

## **Data Notes**



## **GOAL 6: POSTSECONDARY ATTAINMENT**

Generation Next's postsecondary dashboards use anonymized individual-level data from the Minnesota Statewide Longitudinal Education Data System (SLEDS), through a data use agreement with the Minnesota Office of Higher Education (OHE). The data include graduates of public high schools (district or charter, including alternative) located in Minneapolis or Saint Paul.

Postsecondary 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 postsecondary attainment for the group who received their high school diploma between September 2012 and August 2013.