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
- **13** State-aided Independent Institutions
- **10** 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**

![Enrollment by Segment](chart)

- **359,593** Graduate and Undergraduate Students in Fall of 2017

**Student Attendance in Fall 2017**

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<th>Undergraduate Enrollment</th>
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<td>Full-Time Students</td>
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Enrollment by Gender and Race in Fall 2017 (Undergraduate & Graduate)

Enrollment by Gender

Female: 198,982 (55.3%)
Male: 160,611 (44.7%)

Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity

- Black/African American: 94,051 (26.2%)
- White: 156,648 (43.6%)
- Asian: 26,452 (7.4%)
- Hispanic/Latino: 31,667 (7.9%)
- American Indian or Alaska Native: 956 (0.3%)
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander: 883 (0.2%)
- Two or More Races: 13,749 (3.8%)
- Unknown: 13,411 (3.7%)
- Foreign/Non-Resident Alien: 21,776 (6.1%)

Degrees Awarded (2017-2018)

79,751 Degrees Awarded

Degrees Awarded

- Lower Division Certificate: 3,059
- Associate: 20,657
- Bachelors: 34,206
- Masters: 16,786
- Doctorate: 5,043
Retention, Graduation, and Transfer

Degrees by Race

Retention, Graduation, and Transfer

Retention and Graduation at Four-Year Public Institutions

- Retention Rate, Entering Class of 2016: 83.0%
- Graduation Rate, Entering Class of 2011: 67.4%

4-Year Community College Retention and Graduation Rates, Entering Class of 2013

- Students who Transferred: 27.2%
- Students who Graduated with Associate Degree or Certificate but did not Transfer: 9.9%

Average Tuition and Fees for Resident Undergraduates (2018-2019)

Average Tuition and Fees for Resident Undergraduates

- Community Colleges: $4,560
- Public Four-Year Institutions: $9,462
Financial Aid (FY2015-FY2017)

Source: Maryland Higher Education Commission, Enrollment Information System, Degree Information System, Financial Aid Information System, Institutional Tuition and Fees Schedules