Higher Ed Data in Texas: Data Fellows and New Data Resources



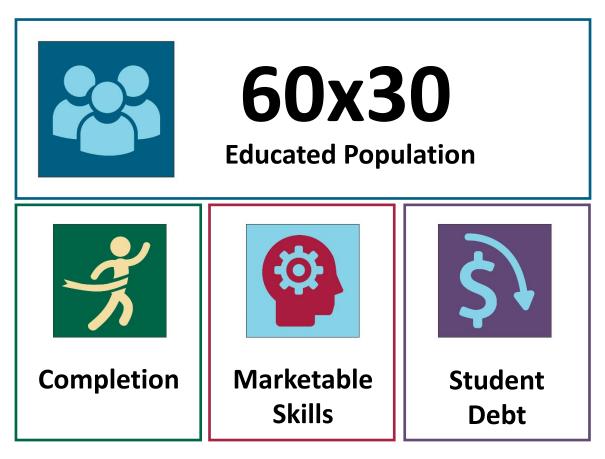
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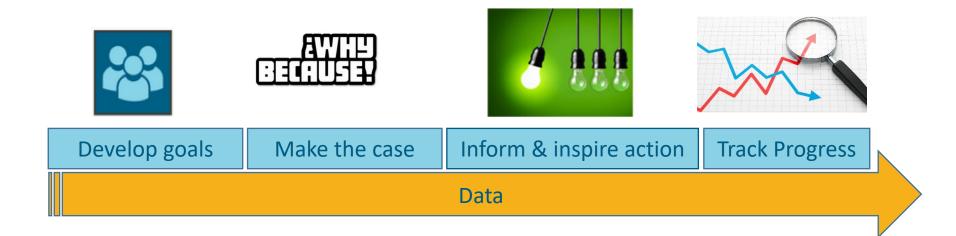


Texas aims to increase the proportion of residents, ages 25-34, to 60% with a certificate or degree by 2030.





Data plays a key role in achieving 60x30TX goals





Educators dive into THECB data through Data Fellows program

- Training for stakeholders to understand and leverage data resources to support *60x30TX*
 - <u>www.60x30TX.com</u>
 - Accountability system
 - Deeper THECB data analyses
 - Student, parent, and counselor-facing tools





60x30TX Website

www.60x30TX.com



OVERVIEW

Texas is increasingly engaged in a global economy dependent on skilled and knowledgeable workers. Although Texas is improving college completions among groups of students who traditionally have not earned certificates or degrees in large numbers, the state has not improved quickly or broadly enough to keep up with channes in demonstrains:

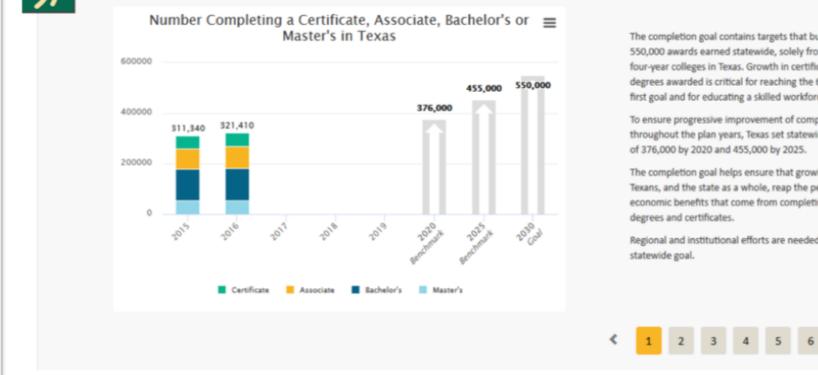
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The aim of the 60x3017 kg concation strategic plan is to help all students achieve their ed pairs, which in turn, will help Texas remain globally of the for years to come.

ACHIEVING OUR PLAN

The 60x001X plan contains four broad goals. Success in achieving the goals nests heavily on collaboration among higher education, K-12 education, and the workforce, as well as on the local creativity of Texas two- and four-year institutions.





The completion goal contains targets that build toward 550,000 awards earned statewide, solely from two- and four-year colleges in Texas. Growth in certificates and degrees awarded is critical for reaching the 60 percent in the first goal and for educating a skilled workforce.

To ensure progressive improvement of completions throughout the plan years, Texas set statewide benchmarks of 376,000 by 2020 and 455,000 by 2025.

The completion goal helps ensure that growing numbers of Texans, and the state as a whole, reap the personal and economic benefits that come from completing high-quality degrees and certificates.

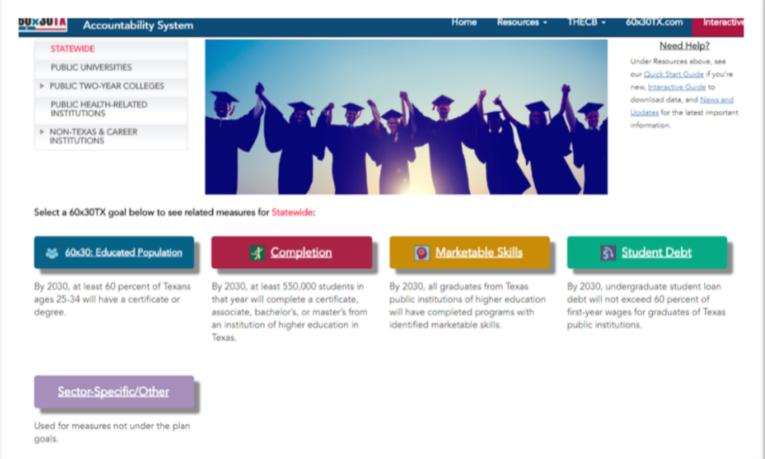
Regional and institutional efforts are needed to reach the statewide goal.



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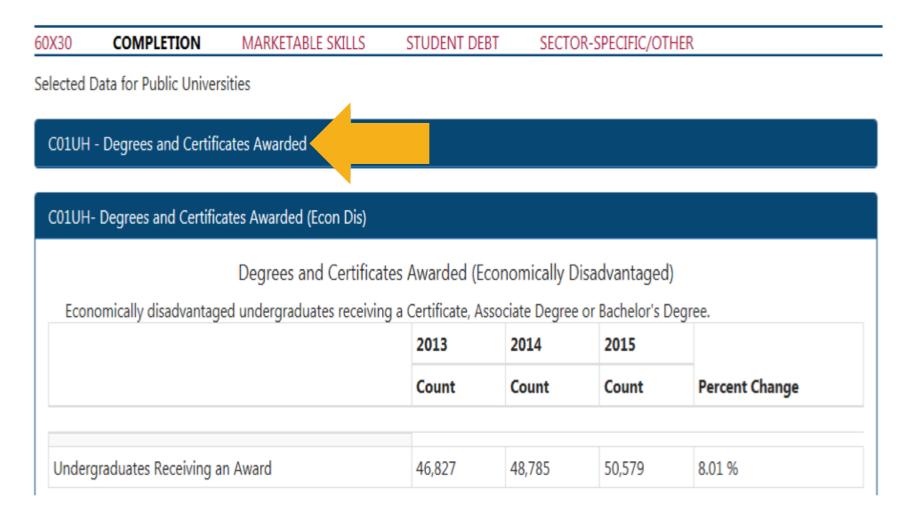
Accountability System

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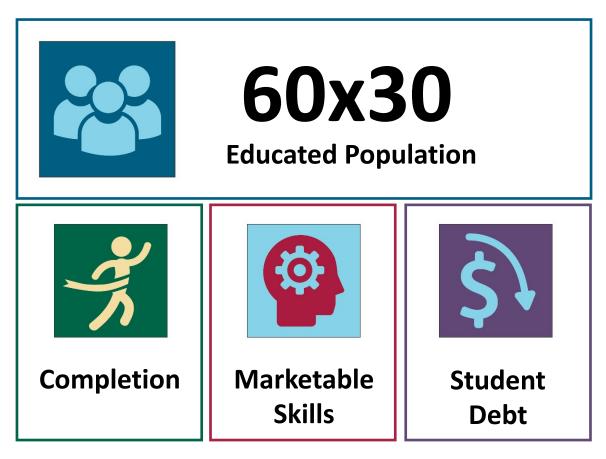








By learning about the data associated with *60x30TX*, people will come to understand the plan more deeply





Data Fellows serve as ambassadors to 60x30TX



- Summer trainings for:
 - K-12 district leaders
 - Higher education association leaders, intermediaries, philanthropic partners
- Fall trainings for:
 - CTCs, November 16
 - Universities, November 17



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"The THECB has a lot more data than I thought! Knowing this will help us avoid reinventing the wheel when we're looking for information."

"By giving time to get in and 'play' with the data, it will make it easier to decide the key parts that will be most beneficial to share with others in my district."



Perspectives from a Data Fellow

- Background
- Overview of the Data Fellows experience
- Benefits of Data Fellows



Data Fellows Post-Training Presentation Highlights

45 Data Fellows

 Post-training commitment to present material to respective organizations

Created awareness with 800 people

- 92% of Data Fellows directed audiences to 60x30tx.com
- Average audience size was 68 attendees
- The larger the audience, the more likely presenter invited to share information again



Data Fellows Positive Return-on-Investment

Valued by diverse audiences

 100% of audiences found the information on higher education data valuable

Data Fellows Testimonials

- "As a result of my presentation, some of my colleagues have used it in their own training."
- "It was a valuable experience for me to learn about 60X30TX so I can incorporate this information into all of my conversations/presentations regarding how the work we do fits with postsecondary readiness."



Data Fellows provide insights to THECB about *60x30TX* in the field

Provided

recommendations to enhance our data tools

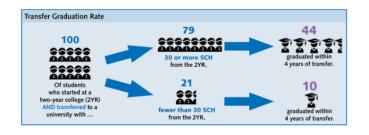
 Surfaced misunderstandings about the plan and terminology across sectors

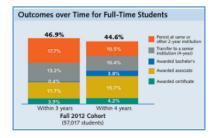
- We need to continue to make the case for growing the educated population
- People hungry for strategies and how to "plug in"
 - Regional targets & starter kit



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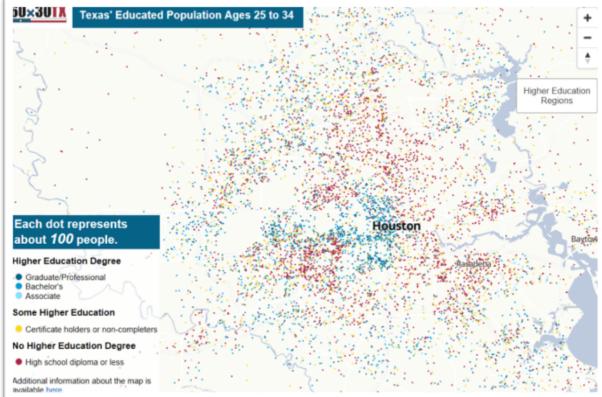




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Interactive attainment







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A national model for using longitudinal data to conduct rigorous education research.

Texas Schools Project supports and conducts independent, high-quality academic research through the use of individual level administrative data from Texas state education agencies as well as other sources of Texas education data.

Over the past decade, the Texas Schools Project has become one of the premier education research institutions in the country, working with leading researchers at universities in Texas and throughout the country to analyze relevant, policy-related questions that benefit students in Texas and nationwide.

In 2006, the Texas Schools Project was designated as a State of Texas Education Research Center. Through this program, The University of Texas at Dallas Education Research Center maintains an unparalleled source of PK-16 data, allowing researchers to follow Texas students from pre-K through college and into the Texas workforce.



Questions or Comments?

