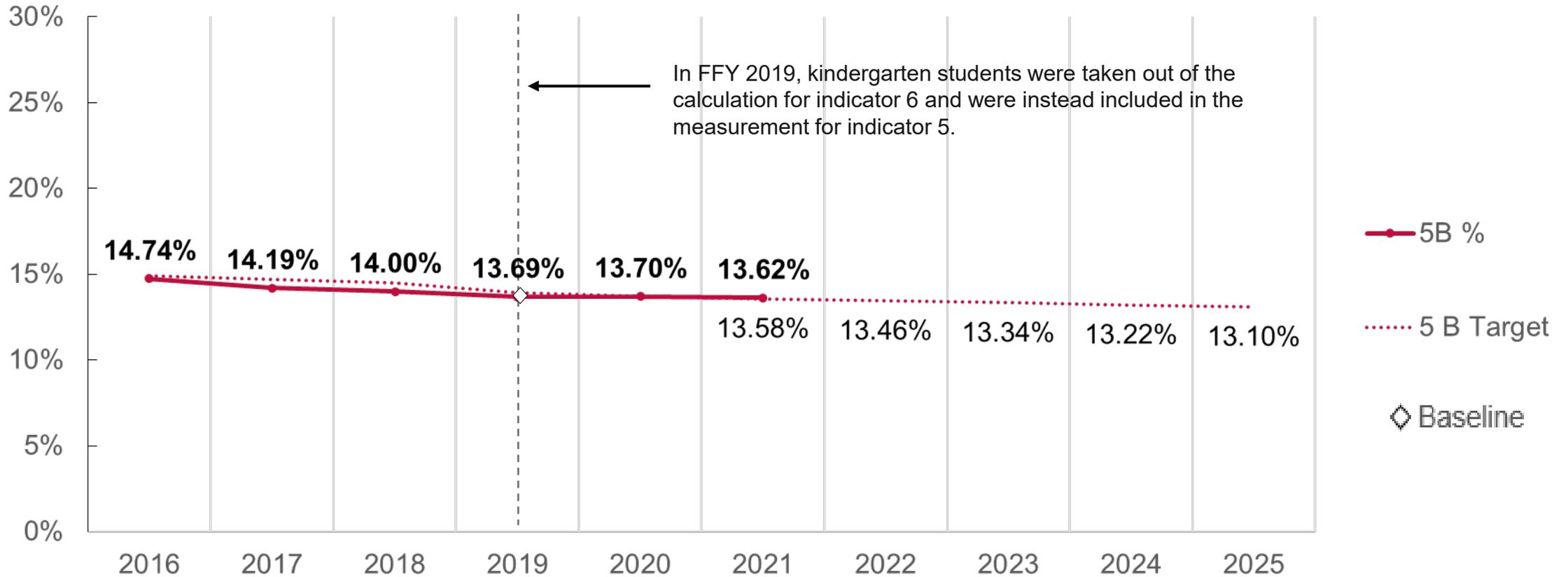


# Indicator 5A, Inside Regular Class 80% or More of the Day: Results



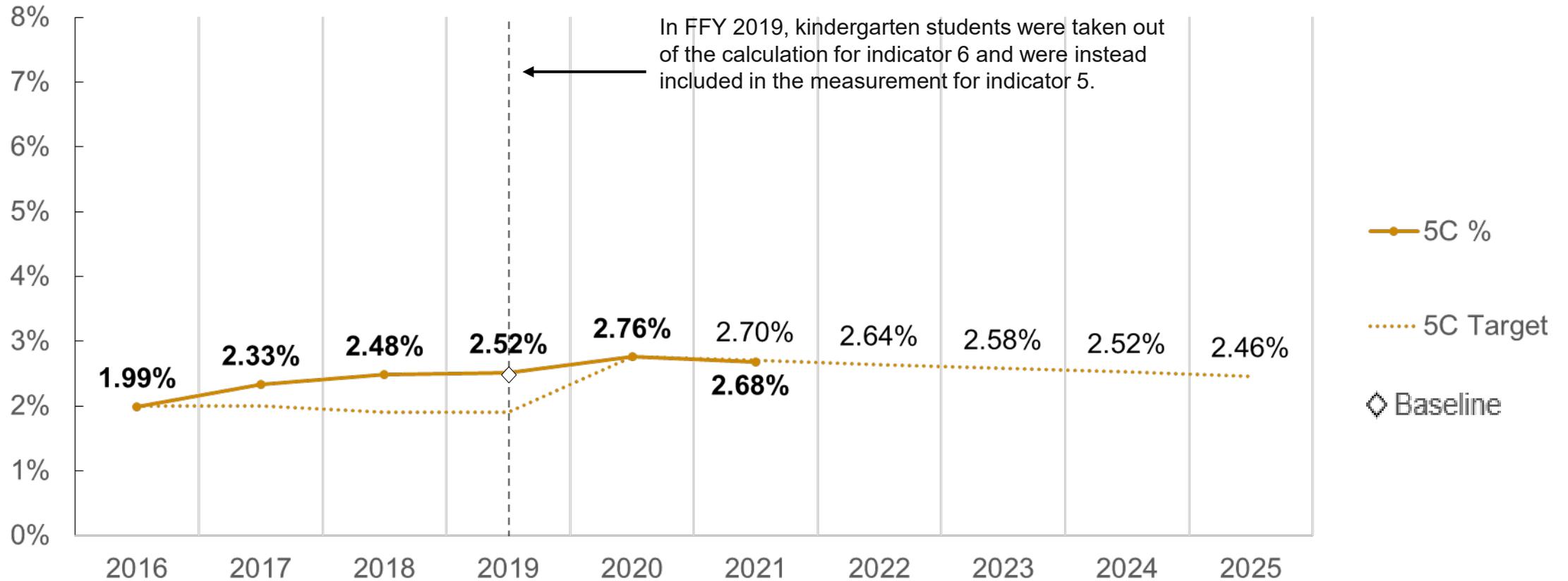
FFY	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Target</b>	64.50%	65.00%	65.50%	67.00%	68.05%	68.84%	69.63%	70.42%	71.21%	72.00%
<b>Actual Data</b>	65.76%	66.57%	66.93%	68.03%	68.05%	68.73%	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

# Indicator 5B, Inside Regular Class Less Than 40% of the Day: Results



FFY	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Target</b>	14.90%	14.70%	14.50%	13.90%	13.70%	13.58%	13.46%	13.34%	13.22%	13.10%
<b>Actual Data</b>	14.74%	14.19%	14.00%	13.69%	13.70%	13.62%	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

# Indicator 5C, In Separate Schools, Residential Facilities, Home, or Hospital Placements: Results



FFY	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Target</b>	2.00%	2.00%	1.90%	1.90%	2.76%	2.70%	2.64%	2.58%	2.52%	2.46%
<b>Actual Data</b>	1.99%	2.33%	2.48%	2.52%	2.76%	2.68%	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

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# Indicator 6, Educational Environments (Preschool): Introduction

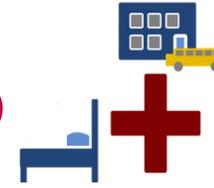
- Children are reported in the SPP/APR as being in in one of the following categories: A, B, or C
- Includes preschool children with IEPs aged 3 through 5

**A**



Receiving the majority of special education and related services in regular early childhood program

**B**



Attending separate special education class, separate school, or residential facility

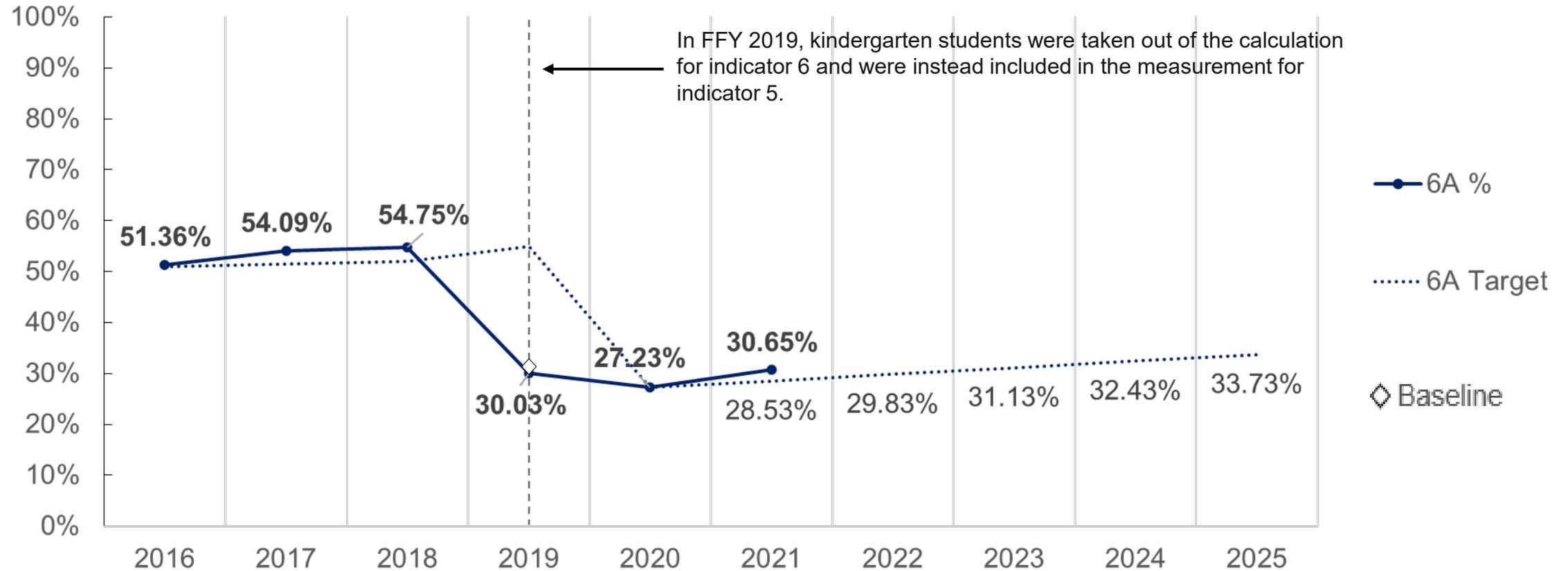
**C**



Receiving special education and related services in the home

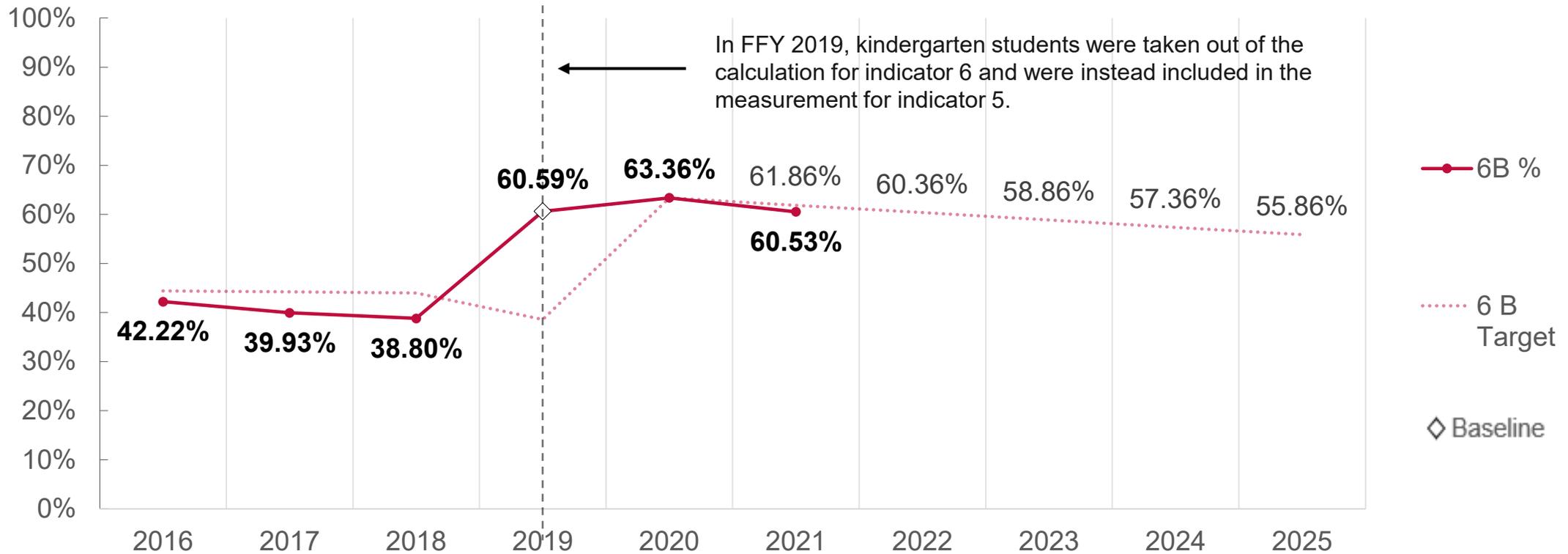


# Indicator 6A, Receiving the Majority of Special Education and Related Services in Regular Early Childhood Program: Results



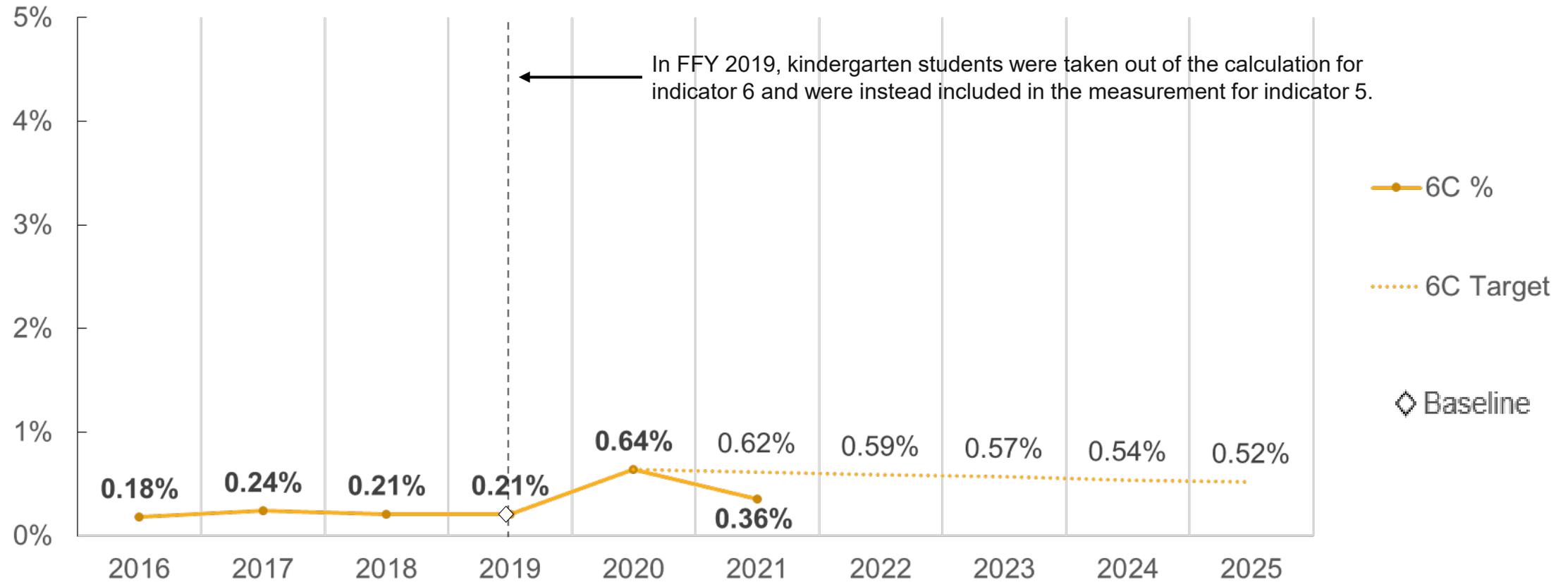
FFY	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Target</b>	51.00%	51.50%	52.00%	55.00%	27.23%	28.53%	29.83%	31.13%	32.43%	33.73%
<b>Actual Data</b>	51.36%	54.09%	54.75%	30.03%	27.23%	30.65%	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

# Indicator 6B, Attending Separate Special Education Class, Separate school, or Residential Facility: Results



FFY	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Target</b>	44.40%	44.20%	44.00%	38.60%	63.36%	61.86%	60.36%	58.86%	57.36%	55.86%
<b>Actual Data</b>	42.22%	39.93%	38.80%	60.59%	63.36%	60.53%	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

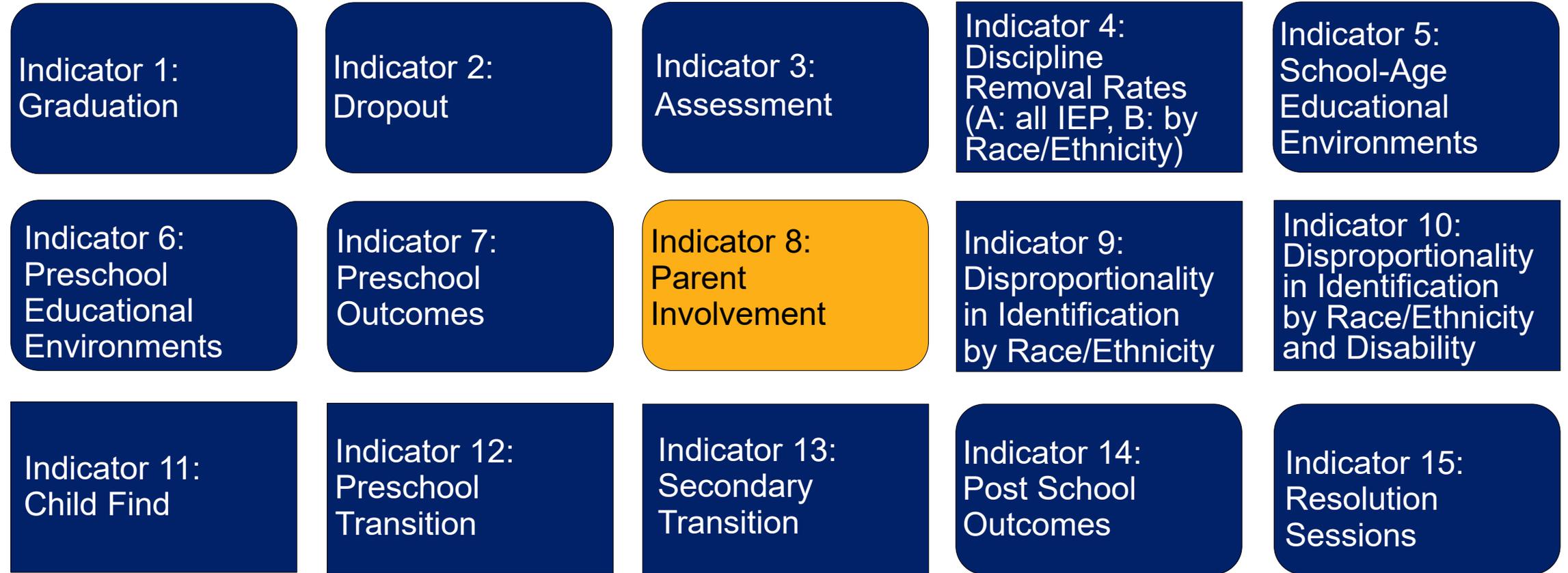
# Indicator 6C, Receiving Special Education and Related Services in the Home: Results



FFY	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Target</b>	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.64%	0.62%	0.59%	0.57%	0.54%	0.52%
<b>Actual Data</b>	0.18%	0.24%	0.21%	0.21%	0.64%	0.36%	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

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## Indicator 8: Parent Involvement



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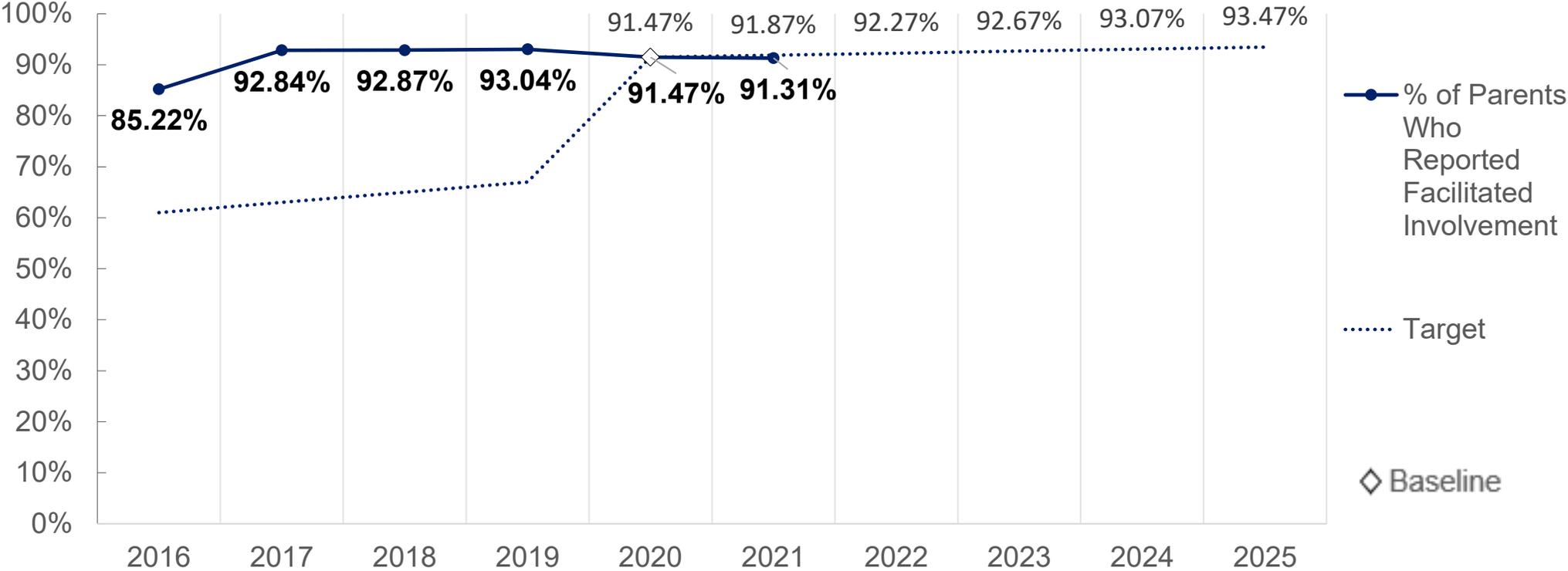
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## Indicator 8, Parent Involvement: Introduction

- Percent of parents with a child receiving special education services who report that schools facilitated parent involvement as a means of improving services and results for children with disabilities
- Data Source: Annual parent survey

# Indicator 8: Historical, Current, and Target Data



FFY	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Target</b>	61.00%	63.00%	65.00%	67.00%	91.47%	91.87%	92.27%	92.67%	93.07%	93.47%
<b>Actual Data</b>	85.22%	92.84%	92.87%	93.04%	91.47%	91.31%	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

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Exceptional Student Services accepts feedback from the public concerning the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part B State Application, the State Part B Application, and the State Part C Application. This form has certain fields required and those are notated with an asterisk. Other fields are optional but are helpful for our unit determining the representativeness of public comment.

**Commenters Information**

Type \*  
Select one or more options below:  
 Parent  
 Teacher  
 School Administrator  
 Special Education Service Provider  
 Other

First Name \*

Email Address \*

Demographic \*  
Select one or more options below:  
 American Indian and Alaska Native  
 Asian  
 Black or African American  
 Hispanic/Latino  
 Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander  
 White  
 Do not wish to disclose

Category \*  
Choose one...

Comments \*  
Enter your comments

**Attachments (PDF Only)**  
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**Confirmation**  
 I acknowledge that I am making a public comment, either voluntarily or at the request of Exceptional Student Services, for the purpose of providing feedback on the IDEA Part B State Application, the State Part B Application, and the State Part C Application.

**Contact Information**  
Questions regarding this form may be addressed to:  
Arizona Department of Education,  
Exceptional Student Services,  
[ESS Public Comment Inbox](mailto:ESSPublicCommentInbox@azed.gov)

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