

MHEC: Higher Education Overview

INDICATORS OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

Indicators of Enrollment

Performance Measures	2015 Act.	2016 Act.	2017 Act.	2018 Act.	2019 Act.	2020 Est.	2021 Est.
Headcount for-credit enrollment at community colleges and public four-year institutions	301,528	305,209	304,591	305,178	302,893	300,742	305,237
Full-time equivalent (FTE) for-credit enrollment at community colleges and public four-year institutions	242,472	243,046	244,516	243,200	242,806	213,035	216,037

Indicators of Equity

Performance Measures	2015 Act.	2016 Act.	2017 Act.	2018 Act.	2019 Act.	2020 Est.	2021 Est.
Percentage of bachelor's degrees awarded to racial/ethnic minorities	37.4%	39.3%	40.0%	41.3%	42.8%	44.4%	45.9%
Percentage of associate's degrees awarded to racial/ethnic minorities	36.3%	38.4%	38.7%	40.2%	41.4%	42.7%	43.9%
Six-Year Graduation Rate							
All Students	63.7%	66.1%	65.5%	67.4%	68.8%	70.2%	71.6%
African American	43.9%	44.7%	45.5%	49.3%	51.3%	53.3%	55.3%
White	75.4%	77.9%	76.5%	77.0%	78.2%	79.4%	80.6%
Hispanic/Latino	65.7%	69.9%	67.7%	71.1%	69.5%	67.9%	66.3%
Asian	77.6%	80.1%	80.2%	81.6%	83.1%	84.6%	86.1%
Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander	N/A	N/A	40.0%	90.9%	50.0%	50.0%	50.0%
American Indian/Alaska Native	N/A	N/A	57.1%	54.2%	73.7%	60.0%	60.0%
Two or More Races	N/A	N/A	66.9%	62.9%	59.8%	56.8%	53.8%
Four-Year Transfer/Graduation Rates							
All Students	33.9%	33.2%	35.8%	37.0%	38.8%	40.6%	42.4%
African American	21.8%	22.0%	24.6%	25.9%	29.7%	33.5%	37.3%
White	39.7%	41.3%	42.5%	44.1%	46.0%	47.9%	49.8%
Hispanic/Latino	33.1%	27.4%	30.8%	34.0%	33.1%	32.2%	31.3%
Asian	48.9%	47.3%	51.3%	47.7%	50.9%	54.1%	57.3%
Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander	34.0%	25.6%	47.2%	34.0%	39.1%	44.2%	49.3%
American Indian/Alaska Native	17.7%	27.1%	32.7%	36.5%	32.7%	28.9%	25.1%
Two or More Races	31.1%	30.0%	32.4%	33.1%	30.9%	28.7%	26.5%
Second year retention rate of students at historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs)	70.9%	69.4%	73.2%	71.9%	71.3%	70.7%	70.1%
Six-year graduation rate of students at HBCUs	38.8%	37.8%	40.1%	42.0%	44.0%	46.0%	48.0%

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Indicators of Educational Outcomes

Performance Measures	2015 Act.	2016 Act.	2017 Act.	2018 Act.	2019 Act.	2020 Est.	2021 Est.
Six-year graduation rate at four-year colleges and universities	63.7%	66.1%	65.5%	67.4%	68.8%	70.2%	71.6%
Baccalaureate recipients enrolling for advanced study (survey not conducted annually)	N/A	N/A	29%	N/A	N/A	29%	N/A
Degree attainment rate for Marylanders ages 25 to 64	45.0%	45.2%	46.0%	47.3%	48.4%	48.0%	49.0%
Number of community college students who transfer to a public four-year campus	9,751	9,874	9,966	10,205	9,995	10,000	10,250
¹ Number of teacher candidates completing programs leading to licensure	2,744	2,778	2,759	2,884	1,870	2,000	2,100
Number of degree recipients in STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) fields	13,829	15,039	15,708	16,378	18,076	19,774	21,000
Four-year successful persister rate at community colleges	69.0%	69.2%	69.0%	71.2%	70.2%	71.0%	72.0%
Four-year transfer and graduation rate at community colleges	33.9%	33.2%	35.8%	37.0%	38.8%	40.6%	42.4%
Number of students who graduate from Maryland nursing programs	3,954	3,961	3,930	3,798	3,712	3,800	3,810
Number of master's and doctoral degrees awarded by Maryland nursing programs	663	700	579	675	840	900	950

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Indicators of Affordability and Financial Aid

Performance Measures	2015 Act.	2016 Act.	2017 Act.	2018 Act.	2019 Act.	2020 Est.	2021 Est.
Percentage of Maryland median family income (MFI) needed to cover tuition and fees at community colleges	5.4%	6.0%	6.0%	5.5%	5.4%	5.5%	5.5%
Percentage of Maryland MFI needed to cover tuition and fees at public four-year colleges	11.5%	12.0%	12.0%	11.5%	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	43.3%	42.0%	42.0%	43.1%	34.7%	39.0%	39.0%
Number of Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) applications submitted on time by applicants 19 years of age or younger	42,082	41,932	42,805	47,814	48,594	48,420	48,500
Number of FAFSA applications submitted between October 1 and December 31	N/A	N/A	N/A	87,111	93,060	86,731	87,500
Number of Maryland State Financial Aid Applications (MSFAA) submitted between October 1 and March 1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	336	500
Number of MSFAA filers that submitted an application between October 1 and December 31	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	300
Number of MSFAA filers that receive the Educational Assistance Grant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	100	200
Number of Educational Assistance grant recipients	28,592	25,856	24,847	23,544	22,008	21,500	21,500
Educational Assistance grant recipients as a percent of on-time applicants	21.0%	19.7%	20.0%	15.5%	14.1%	14.2%	14.2%
Number of New Guaranteed Access Grant recipients	525	477	570	1,029	876	1,275	1,275

Indicators of State Funding

Performance Measures	2015 Act.	2016 Act.	2017 Act.	2018 Act.	2019 Act.	2020 Est.	2021 Est.
Percentage of funding guideline attained for public four-year institutions	77%	71%	74%	73%	68%	71%	71%
Percentage of full funding guideline attained for HBCUs	91%	85%	95%	91%	81%	81%	81%
Total dollars appropriated for disbursement as State financial aid grant awards (millions)	\$98	\$101	\$103	\$111	\$112	\$121	\$125

¹ MSDE no longer produces the measure's original data source; beginning 2018, MHEC collects this data via the Maryland Approved Program Completer System.