Overview: Higher Education Data Resources

INTRODUCTION

- How is the state progressing towards the 60x30TX completion goal?
- How many students, by ethnicity, are enrolled at Angelo State University and at Sam Houston State University?
- How many 2016 graduates from Cy-Fair High School in Cypress, TX, entered a Texas institution of higher education?
- Which Texas public colleges and universities offer nursing degrees?

Answers to these—and to most data questions related to higher education in Texas—can be found on the Texas Higher Education Data website at www.txhighereddata.org.

This website is maintained by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) and is intended primarily for users who wish to locate or generate data regarding higher education. The site provides direct access to reports, statistics, queries, and interactive tools. As features are added or updated, a notification panel on the homepage, titled Latest News, assists users in identifying the most recent changes.

There are several ways to access data on the website shown in Figure 1. To access data by topic, click the relevant topic link under the Higher Education Topics heading. Users may also use the menu bar at the top of the page to quickly navigate to applications, higher education topics, high school-to-college information, information on reporting to THECB, etc.

Visit Texas Higher Ed Data: www.txhighereddata.org

Figure 1. www.txhighereddata.org
DATA LINKS

To access data by topic area, select from options organized under the following main headings:

**Overview (Quick Links)**
Found in the second column, the Overview section contains frequently requested data (Figure 1). Examples of topics of interest found here include the 60x30TX Texas Higher Education Strategic Plan, comparisons of enrollment and degrees awarded throughout the state, a link to the Higher Education Almanac, and other education topics and facts compiled by THECB.

**Online Applications**
Found in the third column, this section contains links for accessing interactive reports and queries. Some of the individual applications include:

- **Texas Higher Education Accountability System** – [www.txhigheredaccountability.org](http://www.txhigheredaccountability.org)

  The Texas Higher Education Accountability System shown in Figure 2 provides data on the state of higher education in Texas. It is organized around the goals and targets of 60x30TX. The accountability system provides data for public universities and two-year colleges, Texas State Technical Colleges and Lamar State Colleges, health-related institutions, two-year private career colleges, and some out-of-state, four-year public universities.

  ![Figure 2. Accountability System](image)

- **Online Institutional Resumes** – [www.txhighereddata.org/Interactive/Resumes](http://www.txhighereddata.org/Interactive/Resumes)

  The Online Institutional Resumes application provides one-page resumes, which display relevant higher education data and information. This information is specifically tailored for two groups: (1) prospective students, parents, and the public, and (2) legislators and other policymakers. Resumes for both groups include information on enrollment, student success, cost, and financial aid.

- **High School-to-College (P-16) Data**

  This section contains college readiness, enrollment, freshman performance, and outcome data by county, school district, and high school. This section also includes a link to the Tracking Postsecondary Outcomes Dashboard, which is an interactive application that graphically displays information about Texas public high school graduates who enroll in Texas higher education in the fall immediately following graduation from high school. It includes higher education enrollment and demographic summaries, persistence patterns, college readiness statistics, and the ability to make comparisons at regional and district levels.
Other Resources
There are many additional data resources publicly available, either on the Texas Higher Education Data website or as stand-alone websites. Some of these resources are listed below.

60x30TX Website – www.60x30TX.com
Information about the 60x30TX Texas Higher Education Strategic Plan can be found online at www.60x30TX.com, shown in Figure 3. This website includes information about the plan and its goals, including insight on the importance of and reasoning behind the plan. From the homepage, visitors can click a link under OUR PLAN, which will open a PDF version of the plan, including an executive summary and details about the goals and targets. Visitors can also view yearly statewide, regional, and institutional progress for each of the goals.

Texas P-16 Public Education Information Resource (TPEIR) – www.texaseducationinfo.org
The Texas P-16 Public Education Information Resource website is an interagency project managed by the Texas Education Agency (TEA). The reports provided on TPEIR combine multiple data sources, including data from THECB, to produce useful information about Texas public school students from Pre-K through college and into the workforce.

Compare College TX – www.comparecollegetx.org
Compare College TX is an interactive, mobile-friendly web tool designed to help users learn more about Texas public universities and community colleges. Information provided includes costs, graduation and transfer rates, graduate success, student and class information, and first-year earnings.

Launch My Career Texas – www.launchmycareertx.org
Launch My Career Texas helps students find programs that can assist them in finding well-paying jobs. The site can be searched by major, school, job, or high school endorsement plan.

Texas CREWS – www.txcrews.org
Texas Consumer Resource for Education and Workforce Statistics (Texas CREWS) is an interactive dashboard tool that provides comparative information about workforce outcomes after college for Texas public two- and four-year postsecondary institutions. This website helps parents and students make informed decisions about college.

Figure 3. www.60x30TX.com