

College Entrance and Persistence Report Notes

Edsight statistics on college entrance and persistence were created based on student-level data provided by the National Student Clearinghouse. The results in these reports are determined by securely matching student level data from the Connecticut State Department of Education with official college enrollment records from the National Student Clearinghouse Student Tracker service for students attending public and private two- and four-year postsecondary institutions across the nation.

The reports provide information on students who graduated from Connecticut Public High Schools in 2006-07 through 2014-15 and subsequently enrolled in postsecondary institutions nationally at any point between June 2007 and April 7, 2016.

Graduating classes include all students who graduated with a regular diploma between September 1 and August 31st of that school year. For example, a student with an exit date of December 30, 2013 would be in the graduating class of 2014.

Terms:

In this report, “year” means graduating class of that school year.

College entrance refers to the percent of high school graduates from the year that enrolled in college any time during the first year after high school.

College persistence refers to the percent of students that enrolled in college the first year after high school and returned for a second year (Freshman to Sophomore persistence).

Persistence data lags entrance data because a full two years must elapse before the Freshman to Sophomore persistence can be calculated. As such, the persistence data will be blank for the most recent graduating class in the tables and charts.

Term	Source
Race/Ethnicity	PSIS Registration
Gender	PSIS Registration
Special Education Status	PSIS Collections
Free and Reduced-Price Meal Eligibility	PSIS Collections
English Learner (EL) Status	PSIS Collections

For more information, see [Data Dictionary](#)

Source list:

Year	Collection Name	Freeze Number	Freeze Date
2007-15	NSC Student Tracker Return File	1	04/07/2016

2013-14	PSIS Collections	1	02/20/2015
2012-13	PSIS Collections	1	02/20/2015
2011-12	PSIS Collections	1	02/20/2015
2010-11	PSIS Collections	1	02/20/2015
2009-10	PSIS Collections	1	02/20/2015
2008-09	PSIS Collections	1	02/20/2015
2007-08	PSIS Collections	1	02/20/2015
2006-07	PSIS Collections	1	02/20/2015

Note: College enrollment and retention are primarily personal choices that take into account alternative career paths and the cost of college, both out-of-pocket expenses such as tuition and books, as well as the wages foregone during college. Therefore, comparisons of schools and districts on these statistics that exclude such factors can be misleading.