

These NSC reports focused on two student cohorts. The first cohort entered college as first-time students in fall 2008. The research follows them through May 31, 2014, N=2,668,614. The second cohort entered college as first-time students in fall 2009. The research follows them through May 31, 2015, N=2,911,898.

Completing College: A State–Level View of Student Attainment Rates: 2008 and 2009 Cohorts

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				First Completion at Diff. Inst. (Anywhere in U.S.)							
	U.S. Overall or NH	Total Completion Rate	First Completion at Starting Institution	Four-Year	Two-Year	Still Enrolled (at Any Inst.)	Not Enrolled (at Any Inst.)	Gain or Loss in Rank	NH Ranking	# of States Compared	

Table 1. Six-Year Outcomes for Students Who Started at Four-Year Public Institutions, by Origin State

2009 Cohort	U.S. Overall	61.16	48.44	9.46	3.26	14.2	24.64				
	NH	78.51	66.68	10.13	1.7	6.12	15.37		2	45	
	Difference	17.35	18.24	0.67	-1.56	-8.08	-9.27				
								Gain or Loss	0		
2008 Cohort	U.S. Overall	62.85	49.8	9.55	3.51	14.44	22.71				
	NH	78.17	64.84	10.95	2.38	6.38	15.45		2	46	
	Difference	15.32	15.04	1.4	-1.13	-8.06	-7.26				

Table 2. Six-Year Outcomes for Exclusively Full-Time Students Who Started at Four-Year Public Institutions, by Origin State

2009 Cohort	U.S. Overall	80.42	70.66	7.81	1.95	3.84	15.73				
	NH	90.24	80.95	8.58	0.71	1.2	8.56		2	45	
	Difference	9.82	10.29	0.77	-1.24	-2.64	-7.17				
								Gain or Loss	1		
2008 Cohort	U.S. Overall	82.51	72.16	8.22	2.14	3.56	13.93				
	NH	89.34	78.82	9.69	0.83	1.24	9.42		3	46	
	Difference	6.83	6.66	1.47	-1.31	-2.32	-4.51				

Table 3. Six-Year Outcomes for Exclusively Part-Time Students Who Started at Four-Year Public Institutions, by Origin State

2009 Cohort	U.S. Overall	19.07	15.66	1.38	2.04	8.42	72.51				
	NH	23.05	20.79	1.82	0.44	7.52	69.53		17	45	
	Difference	3.98	5.13	0.44	-1.6	-0.9	-2.98				
								Gain or Loss	15		

2008 Cohort	U.S. Overall	21.4	16.69	1.52	3.19	10.54	68.07				
	NH	15.52	13.01	1.51	1	13.52	70.97		32	45	
	Difference	-5.88	-3.68	-0.01	-2.19	2.98	2.9				

Table 4. Six-Year Outcomes for Mixed Enrollment Students Who Started at Four-Year Public Institutions, by Origin State

2009 Cohort	U.S. Overall	49.63	33.33	11.8	4.51	23.68	26.68				
	NH	52.69	31.87	15.99	4.83	20.36	26.96		13	45	
	Difference	3.06	-1.46	4.19	0.32	-3.32	0.28				
								Gain or Loss	-4		

2008 Cohort	U.S. Overall	50.27	33.9	11.62	4.75	24.43	25.31				
	NH	54.44	31.25	16.05	7.13	20.45	25.11		9	46	
	Difference	4.17	-2.65	4.43	2.38	-3.98	15.32				

Table 5. Six-Year Outcomes for Students Age 20 or Younger at First Entry Who Started at Four-Year Public Institutions, by Origin State

2009 Cohort	U.S. Overall	64.97	50.87	10.6	3.5	14.71	20.32				
	NH	81.5	68.84	10.84	1.82	5.98	12.52		2	45	
	Difference	16.53	17.97	0.24	-1.68	-8.73	-7.8				
								Gain or Loss	0		

2008 Cohort	U.S. Overall	65.68	51.59	10.48	3.61	14.75	19.56				
	NH	80.91	66.95	11.5	2.46	5.81	13.28		2	46	
	Difference	15.23	15.36	1.02	-1.15	-8.94	-6.28				

Table 6. Six-Year Outcomes for Students Age 20 Through Age 24 at First Entry Who Started at Four-Year Public Institutions, by Origin State

2009 Cohort	U.S.									
	Overall	43.08	36.56	4.06	2.46	12.71	44.21			
	NH	73.06	66.44	5.64	0.97	6.97	19.97		4	45
	Difference	29.98	29.88	1.58	-1.49	-5.74	-24.24			
							Gain or Loss	11		

2008 Cohort	U.S.									
	Overall	50.7	42.08	5.16	3.47	14.48	34.82			
	NH	61.15	49.64	9.36	2.16	14.39	24.45		15	46
	Difference	10.45	7.56	4.2	-1.31	-0.09	-10.37			

Table 7. Six-Year Outcomes for Students Over Age 24 at First Entry Who Started at Four-Year Public Institutions, by Origin State

2009 Cohort	U.S.									
	Overall	42.6	36.86	3.78	1.95	11.35	46.05			
	NH	46.27	41.61	3.99	0.67	7.31	46.43		22	45
	Difference	3.67	4.75	0.21	-1.28	-4.04	0.38			
							Gain or Loss	7		

2008 Cohort	U.S.									
	Overall	45.85	39.2	3.9	2.76	12.14	42.01			
	NH	44.53	39.85	3.5	1.17	11.64	43.83		29	46
	Difference	-1.32	0.65	-0.4	-1.59	-0.5	1.82			

Table 8. Six-Year Outcomes for Women Who Started at Four-Year Public Institutions, by Origin State

2009 Cohort	U.S.									
	Overall	65.14	50.45	10.96	3.73	13.44	21.42			
	NH	81.82	68.37	11.97	1.48	5.29	12.89		2	45
	Difference	16.68	17.92	1.01	-2.25	-8.15	-8.53			
							Gain or Loss	0		

2008 Cohort	U.S.									
	Overall	66.87	51.94	10.98	3.95	13.48	19.65			
	NH	82.59	67.33	12.76	2.5	5.66	11.75		2	46
	Difference	15.72	15.39	1.78	-1.45	-7.82	-7.9			

Table 24. Six-Year Outcomes for Students Over Age 20 Through Age 24 Who Started at Four-Year Private Nonprofit Institutions, by Origin State

2009 Cohort	U.S. Overall	53.13	46.92	4.55	1.65	8.27	38.61				
	NH	59.52	40.59	13.87	5.07	17.15	23.33		7	35	
	Difference	6.39	-6.33	9.32	3.42	8.88	-15.28				
								Gain or Loss	15		
2008 Cohort	U.S. Overall	61.83	52.12	6.82	2.89	10.03	28.14				
	NH	55.48	43.26	11.62	0.61	12.4	32.12		22	35	
	Difference	-6.35	-8.86	4.8	-2.28	2.37	3.98				

Table 25. Six-Year Outcomes for Students Over Age 24 at First Entry Who Started at Four-Year Private Nonprofit Institutions, by Origin State

2009 Cohort	U.S. Overall	50.35	44.98	3.68	1.69	8.98	40.67				
	NH	61.13	57.03	3.61	0.5	10.71	28.16		9	38	
	Difference	10.78	12.05	-0.07	-1.19	1.73	-12.51				
								Gain or Loss	12		
2008 Cohort	U.S. Overall	55.3	48.59	4.44	2.26	9.75	34.94				
	NH	54.06	50.51	3.05	0.5	10.02	35.92		21	38	
	Difference	-1.24	1.92	-1.39	-1.76	0.27	0.98				

Table 26. Six-Year Outcomes of Women Who Started at Four-Year Private Nonprofit Institutions, by Origin State

2009 Cohort	U.S. Overall	74.87	60.89	11.43	2.55	8.26	16.87				
	NH	79.21	65.75	11.1	2.35	6.48	14.31		13	38	
	Difference	4.34	4.86	-0.33	-0.2	-1.78	-2.56				
								Gain or Loss	2		
2008 Cohort	U.S. Overall	76.86	61.85	12.31	2.7	8.3	14.84				
	NH	77.44	62.59	12.24	2.61	7.35	15.21		15	38	
	Difference	0.58	0.74	-0.07	-0.09	-0.95	0.37				

Table 27. Six-Year Outcomes of Men Who Started at Four-Year Private Nonprofit Institutions, by Origin State

2009 Cohort	U.S. Overall	67.6	55.66	9.65	2.29	10.79	21.61				
	NH	72.67	60.27	10.79	1.62	8.02	19.3		13	38	
	Difference	5.07	4.61	1.14	-0.67	-2.77	-2.31				
								Gain or Loss	3		
2008 Cohort	U.S. Overall	69.83	56.99	10.22	2.61	10.84	19.33				
	NH	71.7	59.19	11.01	1.49	7.19	21.11		16	38	
	Difference	1.87	2.2	0.79	-1.12	-3.65	1.78				

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