

Data Notes



GOAL 6: POST-SECONDARY ATTAINMENT

The Minnesota Office of Higher Education (OHE) provided post-secondary attainment data. Post-secondary attainment refers to any undergraduate degree awarded, including a certificate, diploma, associate degree or bachelor's degree.

Rates are presented in terms of the number of years (4, 6, or 8) from high school graduation. These data do not use the same student cohorts used by the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) to calculate the high school graduation rate. These cohorts group high school graduates according to the year of high school graduation. For example, the year 2013 shows the rates of post-secondary attainment for the group who received their high school diploma between September 2012 and August 2013.

These data reflect the most recent released, as of August 2017, which means that, for example, the graduation cohort of 2013 would have been four years out from high school graduation. For that reason, 6- and 8-year rates for 2013 and 2012 should not be compared to earlier cohorts. Similarly, 8-year rates for 2011 and 2010 should not be compared to earlier cohorts.