

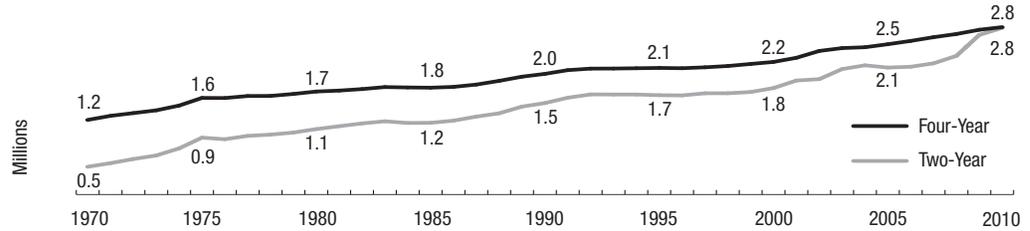


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REPORTING SIGNIFICANT TRENDS AFFECTING EDUCATION PROGRESS IN THE SREB STATES

Public College Enrollment, SREB States



Source: SREB analysis of National Center for Education Statistics databases.

Public Two-Year Colleges in the SREB Region Approached Historic Milestone in 2010 — Enrollment Equal to Public Four-Year Colleges

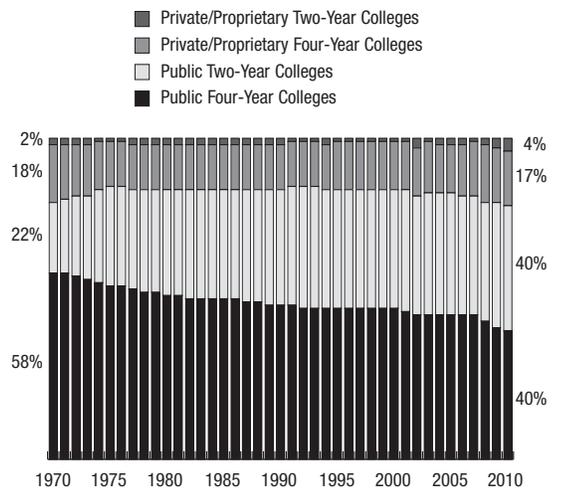
In 1970, enrollment in public two-year colleges in SREB states was 37 percent as much as enrollment in public four-year colleges and universities. Yet two-year college enrollment *gains* outpaced four-year institutions, and by 2010, two-year colleges enrolled nearly as many students. It is likely that enrollment in the SREB region's public two-year colleges exceeded that of public four-year colleges in 2011. Nationwide, public two-year colleges have enrolled more students than public four-year colleges since 2009. Public two-year colleges accounted for nine out of 10 of all two-year college students, both nationally and in the SREB region.

The pattern of two-year college enrollment differs somewhat by region. More than half of first-time freshmen in 2010 enrolled in two-year colleges in the SREB region and in the West — compared with 45 percent in the Midwest and 39 percent in the Northeast. More than half of all SREB region undergraduates attended two-year colleges in five states (Florida, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina and Texas). The same was true in seven Western states and two Midwestern states but no Northeastern states.

The split between public sector and non-public sector enrollment has been fairly stable over the past 40 years — with public college

enrollment equaling 80 percent of the total in the SREB region in 1970 and again in 2010. The most striking change in distribution is the increase in public two-year college enrollment from 22 percent of the region's total in 1970 to 40 percent in 2010. With recent increases in enrollment in non-public two-year colleges, their share grew from 2 percent of the total in 1970 to 4 percent in 2010.

Distribution of College Enrollment, SREB States



Note: May not equal 100 percent due to rounding.

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Enrollment in Two-Year Colleges¹

(Updates Table 36, *SREB Fact Book on Higher Education, 2011*)

	Fall 2010	Percent Change		Percent in Public Colleges		Percent Women		Percent of First-Time Freshmen		Percent of Undergraduate Enrollment	
		2005 to 2010	2009 to 2010	2005	2010	2005	2010	2005	2010	2005	2010
50 states and D.C.	8,664,525	30.4	6.8	95.4	91.2	58.7	57.5	42.4	49.2	44.4	48.2
SREB states as a percent of U.S.	3,049,041 35.2	38.2	7.6	96.0	91.2	60.9	59.7	47.1	50.9	45.1	49.8
Alabama	105,566	33.4	9.3	99.1	92.7	61.0	60.1	41.2	45.2	36.1	37.6
Arkansas	65,980	19.6	7.6	98.9	93.6	62.9	62.3	41.3	40.8	42.6	42.1
Delaware	16,948	19.7	6.2	98.7	91.3	65.6	60.9	31.8	33.8	32.6	36.9
Florida	542,806	40.7	5.9	94.6	86.9	61.7	60.7	52.4	58.9	50.4	54.8
Georgia	221,679	38.6	23.9	96.9	92.3	63.1	62.0	47.7	46.6	43.0	45.0
Kentucky ²	123,836	38.4	11.8	94.6	85.9	54.8	57.0	32.8	42.2	41.5	48.5
Louisiana ²	88,440	118.3	9.7	90.3	90.1	59.8	60.1	27.0	41.0	23.4	38.4
Maryland	155,358	26.4	6.6	97.0	94.9	62.7	59.7	52.9	57.6	48.6	51.6
Mississippi	85,474	25.5	1.0	97.3	96.9	64.8	63.4	71.0	68.6	51.0	54.4
North Carolina	263,341	30.3	3.9	99.2	96.4	63.4	60.9	43.0	47.6	47.4	51.4
Oklahoma	93,049	29.0	6.4	96.3	90.2	62.0	57.6	44.3	48.9	39.3	45.6
South Carolina	106,383	29.5	3.2	97.6	95.8	64.3	62.3	43.9	45.1	44.3	46.6
Tennessee	115,871	34.8	-4.6	87.1	84.5	61.7	61.6	37.5	41.0	35.2	38.6
Texas	799,602	42.0	7.1	96.5	93.7	58.2	57.8	57.8	59.2	51.5	58.8
Virginia	231,821	42.7	14.1	95.4	85.0	59.9	58.4	33.0	43.7	43.5	48.8
West Virginia ³	32,887	38.3	3.3	90.7	88.2	62.0	60.8	26.7	28.1	27.4	25.7
West as a percent of U.S.	2,721,098 31.4	21.2	3.6	96.6	93.5	56.5	54.9	47.3	59.7	56.7	57.4
Alaska	836	-24.1	-2.6	100.0	100.0	53.3	66.6	3.4	1.3	3.9	2.7
Arizona	260,327	21.5	11.5	93.7	89.2	58.2	57.4	31.0	57.3	46.9	38.8
California	1,680,582	17.0	-1.9	97.4	94.1	55.7	54.0	57.6	69.3	67.3	68.9
Colorado	120,279	35.1	9.5	89.6	87.7	60.6	57.3	32.2	40.9	35.7	38.4
Hawaii	36,188	53.9	7.8	95.0	94.5	58.2	58.0	49.7	63.2	40.6	53.1
Idaho	16,337	30.4	-5.5	95.9	90.7	65.8	61.2	22.7	25.0	17.8	21.2
Montana	12,392	28.8	-5.2	95.0	86.8	61.7	59.8	23.9	25.0	22.2	25.6
Nevada	70,241	23.3	9.5	94.9	91.4	56.1	54.1	57.4	62.4	57.2	60.7
New Mexico	92,436	43.0	9.0	99.2	96.8	60.6	57.5	53.4	61.6	56.2	63.1
Oregon	114,889	37.8	1.0	96.6	94.8	56.9	54.4	49.2	52.9	47.9	52.3
Utah	74,109	86.1	32.2	89.9	89.8	51.2	53.5	26.4	34.6	21.8	32.5
Washington	217,095	13.5	33.3	99.6	97.9	57.4	55.9	45.3	42.6	60.7	61.8
Wyoming	25,387	14.9	3.5	88.2	92.1	52.7	51.7	78.6	75.6	69.7	71.6
Midwest as a percent of U.S.	1,871,620 21.6	34.9	11.6	95.6	88.9	58.3	57.7	38.4	44.8	39.4	44.6
Illinois	399,879	11.6	-0.7	98.4	95.2	58.1	56.9	41.3	47.2	51.8	53.5
Indiana	143,056	101.8	14.7	84.6	85.6	61.3	59.8	19.5	38.2	22.7	35.5
Iowa	115,361	38.0	11.5	98.2	92.2	57.1	56.0	47.3	44.2	41.1	34.0
Kansas	91,798	20.9	5.7	97.8	94.0	57.2	57.5	49.1	54.7	45.2	48.7
Michigan	304,689	39.5	16.7	98.7	85.6	57.8	57.9	38.6	50.5	40.7	50.4
Minnesota	153,472	32.7	12.3	95.4	90.1	55.7	55.0	48.9	44.6	40.8	44.3
Missouri	140,355	47.5	18.6	91.1	79.5	62.2	59.0	39.1	47.9	31.2	38.4
Nebraska	53,966	32.2	10.4	98.5	91.9	55.1	55.8	38.4	40.2	39.4	44.4
North Dakota	14,836	35.0	64.9	83.8	77.5	55.6	54.3	28.3	30.0	24.9	29.7
Ohio	302,211	54.9	17.5	89.1	84.4	60.3	59.9	36.3	42.9	36.8	47.0
South Dakota	11,132	84.8	15.1	91.1	74.3	48.5	55.1	26.6	31.5	13.9	22.0
Wisconsin	140,865	21.4	19.4	99.4	94.8	57.5	56.8	37.1	40.6	39.1	41.5
Northeast as a percent of U.S.	1,022,766 11.8	27.2	4.8	90.2	88.8	59.9	57.5	34.4	38.8	32.0	35.6
Connecticut	65,144	33.5	8.9	94.7	92.9	63.7	61.4	32.6	38.5	34.5	41.0
Maine	22,221	64.3	19.9	92.0	84.6	55.4	55.1	30.6	36.3	23.5	34.6
Massachusetts	116,484	33.1	3.6	96.2	90.1	62.3	59.2	27.1	31.4	26.4	30.8
New Hampshire	15,344	1.2	8.6	90.7	97.2	58.7	56.3	22.5	26.0	25.7	24.6
New Jersey	182,682	19.3	-0.7	99.2	98.8	59.8	56.9	55.3	57.6	47.7	48.2
New York	381,509	25.5	7.1	89.3	89.8	58.8	56.3	34.9	41.8	33.0	36.0
Pennsylvania	211,320	32.9	3.6	78.0	75.7	59.3	58.0	32.8	33.6	27.7	32.2
Rhode Island	17,775	7.2	-0.9	96.7	100.0	63.5	59.4	20.9	23.2	23.5	24.0
Vermont	10,287	66.1	21.6	89.1	81.6	66.9	59.5	15.0	20.9	18.1	26.6
District of Columbia ⁴	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

¹ "NA" indicates not applicable. There was no institution of this type in at least one of the years.

¹ Figures represent enrollments in all two-year, degree-granting institutions eligible for federal Title IV student financial aid in the 50 states and the District of Columbia, excluding service schools.

² In these states, numerous non-degree-granting institutes merged with degree-granting, two-year colleges or became degree-granting.

³ Enrollments in two-year colleges formerly embedded in and reported as four-year are now separate and reported as two-year. West Virginia figures include the numbers for American Public University (APU), an online-only, proprietary four-year university. APU accounted for 26 percent of the state's total enrollment in fall 2010 and thus is a major pull on West Virginia trends. West Virginia University, the next largest university, accounted for 19 percent of the state's enrollment. APU first entered the West Virginia figures in fall 2007.

⁴ In prior years, Strayer University reported all of its campuses nationwide in the figures for the District of Columbia campus. Now District of Columbia figures represent only the District of Columbia campus.

Source: SREB analysis of National Center for Education Statistics fall enrollment surveys — (www.nces.ed.gov/ipeds).

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