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 4-Year Public Institutions
- 13 State-aided Independent Institutions
- 11 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 Enrolled**

359,578

Graduate and Undergraduate Students in Fall 2018

**Enrollment by Segment**

- Community Colleges: 115,007 (32.0%)
- 4-Year Public Institutions: 185,735 (51.7%)
- State-Aided Independent Institutions: 53,233 (14.8%)
- Other Private Institutions: 5,603 (1.6%)

**Student Attendance in Fall 2018**

**Undergraduate Enrollment**

- Community Colleges: Full-Time 68.4%, Part-Time 31.6%
- 4-Year Public Institutions: Full-Time 65.7%, Part-Time 34.3%
- State-Aided Independent Institutions: Full-Time 92.1%
- Other Private Institutions: Full-Time 64.6%

**Graduate Enrollment**

- 4-Year Public Institutions: Full-Time 56.2%, Part-Time 43.8%
- State-Aided Independent Institutions: Full-Time 60.6%, Part-Time 39.4%
- Other Private Institutions: Full-Time 28.8%, Part-Time 71.2%
Enrollment by Gender

Male: 158,965 (44.2%)
Female: 200,613 (55.8%)

Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity

White: 151,814 (42.2%)
Black/African American: 93,840 (26.1%)
Asian: 27,005 (7.5%)
Hispanic/Latino, any race: 33,001 (9.2%)
American Indian or Alaska Native: 968 (0.3%)
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander: 699 (0.2%)
Two or More Races: 14,336 (4.0%)
Asian: 27,005 (7.5%)
Unknown: 15,695 (4.4%)
Foreign/Non-Resident Alien: 22,220 (6.2%)

Degrees Awarded (2018-2019)

Degrees Awarded: 78,793

- Lower Division Certificate: 4,081
- Associate: 16,660
- Bachelor's: 34,272
- Master's: 20,839
- Doctorate: 2,941
Retained, Graduated, and Transferred

Degrees by Race/Ethnicity

- American Indian or Alaska Native: 202 (0.3%)
- Asian: 6,391 (8.1%)
- Black/African American: 16,677 (21.2%)
- Foreign/Non-Resident Alien: 6,537 (8.3%)
- Hispanic/Latino, any race: 6,166 (7.8%)
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander: 145 (0.2%)
- Two or More Races: 2,763 (3.5%)
- Unknown: 3,065 (3.9%)
- White: 36,847 (46.8%)

Degrees by Gender

- Men: 44,327 (56.3%)
- Women: 34,466 (43.7%)

Retention and Graduation at 4-Year Public Institutions

- Retention Rate, Entering Class of 2017: 83.2%
- Graduation Rate, Entering Class of 2012: 68.8%

Community College Four-Year Graduation and Transfer Rates, Entering Class of 2014

- Students who Transferred: 28.0%
- Students who Graduated with Associate Degree or Certificate but did not Transfer: 10.9%

Average Tuition and Fees for Resident Undergraduates (2019-2020)

- Average Tuition and Fees for Resident Undergraduates
  - Community Colleges: $4,680
  - 4-Year Public Institutions: $9,686
Financial Aid (FY2016 - FY2018)

Sources: Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC), Enrollment Information System, Degree Information System, Financial Aid Information System, and Institutional Tuition and Fees Schedules

For more information regarding these data, please visit the Office of Research and Policy Analysis website at https://mhec.maryland.gov/publications/Pages/research/index.aspx. There you will find copies of the annual MHEC Data Book, as well as a number of other relevant materials produced by the Office.