

2017-2018 College Graduation within Six Years

Introduction

In 2016, the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) began reporting a new measure on its report cards. This measure reflects the percentage of students who graduate from a 2- or 4-year college within six years of when their cohort graduates from high school.

State law permits, but does not require, this element to be reported.

Ohio Revised Code Section 3302.034 (A) says:

Not later than December 31, 2013, the state board of education shall adopt and specify measures in addition to those included on the report card issued under section 3302.03 of the Revised Code. The measures adopted under this section shall be reported separately, as specified under division (B) of this section, for each school district, each building in a district, each community school established under Chapter 3314., each STEM school established under Chapter 3326., and each college-preparatory boarding school established under Chapter 3328. of the Revised Code.

This section grants the state board of education the ability to include other data on the report card beyond the requirements in 3302.03. In late 2013, the board adopted the additional measures and college graduation within 6 years of the cohort graduating from high school was one of them.

To be counted as a graduate, the student must earn at least an Associate's degree or higher from an institution of higher education. ODE gathers this information through the National Student Clearinghouse Research Center (NSC; <http://nscresearchcenter.org/>). Institutes of Higher Education (IHE) across the nation submit their enrollment and graduation data to NSC. ODE purchases a file from the organization and matches it with the agency's student data.

For the 2017 Report Card, the denominator of the college enrollment measure included all students in the district's or school's 2010 graduation cohort. In 2018, ODE will receive six years of college enrollment and graduation data for the class of 2011.

Because the high school graduation date for each student in the graduation cohort is unique (i.e., students may graduate early, on time, or late), the calculation uses a college graduation deadline of Sept. 30 six years after the cohort graduation year to give all students the full six years to earn a college degree.

For schools and districts to receive credit for students' post-high school college graduation, students must meet the following criteria:

1. College graduation must have occurred at a 2- or 4-year IHE.
2. Students must earn an eligible degree (Associate's or higher).

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- a. In cases where degree title information is missing in the file, the degree will count as eligible.
3. College graduation must have occurred on or after the student’s EMIS-reported high school graduation date.
 - a. In cases where students earned an Associate’s degree within 3 months prior to graduating from high school, districts and schools receive credit.
 4. College graduation must have occurred prior to the end of the 6-year observation period (Sept. 30, 2017) for the high school Class of 2011.

The boxes below show the details of the calculation.

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Definition:	The percentage of students who graduated from a 2- or 4-year college with at least an Associate’s degree within six years of high school graduation for schools and districts. For the 2018 report card, the 2011 graduation cohort is used.
Calculation:	<div style="text-align: center;"> $\begin{array}{c} \text{\%} \\ \text{Graduated} \\ \text{from} \\ \text{College} \\ \text{within 6} \\ \text{Years after} \\ \text{High School} \\ \text{Graduation} \end{array} = \left[\frac{\begin{array}{c} \text{Number of students graduating college with an eligible degree} \\ \text{during the six-year observation period} \\ \\ \text{(Excluding enrollment prior to high school graduation*)} \end{array}}{\begin{array}{c} \text{Number of students in the 2011 graduation cohort} \end{array}} \right] \times 100$ </div> <p><i>*Note.</i> College graduation prior to high school graduation is included ONLY for students who earn an Associate’s degree within 3 months prior to high school graduation.</p>
Data Elements:	DIPLOMA_RECEIV_DATE
Filter(s):	Includes students who meet the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All students in the graduation cohort, regardless of graduate status (i.e. - includes both graduates and non-graduates) <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student graduates from a 2- or 4-year IHE with an eligible degree within 6 years after high school graduation (Sept. 30, 2017) <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student earned at least an Associate’s degree after their EMIS-reported high school graduation date <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student earned an Associate’s degree within 3 months prior to their EMIS-reported high school graduation date
Data Source:	College enrollment and graduation data are reported by colleges and universities across the U.S. to the National Student Clearinghouse Research Center (NSC). Student high school graduation data are reported by districts through EMIS.
*Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In a small number of cases the EMIS-reported graduation date is missing. For the purpose of this calculation, ODE replaced the missing graduation date with Sept. 30, 2011 for a 2011 cohort student.