Tennessee Educational Progress

HIGH SCHOOL
- 91% graduated from high school
- 18% met all 4 ACT college-readiness benchmarks
- 12% met ACT STEM benchmark

POSTSECONDARY
- 26% proportion of state financial aid that is need-based
- 53% 4-year public college students graduating in 6 years or less
- 82% 4-year public college freshman persisting to their second year
- 53% bachelor's graduates with student loan debt

WORKFORCE
- Adults 25+ in poverty: 27%Less than high school, 14%High school or equivalent, 10%Some college or associate, 4%Bachelor’s or higher
- Adults 25-64 employed: 48%Less than high school, 67%High school or equivalent, 76%Some college or associate, 85%Bachelor’s or higher

K-12 TEACHER WORKFORCE
- Number of teacher prep program completers: 4,447 (2013-14), 2,705 (2019-20), 0 (Projected 2030)
- Annual net salary for teachers by years in teaching: $28,815 (1 year), $33,108 (15 years), $42,893 (35 years)

POSTSECONDARY WORKFORCE
- Faculty ratio:
  - Two-year colleges: 62% Part time, 38% Full time
  - Four-year colleges and universities: 57% Part time, 43% Full time
- Faculty and staff employment at postsecondary institutions:
  - Instruction: 36%
  - Research: 1.2%
  - Graduate Assistant: 11%
  - Other: 52%

Source: 2022 SREB State Progress Reports, SREB.org/StateProgress