

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Indiana Commission for Higher Education

Dr. Katie Jenner, Secretary of Education

May 14, 2026



INDIANA COMMISSION for
HIGHER EDUCATION

TODAY'S AGENDA

- I. Thank You's and Celebrations
- II. 2024 College-Going & 2025 Completion Rate Update



THANK YOU, SAMANTHA FLEISCHAKER!

- ▶ *Student Commission Member* since July 2024.
- ▶ Graduated May 9, 2026, from the University of Southern Indiana, where she studied political science and philosophy.
- ▶ Joining the Evansville chapter of the Orr Fellowship to serve as an Education and Outreach Coordinator for the City of Evansville's Human Relations Commission.

THANK YOU, JOSH GARRISON!



- ▶ Served from May 2014 - April 2026
- ▶ *Office of Education, Chief of Staff*
- ▶ *Indiana Commission for Higher Education*
 - ▶ Senior Associate Commissioner and Chief of Staff
 - ▶ Associate Commissioner for Public Policy
 - ▶ Associate Commissioner, Legislation and Program Implementation
 - ▶ Director of Policy and Legislation
 - ▶ Senior Policy Analyst and Legislative Liaison
 - ▶ Outreach Coordinator - West Region



CONGRATULATIONS, DENNIS BLAND!

- ▶ “... awarded an [Honorary Doctorate of Education](#) [from Vincennes University] for his commitment to youth advocacy and leadership development ... [and] dedicating his life to elevating opportunity, inspiring high achievement among urban youth, and mentoring them to become future professional, business, and community leaders.”
- ▶ “... extraordinary legacy, with 86% of Center for Leadership Development alumni either attending college or currently enrolled.”

<https://www.vinu.edu/news/vu-spring-commencement-vincennes-campus-grads.html>

2024 COLLEGE-GOING RATE & 2025 COMPLETION RATE UPDATE

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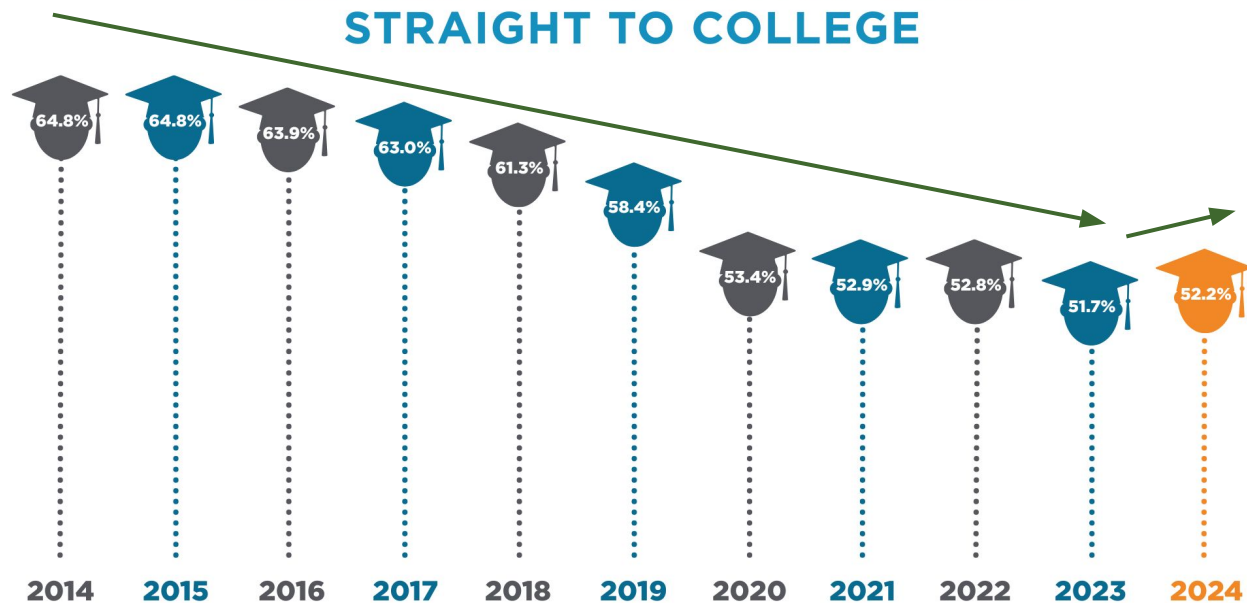
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COLLEGE-GOING RATE UPDATE

Most Recent Data: 2024 H.S. Graduation Cohort

For the first time since 2014, the college-going rate increased, going from 51.7% for the 2023 cohort to **52.2%** for the 2024 cohort.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS GOING STRAIGHT TO COLLEGE



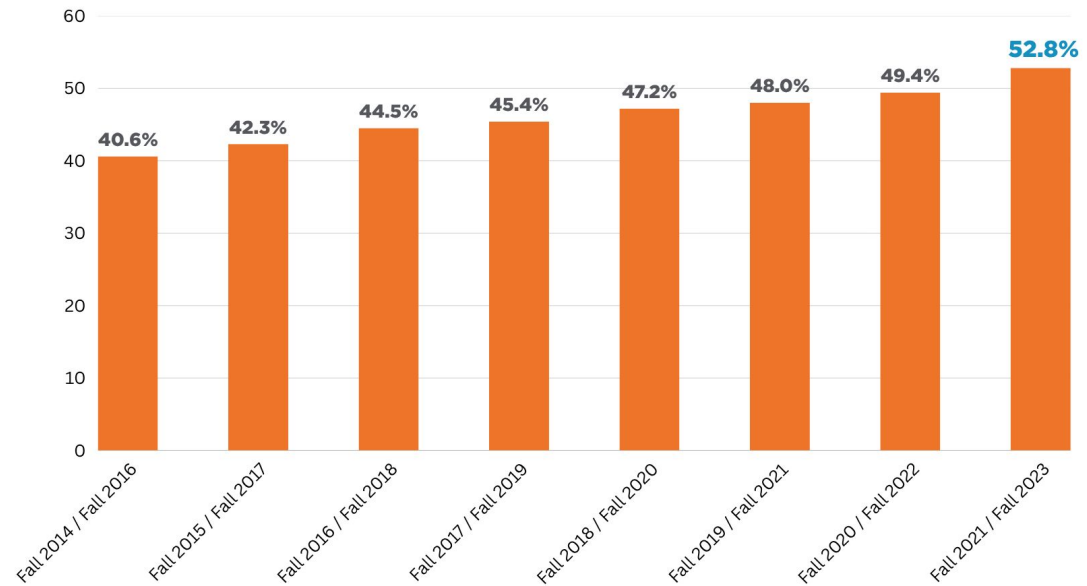
COLLEGE COMPLETION RATE

Most Recent Data: 2025 Higher Education Graduates

For the first time, the statewide on-time completion rate surpassed 50%, going from 49.4% in 2024, to **52.8%** in 2025.

ON-TIME COMPLETION - ALL CAMPUSES

STUDENT GROUPED BY STARTING FALL COHORT (2YR & 4YR)



TRANSPARENT DATA AVAILABLE: COLLEGE-GOING AND COMPLETION

- ▶ The College-Going Dashboard and Dataset have been updated to include the 2024 cohort data.

<https://www.in.gov/che/college-going-reports/>

- ▶ The Completion Dashboard and Dataset has been updated to include 2025 completers.

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