

GOAL 6: Adult Literacy and Lifelong Learning

State Indicator 23. Participation in Higher Education

Have states¹ increased the percentages of high school graduates who immediately enroll in 2-year or 4-year colleges in any state?

↑	Better	39 states
↔	No Change	1 state
↓	Worse	11 states

Improvement over time

Between 1992 and 1996, 39 states (out of 51) significantly increased the percentages of high school graduates who immediately enrolled in 2-year or 4-year colleges in any state:

1. Alabama	11. Georgia	21. Mississippi	31. Ohio
2. Alaska	12. Hawaii	22. Missouri	32. Pennsylvania
3. Arizona	13. Indiana	23. Montana	33. Rhode Island
4. Arkansas	14. Kansas	24. Nevada	34. South Carolina
5. California	15. Kentucky	25. New Hampshire	35. Tennessee
6. Colorado	16. Maine	26. New Jersey	36. Texas
7. Connecticut	17. Maryland	27. New Mexico	37. Virginia
8. Delaware	18. Massachusetts	28. New York	38. West Virginia
9. District of Columbia	19. Michigan	29. North Carolina	39. Wyoming
10. Florida	20. Minnesota	30. North Dakota	

Highest-performing states*

States with the highest percentages of high school graduates who immediately enrolled in 2-year or 4-year colleges in any state:

	(1996)
Massachusetts	73%
New York	71%
North Dakota	71%
Delaware	67%
California	66%
Rhode Island	66%

Indicators are not the same at the national and state levels.

* Top 6 states (out of 51).

Most-improved states

States that made the greatest gains in the percentages of high school graduates who immediately enrolled in 2-year or 4-year colleges in any state:

	(1992)	(1996)	Change*
District of Columbia	33%	58%	+25
California	50%	66%	+16
South Carolina	43%	59%	+16
Massachusetts	60%	73%	+14
Delaware	57%	67%	+10

* Differences between the first two columns may differ slightly from the figures reported in the "change" column due to rounding.

¹ The term "state" is used to refer to the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the outlying areas.