For Hawai‘i and its residents to be competitive globally, we must increase the educational attainment of our residents. By the year 2018, 65% of all jobs available in the state will require at least some postsecondary training or education\(^1\). To prepare for a successful state economy, we need:

- More children in quality early education programs and entering kindergarten ready to learn;
- More children reading at grade level by third grade;
- More youth graduating high school ready for success in careers and college;
- More high school graduates entering college directly from high school and earning their degrees in a timely manner; and
- More college graduates meeting the state’s workforce needs.

The Hawai‘i P-20 Council set a goal of 55% of Hawai‘i’s working age adults having a two- or four-year degree by 2025. It aligns with the University of Hawai‘i’s goal to increase the completion of degrees and certificates by 3–6% per year, and the Hawai‘i Department of Education’s goal that all students graduate college- and career-ready. President Barack Obama has set a national goal that by 2020, the United States will lead the world with the highest share of college graduates.

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\(^1\) Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce, [http://www9.georgetown.edu/grad/gppi/hpi/cew/pdfs/State-LevelAnalysis-web.pdf](http://www9.georgetown.edu/grad/gppi/hpi/cew/pdfs/State-LevelAnalysis-web.pdf)
For this report, high school completers include those who have earned diplomas or certificates of completion.

On-time graduation rate is based on the first-time ninth grade cohort adjusted for students who transferred in or out. Class of 2010 and 2011 on-time graduation rates are finalized. Class of 2012 on-time graduation rate is reported as preliminary and will be finalized for the 2014 publication of the CCRI.

Hawai‘i State Assessment (HSA) proficiencies are based on each graduating class's 10th grade scores: scores for the Class of 2012 are from the Spring 2010 HSA administration; Class of 2011, from Spring 2009; and Class of 2010, from Spring 2008.

Advanced Placement results are reported for high school completers who took at least one Advanced Placement exam during high school.

Running Start participants are high school completers who took at least one Running Start course during high school.

These data represent high school completers’ confirmed college enrollment following high school graduation and are based on reports provided by the National Student Clearinghouse.

“Other” courses satisfy University of Hawai‘i general education mathematics or English requirements and/or may be used to fulfill a “terminal” mathematics or English requirement for a degree or certificate.