



## INDIANA COMMISSION <sup>for</sup> HIGHER EDUCATION

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## **Indiana Releases First *State of Higher Education Report***

*Indiana Commission for Higher Education releases annual report and accompanying dashboard*

**(INDIANAPOLIS)** – The [Indiana Commission for Higher Education](#) (Commission) released today the first [State of Higher Education in Indiana Report](#) today. This report is a shift from previous publications focused solely on data reporting to now include agency responses to the data. The intention behind this change was to provide a clear response to the current state of higher education in Indiana in acknowledging the growth needed to meet the state's [60 percent attainment goal](#) while also reflecting on the progress of the Commission and its partners.

This update to the Commission's strategy follows other changes including a situation assessment and two reorganizations. Career and Technical Education (CTE) also transitioned to the Commission in July 2023.

"We intentionally sought to shift our traditional report style to a data-driven, data-leading, action-oriented approach," said Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Chris Lowery. "Instead of providing reports consisting of two-year-old data, we are providing data that informs the Commission's responses and efforts to address the current state of education and expected trends."

The full report can be found [here](#).

### **HOPE Agenda Alignment**

The report is structured around the Commission's [HOPE \(Hoosier Opportunities and Possibilities through Education\) Agenda](#) goals. First introduced in 2023 during Commissioner Lowery's State of Higher Education Address, the seven goals serve as the strategic plan for the agency through 2030 and focus on key pillars of enrollment, completion, and graduate retention. National rankings and data supporting each goal are listed in the report followed by descriptions and updates on Commission-led programs and strategies, as well as partnerships and legislative policies.

"It's critically important to Indiana's goal of 60 percent attainment to focus on the key pillars and goals identified in the HOPE Agenda," said Lowery. "This report aligns to the Agenda and transparently shares the strategies and actions that have been deployed with our partners and the outcomes."

### **HOPE Dashboard**

In tandem with the State of Higher Education Report, the Commission has launched the [HOPE Agenda Dashboard](#), an interactive tracker to measure the progress and current standings of the HOPE Agenda goal areas. Each goal of the HOPE Agenda is broken down into multiple measurable tracks that are visualized in a chart or graph with the option to view more information and data notes.

"The HOPE Agenda Dashboard builds on our commitment to providing Hoosiers with a democratized and accessible approach to data, insights, and results," said Lowery. "Our team specifically designed the dashboard with visual representations of the rankings to make the information as usable as possible. We want anyone wishing to access this information to easily see how Indiana currently stands in any of our strategic areas of focus."

The dashboard will be updated quarterly and can be viewed [here](#).

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### **About the Indiana Commission for Higher Education**

Created in 1971, the Indiana Commission for Higher Education plans, coordinates and defines Indiana's postsecondary education system to align higher learning with the needs of students and the state. The Commission also administers Indiana's financial aid programs, including the [21st Century Scholars](#) early college promise scholarship, which celebrated 30 years in 2020.