

Austin ISD Postsecondary Enrollment

Executive Summary, Fall 2020

Graduating Classes of 2013 to 2019

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Postsecondary enrollment remained consistent from fall 2013 to 2019, and on average, 63% of AISD graduates enrolled in college after completing high school (Figure 1). Of the 2019 college-goers, 62% enrolled in 4-year programs, 82% attended in-state institutions, and 58% stayed within 60 miles of Austin. Sixty-seven percent of graduates from the Class of 2019 participated in postsecondary opportunities that included college enrollment, earning dual credit, and/or earning industry certifications. Moreover, 86% of the class of 2018 who enrolled for the first time in the year after high school persisted in college for a second year (Figure 2). However, greater percentages of graduates categorized as Asian, two or more races or White enrolled in a postsecondary institution, compared with those who were African American or Hispanic (Figure 3).

Figure 1. Of the graduating class of 2019, 65% enrolled in college in their first year after high school, and 67% had some form of postsecondary education.

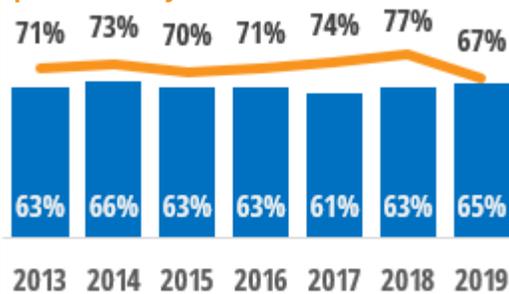


Figure 2. Of the students who enrolled in college in 2018-2019, 86% returned for a second year of enrollment in 2019-2020.

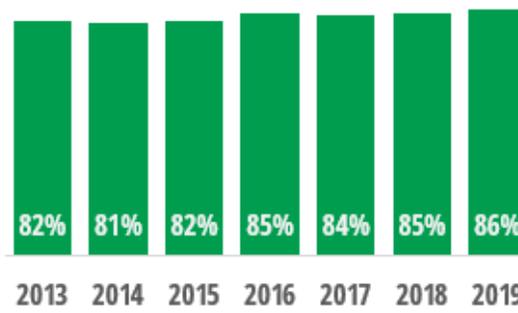
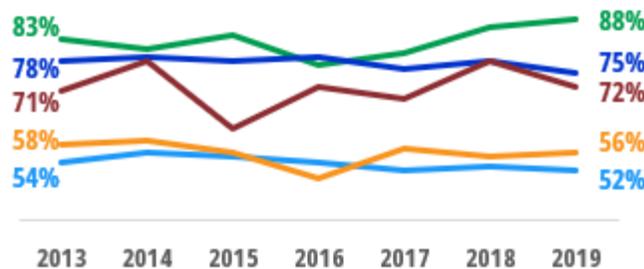


Figure 3. Greater percentages of graduates who were categorized as Asian, white, or two or more races enrolled in postsecondary institutions than did those who were African American or Hispanic.



Graduates who completed 4 college applications (82%), and graduates who completed a FAFSA application (74%) enrolled in postsecondary institutions at greater rates than those who did not take such steps (52% and 50%, respectively). In addition, graduates who took advanced courses (e.g., advanced placement (AP), international baccalaureate, or dual credit) while in high school enrolled in postsecondary institutions at greater rates (76%) than students who did not (40%).

Comprehensive postsecondary enrollment results for multiple school years can be viewed in an online interactive report at <https://www.austinisd.org/dre>.

About this Report

This report presents postsecondary enrollment rates for Austin Independent School District (AISD) graduates, Classes 2013 through 2019. Postsecondary enrollment outcomes are based on National Student Clearinghouse (NSC) data. The NSC database consists of 98% of nationwide enrollment in both public and private postsecondary institutions. In accordance with Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) regulations, data from NSC were linked to AISD graduate records. NSC data also were linked to student responses on the AISD High School Exit Survey and AISD academic records to better understand influences on enrollment.

FAFSA is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

Dual credit courses are college courses that students take while they are in high school.

An industry certification is a credential recognized by business and industry at the local, state or national level.

Top 5 Colleges Attended by Graduates in 2019

Austin Community College
 University of Texas at Austin
 Texas State University
 University of Texas at San Antonio
 Texas A&M University, College Station



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