

How to Use The Plan Progress Tracker

Step 1: On the [Progress Tracker landing page](#), select from the drop-down menus for one or more desired data filters: By Virginia/or region; by institution type (grand total, 2-year,4-year, public or private); program of study; race/ethnicity and gender. Click the “update” button. The data for each of the five measures (blue tabs across the page and toward the top) will be filtered based on your selections.

Step 2: Click the blue button to select the measure (attainment, enrollment, awards, borrowing or wages) of interest. Each of the five measures display four charts that disaggregate the data by the following subgroups: Race/ethnicity, region of origin, income and gender.

Step 3: For exact numbers (not percentages listed) hover over each bar in a chart for the total numbers.

- E.g., enrollment by race/ethnicity, 1,142 American Indian/Alaska Native (NH) students are enrolled at undergraduate institutions.
- E.g., for borrowing, hovering over a purple bar (percentage borrowing) will display more details including: total enrollment, total borrowing, total amount borrowing and percent borrowing.

Step 4: If you want to download one or more charts, hover on the top right part of one of the bar graphs to see “get image”. Click on “get image” to download and save the file accordingly.

Step 5: If you want to export the data pertaining to various charts scroll to the bottom of the page for each measure and click on “export data.” Follow prompts. “Exported data will include data for all five measures.

Key Definitions

Measures

Population and attainment estimates are sourced from American Community Survey (ACS) data. Enrollment, awards, borrowing and wages are SCHEV data.

Most recent data - data on the dashboard from 2019-2020 academic year.

- **Attainment:** Percent of 25 to 64-year-olds with an associate degree or higher.
- **Enrollment:** Fall headcount of public and private undergraduates. This measure does not consider enrollment intensity so it includes part-time and full-time enrollment.
- **Awards:** Undergraduate degrees and credentials produced each year.
- **Borrowing:** Average debt of students comes from SCHEV’s annual student financial aid collection. Note: Borrowing is a barometer of affordability which is a complex issue. (E.g., not all debt is bad). Average borrowing is shown on an annual basis and includes students that borrowed \$0 and that used federal or private loans for higher education.
- **Wages:** Graduates’ wages 10-years after graduation. Note: Wages are those graduate’s individual earnings not household earnings 10-years post completion. Wages signal financial prosperity with the recognition that other aspects of prosperity (civic, happiness, etc.) exist but data is less reliable or harder to access and measure.

Race/Ethnicity

SCHEV has its own taxonomy of race/ethnicity which incorporates American Community Survey (ACS) data and converts into SCHEV's own categories. SCHEV uses three different variables in ACS: Citizenship, race and ethnicity, to create a single field that aligns with SCHEV's taxonomy.

SCHEV collects 10 binary categories of Race and Ethnicity in full compliance with guidance from the U.S. Department of Education (USED), the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and U.S. Census. For reporting purposes, SCHEV collapses this list down to nine categories, also in compliance with OMB standards.

For OMB standards, Non-resident alien (NRA) and Hispanic/Latinx categories precede other categories of race. For example, someone who is a Non-resident alien and also Hispanic would be classified as a Non-resident alien. Someone who is Hispanic and Black would be classified as Hispanic.

- **Non-resident alien (NRA) – Not a citizen**
- **Hispanic/Latinx**
- **American Indian/Alaskan Native Non-Hispanic (NH)**
- **Asian Native Non-Hispanic (NH)**
- **Black or African American Native Non-Hispanic (NH)**
- **Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander Native Non-Hispanic (NH) – Other Asian in ACS**
- **Multi-race Native Non-Hispanic – Two major races or three or more major races in ACS**
- **Unknown/Unreported Native Non-Hispanic (NH) – Other race in ACS**
- **White Native Non-Hispanic (NH)**

Region of Origin

Region of origin is defined as: The corresponding GO Virginia region that includes the locality where the student is [domiciled](#).

Regions are defined based on the Growth and Opportunity (GO) Virginia nine regional footprints

- **Greater Charlottesville:** GO Virginia Region 9 includes the city of Charlottesville and the counties of Albemarle, Culpeper, Fauquier, Fluvanna, Greene, Louisa, Madison, Nelson, Orange and Rappahannock.
- **Greater Fredericksburg:** GO Virginia Region 6 encompasses the city of Fredericksburg and the counties of Caroline, Essex, Gloucester, King and Queen, King George, King William, Lancaster, Mathews, Middlesex, Northumberland, Richmond, Spotsylvania, Stafford and Westmoreland.
- **Greater Richmond:** GO Virginia Region 4 consists of the cities of Colonial Heights, Emporia, Hopewell, Petersburg and Richmond; and the counties of Charles City, Chesterfield, Dinwiddie, Goochland, Greensville, Hanover, Henrico, New Kent, Powhatan, Prince George, Surry and Sussex.

- **Hampton Roads:** GO Virginia Region 5 includes the cities of Chesapeake, Franklin, Hampton, Newport News, Norfolk, Poquoson, Portsmouth, Suffolk, Virginia Beach and Williamsburg; and the counties of Accomack, Isle of Wight, James City, Northampton, Southampton and York.
- **Northern Virginia:** GO Virginia Region 7 consists of the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas and Manassas Park; and the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William.
- **Roanoke/New River/Lynchburg:** GO Virginia Region 2 consists of the cities of Covington, Lynchburg, Radford, Roanoke and Salem; and the counties of Alleghany, Amherst, Appomattox, Bedford, Botetourt, Campbell, Craig, Floyd, Franklin, Giles, Montgomery, Pulaski and Roanoke.
- **Shenandoah Valley:** GO Virginia Region 8 includes the cities of Buena Vista, Harrisonburg, Lexington, Staunton, Waynesboro and Winchester; and the counties of August, Bath, Clarke, Frederick, Highland, Page, Rockbridge, Rockingham, Shenandoah and Warren.
- **Southside:** GO Virginia Region 3 encompasses the cities of Danville and Martinsville; and the counties of Amelia, Brunswick, Buckingham, Charlotte, Cumberland, Halifax, Henry, Lunenburg, Mecklenburg, Nottoway, Patrick, Pittsylvania and Prince Edward.
- **Southwest Virginia:** GO Virginia Region 1 includes the cities of Bristol, Galax, and Norton; and counties of Bland, Buchanan, Carroll, Dickenson, Grayson, Lee, Russell, Scott, Smyth, Tazewell, Washington, Wise and Wythe.

Income

FAFSA completion data is used to determine a student's income while enrolled. Income reflects the student's family income.

- **Lower income:** Family income 200% or less of federal poverty level (FPL)
- **Middle income:** Income is 201% - 400% FPL
- **Upper Income:** Income is 401% or above FPL
- **Unknown Income:** Those students that did not complete a FAFSA which could be due to a lack of need for financial aid, students who are undocumented or those that pursue private loans.