

# Austin ISD Postsecondary Enrollment

## Executive Summary, Spring 2018

Graduating Classes of 2013 to 2017

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### 4,207 seniors graduated from Austin Independent School District

Postsecondary enrollment remained consistent from fall 2013 to 2017, and on average across 5 years, 63% of AISD graduates enrolled in college after completing high school (Figure 1). Moreover, 61% percent of the of 2017 college-goers enrolled in 4 year programs, 84% attended in-state institutions, and 57% stayed within 60 miles of Austin.

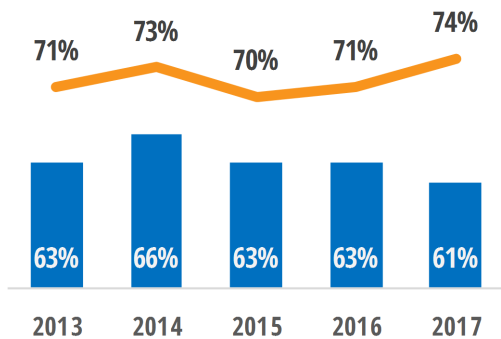
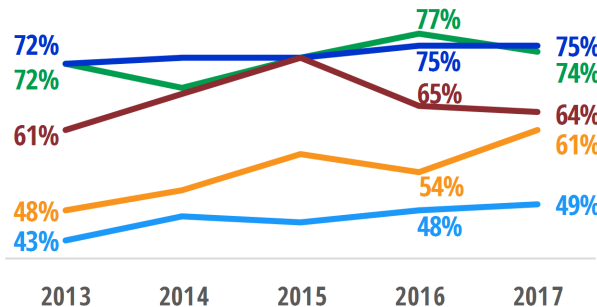


Figure 1. For the graduating class of 2017, post high school **College enrollment** decreased, however, when combined with **dual credit and industry certificates** obtained while in high school, a higher percentage of AISD seniors enrolled in postsecondary education in 2017.

Disaggregating enrollment trends by race/ethnic group, gaps in postsecondary enrollment remained between student groups (Figure 2). However, African American and Hispanic students were the only groups who showed an increase in four-year college enrollment from 2016 to 2017.

Figure 2. **Asian, white, and two or more races** enrolled in post secondary institutions at a higher rate than did **African American and Hispanic** students.



The number of college applications completed and whether a student applied for financial aid were strong predictors of enrollment. Students who completed 4 college applications (77%) and students who completed a FAFSA application (75%) enrolled in postsecondary institutions at a higher rate than students who did not take such steps (54% and 44%, respectively). In addition, graduates who thought about college by elementary school (76%) enrolled at significantly higher rates than did those who did not plan for college until middle (60%) or high school (51%).

Comprehensive postsecondary enrollment results for multiple school years can be accessed at <https://www.austinisd.org/dre/district-campus-surveys>.

### About this Report

This summary presents postsecondary enrollment rates for Austin Independent School District Classes of 2013 to 2017. Summary percentages may not match the National Student Clearing House (NSC) report because aggregate data included students who declined to share information with AISD. Hence, the NSC report indicates 63% of 2017 AISD graduates enrolled in postsecondary institutions within one year of graduation, whereas AISD records indicate 61% (representing the students who elected to share their data).

FAFSA is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

Source. AISD graduation and National Student Clearinghouse, 2013–2017.

### Top 10 Postsecondary Institutions in 2017

- Austin Community College
- University of Texas at Austin
- Texas State University
- Texas A&M University, College Station
- Texas Tech University, Lubbock
- University of Texas, San Antonio
- St Edwards University
- University of North Texas
- University of Texas at Dallas
- Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi