

High School Students Attending Colleges and Universities in Ohio While Still in High School

Questions: How many recent Ohio high school students take college classes while still in high school? What districts do they come from?

Why ask about high school students taking college classes in Ohio? In 1990 the Ohio General Assembly enacted the Post Secondary Options Program (PSOP). This program permits high school students to take college classes and receive credit that counts toward their high school degree and a college degree. Requirements for high school students to enroll in college are determined by local colleges and they often involve a combination of high school grade point average (B or better) and, in most cases advanced high school standing (Junior or Senior). Enrollment in college while still a high school student through the PSOP program has economic benefit, as students are able to earn college credit without paying for college tuition. Additionally, a head start on college is likely to ensure greater probability of full college enrollment once a student graduates from high school.

National Answers: There are no known national data on the number or percentage of students attending high school while still enrolled in college.

Statewide Answers: In Autumn of 2000 there were 7,147 high school students enrolled in Ohio's public colleges and universities as part of the PSOP program. This is approximately 4% of the total number of graduating high school students for the previous year, although the PSOP students may have been high school students with other class ranks as well.

Fall 2000 Headcount Enrollment of PSOP High School Students at Ohio's Colleges and Universities

	Graduates from previous year	Number of PSOP students	PSOP Students as % of Graduates From Previous Year (See Note 1)
Grand Total	98,690	7,147	4%

Note 1: % for the state total excludes the typologies for which we have no graduation data.

High School District Grouping Answers: In Autumn of 2000, the 7,147 PSOP students came from all types of school districts, although they were least frequently coming from major city school districts with extremely high poverty rates, as a percentage of all graduating seniors (2%).

Fall 2000 Headcount Enrollment of PSOP High School Students at Ohio's Colleges and Universities – For Districts with One or More PSOP Students

District Grouping	Graduates from previous year	Number of PSOP students	PSOP Students as % of Graduates From Previous Year (See Note 1)
Major City, extremely high poverty	12,514	247	2%
Urban moderate SES	10,871	419	4%
Suburban/urban high SES	23,329	1,083	5%
Suburban very high SES	9,872	317	3%
Small town, very high poverty	8,400	390	5%
Small town, moderate SES	15,572	760	5%
Rural High Poverty	7,980	363	5%
Rural	10,152	473	5%
Independent Schools	N/A	91	N/A
Parochial	N/A	317	N/A
High School Unknown	N/A	2,687	N/A
Grand Total	98,690	7,147	4%

Note 1: % for the state total excludes the typologies for which we have no graduation data.

Fall 2000 Headcount Enrollment of PSOP High School Students at Ohio's Colleges and Universities

District Grouping	Type of College Attended	Graduates from previous year	Number of PSOP students	PSOP Students as % of Graduates From Previous Year (See Note 1)
Major City, extremely high poverty	public 2-year	12,514	120	2%
	public 4-year		127	
	total for district		247	
Urban moderate SES	public 2-year	10,871	270	4%
	public 4-year		149	
	total for district		419	
Suburban/urban high SES	public 2-year	23,329	560	5%
	public 4-year		523	
	total for district		1,083	
Suburban very high SES	public 2-year	9,872	137	3%
	public 4-year		180	
	total for district		317	
Small town, very high poverty	public 2-year	8,400	176	5%
	public 4-year		214	
	total for district		390	
Small town, moderate SES	public 2-year	15,572	375	5%
	public 4-year		385	
	total for district		760	
Rural High Poverty	public 2-year	7,980	157	5%
	public 4-year		206	
	total for district		363	
Rural	public 2-year	10,152	238	5%
	public 4-year		235	
	total for district		473	
Independent Schools	public 2-year	NA	61	NA
	public 4-year		30	
	total for district		91	
Parochial	public 2-year	NA	111	NA
	public 4-year		206	
	total for district		317	
High School Unknown	public 2-year	NA	1,646	NA
	public 4-year		1,041	
	total for district		2,687	
Grand Total		98,690	7,147	4%

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High School District Answers:

- The complete list of post secondary opportunity college attendance rates can be found at: http://www.regents.state.oh.us/perfrpt/PR_2002_by_High_School_ver2-PSOP.xls
- To demonstrate how these data appear, the Franklin County School districts are reported below.

District Grouping	District name	Type of College Attended	Graduates from previous year	Number of PSOP students	PSOP Students as % of Graduates From Previous Year (See Note 1)
Major City, extremely high poverty	COLUMBUS CITY SD	public 2-year	2,312	20	2%
		public 4-year		18	
		total for district		38	
Urban moderate SES	GROVEPORT MADISON LOCAL SD	public 2-year	297	3	1%
		total for district		3	
	SOUTH-WESTERN CITY SD	public 2-year	957	5	1%
		public 4-year		4	
		total for district		9	
	Suburban/urban high SES	CANAL WINCHESTER LOCAL SD	public 2-year	100	3
public 4-year			1		
total for district			4		
GAHANNA-JEFFERSON CITY SD		public 2-year	458	4	2%
		public 4-year		5	
		total for district		9	
GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS CITY SD		public 2-year	81	1	1%
		total for district		1	
		HILLIARD CITY SD		public 2-year	
total for district		10			
REYNOLDSBURG CITY SD		public 2-year	361	1	2%
		public 4-year		5	
		total for district		6	
WESTERVILLE CITY SD		public 2-year	906	13	2%
		public 4-year		6	
	total for district	19			
Suburban very high SES	BEXLEY CITY SD	public 2-year	193	6	4%
		public 4-year		2	
		total for district		8	
	DUBLIN CITY SD	public 2-year	711	38	6%
		public 4-year		4	
		total for district		42	
	PLAIN LOCAL SD	public 2-year	71	1	13%
		public 4-year		8	
		total for district		9	
	UPPER ARLINGTON CITY SD	public 2-year	436	2	2%
		public 4-year		7	
		total for district		9	
	WORTHINGTON CITY SD	public 4-year	726	4	1%
		total for district		4	
	Small town, very high poverty	HAMILTON LOCAL SD	public 2-year	123	3
total for district			3		

District Grouping	district name	Type of College Attended	Graduates from previous year	Number of PSOP students
Independent Schools	COLUMBUS SCHOOL FOR GIRLS HIGH	public 4-year		1
		total for district	NA	1
	EVANGEL CHRISTIAN ACADEMY HIGH	public 2-year		5
		total for district	NA	5
	LIBERTY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY HIGH	public 2-year		3
		total for district	NA	3
	TREE OF LIFE-NORTHRIDGE BRANCH	public 4-year		1
		total for district	NA	1
	WELLINGTON HIGH	public 4-year		1
		total for district	NA	1
	WORLD HARVEST CHRISTIAN ACAD H	public 2-year		1
		total for district	NA	1