

TX Higher Education Data: Improving Transparency to the Legislature and Citizens

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**TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION
COORDINATING BOARD**

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COORDINATING BOARD COLLECTS DATA BASED ON SPECIFIC AUTHORIZATIONS

- Formula Funding Requirements
- Legislative Requirements
 - Changes in statute and rule
 - Legislative requests
- Federal Requirements

CB has controls to limit data collection

DATA ARE COLLECTED FROM PUBLIC, INDEPENDENT & FOR-PROFIT INSTITUTIONS

- **STUDENT DATA** *such as*
Enrollments, major, grades, college-readiness,
degrees earned, financial aid information
- **DEMOGRAPHIC DATA** *such as*
Gender, race/ethnicity, county of residence
- **COURSE DATA** *such as*
Mode of instruction (online, hybrid, etc.) class
location, instructor of record

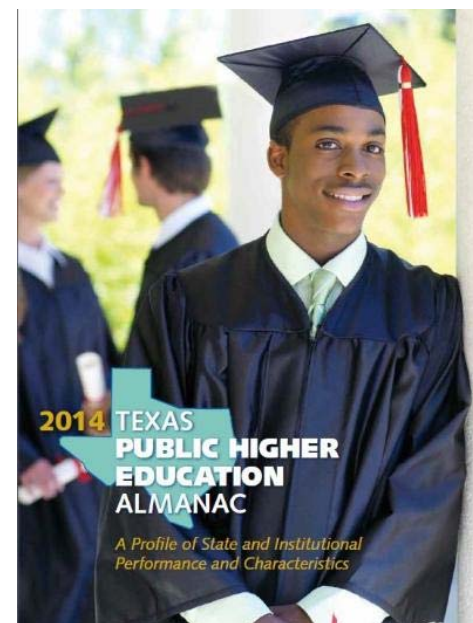
DATA ARE ANALYZED TO PRODUCE A VARIETY OF REPORTS AND WEB APPLICATIONS

Frequently requested reporting vehicles include:

- Texas Higher Education Almanac
- CompareCollegeTX
- Higher Education Accountability System
- Higher Education Resumes
- Tracking Postsecondary Outcomes

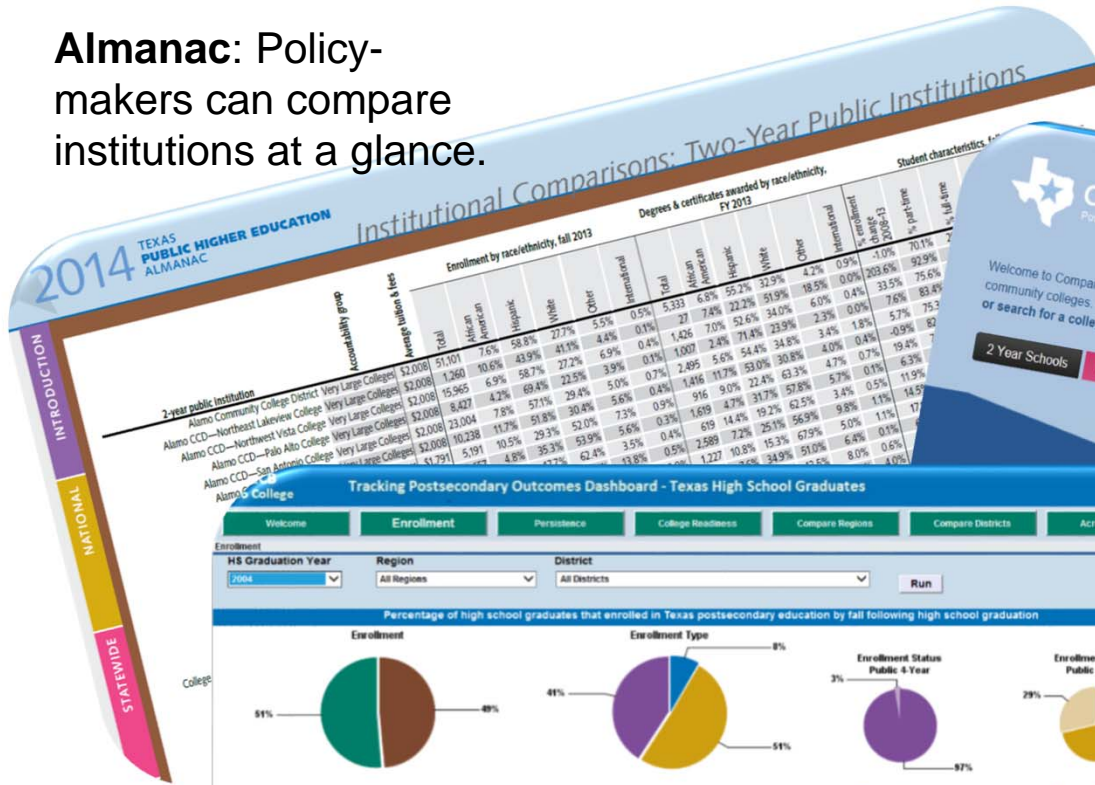
Additional resources used:

- TEA Data
- TWC Data

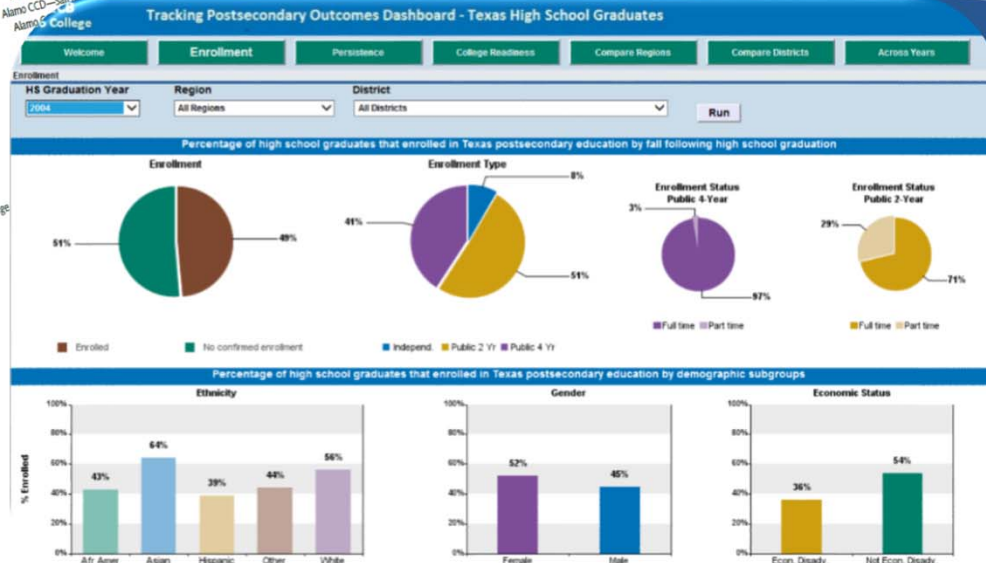
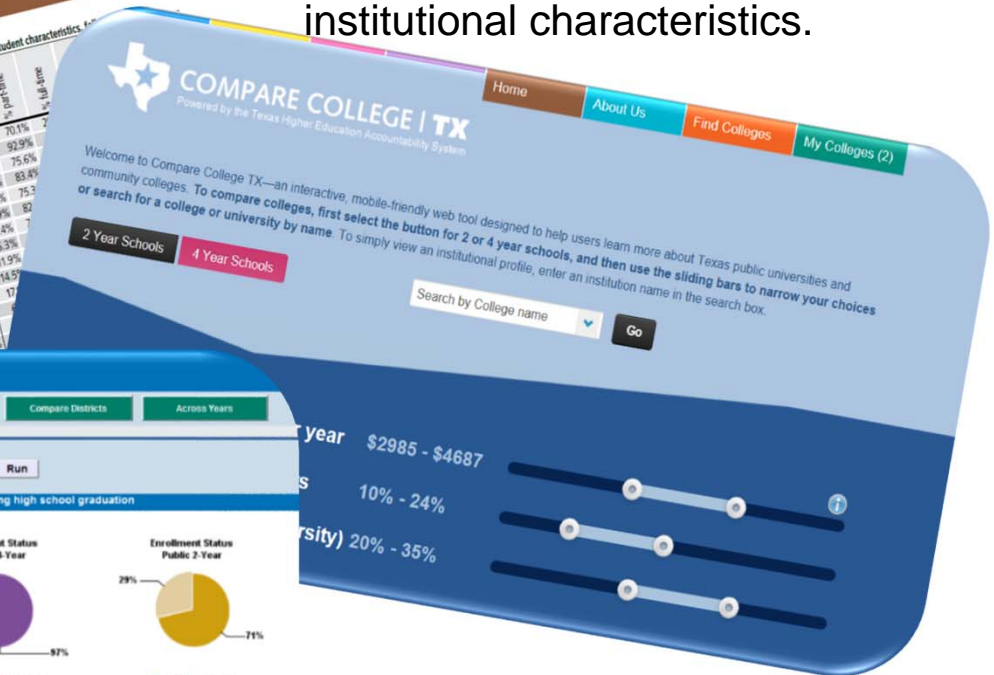


COORDINATING BOARD FOCUSES ON MAKING REPORTED DATA ACCESSIBLE TO VARIOUS USERS

Almanac: Policy-makers can compare institutions at a glance.



CompareCollegeTX: Students can use a mobile app to compare institutional characteristics.



Postsecondary Outcomes Dashboard: Counselors and administrators can analyze enrollment and readiness trends.

COORDINATING BOARD REPORTS DATA FOR MANY PURPOSES

Such as

- Calculation of Formula Funding
- Responding to Legislative Requests
- Educational Research Centers
- Verification of program effectiveness
- LBB performance measures
- State higher education strategic planning
- Institutional analysis

SEVERAL CONSIDERATIONS ARE IMPORTANT WHEN COLLECTING AND SHARING DATA

- FERPA Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
- BALANCING DATA NEEDS and INSTITUTIONAL RESOURCES
 - THECB Data Collection and Research Committees
 - Careful review of data requests and efficient responses
- DATA SHARING
 - THECB Data Website www.TXHigerEdData.org
 - Multiple audiences call for different/innovative approaches