



2022-2023 School Year College Graduation within Six Years

Introduction

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.

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). 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 2023 Report Card, the denominator of the college enrollment measure includes all students in the district's or school's 2016 graduation cohort.

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. To be included as a graduate, a student in the Class of 2016 must have earned a diploma no later than September 30, 2022. 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).
 - a. Each year NSC provides a crosswalk for degree titles and levels. This information is leveraged to determine whether a student has earned an Associate's degree or higher. There are generally a handful of degree titles that are reviewed manually by Department staff each year to determine the level of degree earned. Credentials are not eligible for inclusion.
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, 2022) for the high school Class of 2016.

The boxes below show the details of the calculation.



College Graduation within 6 Years

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 2023 report card, the 2016 graduation cohort is used.
Calculation:	<div style="text-align: center;"> $\begin{array}{c} \% \text{ Graduated} \\ \text{from College} \\ \text{within 6 Years} \\ \text{after High} \\ \text{School} \\ \text{Graduation} \end{array} = \left[\frac{\begin{array}{c} \text{Number of students graduating college with an eligible degree} \\ \text{during the six-year observation period} \\ \text{(Excluding enrollment prior to high school graduation*)} \end{array}}{\begin{array}{c} \text{Number of students in the 2016 graduation cohort} \end{array}} \right] \times 100$ </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):	<p>Includes students who meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All students in the graduation cohort, regardless of graduate status (i.e. - includes both high school graduates and non-graduates) AND • Student graduates from a 2- or 4-year IHE with an eligible degree within 6 years after high school graduation (Sept. 30, 2022) AND • Student earned at least an Associate's degree after their EMIS-reported high school graduation date OR • 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	In a small number of cases the EMIS-reported graduation date is missing for graduates. For the purpose of this calculation, ODE replaced the missing graduation date with Sept. 30, 2016 for a 2016 cohort student.