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Arizona Education Progress Meter



Arizonans consistently agree education is a top priority for every child. We understand that the success of all children, regardless of background, income or ZIP code, is vital to our state's economy, quality of life and community health. If we improve education for every child, Arizona will be fully competitive with the rest of the nation in attracting and growing new jobs. Everything

from property values to health care and crime rates will be positively impacted.

The Arizona Education Progress Meter identifies key stepping stones toward greater educational attainment that we can measure and act on, from the early years to beyond high school. Information is available for the state and by county, city and individual schools.

Arizona Education Progress Meter - Where We Stand

Pre-school Enrollment

37% of 3 and 4 year olds are enrolled in preschool

(U.S. Census Bureau, 2014 1-year PUMS Person File. Definition: Preschool includes public, private or homeschool settings)

Third Grade Reading

40% of third graders passed the AzMERIT English language arts test by scoring proficient

(Arizona Department of Education, 2014-15 AzMERIT results)

Eighth Grade Math

34% of 8th grade students passed math by scoring proficient

(Arizona Department of Education, 2014-15 AzMERIT results)

High School Graduation

76% of Arizona high school students graduate in 4 years

(Arizona Department of Education, 2013)

College Going

52% of 2011-12 Arizona high school graduates attend a postsecondary institution

(Arizona Board of Regents and National Center for Education Statistics)

Attainment

42% of residents have completed a 2- or 4 year degree, or received a non-degree credential

(U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey, 2014 1-year PUMS Person File and the Arizona Board of Regents estimate of the AZ adult population 25-64 yrs of age with a certificate but no greater education award, 2016)

Opportunity Youth

85% of youth ages 16-24 enrolled in school or working. The 15% of 16-24 year olds not working or not in school are opportunity youth.

(U.S. Census Bureau, 2014 1-year PUMS Person File)

Teacher Pay

75% Median Arizona elementary school teacher salary compared to national median

(Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Employment Statistics, U.S. Census Bureau)

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Each step presents an opportunity for everyone to get involved, whether you are a parent, concerned citizen, teacher, elected official or organization. **Use the progress meter to understand how your school or community is performing, get ideas on how to improve these measures, set specific goals and take action.**

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After years of discussion among community leaders, educators and policymakers about how to improve education in Arizona, the Center for the Future of Arizona and Expect More Arizona developed the Arizona Education Progress Meter to provide a road map for success. The progress meter launched in February 2016, endorsed by more than 30 organizations. They included the Governor's Office of Education, the Arizona Board of Regents, the Arizona Chamber of Commerce and

Industry, Arizona School Boards Association, Arizona Charter Schools Association, Read On Arizona, First Things First and Helios Education Foundation.

The progress meter utilizes the most current data available to create a simple, visual way to assess the status of education, both for the state as a whole and for individual counties, cities and schools where available. The Morrison Institute for Public Policy at Arizona State University collected and calculated the data.



The Center for the Future of Arizona is a nonpartisan, nonprofit “do tank” that combines research with collaborative partnerships and initiatives that drive the state’s economic prosperity, quality of life and civic health, and create a better future for all Arizonans.

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