

Understanding College Completion in Indiana

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ABOUT ME

- ▶ Bachelor's Degree from Butler University (IN) 2004; Master's Degree from University of St. Francis (IL) 2011
- ▶ Higher education background in Financial Aid and Institutional Research
- ▶ **Fun Fact:** Inspired by the movie 'Almost Famous,' as a senior in high school my college planning was centered around the belief I wanted to be a music journalist.
- ▶ ***Further Fun Fact: I changed my major after two semesters***



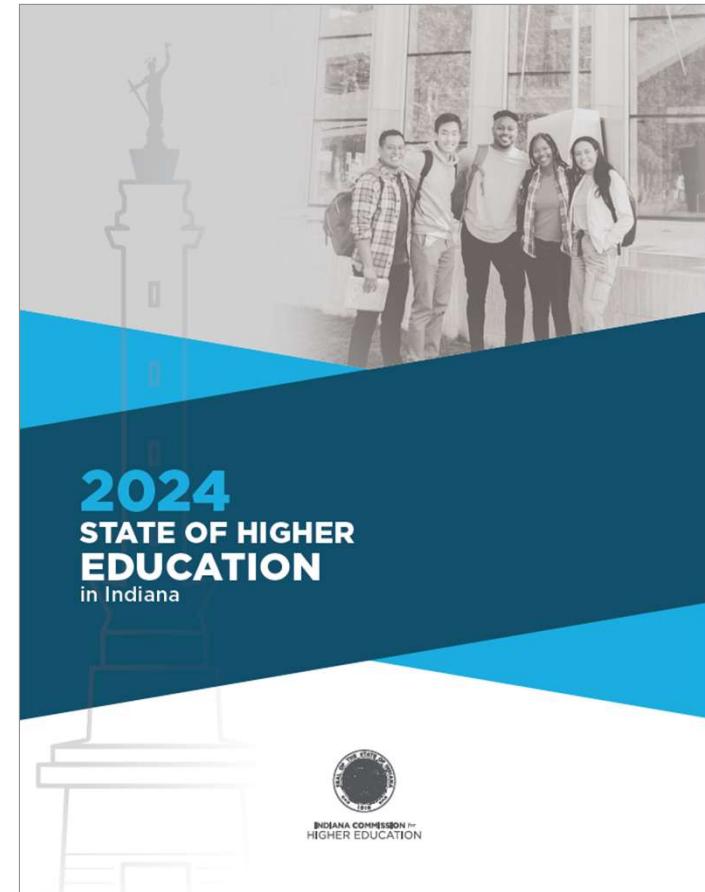
AGENDA

- ▶ 2024 State of Higher Education Report
- ▶ Understanding Federal Graduation Rates
- ▶ Understanding Indiana's Completion Rates
- ▶ Comparing Indiana's Completion Rates to National Completion Rates
- ▶ Assessing and Comparing Indiana Degree Outcomes
- ▶ Key Takeaways
- ▶ Questions



2024 STATE OF HIGHER EDUCATION REPORT

- ▶ Shifting away from data-focused reports to data-informed report
 - ▶ Focus on addressing the current data with the Commission's solutions and strategies
- ▶ The report is structured around the Commission's HOPE Agenda. <https://www.in.gov/che/>
 - ▶ Breaking down each goal with current data and rankings, and initiatives supporting each goal
- ▶ Released in tandem with the HOPE Dashboard that will be updated quarterly
 - ▶ Allows for one central report to come out at the same time each year, rather than multiple reports with lagging data



UNDERSTANDING FEDERAL GRADUATION RATES

► Graduation Rates **Are**

- ▶ The percentage of students who began as first-time full-time students and graduate from their initial school of enrollment at the same degree level within 150% time (2-year degree = 3 years; 4-year degree = 6 years)
- ▶ Reflective of what percent of first-time full-time students successfully progress through the entirety of their degree program at the same institution

► Graduation Rates **Are Not**

- ▶ The percent of students who graduated within 150% time from an institution
- ▶ Reflective of what percent of students successfully progress to complete a degree



FEDERAL GRADUATION RATE SOURCES

- ▶ <https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/>
 - ▶ 200% time rates
- ▶ FAFSA Summary Pages

◀ Back Print FAFSA Submission Summary

FAFSA FORM 2024-25 FAFSA Submission Summary

Student  Cynthia Peterson Application Received November 29th, 2023 Application Processed December 12th, 2023 Data Release Number 1254 Viewing Submission 1

Eligibility Overview FAFSA Form Answers School Information Next Steps

Find an Affordable School

Many schools offer the opportunity to attend college affordably. Learn about the costs and benefits associated with the schools you listed on your form.

Learn More on College Scorecard 

Showing results for family income between \$0-\$30,000

School Name	Graduation Rate	Retention Rate	Transfer Rate	Default Rate	Median Debt Upon Completion	Average Annual Cost
University 1	24%	65%	43%	10%	\$8,500	\$7,724
University 2	93%	96%	3%	3%	\$10,250	\$14,254
University 3	81%	90%	16%	2%	\$26,000	\$43,569

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UNDERSTANDING INDIANA'S COMPLETION RATES

► Indiana On-Time Rate

- The percentage of students who began as first-time full-time students and graduate from their **initial school of enrollment** at the **same** degree level within 100% normal time (2-year degree = 2 years; 4-year degree = 4 years)

► Indiana Extended Time Rate

- The percentage of students who began as first-time full-time students and graduate from **any school in the United States** at **any** degree level within 6 years (2-year degree = 6 years; 4-year degree = 6 years)
- The Indiana Commission for Higher Education uses data reported from Indiana institutions and data from the Student Tracker Service ® of the National Student Clearinghouse

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



7 HOPE GOALS

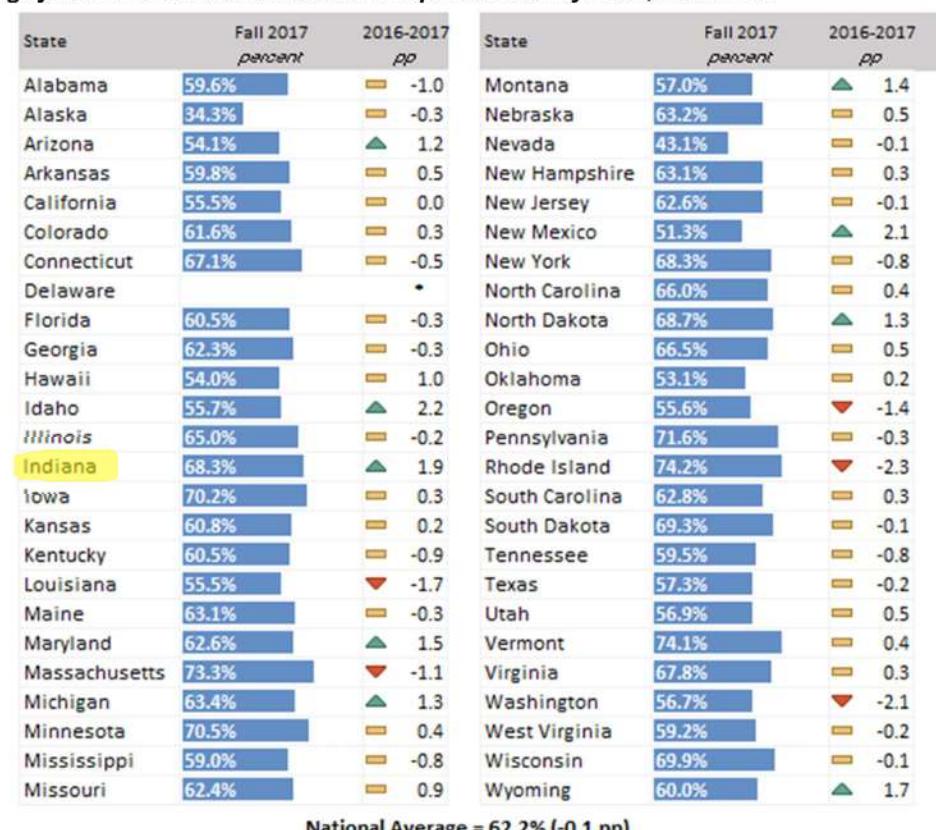
The HOPE Agenda calls for Indiana to become a **Top 10 State by 2030**:

	GOAL	MEASURE	RANK
1	Post-high school training and education going-rates for youth and adults	College-Going Rate, Youth College-Going Rate, Adults	37 11
2	Postsecondary attainment for veterans, individuals with disabilities, and the justice-involved	Educational Attainment, Veterans Educational Attainment, People with Disabilities Educational Attainment, Justice-Involved	48 43 42
3	Utilization of credit for prior learning	Usage of Credit for Prior Learning	TBA
4	The rate at which Hoosiers successfully complete their chosen areas of study	Degree Completion Rate	10
5	Retaining talent once someone has graduated	Retention and Migration of College Graduates	40
6	Measurable distinction of economic and social mobility and prosperity	Economic and Social Mobility, Prosperity Outcomes	35
7	A recognized state for growing or starting a business based upon the strength of human capital	Strength of Human Capital - Total Credential Attainment Strength of Human Capital - Associate Degree+ Attainment Strength of Human Capital - Sub-Associate Credential Attainment	28 39 5

COMPARING INDIANA TO NATIONAL COMPLETION RATES

- ▶ Compares only **extended-time** completion rates
- ▶ <https://nscresearchcenter.org/completing-college/>

Figure 4. Change from Previous Year in Six-Year Completion Rate by State, All Sectors



ACCESSING INDIANA DEGREE OUTCOMES

- ▶ About the PSEO Coalition <https://pseocoalition.org/>
- ▶ Outcomes Data should be used for
 - ▶ Understanding what are the **median wages of employment** of graduates 1, 5, and 10 years after graduation. How does it align with student expectation?
 - ▶ Understanding the **industry and geography** of where graduates land 1, 5, and 10 years after graduation. How does it align with student expectation?



COMPARING INDIANA DEGREE OUTCOMES

- ▶ Outcomes Data should be used for (continued)
 - ▶ Comparing **program outcomes** at the institution student plans to attend to make informed decisions about major choice.
- ▶ Link to PSEO Tool
<https://lehd.ces.census.gov/applications/pseo/?type=earnings&compare=postgrad&specificity=2&state=18&institution=18°reelevel=03&gradcohort=0000-5&filter=50&program=51>



KEY TAKEAWAYS

- ▶ Indiana On-Time Completion Rates and national Graduation Rates reflect the *traditional pathway* of starting and completing at the same institution at the same degree level
- ▶ Indiana Extended-Time Completion rates encompass *various pathways* of starting and completing at different institutions and/or at different degree levels
- ▶ Use *Outcomes Data* to evaluate available programs (majors) and degree levels (certificate, associate, etc.) against student goals and expectations for their future.



QUESTIONS?



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The seal of the State of Indiana is a circular emblem. The outer ring contains the text "SEAL OF THE STATE OF INDIANA" in a serif font, with "SEAL OF" on the left and "STATE OF INDIANA" on the right. The inner circle features a central figure, possibly a Native American, holding a bow and arrow. The year "1816" is visible at the bottom of the inner circle.

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