

The 1992 Cohort of Texas Public Seventh-Grade Students Followed Through Higher Education

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Nearly one-half (44.7 percent) of Texas public middle school students enroll in Texas public higher education within six years of high school graduation, according to analysis of data¹ by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

The study, which is based on following the academic progress of the 1992 cohort of seventh-grade students at Texas public high schools, provided other findings as well:

- A substantial number 16,959, or 6.4 percent) of the cohort did not graduate from a public high school before entering Texas public higher education. Presumably, these students graduated from Texas private high schools, out-of-state high schools, home schools, or from programs that offer high school equivalency certification, such as the GED.
- Of the cohort, 27,681 students (10.4 percent) had not yet received a higher education award (degree or certificate) but were still enrolled in 2003.
- Approximately two-thirds (66.8 percent, or 79,589 students) of the 119,187 cohort members entered higher education at a public two-year college.

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	Number of Texas Public Students	Percent of 1992 Cohort	Percent of Students Advancing to Next Level of Education
Seventh-Grade Public Cohort (1992)	266,578	100%	82.1% from 7th- to 9th-grade
Enrolled in 9th-Grade (1994)	218,937	82.1%	70.5% from 9th-grade to high school graduation
High School Graduate (1996-1998)	154,294	57.9%	77.3% from high school graduation to higher education
Enrolled in Higher Education (After High School Graduation) ^A	119,187	44.7%	30.1% earned a degree or certificate
Completed a Higher Education Undergraduate Degree or Certificate by 2003 ^B	35,815	13.4%	NA

^AIncludes 83,113 students enrolling the year after high school, 19,115 students enrolling the second year or beyond, and 16,959 student members of the cohort who enrolled in public higher education but did not graduate from public high school.

^BIncludes baccalaureate and associate's degrees and two-year certificates.

¹ This data collection is made possible through a cooperative effort with the Coordinating Board, Texas Education Agency and State Board of Educator Certification. The resulting database, the Texas PK-16 Public Education Information Resource (TPEIR) is available at <http://www.texaseducationinfo.org/>

- ▶ Additional “Special Interest Briefs” on the 1992 seventh-grade cohort’s progress through Texas public education by gender and race/ethnicity are available.
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