OUR MISSION

The mission of the Maryland Higher Education Commission is to ensure that the people of Maryland have access to a high quality, diverse, adequately funded, effectively managed, and capably led system of postsecondary education. It accomplishes this mission through the provision of statewide planning, leadership, coordination and advocacy for the State’s postsecondary educational institutions and through the administration of State financial aid programs.

FAST FACTS

These figures include data from a number of higher education institutions in Maryland including:

- **16** Community Colleges
- **13** Public 4-Year Institutions
- **14** State-aided Independent Institutions
- **9** Other Private Institutions

The information below provides a summary of how postsecondary education serves the people of Maryland, and how institutions are helping students to reach their educational goals.

**Maryland Enrolls**

359,983

Graduate and Undergraduate Students in Fall of 2014

[Enrollment by Segment]

Student Attendance in Fall 2014

[Student Attendance Graphs]
Enrollment By Gender and Race in Fall 2014 (Undergraduate & Graduate)

Enrollment By Gender

Male: 56%
Female: 44%

Enrollment By Race

- White: 47%
- Black: 27%
- Hispanic / Latino: 7%
- Asian: 7%
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander: 4%
- American Indian or Alaska Native: 5%
- Unknown: 3%

Degrees Awarded (2014-2015)

76,218

Degrees Awarded

- Certificate: 32,923
- Associates: 18,244
- Bachelors: 5,691
- Masters: 2,982
- Doctorate: 16,378

Degrees by Race

- White: 53%
- Black / African American: 21%
- Hispanic / Latino: 7%
- Asian: 6%
- Foreign / Non-Resident Alien: 6%
- Unknown: 4%
- Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander: 3%
- Two or More Races: 3%
Retention, Graduation, and Transfer

Retention and Graduation at 4-Year Public Institutions

Retention Rate: 85.1%, Graduation Rate: 63.7%

4-Year Community College Graduation and Transfer Rates, Entering Class of 2010 (Statewide Average)

Students who Transferred: 24.9%, Students who Graduated w/Associate Degree or Certificate: 9.0%

Average Tuition and Fees for Resident Undergraduates (2014-2015)

Maryland

Average Tuition:
- Community Colleges: $4,274
- Four-Year Public Institutions: $9,163

Financial Aid (FY2012 – FY2014)

Undergraduate Community Colleges

- Average Aid Awarded:
  - FY 2012: $14,507, FY 2013: $14,373, FY 2014: $14,522
  - Average Need:
  - Average Loan Amount:
    - FY 2012: $3,977, FY 2013: $3,990, FY 2014: $4,020

Undergraduate 4-Year Institutions

- Average Aid Awarded:
  - FY 2012: $17,917, FY 2013: $19,491, FY 2014: $19,180
  - Average Need:
    - FY 2012: $11,299, FY 2013: $11,244, FY 2014: $11,075
  - Average Loan Amount:
    - FY 2012: $9,458, FY 2013: $9,314, FY 2014: $9,491

Fast Fact Source: Maryland Higher Education Commission, 2016 Data Book