

# MHEC: Higher Education Overview

## INDICATORS OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

### Indicators of Enrollment

Performance Measures	2014 Act.	2015 Act.	2016 Act.	2017 Act.	2018 Act.	2019 Est.	2020 Est.
Headcount for-credit enrollment at community colleges and public four-year institutions	310,573	301,528	305,209	304,591	305,178	302,893	307,851
Full-time equivalent (FTE) for-credit enrollment at community colleges and public four-year institutions	248,407	242,472	243,046	244,516	243,200	238,237	217,807

### Indicators of Equity

Performance Measures	2014 Act.	2015 Act.	2016 Act.	2017 Act.	2018 Act.	2019 Est.	2020 Est.
Percentage of bachelor's degrees awarded to racial/ethnic minorities	36.4%	37.4%	39.3%	40.0%	41.3%	42.1%	42.9%
Percentage of associate's degrees awarded to racial/ethnic minorities	35.4%	36.3%	38.4%	38.7%	40.2%	40.6%	41.1%
Difference between six-year graduation rate of African Americans and all students	20.0%	19.8%	21.4%	20.0%	18.1%	17.8%	17.1%
<sup>1</sup> Gap between four-year transfer/ graduation rate of all minorities and all community college students	7.5%	6.8%	6.4%	6.4%	6.5%	6.4%	6.3%
Second year retention rate of students at historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs)	68.8%	73.4%	71.4%	66.2%	69.5%	69.9%	71.1%
Six-year graduation rate of students at HBCUs	33.7%	34.9%	34.4%	36.0%	38.6%	37.5%	39.9%

### Indicators of Educational Outcomes

Performance Measures	2014 Act.	2015 Act.	2016 Act.	2017 Act.	2018 Act.	2019 Est.	2020 Est.
Six-year graduation rate at four-year colleges and universities	63.8%	63.7%	66.1%	65.5%	67.0%	68.0%	70.0%
Baccalaureate recipients enrolling for advanced study (survey not conducted annually)	22%	N/A	N/A	29%	N/A	N/A	32%
Percentage of community college transfer students who earned a bachelor's degree from a public four-year institution within four years	55.9%	51.2%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Degree attainment rate for Marylanders ages 25 to 64	44.8%	45.0%	45.2%	46.0%	47.3%	48.0%	49.0%
Number of community college students who transfer to a public four-year campus	9,875	9,751	9,874	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Number of teacher candidates completing programs leading to licensure	2,823	2,744	2,778	2,759	2,884	2,917	2,745

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## Indicators of Educational Outcomes (Continued)

Performance Measures	2014 Act.	2015 Act.	2016 Act.	2017 Act.	2018 Act.	2019 Est.	2020 Est.
Number of degree recipients in STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) fields	13,082	13,850	15,039	15,923	16,378	16,794	17,269
Four-year successful persister rate at community colleges	71.4%	69.0%	69.2%	69.0%	71.2%	71.0%	71.0%
Four-year transfer and graduation rate at community colleges	33.7%	33.9%	33.1%	36.0%	37.0%	37.0%	38.0%
Number of students who graduate from Maryland nursing programs	4,237	4,221	4,258	4,167	3,972	4,118	4,267
Number of master's and doctoral degrees awarded by Maryland nursing programs	675	663	700	581	675	712	733

## Indicators of Affordability and Financial Aid

Performance Measures	2014 Act.	2015 Act.	2016 Act.	2017 Act.	2018 Act.	2019 Est.	2020 Est.
Percentage of Maryland median family income (MFI) needed to cover tuition and fees at community colleges	5.2%	5.4%	6.0%	6.0%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%
Percentage of Maryland MFI needed to cover tuition and fees at public four-year colleges	11.3%	11.5%	12.0%	12.0%	11.5%	11.5%	11.5%
Percentage of students with household income at or below 40 percent of median household income (MHI) who have unmet need	43.5%	43.3%	42.0%	42.0%	43.1%	43.1%	43.2%
Number of Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) applications submitted on time by applicants 19 years of age or younger	42,033	42,082	41,932	42,805	47,814	49,196	50,000
Number of FAFSA applications submitted between October 1 and December 31	0	0	0	0	87,111	90,000	90,000
Number of Educational Assistance grant recipients	33,744	28,592	25,856	24,847	23,544	24,000	24,000
Educational Assistance grant recipients as a percent of on-time applicants	25.0%	21.0%	19.7%	20.0%	15.5%	15.4%	15.4%
Number of New Guaranteed Access Grant recipients	1,406	1,493	1,477	1,609	2,182	2,000	2,000

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## Indicators of State Funding

Performance Measures	2014 Act.	2015 Act.	2016 Act.	2017 Act.	2018 Act.	2019 Est.	2020 Est.
Percentage of funding guideline attained for public four-year institutions	74%	77%	71%	74%	73%	68%	68%
Percentage of full funding guideline attained for HBCUs	74%	91%	85%	95%	91%	83%	83%
Total dollars appropriated for disbursement as State financial aid grant awards (millions)	\$121	\$98	\$101	\$103	\$111	\$113	\$115

## NOTES

<sup>1</sup> Definition of racial/ethnic minorities updated in fiscal year 2015 to include two or more races.