

MHEC: Higher Education Overview

INDICATORS OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

Indicators of Enrollment

Performance Measures	2017 Act.	2018 Act.	2019 Act.	2020 Act.	2021 Act.	2022 Est.	2023 Est.
Headcount for-credit enrollment at community colleges and public four-year institutions	304,591	305,178	302,893	300,742	294,778	314,570	319,078
Full-time equivalent (FTE) for-credit enrollment at community colleges and public four-year institutions	244,516	243,200	242,806	241,956	230,766	223,354	227,124

Indicators of Equity

Performance Measures	2017 Act.	2018 Act.	2019 Act.	2020 Act.	2021 Act.	2022 Est.	2023 Est.
Percentage of bachelor's degrees awarded to racial/ethnic minorities	40.5%	41.3%	42.8%	44.4%	45.4%	42.8%	43.3%
Percentage of associate's degrees awarded to racial/ethnic minorities	38.7%	40.2%	43.1%	44.1%	44.8%	42.2%	42.9%
Six-Year Graduation Rate							
All Students	65.5%	67.4%	68.8%	71.1%	70.5%	68.7%	69.3%
African American	45.5%	49.3%	51.3%	56.0%	56.1%	51.6%	52.9%
White	76.5%	77.0%	78.2%	78.7%	78.6%	77.8%	78.0%
Hispanic/Latino	67.7%	71.1%	69.5%	70.5%	67.9%	69.3%	69.7%
Asian	80.2%	81.6%	83.1%	84.3%	83.0%	82.4%	82.9%
Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander	40.0%	90.9%	50.0%	50.0%	60.0%	58.2%	61.8%
American Indian/Alaska Native	57.1%	54.2%	73.7%	75.0%	73.1%	66.6%	68.5%
Two or More Races	66.9%	62.9%	59.8%	68.0%	64.7%	64.5%	64.0%
Four-Year Transfer/Graduation Rates							
All Students	35.8%	37.0%	38.8%	39.6%	38.8%	38.0%	38.5%
African American	24.6%	25.9%	29.7%	30.4%	29.7%	28.1%	28.8%
White	42.5%	44.1%	46.0%	45.5%	46.0%	44.8%	45.3%
Hispanic/Latino	30.8%	34.0%	33.1%	36.9%	33.1%	33.6%	34.1%
Asian	51.3%	47.7%	50.9%	50.6%	50.9%	50.3%	50.1%
Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander	47.2%	34.0%	39.1%	55.6%	39.1%	43.0%	42.2%
American Indian/Alaska Native	32.7%	36.5%	32.7%	23.2%	32.7%	31.6%	31.3%
Two or More Races	32.4%	33.1%	30.9%	40.6%	30.9%	33.6%	33.8%
Second year retention rate of students at historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs)	73.2%	71.9%	67.6%	68.3%	72.5%	70.7%	70.2%
Six-year graduation rate of students at HBCUs	40.1%	42.0%	41.3%	43.9%	45.3%	42.5%	43.0%

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Indicators of Educational Outcomes

Performance Measures	2017 Act.	2018 Act.	2019 Act.	2020 Act.	2021 Act.	2022 Est.	2023 Est.
1 Six-year graduation rate at four-year colleges and universities	65.5%	67.4%	68.8%	71.1%	70.5%	68.7%	69.3%
1 Degree attainment rate for Marylanders ages 25 to 64	46.0%	47.3%	48.4%	49.5%	49.7%	50.5%	51.0%
2 Number of community college students who transfer to a public four-year campus	9,966	10,205	9,995	9,672	9,049	9,777	9,740
2 Number of teacher candidates completing programs leading to licensure	2,759	2,884	1,870	1,790	2,053	2,271	2,174
Number of degree recipients in STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) fields	15,708	16,378	18,076	18,500	18,783	17,489	17,845
Four-year successful persister rate at community colleges	69.0%	71.2%	70.2%	70.8%	71.6%	70.6%	70.9%
Four-year transfer and graduation rate at community colleges	35.8%	37.0%	38.8%	39.6%	39.0%	38.0%	38.5%
Number of students who graduate from Maryland nursing programs	3,930	3,780	3,681	3,814	3,945	3,830	3,810
Number of master's and doctoral degrees awarded by Maryland nursing programs	579	675	840	849	809	750	785

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Indicators of Affordability and Financial Aid

Performance Measures	2017 Act.	2018 Act.	2019 Act.	2020 Act.	2021 Act.	2022 Est.	2023 Est.
¹ Percentage of Maryland median household income (MHI) needed to cover tuition and fees at community colleges	6.0%	5.5%	5.4%	5.6%	5.5%	5.6%	5.5%
¹ Percentage of Maryland MHI needed to cover tuition and fees at public four-year colleges	12.0%	11.5%	11.5%	11.7%	11.1%	11.6%	11.5%
¹ Percentage of students with household income at or below 40 percent of median household income (MHI) who have unmet need	92.8%	92.6%	93.6%	93.1%	92.4%	92.0%	92.0%
Number of Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) applications submitted on time by applicants 19 years of age or younger	42,805	47,814	48,594	48,611	40,908	36,398	37,000
Number of FAFSA applications submitted between October 1 and December 31	N/A	87,111	93,060	87,034	84,724	86,448	87,000
Number of Maryland State Financial Aid Applications (MSFAA) submitted between October 1 and March 1	N/A	N/A	N/A	336	695	713	725
Number of MSFAA filers that submitted an application between October 1 and December 31	N/A	N/A	N/A	57	192	218	220
Number of MSFAA filers that receive the Educational Assistance Grant	N/A	N/A	N/A	87	158	170	170
Number of Educational Assistance grant recipients	24,847	23,544	22,008	23,659	18,756	21,000	21,000
Educational Assistance grant recipients as a percent of on-time applicants	20.0%	15.5%	14.1%	16.0%	13.4%	15.0%	15.0%
Number of New Guaranteed Access Grant recipients	570	1,029	876	1,368	1,399	1,400	1,400

Indicators of State Funding

Performance Measures	2017 Act.	2018 Act.	2019 Act.	2020 Act.	2021 Act.	2022 Est.	2023 Est.
Percentage of funding guideline attained for public four-year institutions	74%	73%	68%	71%	66%	71%	72%
Percentage of full funding guideline attained for HBCUs	95%	91%	81%	81%	82%	83%	83%
Total dollars appropriated for disbursement as State financial aid grant awards (millions)	\$103	\$111	\$112	\$138	\$138	\$138	\$138

NOTES

¹ 2021 data is estimated because it is reported on a calendar year basis.

² 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.