

MHEC: Higher Education Overview

INDICATORS OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

Indicators of Enrollment

Performance Measures	2019 Act.	2020 Act.	2021 Act.	2022 Act.	2023 Act.	2024 Est.	2025 Est.
Headcount for-credit enrollment at community colleges and public four-year institutions	302,893	300,742	294,778	287,498	272,327	268,092	312,027
Full-time equivalent (FTE) for-credit enrollment at community colleges and public four-year institutions	242,806	241,956	230,766	223,803	212,366	207,088	220,118

Indicators of Equity

Performance Measures	2019 Act.	2020 Act.	2021 Act.	2022 Act.	2023 Act.	2024 Est.	2025 Est.
Percentage of bachelor's degrees awarded to racial/ethnic minorities	42.8%	44.4%	44.8%	46.6%	47.1%	45.1%	45.6%
Percentage of associate's degrees awarded to racial/ethnic minorities	43.1%	44.1%	45.4%	47.3%	49.0%	45.8%	46.3%
Six-Year Graduation Rate							
All Students	68.8%	71.1%	70.5%	69.3%	67.9%	69.5%	69.6%
African American	51.3%	56.0%	56.1%	53.4%	51.5%	53.6%	54.1%
White	78.2%	78.7%	78.6%	78.3%	78.4%	78.4%	78.5%
Hispanic/Latino	69.5%	70.5%	67.9%	67.2%	68.0%	68.6%	68.4%
Asian	83.1%	84.3%	83.0%	85.5%	84.3%	84.0%	84.2%
Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander	50.0%	50.0%	60.0%	64.7%	46.7%	54.3%	55.1%
American Indian/Alaska Native	73.7%	75.0%	73.1%	62.1%	42.1%	65.2%	63.5%
Two or More Races	59.8%	68.0%	64.7%	64.1%	65.1%	64.3%	65.3%
Four-Year Transfer/Graduation Rates							
All Students	38.8%	39.6%	38.8%	41.6%	39.9%	39.7%	39.9%
African American	29.7%	30.4%	29.7%	31.6%	31.2%	30.5%	30.7%
White	46.0%	45.5%	46.0%	48.4%	46.1%	46.4%	46.5%
Hispanic/Latino	33.1%	36.9%	33.1%	38.7%	36.1%	35.6%	36.1%
Asian	50.9%	50.6%	50.9%	56.8%	56.5%	53.1%	53.6%
Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander	39.1%	55.6%	39.1%	43.5%	31.3%	41.7%	42.2%
American Indian/Alaska Native	32.7%	23.2%	32.7%	26.7%	42.4%	31.5%	31.3%
Two or More Races	30.9%	40.6%	30.9%	36.5%	34.8%	34.7%	35.5%
Second year retention rate of students at historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs)	67.6%	68.3%	72.5%	67.0%	68.8%	68.8%	69.1%
Six-year graduation rate of students at HBCUs	41.3%	43.9%	45.3%	42.2%	41.3%	42.8%	43.1%

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Indicators of Educational Outcomes

Performance Measures	2019 Act.	2020 Act.	2021 Act.	2022 Act.	2023 Act.	2024 Est.	2025 Est.
Six-year graduation rate at four-year colleges and universities	68.8%	71.1%	70.5%	69.3%	67.9%	69.5%	69.6%
Degree attainment rate for Marylanders ages 25 to 64	48.4%	49.5%	49.7%	49.6%	50.2%	50.7%	51.2%
Number of community college students who transfer to a public four-year campus	9,995	9,672	9,049	9,252	8,681	9,330	9,197
Number of teacher candidates completing programs leading to licensure	1,884	1,933	1,487	1,379	1,191	1,575	1,513
Number of degree recipients in STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) fields	18,076	18,780	18,783	19,563	19,721	18,985	19,166
Four-year successful persister rate at community colleges	70.2%	70.8%	71.6%	71.3%	72.7%	71.3%	71.5%
Four-year transfer and graduation rate at community colleges	38.8%	39.6%	39.0%	41.6%	39.9%	39.8%	40.0%
Number of students who graduate from Maryland nursing programs	3,681	3,814	3,945	3,997	3,963	3,880	3,920
Number of master's and doctoral degrees awarded by Maryland nursing programs	840	849	809	872	919	858	861

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Indicators of Affordability and Financial Aid

Performance Measures	2019 Act.	2020 Act.	2021 Act.	2022 Act.	2023 Act.	2024 Est.	2025 Est.
¹ Percentage of Maryland median household income (MHI) needed to cover tuition and fees at community colleges	5.4%	5.5%	5.4%	5.3%	5.2%	5.4%	5.4%
¹ Percentage of Maryland MHI needed to cover tuition and fees at public four-year colleges	11.5%	11.4%	11.2%	10.9%	10.9%	11.2%	11.1%
¹ Percentage of students with household income at or below 40 percent of median household income (MHI) who have unmet need	93.6%	93.1%	93.0%	90.0%	89.0%	91.7%	91.4%
Number of Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) applications submitted on time by applicants 19 years of age or younger	48,594	48,611	40,908	42,477	57,548	60,986	70,193
Number of FAFSA applications submitted between October 1 and December 31	93,060	87,034	84,724	87,002	68,851	54,487	43,119
Number of Maryland State Financial Aid Applications (MSFAA) submitted between October 1 and March 1	N/A	336.00	695	713	866	1,052	1,278
Number of MSFAA filers that submitted an application between October 1 and December 31	N/A	57.00	192	240	225	211	198
Number of MSFAA filers that receive the Educational Assistance Grant	N/A	87.00	158.00	99	297	891	2,673
Number of Educational Assistance grant recipients	22,008	23,659	18,756	19,997	17,579	15,453	13,585
Educational Assistance grant recipients as a percent of on-time applicants	14.1%	16.0%	13.4%	14.0%	10.4%	13.6%	13.5%
Number of New Guaranteed Access Grant recipients	876	1,368	1,399	1,396	1,801	2,323	2,998

Indicators of State Funding

Performance Measures	2019 Act.	2020 Act.	2021 Act.	2022 Act.	2023 Act.	2024 Est.	2025 Est.
Percentage of funding guideline attained for public four-year institutions	68%	71%	66%	64%	83%	67%	70%
Percentage of full funding guideline attained for HBCUs	81%	81%	82%	81%	92%	83%	84%
Total dollars appropriated for State student financial assistance awards (millions)	\$112	\$138	\$138	\$128	\$166	\$184	\$218

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¹ 2023 data is an estimate.