

# Postsecondary Education

	COLLEGE READINESS				POSTSECONDARY ADMISSION AND		
	Defining Readiness	College-Prep Required	Course Credits Aligned	Aligning High School Assessments	High School Assessments	Guaranteed Admission	
	State has defined college readiness (2006-07)	State requires all high school students to take a college-preparatory program to earn a diploma (2006-07)	Course credits required for diploma are aligned with postsecondary system (2006-07)	State high school assessments are aligned with postsecondary system (2006-07)	Statewide high school assessment results used for admission, placement, or scholarship decisions in state postsecondary system (2006-07)	Admission to state's 4-year postsecondary system guaranteed to qualifying public high school graduates (2006-07)	
Alabama							
Alaska							N/A <sup>1</sup>
Arizona					4-year schools	✓	
Arkansas	✓	Class of 2010				✓	
California	✓				4-year schools	✓	
Colorado							
Connecticut			4-year schools				
Delaware							
District of Columbia							N/A <sup>1</sup>
Florida							✓
Georgia					2-yr. & 4-yr. schools		
Hawaii							
Idaho							
Illinois							
Indiana	✓	Class of 2011		EMS 4-year EMSH 4-year			
Iowa		Class of 2011					
Kansas						✓	
Kentucky	✓	Class of 2012		EMSH 2-yr. & 4-yr.		✓	
Louisiana							
Maine					EM 4-year		
Maryland			4-year schools				
Massachusetts					4-year schools 2-yr. & 4-yr. schools		
Michigan	✓	Class of 2011		EMS 2-yr. & 4-yr.	2-yr. & 4-yr. schools		
Minnesota							
Mississippi							
Missouri							
Montana							
Nebraska							
Nevada					2-yr. & 4-yr. schools		
New Hampshire							
New Jersey	✓						
New Mexico							
New York	✓	✓	2-yr. & 4-yr. schools				
North Carolina							
North Dakota							
Ohio							
Oklahoma	✓	Class of 2010					
Oregon							
Pennsylvania							
Rhode Island		Class of 2008					
South Carolina	✓						
South Dakota							
Tennessee	✓		2-yr. & 4-yr. schools				
Texas		Class of 2008			2-yr. & 4-yr. schools	✓	
Utah							
Vermont							
Virginia							
Washington							
West Virginia	✓		2-yr. & 4-yr. schools	EMS 2-yr. & 4-yr.			
Wisconsin							
Wyoming							
<b>U.S.</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	

## FOOTNOTES:

Note: A dash (–) indicates data were not available. E = English, M = Math, S = Science, H = History.

1. The University of Alaska and the University of the District of Columbia have open-admission policies.

PLACEMENT		POSTSECONDARY ACCESS					
	Postsecondary Placement	Chance for College	Capacity of Public Postsecondary System			Postsecondary Participation	
	State postsecondary system uses the same assessment system for placement decisions on statewide basis (2006-07)	Percent of 9th graders who will finish high school in four years and attend college (2002)	Number of full-time, first-time degree seekers in public postsecondary institutions per 100 high school completers (2004)			Percent of young adults involved in postsecondary education (2005)	
			Total	Public 4-year	Public 2-year		
		33%	79	44	35	42%	Alabama
		28	28	28	1	28	Alaska
		31	52	33	19	41	Arizona
	2-yr. & 4-yr. schools	42	66	43	23	38	Arkansas
		35	41	20	21	50	California
		40	62	46	16	49	Colorado
	2-yr. & 4-yr. schools	47	40	25	15	54	Connecticut
		37	85	63	22	42	Delaware
		—	14	14	N/A	64	District of Columbia
	2-yr. & 4-yr. schools	31	59	32	28	45	Florida
	2-yr. & 4-yr. schools	32	64	34	30	42	Georgia
	2-year schools	32	47	23	24	48	Hawaii
		35	47	34	13	40	Idaho
		42	43	20	23	53	Illinois
		42	62	50	12	45	Indiana
		51	63	27	36	55	Iowa
		50	68	39	29	52	Kansas
		38	62	43	18	43	Kentucky
	2-yr. & 4-yr. schools	33	85	63	22	43	Louisiana
		38	47	31	17	42	Maine
		41	52	28	25	50	Maryland
	2-yr. & 4-yr. schools	48	44	23	21	58	Massachusetts
		38	56	39	17	51	Michigan
		53	62	28	33	55	Minnesota
		37	105	32	73	42	Mississippi
		39	51	30	21	45	Missouri
	2-yr. & 4-yr. schools	43	64	50	14	43	Montana
		48	59	34	25	51	Nebraska
		28	45	40	5	35	Nevada
		42	49	36	13	47	New Hampshire
		53	47	19	28	57	New Jersey
		35	68	36	32	39	New Mexico
		37	63	31	32	57	New York
		39	65	40	26	45	North Carolina
		62	95	70	25	58	North Dakota
		41	52	35	17	48	Ohio
	4-year schools	37	67	41	27	44	Oklahoma
		33	45	26	19	44	Oregon
		45	48	35	13	53	Pennsylvania
		47	59	38	21	57	Rhode Island
		29	74	42	32	42	South Carolina
		48	73	53	20	50	South Dakota
	2-yr. & 4-yr. schools	36	57	34	23	40	Tennessee
	2-yr. & 4-yr. schools	33	47	23	24	42	Texas
		37	47	34	13	49	Utah
		35	46	45	1	50	Vermont
	2-year schools	40	52	37	15	50	Virginia
		30	41	22	19	44	Washington
	2-yr. & 4-yr. schools	38	79	59	19	45	West Virginia
		46	59	37	22	51	Wisconsin
		40	64	26	38	42	Wyoming
	<b>13</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>U.S.</b>

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POSTSECONDARY COSTS							
Cost of a College Education (2005-06)				Financial Aid Per Student <sup>2</sup>			
Two-year public institutions		Four-year public institutions		Four-year public institutions			
Cost (tuition only)	Cost as percent of median family income	Cost (tuition + room & board)	Cost as percent of median family income	Federal grant	State grant need-based	State grant non-need-based	
Alabama	\$2,763	6%	\$9,466	21%	\$1,360	\$14	\$11
Alaska	2,585	4	10,424	16	571	35	—
Arizona	1,340	3	11,289	22	920	5	—
Arkansas	1,768	4	9,118	21	1,551	336	133
California	718	1	13,137	21	916	571	—
Colorado	1,990	3	11,339	18	796	361	61
Connecticut	2,536	3	14,441	19	632	364	—
Delaware	2,240	4	14,137	23	557	293	136
District of Columbia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Florida	1,845	4	9,891	20	1,164	196	792
Georgia	1,645	3	10,045	19	1,038	5	1,887
Hawaii	1,225	2	8,866	13	708	19	—
Idaho	1,890	4	8,905	18	1,355	39	86
Illinois	2,113	3	13,804	23	835	759	75
Indiana	2,589	5	12,240	23	916	715	87
Iowa	3,040	6	12,034	22	906	377	—
Kansas	1,937	4	9,815	18	876	121	15
Kentucky	2,407	5	10,612	23	1,148	580	604
Louisiana	1,513	3	8,344	18	1,423	11	684
Maine	3,048	6	12,468	24	1,148	354	75
Maryland	2,832	4	14,616	19	824	469	71
Massachusetts	2,927	4	14,105	20	811	361	34
Michigan	2,082	4	13,470	24	858	306	340
Minnesota	4,083	6	12,606	20	801	637	<1
Mississippi	1,666	4	9,461	23	1,812	19	175
Missouri	2,249	4	11,736	23	968	113	73
Montana	2,702	6	10,536	22	1,328	118	35
Nebraska	1,898	3	10,554	19	742	123	—
Nevada	1,635	3	10,670	19	620	—	—
New Hampshire	5,719	9	15,355	23	569	82	<1
New Jersey	2,711	4	17,515	23	894	1,010	125
New Mexico	1,169	3	9,355	21	1,347	260	439
New York	3,180	5	12,838	21	1,273	1,206	45
North Carolina	1,295	3	9,577	19	1,194	456	176
North Dakota	3,081	6	9,850	18	876	41	10
Ohio	3,123	6	15,865	29	1,064	341	202
Oklahoma	2,108	5	9,145	20	1,323	350	77
Oregon	2,642	5	12,443	23	1,134	245	3
Pennsylvania	2,989	5	15,300	27	801	817	—
Rhode Island	2,470	4	14,112	22	726	243	—
South Carolina	2,931	6	13,069	27	1,250	322	1,453
South Dakota	3,116	6	9,299	19	1,143	—	—
Tennessee	2,395	5	9,801	20	1,230	220	842
Texas	1,282	3	10,771	22	1,235	470	65
Utah	2,225	4	8,500	15	1,061	69	19
Vermont	4,012	7	16,373	29	858	655	—
Virginia	2,051	3	12,177	19	718	339	222
Washington	2,553	4	12,177	20	830	766	32
West Virginia	2,471	6	9,788	23	1,215	357	536
Wisconsin	2,960	5	10,421	18	699	383	14
Wyoming	1,777	3	9,114	17	889	6	—
<b>U.S.</b>	<b>\$1,939</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>\$11,894</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>\$1,020</b>	<b>\$458</b>	<b>\$207</b>

## FOOTNOTES:

2. Years may range from 2003 to 2006.

Financial Aid Per Student <sup>2</sup>		Postsecondary Debt Burden
Four-year public institutions		Average size of annual undergraduate student loan (2004-05)
Institutional grant	Total financial aid per student	
\$3,960	\$5,345	\$3,553
3,106	3,713	3,432
4,167	5,092	3,762
3,717	5,736	3,270
3,578	5,066	4,089
2,427	3,646	3,654
3,986	4,983	4,332
4,659	5,644	4,254
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1,854	4,007	3,291
2,335	5,266	3,648
1,932	2,659	3,862
2,316	3,796	3,192
2,772	4,441	3,770
2,871	4,588	3,549
3,169	4,452	3,112
1,921	2,933	3,377
3,694	6,026	3,210
1,962	4,081	3,349
2,775	4,353	3,481
3,786	5,150	4,037
1,730	2,937	4,342
3,311	4,814	3,120
2,756	4,193	3,234
3,587	5,592	3,149
3,189	4,344	3,407
2,828	4,310	3,471
2,374	3,239	3,447
1,985	2,605	3,671
4,270	4,922	4,118
2,924	4,953	3,639
1,438	3,484	3,177
2,055	4,580	3,901
2,586	4,413	3,752
2,313	3,240	3,110
3,553	5,160	3,552
1,836	3,587	3,295
2,015	3,396	3,558
2,998	4,617	3,827
3,487	4,455	4,302
4,201	7,226	3,614
1,408	2,552	3,212
3,593	5,885	3,463
1,856	3,625	3,541
2,355	3,503	3,100
5,583	7,096	4,541
3,958	5,237	3,836
2,745	4,372	3,801
1,531	3,639	3,317
2,270	3,366	3,277
3,580	4,475	3,644
<b>\$2,906</b>	<b>\$4,591</b>	<b>\$3,619</b>

POSTSECONDARY PERSISTENCE AND COMPLETION				
Persistence in the 1st Year (2004)		Degree Completion Rate Within 150% of Expected Time		
Four-year public institutions	Two-year public institutions	Four-year public institutions (entering 1998 cohort)	Two-year public institutions (entering 2001 cohort)	
75%	56%	47%	21%	Alabama
69	55	20	18	Alaska
77	60	55	22	Arizona
69	57	36	24	Arkansas
86	66	59	36	California
74	52	51	20	Colorado
81	57	52	12	Connecticut
85	53	70	12	Delaware
65	N/A	14	N/A	District of Columbia
67	66	50	39	Florida
79	58	43	27	Georgia
73	60	51	14	Hawaii
66	52	36	24	Idaho
80	61	57	22	Illinois
76	56	49	30	Indiana
83	59	66	36	Iowa
77	57	54	36	Kansas
72	53	42	13	Kentucky
72	50	36	22	Louisiana
72	63	46	37	Maine
83	58	60	12	Maryland
78	58	52	18	Massachusetts
81	63	57	18	Michigan
77	57	50	32	Minnesota
77	62	50	21	Mississippi
75	53	55	23	Missouri
68	53	43	36	Montana
77	62	53	33	Nebraska
58	59	35	11	Nevada
81	58	61	40	New Hampshire
85	59	61	13	New Jersey
71	56	39	15	New Mexico
78	62	46	22	New York
82	55	56	20	North Carolina
73	59	48	35	North Dakota
74	53	49	19	Ohio
69	52	41	25	Oklahoma
77	53	52	17	Oregon
80	60	57	17	Pennsylvania
79	58	52	10	Rhode Island
78	54	57	15	South Carolina
67	68	45	66	South Dakota
73	53	43	13	Tennessee
74	55	46	15	Texas
66	50	38	36	Utah
77	52	58	13	Vermont
84	60	64	14	Virginia
85	60	62	30	Washington
72	56	43	35	West Virginia
80	61	55	38	Wisconsin
77	58	56	30	Wyoming
<b>77%</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>U.S.</b>