

COLLEGE READINESS

Readiness at-a-glance

Indiana's 65 percent college-going rate—which once lagged behind most states—is now on par with the national average. More than half of these students enter their freshmen year with some college credit under their belt. Earning early college credit in high school through dual credit and Advanced Placement courses increases the likelihood that students will be ready for college-level work—and reduces the cost of college by giving students a head start.

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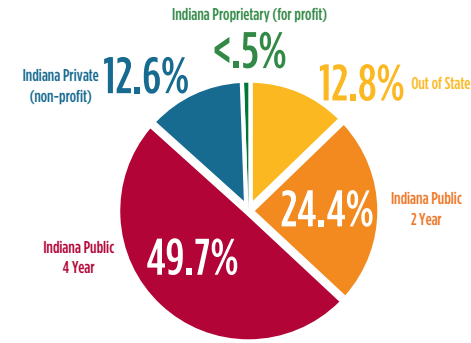
College-Going Rate

Nearly two-thirds of Hoosier high school graduates go directly to college.



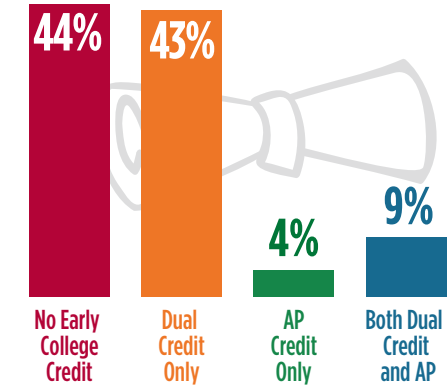
College Enrollment By College Type

About half of Indiana's college-going high school graduates attend public, four-year colleges.



Students Earning Early College Credit

More than half of 2014 high school graduates earned early college credit.

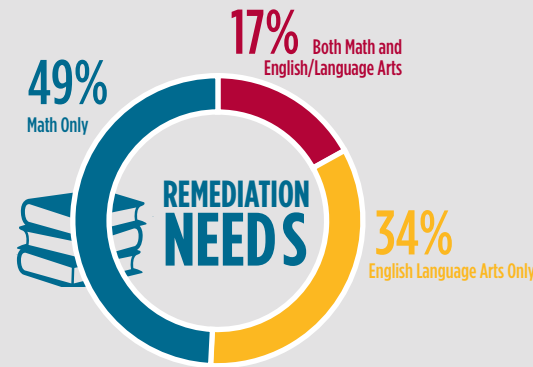


Just because students are college-bound does not mean they are college-ready. Nearly 1 in 5 students entering an Indiana public college need remediation. While the number of students requiring remediation has reduced in recent years, much of that improvement can be attributed to 2013 changes in the way Ivy Tech Community College identifies and places students in remedial programs. It is clear Indiana must do a better job preparing students for the rigor of college-level work.

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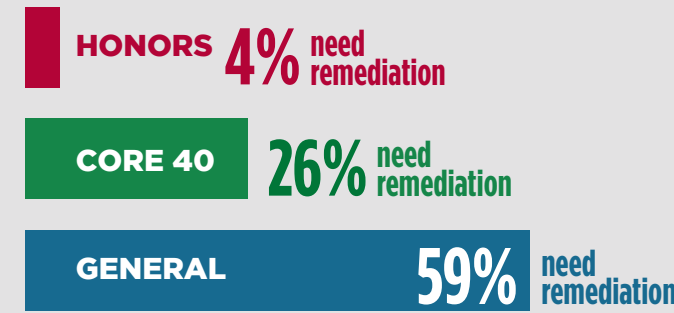
College Remediation By Subject

Most Indiana high school graduates who aren't college ready need remediation in math.



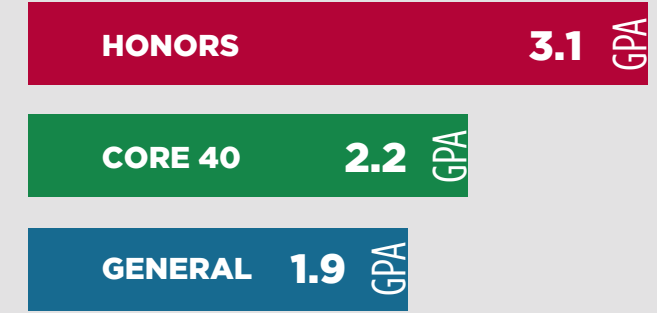
College Remediation By Diploma Type

Indiana high school graduates who earn more rigorous diplomas are more likely to be college ready.



College GPA By Diploma Type

Diploma type matters: Students with more rigorous diplomas earn better grades in college.

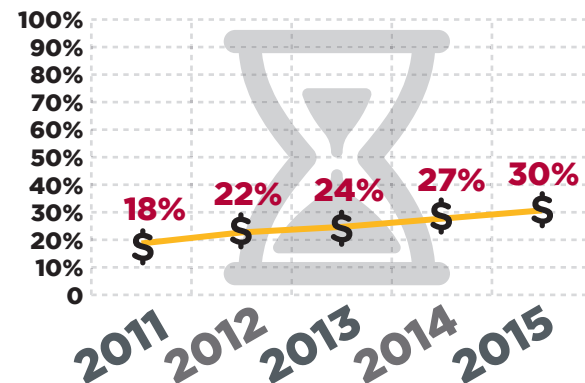


Financial preparation is another important aspect of college readiness. One way students can be more financially prepared for college is to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on time. The FAFSA is required for any student eligible to receive financial aid, and many colleges require students to complete the FAFSA to receive scholarships from their institutions, as well. Indiana encourages every high school senior to complete the FAFSA before March 10. While more high school seniors are completing the FAFSA, more work can be done to ensure no student loses an opportunity to receive scholarships or financial aid.

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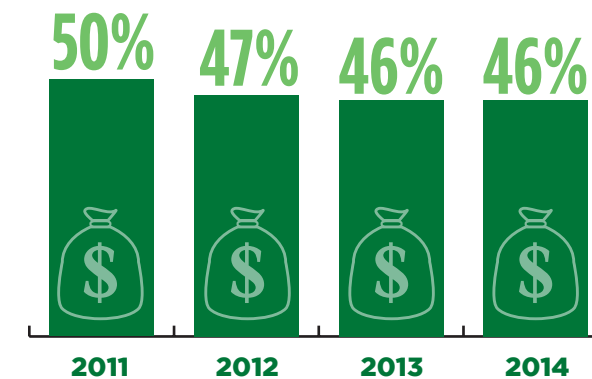
Financial Aid Filing

More Indiana high school seniors are filing for financial aid, but less than a third file on time.



Student Loan Debt

Since 2011, fewer Indiana college freshmen are taking out student loans.



College Persistence

Full-time Indiana college students are almost twice as likely to return for their second year of college.

