

OVERVIEW: HIGHER EDUCATION DATA RESOURCES



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INTRODUCTION

- How is the state progressing towards the 60x30TX goals?
- How many students, by ethnicity, are enrolled at Texas public and private/independent institutions of higher education?
- How many Texas high school graduates enroll in Texas higher education in the fall immediately following graduation from high school?
- Which Texas public colleges and universities offer nursing degrees?

Answers to these – and to most data questions related to higher education in Texas – can be found on the Texas Higher Education Data website at www.txhighereddata.org.

This website is maintained by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) and is intended primarily for users who wish to locate or generate data regarding higher education. The site provides direct access to various reports, statistics, queries, and interactive tools. As features are added or updated, a notification panel on the homepage titled *Latest News* assists users in identifying the most recent changes.

There are several ways to access data on the website shown in Figure 1. To access data by topic, click the relevant topic link under the *Higher Education Topics* heading. Users may also use the menu bar at the top of the page to quickly navigate to applications, higher education topics, high school-to-college information, information on reporting to THECB, etc.

Figure 1. www.txhighereddata.org

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Texas Higher Education Data website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Overview, External Data Resources, Online Applications, Workforce, Higher Education Topics, High School to College, and Reporting to THECB. A search bar is located on the right. Below the navigation bar, there are several featured sections: a 60x30TX banner, a 'Texas Higher Education Accountability System' banner, and a 'TEXAS CREWS' banner. The main content area is divided into four columns: Overview (Quick Links), Online Applications, Higher Education Topics, and High School to College (P-16). Each column contains a list of links to various data resources and reports. A 'Latest News' section is also visible on the left side of the page.

The *Texas Higher Education Data* website offers policymakers, students, parents, K-12 educators, media, researchers, and faculty a collection of education data designed to help shape policy and inform initiatives that will move Texas closer to achieving the goals of the 60x30TX strategic plan and will lay the foundation for a globally competitive workforce.

Visit Texas Higher Ed Data:
www.txhighereddata.org

DATA LINKS

To access data by topic area, select from options organized under the following main headings:

Overview (Quick Links)

The Overview section (Figure 1) contains frequently requested data. Examples of topics of interest found here include the 60x30TX Texas Higher Education Strategic Plan, comparisons of enrollment and degrees awarded throughout the state, a link to the Higher Education Almanac, and other education topics and facts compiled by THECB.

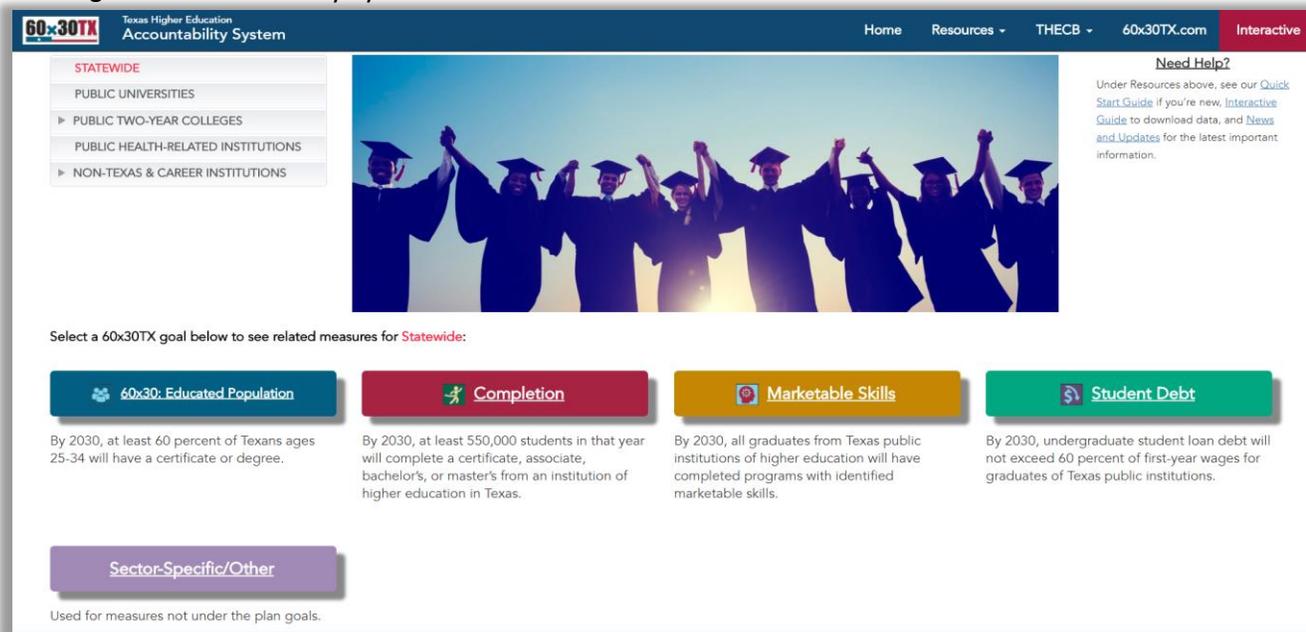
Online Applications

This section (Figure 1) contains links for accessing interactive reports and queries. Some of the individual applications include:

Texas Higher Education Accountability System – www.txhigheredaccountability.org

The Texas Higher Education Accountability System shown in Figure 2 provides data on the state of higher education in Texas. It is organized around the goals and targets of 60x30TX. The accountability system provides data for public universities and two-year colleges, Texas State Technical Colleges and Lamar State Colleges, health-related institutions, two-year private career colleges, and some out-of-state, four-year public universities.

Figure 2. Accountability System



Online Institutional Resumes – www.txhighereddata.org/Interactive/Resumes

The Online Institutional Resumes application provides one-page resumes, which display relevant higher education data and information. This information is specifically tailored for two groups: (1) *prospective students, parents, and the public*, and (2) *legislators and other policymakers*. Resumes for both groups include information on enrollment, student success, cost, and financial aid.

High School-to-College (P-16) Data

This section contains college readiness, enrollment, freshman performance, and outcome data by county, school district, and high school. This section also includes a link to the Tracking Postsecondary Outcomes Dashboard, which is an interactive application that graphically displays information about Texas public high school graduates who enroll in Texas higher education in the fall immediately following graduation from high school. It includes higher education enrollment and demographic summaries, persistence patterns, college readiness statistics, and the ability to make comparisons at regional and district levels.

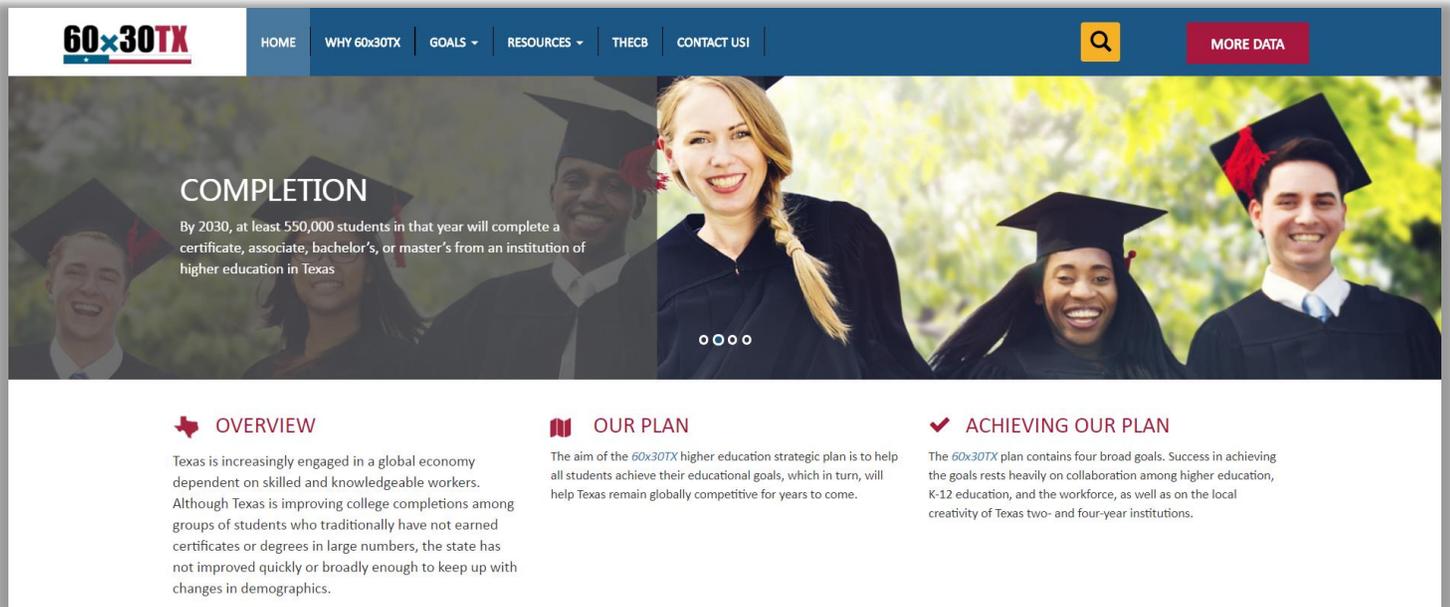
Other Resources

There are many additional data resources publicly available, either on the Texas Higher Education Data website or as stand-alone websites. Some of these resources are listed below.

60x30TX Website – www.60x30TX.com

Information about the 60x30TX Texas Higher Education Strategic Plan can be found online at www.60x30TX.com, shown in Figure 3. This website includes information about the plan and its goals, including insight on the importance of and reasoning behind the plan. From the homepage, visitors can click a link under *OUR PLAN*, which will open a PDF version of the plan, including an executive summary and details about the goals and targets. Visitors can also view yearly statewide, regional, and institutional progress for each of the goals.

Figure 3. www.60x30TX.com



Texas P-16 Public Education Information Resource (TPEIR) – www.texaseducationinfo.org

The Texas P-16 Public Education Information Resource website is an interagency project managed by the Texas Education Agency (TEA). The reports provided on TPEIR combine multiple data sources, including data from THECB, to produce useful information about Texas public school students from Pre-K through college and into the workforce.

Compare College TX – www.comparecollegetx.org

Compare College TX is an interactive, mobile-friendly web tool designed to help users learn more about Texas public universities and community colleges. Information provided includes costs, graduation and transfer rates, graduate success, student and class information, and first-year earnings.

Launch My Career Texas – www.launchmycareertx.org

Launch My Career Texas helps students find programs that can assist them in finding well-paying jobs. The site can be searched by major, school, job, or high school endorsement plan.

Texas CREWS – www.txcrews.org

Texas Consumer Resource for Education and Workforce Statistics (Texas CREWS) is an interactive dashboard tool that provides comparative information about workforce outcomes after college for Texas public two- and four-year postsecondary institutions. This website helps parents and students make informed decisions about college.