

MHEC: Higher Education Overview

INDICATORS OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

Indicators of Enrollment

Performance Measures	2016 Act.	2017 Act.	2018 Act.	2019 Act.	2020 Act.	2021 Est.	2022 Est.
Headcount for-credit enrollment at community colleges and public four-year institutions	305,209	304,591	305,178	302,893	300,742	314,570	319,078
Full-time equivalent (FTE) for-credit enrollment at community colleges and public four-year institutions	243,046	244,516	243,200	242,806	241,956	223,354	227,124

Indicators of Equity

Performance Measures	2016 Act.	2017 Act.	2018 Act.	2019 Act.	2020 Act.	2021 Est.	2022 Est.
Percentage of bachelor's degrees awarded to racial/ethnic minorities	39.3%	40.5%	41.3%	42.8%	44.4%	45.4%	46.4%
Percentage of associate's degrees awarded to racial/ethnic minorities	38.4%	38.7%	40.2%	43.1%	44.1%	45.3%	46.4%
Six-Year Graduation Rate							
All Students	66.1%	65.5%	67.4%	68.8%	71.1%	72.1%	73.1%
African American	44.7%	45.5%	49.3%	51.3%	56.0%	58.2%	60.5%
White	77.9%	76.5%	77.0%	78.2%	78.7%	78.8%	79.0%
Hispanic/Latino	69.9%	67.7%	71.1%	69.5%	70.5%	70.6%	70.7%
Asian	80.1%	80.2%	81.6%	83.1%	84.3%	85.1%	86.0%
Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander	N/A	40.0%	90.9%	50.0%	50.0%	52.5%	55.0%
American Indian/Alaska Native	N/A	57.1%	54.2%	73.7%	75.0%	79.5%	83.9%
Two or More Races	N/A	66.9%	62.9%	59.8%	68.0%	68.2%	68.5%
Four-Year Transfer/Graduation Rates							
All Students	33.2%	35.8%	37.0%	38.8%	39.6%	40.9%	42.2%
African American	22.0%	24.6%	25.9%	29.7%	30.4%	32.1%	33.8%
White	41.3%	42.5%	44.1%	46.0%	45.5%	46.3%	47.2%
Hispanic/Latino	27.4%	30.8%	34.0%	33.1%	36.9%	38.8%	40.7%
Asian	47.3%	51.3%	47.7%	50.9%	50.6%	51.2%	51.9%
Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander	25.6%	47.2%	34.0%	39.1%	55.6%	61.6%	67.5%
American Indian/Alaska Native	27.1%	32.7%	36.5%	32.7%	23.2%	22.4%	21.7%
Two or More Races	30.0%	32.4%	33.1%	30.9%	40.6%	42.7%	44.8%
Second year retention rate of students at historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs)	69.4%	73.2%	71.9%	67.6%	68.3%	68.1%	67.9%
Six-year graduation rate of students at HBCUs	37.8%	40.1%	42.0%	41.3%	43.9%	45.2%	46.4%

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Indicators of Educational Outcomes

Performance Measures	2016 Act.	2017 Act.	2018 Act.	2019 Act.	2020 Act.	2021 Est.	2022 Est.
Six-year graduation rate at four-year colleges and universities	66.1%	65.5%	67.4%	68.8%	71.1%	72.1%	73.1%
Degree attainment rate for Marylanders ages 25 to 64	45.2%	46.0%	47.3%	48.4%	49.5%	51.0%	52.0%
Number of community college students who transfer to a public four-year campus	9,874	9,966	10,205	9,995	9,672	9,942	9,956
¹ Number of teacher candidates completing programs leading to licensure	2,778	2,759	2,884	1,870	1,790	1,830	1,810
Number of degree recipients in STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) fields	15,039	15,708	16,378	18,076	18,780	19,528	20,276
Four-year successful persister rate at community colleges	69.2%	69.0%	71.2%	70.2%	70.8%	71.1%	71.4%
Four-year transfer and graduation rate at community colleges	33.2%	35.8%	37.0%	38.8%	39.6%	40.9%	42.2%
Number of students who graduate from Maryland nursing programs	3,961	3,930	3,798	3,712	3,845	3,822	3,799
Number of master's and doctoral degrees awarded by Maryland nursing programs	700	579	675	840	849	879	909

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Indicators of Affordability and Financial Aid

Performance Measures	2016 Act.	2017 Act.	2018 Act.	2019 Act.	2020 Act.	2021 Est.	2022 Est.
Percentage of Maryland median family income (MFI) needed to cover tuition and fees at community colleges	6.0%	6.0%	5.5%	5.4%	5.6%	5.7%	5.6%
Percentage of Maryland MFI needed to cover tuition and fees at public four-year colleges	12.0%	12.0%	11.5%	11.5%	11.7%	11.7%	11.7%
Percentage of students with household income at or below 40 percent of median household income (MHI) who have unmet need	42.0%	42.0%	43.1%	34.7%	34.6%	39.0%	38.0%
Number of Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) applications submitted on time by applicants 19 years of age or younger	41,932	42,805	47,814	48,594	48,611	46,706	47,000
Number of FAFSA applications submitted between October 1 and December 31	N/A	N/A	87,111	93,060	87,034	84,667	86,000
Number of Maryland State Financial Aid Applications (MSFAA) submitted between October 1 and March 1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	336	637	700
Number of MSFAA filers that submitted an application between October 1 and December 31	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	57	238	300
Number of MSFAA filers that receive the Educational Assistance Grant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	87	247	275
Number of Educational Assistance grant recipients	25,856	24,847	23,544	22,008	23,659	24,000	24,000
Educational Assistance grant recipients as a percent of on-time applicants	19.7%	20.0%	15.5%	14.1%	16.0%	17.0%	17.0%
Number of New Guaranteed Access Grant recipients	477	570	1,029	876	1,368	1,856	2,000

Indicators of State Funding

Performance Measures	2016 Act.	2017 Act.	2018 Act.	2019 Act.	2020 Act.	2021 Est.	2022 Est.
Percentage of funding guideline attained for public four-year institutions	71%	74%	73%	68%	71%	68%	69%
Percentage of full funding guideline attained for HBCUs	85%	95%	91%	81%	81%	82%	81%
Total dollars appropriated for disbursement as State financial aid grant awards (millions)	\$101	\$103	\$111	\$112	\$138	\$128	\$136

NOTES

¹ The Maryland State Department of Education no longer produces the measure's original data source; beginning in 2018, MHEC collects this data via the Maryland Approved Program Completer System.