

MHEC: Higher Education Overview

INDICATORS OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

Indicators of Enrollment

Performance Measures	2018 Act.	2019 Act.	2020 Act.	2021 Act.	2022 Act.	2023 Est.	2024 Est.
Headcount for-credit enrollment at community colleges and public four-year institutions	305,178	302,893	300,742	294,778	287,498	232,720	291,963
Full-time equivalent (FTE) for-credit enrollment at community colleges and public four-year institutions	243,200	242,806	241,956	230,766	223,803	207,088	208,000

Indicators of Equity

Performance Measures	2018 Act.	2019 Act.	2020 Act.	2021 Act.	2022 Act.	2023 Est.	2024 Est.
Percentage of bachelor's degrees awarded to racial/ethnic minorities	41.3%	42.8%	44.4%	44.8%	46.6%	44.0%	44.5%
Percentage of associate's degrees awarded to racial/ethnic minorities	40.2%	43.1%	44.1%	45.4%	47.3%	44.0%	45.0%
Six-Year Graduation Rate							
All Students	67.4%	68.8%	71.1%	70.5%	69.3%	69.4%	69.8%
African American	49.3%	51.3%	56.0%	56.1%	53.4%	53.2%	54.0%
White	77.0%	78.2%	78.7%	78.6%	78.3%	78.2%	78.4%
Hispanic/Latino	71.1%	69.5%	70.5%	67.9%	67.2%	69.2%	68.9%
Asian	81.6%	83.1%	84.3%	83.0%	85.5%	83.5%	83.9%
Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander	90.9%	50.0%	50.0%	60.0%	64.7%	63.1%	57.6%
American Indian/Alaska Native	54.2%	73.7%	75.0%	73.1%	62.1%	67.6%	70.3%
Two or More Races	62.9%	59.8%	68.0%	64.7%	64.1%	63.9%	64.1%
Four-Year Transfer/Graduation Rates							
All Students	37.0%	38.8%	39.6%	38.8%	41.6%	39.2%	39.7%
African American	25.9%	29.7%	30.4%	29.7%	31.6%	29.5%	30.4%
White	44.1%	46.0%	45.5%	46.0%	48.4%	46.0%	46.5%
Hispanic/Latino	34.0%	33.1%	36.9%	33.1%	38.7%	35.2%	35.4%
Asian	47.7%	50.9%	50.6%	50.9%	56.8%	51.4%	52.3%
Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander	34.0%	39.1%	55.6%	39.1%	43.5%	42.3%	44.3%
American Indian/Alaska Native	36.5%	32.7%	23.2%	32.7%	26.7%	30.3%	28.8%
Two or More Races	33.1%	30.9%	40.6%	30.9%	36.5%	34.4%	34.7%
Second year retention rate of students at historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs)	71.9%	67.6%	68.3%	72.5%	67.0%	69.5%	68.9%
Six-year graduation rate of students at HBCUs	42.0%	41.3%	43.9%	45.3%	42.2%	42.9%	43.2%

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Indicators of Educational Outcomes

Performance Measures	2018 Act.	2019 Act.	2020 Act.	2021 Act.	2022 Act.	2023 Est.	2024 Est.
Six-year graduation rate at four-year colleges and universities	67.4%	68.8%	71.1%	70.5%	69.3%	69.4%	69.9%
Degree attainment rate for Marylanders ages 25 to 64	47.3%	48.4%	49.5%	49.7%	49.6%	51.0%	52.0%
Number of community college students who transfer to a public four-year campus	10,205	9,995	9,672	9,049	9,252	9,635	9,492
Number of teacher candidates completing programs leading to licensure	2,884	1,884	1,933	1,487	1,379	1,913	1,671
Number of degree recipients in STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) fields	16,378	18,076	18,500	18,783	19,645	18,276	18,751
Four-year successful persister rate at community colleges	71.2%	70.2%	70.8%	71.6%	71.3%	71.0%	71.0%
Four-year transfer and graduation rate at community colleges	37.0%	38.8%	39.6%	39.0%	41.6%	39.2%	39.8%
Number of students who graduate from Maryland nursing programs	3,780	3,681	3,814	3,945	3,997	3,843	3,859
Number of master's and doctoral degrees awarded by Maryland nursing programs	675	840	849	809	872	809	843

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Indicators of Affordability and Financial Aid

Performance Measures	2018 Act.	2019 Act.	2020 Act.	2021 Act.	2022 Act.	2023 Est.	2024 Est.
¹ Percentage of Maryland median household income (MHI) needed to cover tuition and fees at community colleges	5.5%	5.4%	5.6%	5.5%	5.3%	5.4%	5.4%
¹ Percentage of Maryland MHI needed to cover tuition and fees at public four-year colleges	11.5%	11.5%	11.7%	11.1%	11.1%	11.4%	11.4%
¹ Percentage of students with household income at or below 40 percent of median household income (MHI) who have unmet need	92.6%	93.6%	93.1%	93.0%	90.1%	92.5%	92.4%
Number of Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) applications submitted on time by applicants 19 years of age or younger	47,814	48,594	48,611	40,908	42,477	42,736	42,500
Number of FAFSA applications submitted between October 1 and December 31	87,111	93,060	87,034	84,724	87,002	68,789	80,000
Number of Maryland State Financial Aid Applications (MSFAA) submitted between October 1 and March 1	N/A	N/A	336	695	713	915	900
Number of MSFAA filers that submitted an application between October 1 and December 31	N/A	N/A	57	192	240	346	350
Number of MSFAA filers that receive the Educational Assistance Grant	N/A	N/A	87.00	158	99	171	150
Number of Educational Assistance grant recipients	23,544	22,008	23,659	18,756	19,997	25,000	25,000
Educational Assistance grant recipients as a percent of on-time applicants	15.5%	14.1%	16.0%	13.4%	14.0%	19.0%	19.0%
Number of New Guaranteed Access Grant recipients	1,029	876	1,368	1,399	1,396	2,009	1,750

Indicators of State Funding

Performance Measures	2018 Act.	2019 Act.	2020 Act.	2021 Act.	2022 Act.	2023 Est.	2024 Est.
Percentage of funding guideline attained for public four-year institutions	73%	68%	71%	66%	64%	83%	N/A
Percentage of full funding guideline attained for HBCUs	91%	81%	81%	82%	81%	106%	N/A
Total dollars appropriated for disbursement as State financial aid grant awards (millions)	\$111	\$112	\$138	\$138	\$128	\$157	\$141

NOTES

¹ 2022 data is estimated because it is reported on a calendar year basis.