

AGENDA



What is FAFSA?



State Financial Aid
Overview



FAFSA Completion and
Data Review



The FAFSA Edwin
Report (CR307 and
CR607)



Coming Soon: The
FAFSA dashboard

- After nearly a decade of declining undergraduate enrollment—initially driven by expected demographic shifts in the state and later worsened by the 2020 coronavirus pandemic, Massachusetts appears to be slowly increasing enrollment in post secondary education.
- For all immediate enrollment of public HS seniors, college enrollment peaked in 2017 and had slowly been decreasing until 2023 with a slight uptick in overall immediate enrollment.
- The Massachusetts public higher education system is now experiencing its second consecutive fall term of growth (fall 2024). This is primarily driven by community college enrollment increases following the continued implementation and expansion of tuition and fee free community college in the Commonwealth.
- College going gaps continue to exist for historically marginalized populations.



What is FAFSA

- The Free Application for Federal Student Aid, known as the **FAFSA**, is the financial aid form for accessing grants, federal student loans and work-study funds.
- Cost continues to be a barrier to accessing post secondary education, particularly for first generation college going students.
- Filling out the FAFSA is one of the **most important steps** students and their families can take to pay for college

Access & Affordability



TUITION AND FEE FREE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE



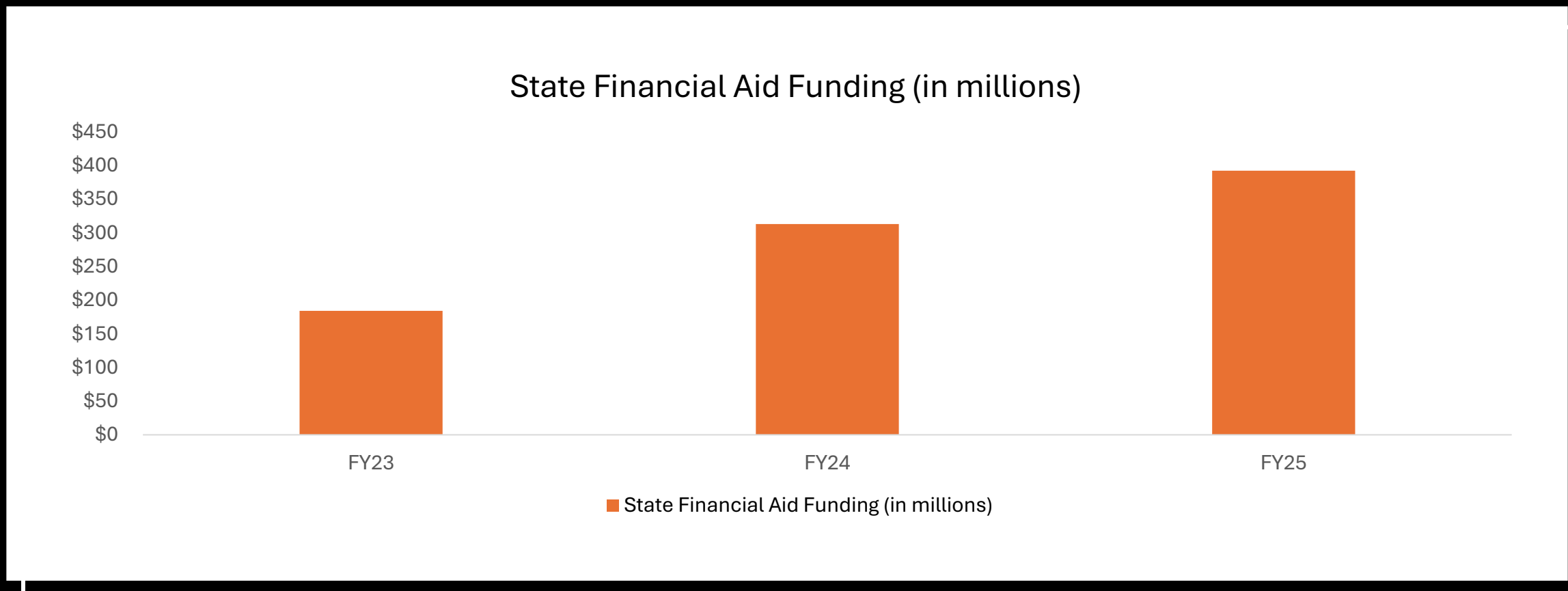
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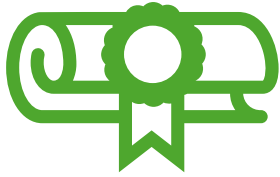
TUITION EQUITY LAW AND
MASFA



\$200 Million Added to Financial Aid



Tuition and Fee Free Community College



Fully implemented during the 2024-25 academic year



Funded through two major programs

MassReconnect

- Supports students age 25+
- Income not a factor

MassEducate

- Supports students of all ages
- Income not a factor

Free Community College



- Last dollar grant program
- Provides Free tuition & fees
- Full and Part-Time students (6 credit minimum)
- Provides a book/supply allowance up to \$1200
 - An allowance up to \$1200 for Books and supplies
 - Additional \$1200 allowance for other educational expenses for some students who meet certain income threshold

Expanding MASSGrant Plus

- Free tuition and fees at all public institutions of higher education for low-income students (Pell-eligibility standards)
 - \$1,200 allowance for books and supplies
- Available at all nine state universities and all UMass campuses



Affordable College - MASSGrant Plus



- Last dollar grant for tuition and fees
- Award is determined after all other non-loan is considered
- Supports full and part-time Pell eligible students at public 4-year colleges and universities
- Student encouraged to complete the FAFSA or MASFA by the institution's published financial aid deadline (or other date imposed by the Legislature) to ensure that they receive assistance

Affordable College - MASSGrant Plus Expansion



- Last dollar grant for tuition and fees
- Award is determined after all other non-loan is considered
- Provides aid for half (50%) of tuition and fees
- Supports only full-time non-Pell students at public 4-year colleges and universities who meet income threshold (SAI = 15,000)
- Student encouraged to complete FAFSA or MASFA by the institution's published financial aid deadline (or other date imposed by the Legislature) to ensure that they receive assistance

Massachusetts State Financial Aid

Removing Barriers

- Tuition Equity Law notably carves a pathway to in-state tuition rates and state financial aid for certain non-US citizen students, including **undocumented students**, who have attended high school in Massachusetts for at least three (3) years and earned a high school diploma (or the equivalent) in the Commonwealth
- **Creation of Massachusetts Application for State Financial Aid (MASFA) application** allows students to apply for need-based state financial aid

SIGNED INTO LAW

MASSACHUSETTS
TUITION EQUITY



Tuition Equity Law

Applying for State Financial Aid

Applying for state financial aid as a “High School Completer” is a two-step process:

Step 1: Complete the Student Application and Affidavit [form](#)

Step 2: Complete the [MASFA](#)

Information and additional instructions available at: www.mass.edu/tuitionequity



Massachusetts Application for State Financial Aid (MASFA)

The Tuition Equity Law provided access to Massachusetts State Financial Aid for students who cannot complete the FAFSA due to their immigration status

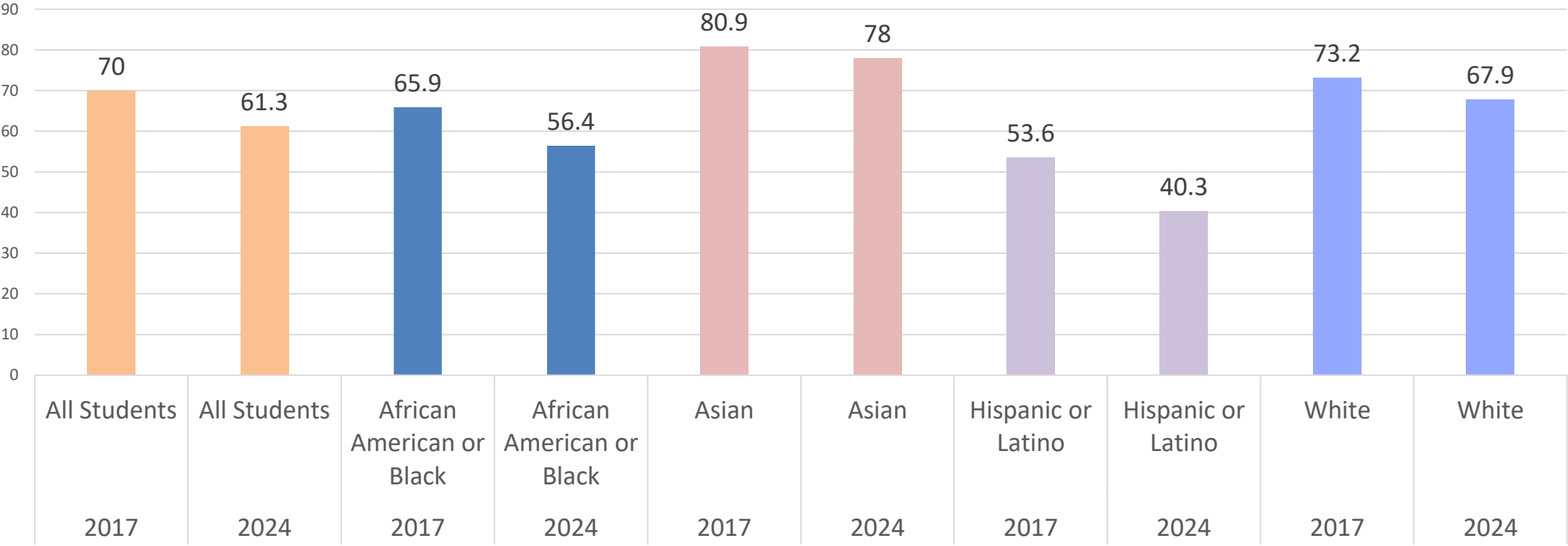
Requires an Affidavit to be completed with the college to receive the in-state tuition rate – which can be done prior to high school graduation

The ***Massachusetts Application for State Financial Aid (MASFA)***, was developed for students to apply for state financial aid

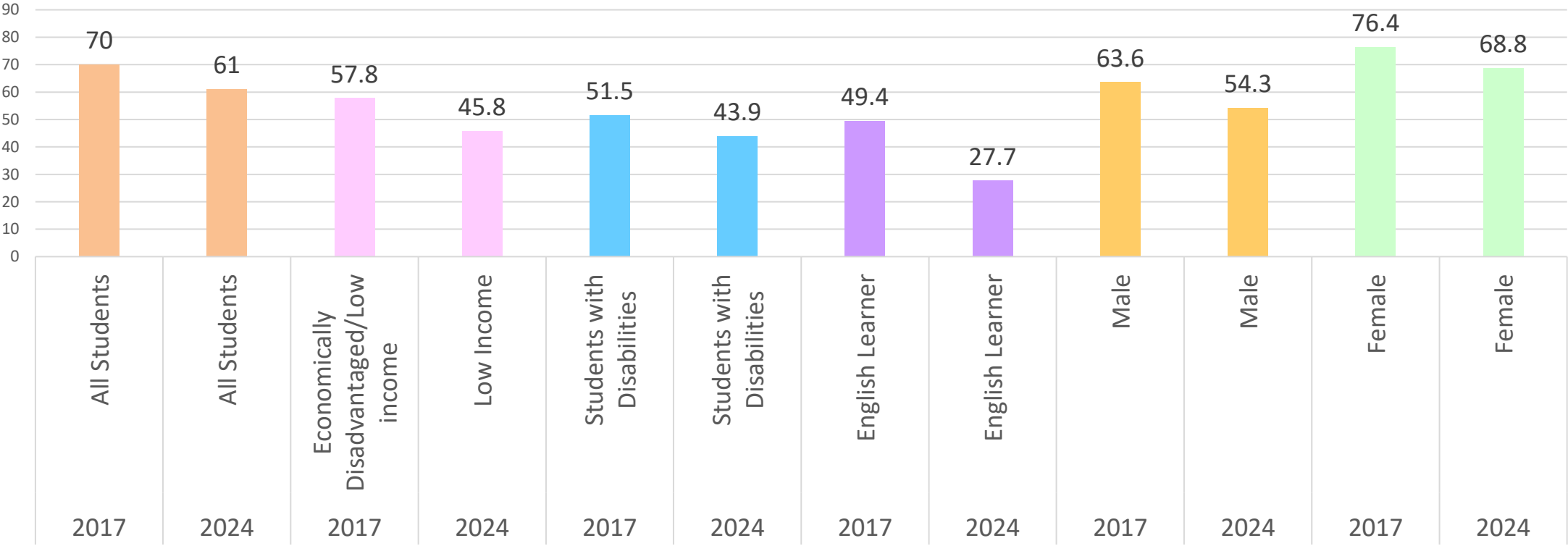
MASFA mimics the FAFSA and allows undocumented students a pathway to Massachusetts State financial aid

Available in two languages (English and Spanish), and can be completed at any time (**Affidavit** is required to receive state financial aid, but not to complete the MASFA)

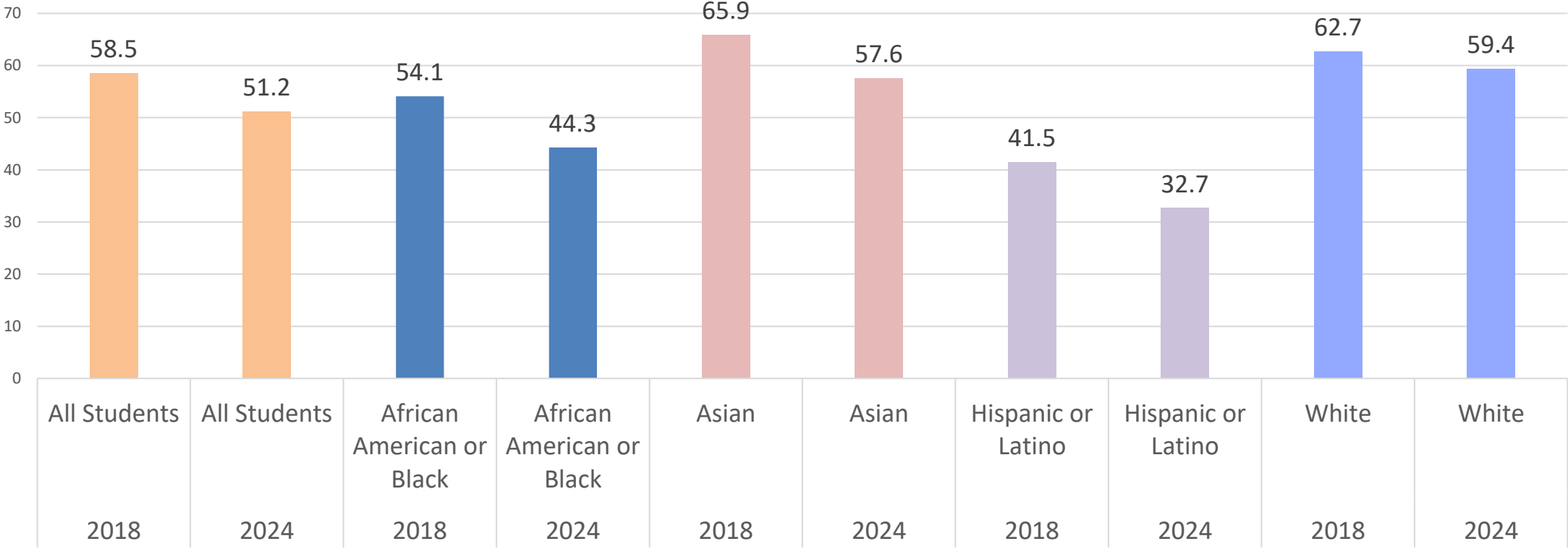
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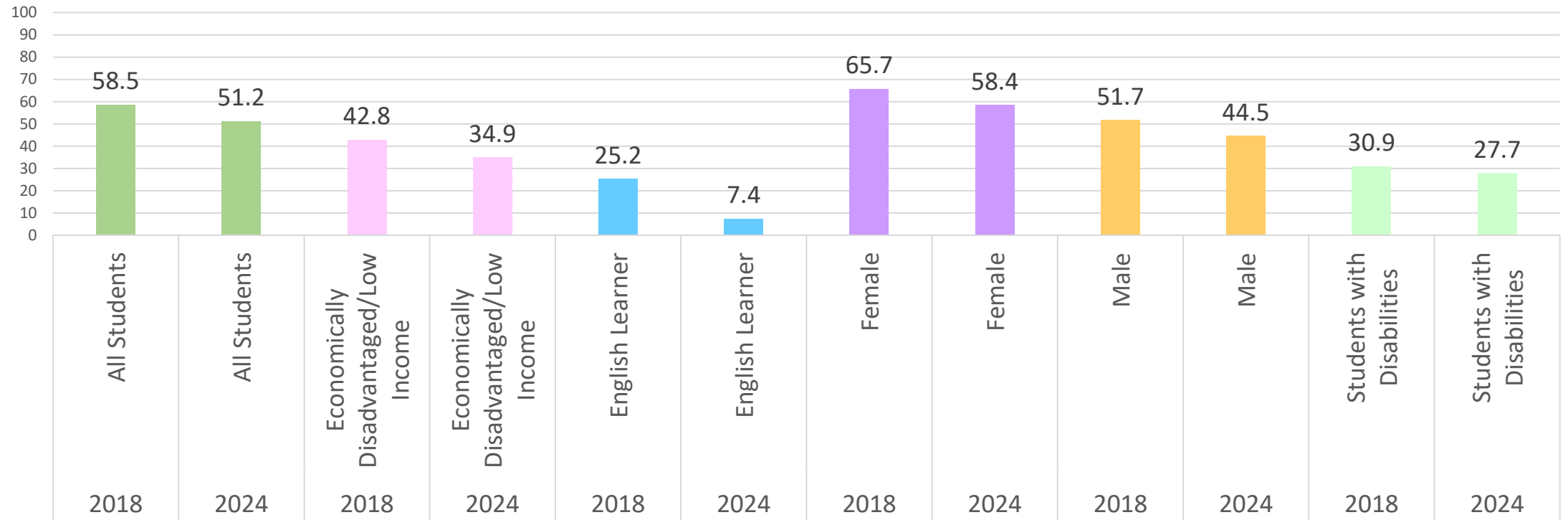


Matched FAFSA Completion Data For HS Students



Matching of FAFSA data with the Student Information Management System (SIMS) began in 2018. Rates dropped in 2020 during COVID, recovered slightly and have continued to drop over the past two years.

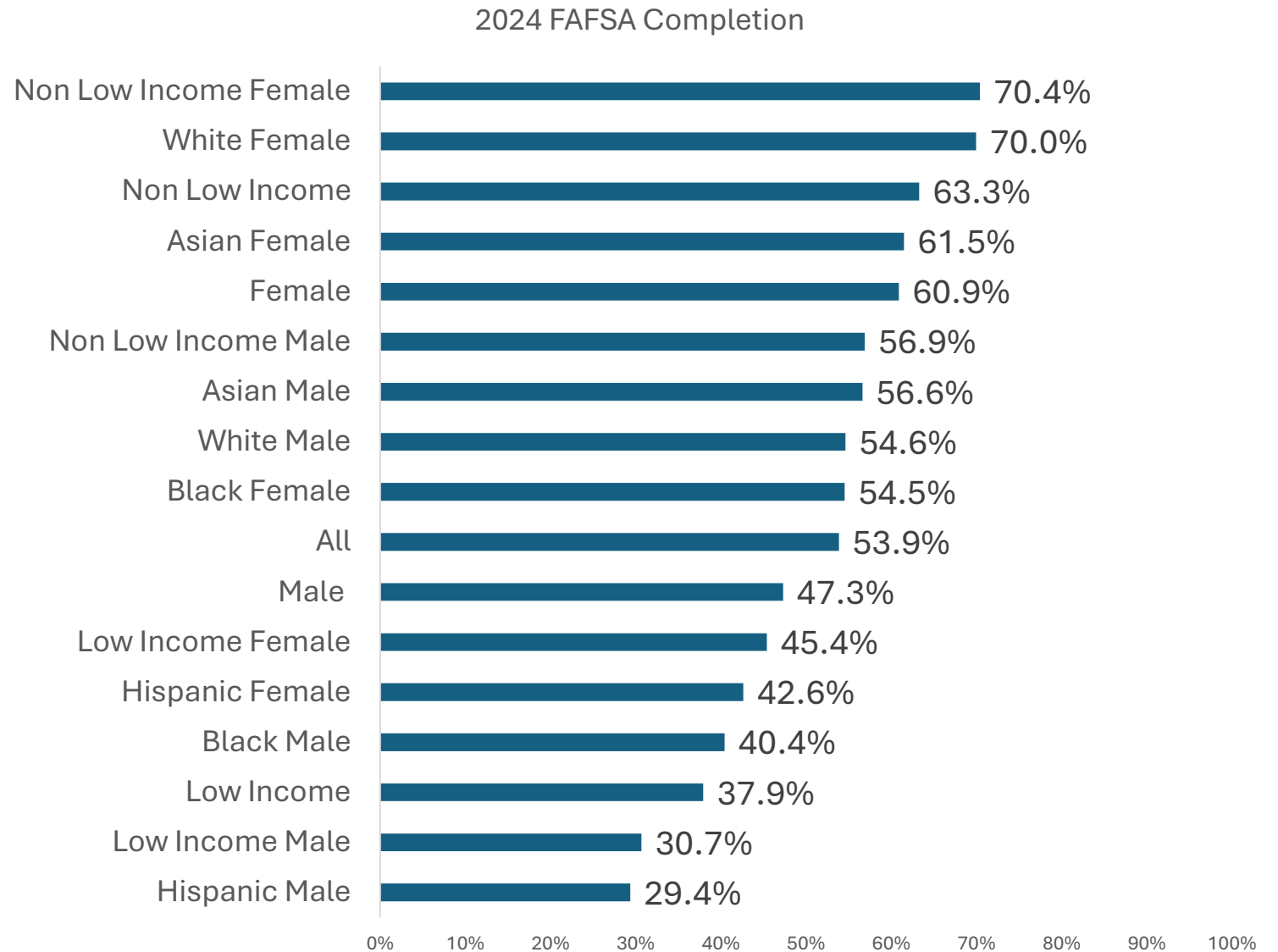
Matched FAFSA Completion for HS Students



Low income students in 2024 completed FAFSA at a rate 26 percentage points below non low income students

A Quick Look at FAFSA Completion by Gender, Race/Ethnicity and Income

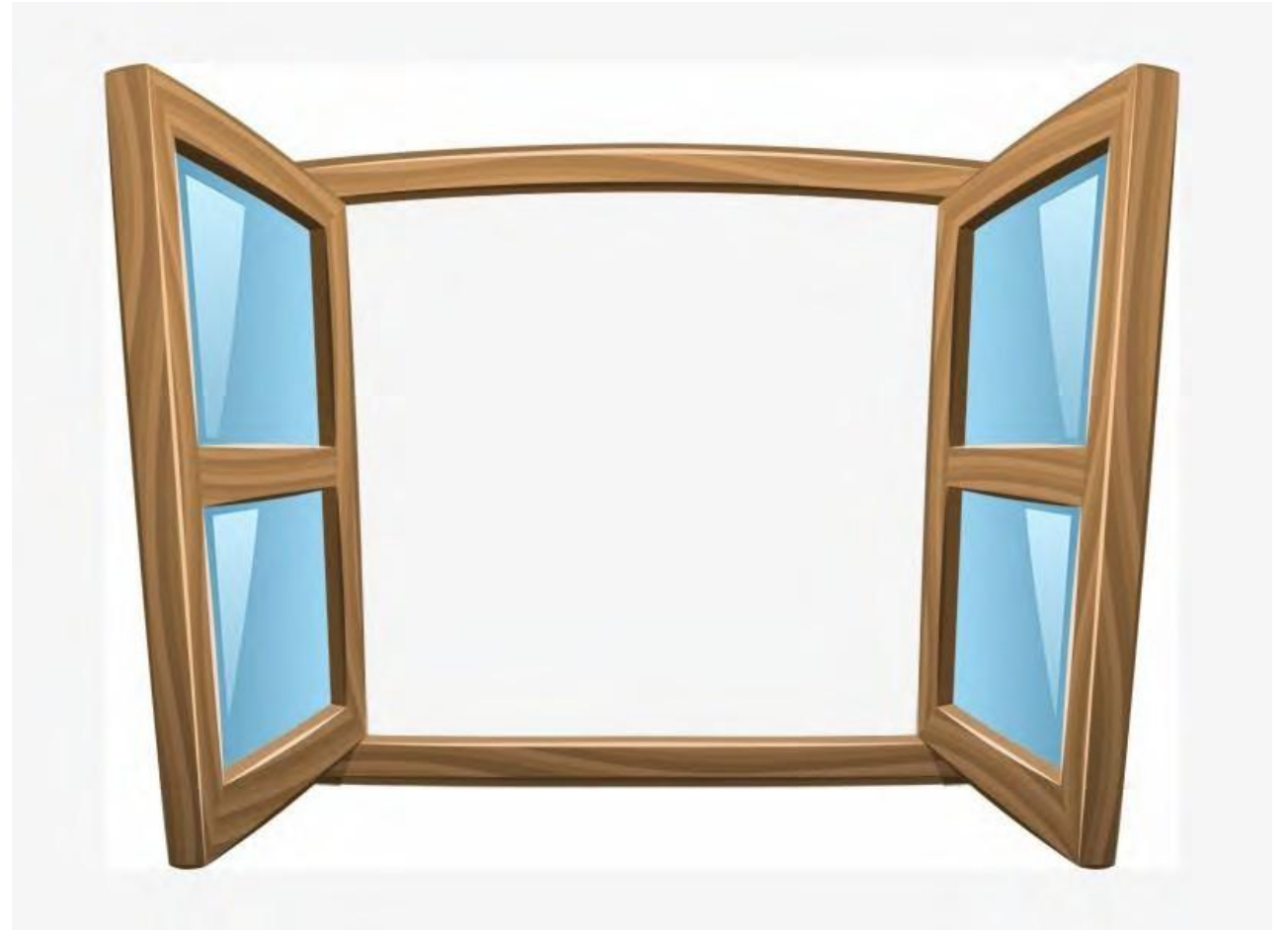
Source: DESE, Edwin
CR607, 2024





FAFSA Window opened late September!

Many Students and their families have already completed FAFSA



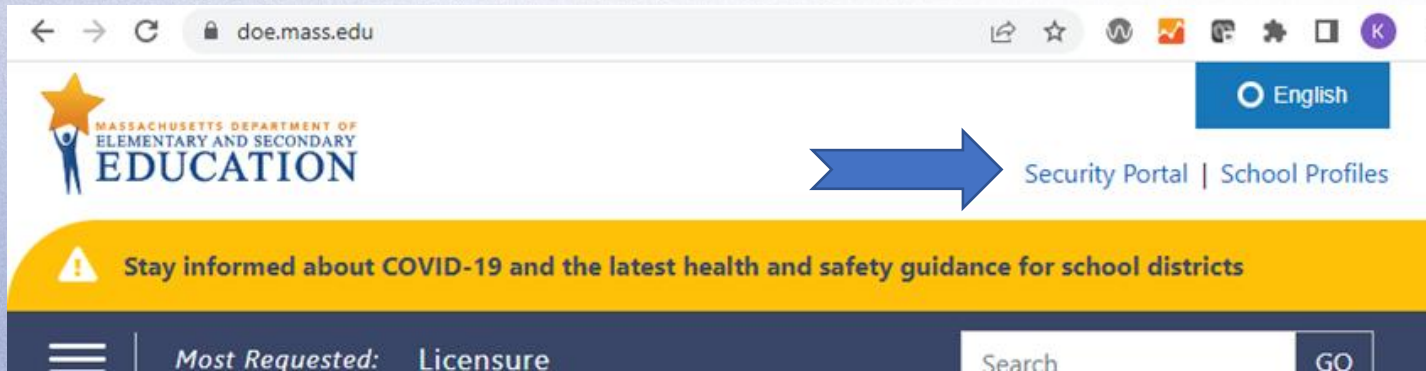
What is the Edwin FAFSA tool

- Two FAFSA reports will be available shortly for districts and high schools in EDWIN Analytics: **FAFSA Completion Report Summary CR307** and **FAFSA Completion Report Detail CR607**.
- The reports are compiled from FAFSA data from the US Department of Education via the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education matched to data submitted by districts, such as Student Information Management System (SIMS) and other sources. The information is dynamic will be updated multiple times weekly;
- Access to Edwin is determined by your school district, access to student level data is critical for this report.

<https://www.doe.mass.edu/ccte/ccr/ewis/fafsa-tool.docx>



Logging into Edwin

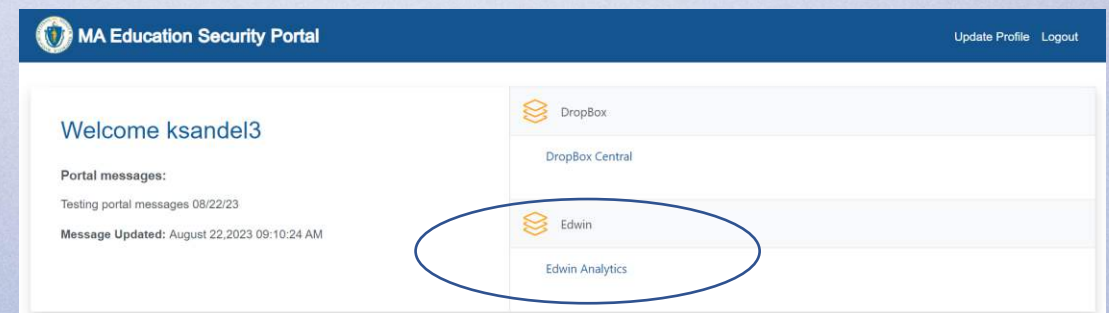


Edwin operates a little differently! For tips see <https://www.doe.mass.edu/edwin/UsingEdwin.docx>

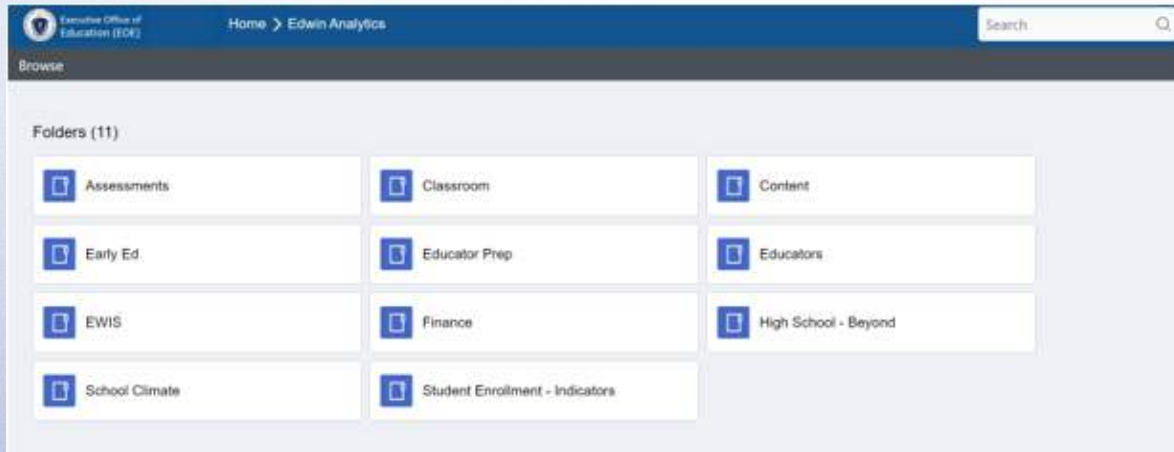
A screenshot of the "MA Education Security Portal" login page. The page has a blue header with the portal name. On the left, there are "Portal messages" including a welcome message and an update about a case sensitivity issue. The main section is titled "Log in to your account" and includes a "Why can't I login?" link. There are input fields for the username "ksandel1" and a password field. A "Log in" button is at the bottom right of the login section. Below the login fields are links for "Forgot Username?" and "Forgot Password?".

A screenshot of the "Verify your identity" page. It states: "A code will be sent to you to verify your account. Please select where you would like this code to be sent." Below this, there is a radio button selected for "kathryn.sandel@mass.gov". A "Next" button is at the bottom right.

A screenshot of the "Enter code" page. It states: "A Verification code has been sent to your email. This code will be valid for 15 minutes." Below this is a row of six empty boxes for entering the code. There is a "Resend Code" link and a "Verify" button at the bottom right.

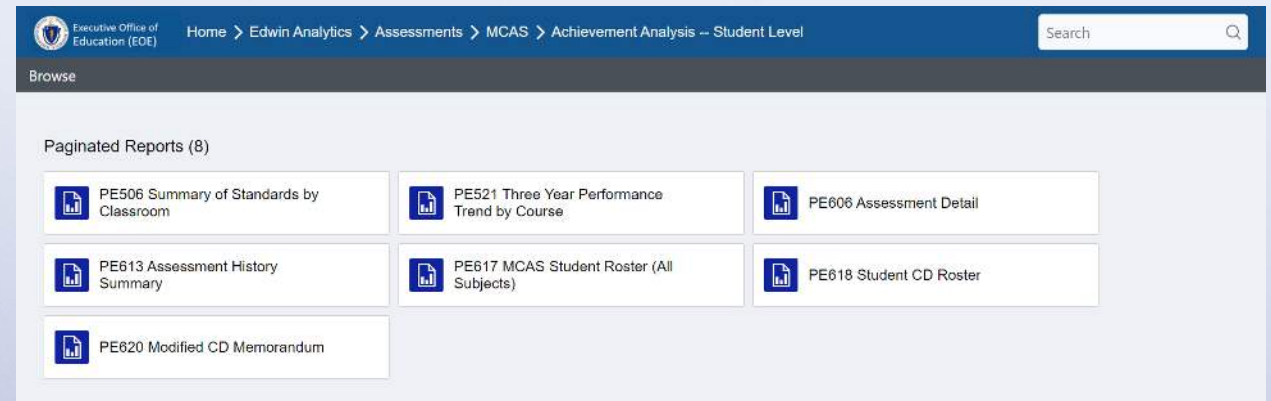


Edwin homepage



Use search box to look for report by name or keyword

Reports grouped by topic/subtopic



TIP: Hit the green button!!!



View report

After you change ANY prompts- you must hit the VIEW REPORT button to see new data

- If the “View Report” is Green, hit the button to view new data.
- Even if the report screen goes momentarily blank or you see a “fetching data” box appear on the screen, new data will not be displayed until you use the button.
- Once you have made all the changes to the prompts that you want, hit the green “view report” button to see new info.
- You are not seeing the data reflected by the prompts you picked if the view report button is green!

FAFSA in Edwin

- 2 reports
 - District/school view (CR307 FAFSA Completion Report Summary)
 - Student level (CR607 FAFSA Completion Report Detail)
- FAFSA data updated regularly
 - Generally updated 2 to 3 times a week, with about a week lag time
When choosing the “award year, it will be 2026-27 for current seniors (the year they are receiving the award)
- Student identified as Submitted or Not Found
 - Submitted are complete or incomplete (no signature, missing information, SSN and/or Name mismatch)

FAFSA in Edwin

- Data is matched from federal FAFSA completion data with students that have been “claimed” by the school and district

Data is reported for students as:

- Complete: Student has completed the FAFSA
- Incomplete: Student has submitted FAFSA but there are missing elements, the student/family should follow up.
- Not Found: Either the student has not submitted FAFSA or the student could not be matched from the data submitted by schools and the FAFSA file

CR307: District/School View FAFSA Report

File Home View

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Award Yr 2025-26 District State School All Grade All

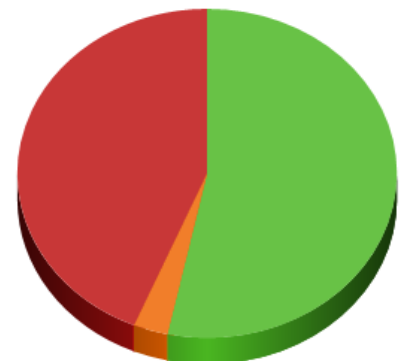
 **CR307 FAFSA COMPLETION REPORT SUMMARY**
State

District: State
School: All

Contact Us

For this year's seniors
the award year
will be 2026-27

2025-26 FAFSA Completion State



Complete Incomplete Not Found

	# of students (12th grade & SP)	Submitted	Complete	Incomplete	Not Found
State	76,403	43,011 (56%)	40,772 (53%)	2,239 (3%)	33,392 (44%)

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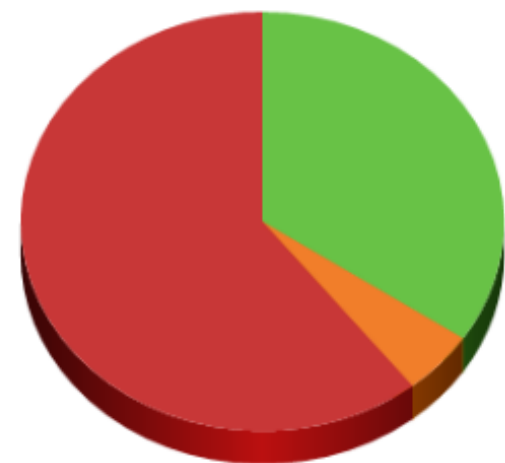
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Data suppressed if total number of students is 10 or less.

District Name	High School Name	# of students (12th grade & SP)	# Submitted	% Submitted	# Complete	% Complete	# Incomplete	% Incomplete	# Not Found	% Not Found
ABBY KELLEY FOSTER CHARTER PUBLIC (DISTRICT)	ABBY KELLEY FOSTER CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL	76	65	86%	62	82%	3	4%	11	14%
ABINGTON	ABINGTON HIGH	129	77	60%	73	57%	4	3%	52	40%
ACADEMY OF THE PACIFIC RIM CHARTER PUBLIC (DISTRICT)	ACADEMY OF THE PACIFIC RIM CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL	46	37	80%	35	76%	2	4%	9	20%



2025-26 FAFSA Completion Worcester (03480000)



Complete Incomplete Not Found

	# of students (12th grade & SP)	Submitted	Complete	Incomplete	Not Found
State	76,159	35,833 (47%)	33,806 (44%)	2,027 (3%)	40,326 (53%)
District	1,944	765 (39%)	669 (34%)	96 (5%)	1,179 (61%)

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WORCESTER	BURNCOAT SENIOR HIGH	286	87	30%	78	27%	9	3%	199	70%
WORCESTER	CLAREMONT ACADEMY	82	33	40%	29	35%	4	5%	49	60%
WORCESTER	DOHERTY MEMORIAL HIGH	331	173	52%	160	48%	13	4%	158	48%
WORCESTER	NORTH HIGH	322	109	34%	93	29%	16	5%	213	66%
WORCESTER	SOUTH HIGH COMMUNITY	475	163	34%	129	27%	34	7%	312	66%
WORCESTER	UNIVERSITY PK CAMPUS SCHOOL	43	27	63%	24	56%	3	7%	16	37%
WORCESTER	WORCESTER ALTERNATIVE HIGH SCHOOL	18	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	18	100%
WORCESTER	WORCESTER TECHNICAL HIGH	387	173	45%	156	40%	17	4%	214	55%

CR607: Student Level FAFSA Report

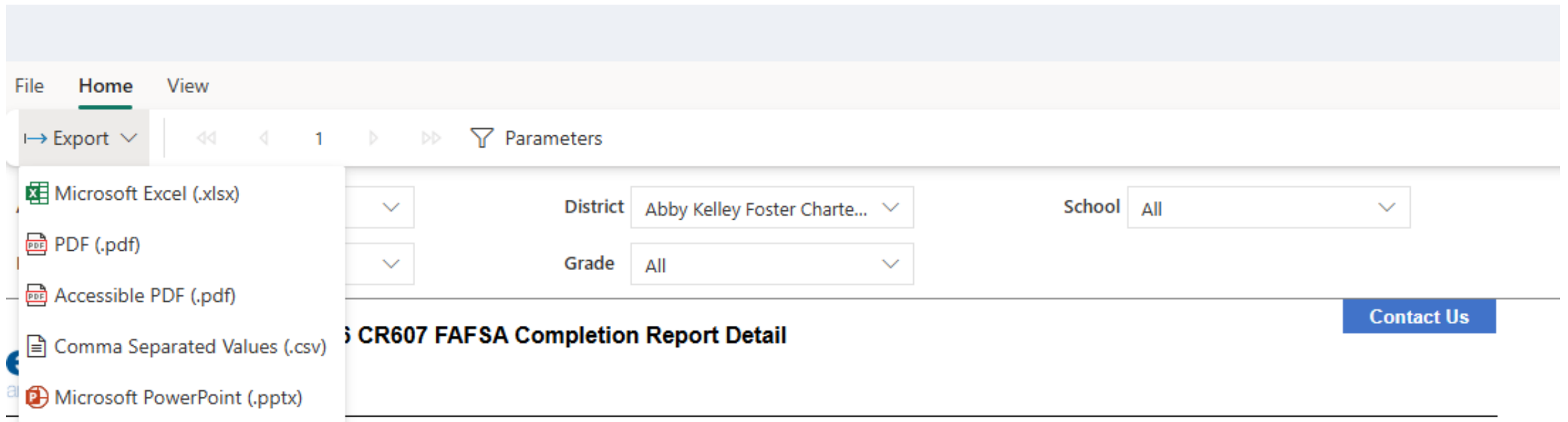
Award Year	School Year	District Name	District Code	High School Name	High School Code	First Name	Last Name	MI	SASID	GRADE	DOB	Gender	Race	Low Income	ELL	SWD	High Needs	FAFSA Completion Date	Submitted FAFSA	Status
2026	2025									12		F	Black or African American	Low Income	N	Y	Y	08/26/2025	Y	Complete
2026	2025									12		F	White	Low Income	N	N	Y	11/20/2024	Y	Complete
2026	2025									12		F	White	Low Income	N	Y	Y	08/27/2025	Y	Complete
2026	2025									12		F	White	Low Income	N	N	Y	01/13/2025	Y	Complete
2026	2025									12		M	Hispanic or Latino	Non-Low Income	N	Y	Y	08/28/2025	Y	Complete
2026	2025									12		F	Asian	Non-Low Income	N	N	N		Y	Incomplete
2026	2025									12		M	Asian	Non-Low Income	N	N	N		Y	Incomplete
2026	2025									12		M	Multi-Race, Not Hispanic or Latino	Low Income	N	Y	Y		N	Not Found
2026	2025									12		F	Multi-Race, Not Hispanic or Latino	Low Income	Y	N	Y		N	Not Found
2026	2025									12		F	Hispanic or Latino	Low Income	Y	N	Y		N	Not Found
2026	2025									12		F	White	Non-Low Income	N	N	N		N	Not Found
2026	2025									SP		M	Asian	Low Income	N	Y	Y		N	Not Found
2026	2025									12		F	Black or African American	Non-Low Income	N	N	N		N	Not Found

A Closer Look at CR607

In the example below, a user can see the student's name and SASID with the completion status. The report also includes student group information and date of FAFSA completion to better target and set goals around equity for all students.

The SASID is a blue hyperlink; clicking on this link brings a user to the PR600 Student Profile Report with details of that student's academic history. Remember, students with status listed as 'Not Found' in some cases may have completed FAFSA but were not matched to other records in the matching algorithm.

High School Code	First Name	Last Name	MI	SASID	GRADE	DOB	Gender	Race	Low Income	ELL	SWD	High Needs	FAFSA Completion Date	Submitted FAFSA	Status
19990505	ERIC	AARON	O	1168442222	12	04/30/07	M	White	Non-Low Income	N	N	N	03/03/2025	Y	Complete
19990505	JAYDEN	BOSTON	A	1345532627	12	05/16/07	M	White	Non-Low Income	N	N	N	06/02/2025	Y	Complete
19990505	HAILEY	CHARTER	F	1788530328	12	02/07/07	F	White	Low Income	N	Y	Y	02/20/2025	Y	Complete
19990505	VIVIAN	DAVIS	H	1182432227	12	03/10/07	F	White	Non-Low Income	N	N	N	12/10/2024	Y	Complete



Downloading your files

- The Excel download provides both “matched” and “unmatched” students for better managing your outreach strategy

New feature: select the grade

Award Yr

2025-26

District

State

School

All

Grade

All

All

12

SP

Completion Report Summary

District: State

School : All

Contact Us

Using the Unmatched file

36	2026		Abby Kelley Foster Charter Public (District)	04450000	Abby Kelley Foste
37	2026		Abby Kelley Foster Charter Public (District)	04450000	Abby Kelley Foste
38	2026		Abby Kelley Foster Charter Public (District)	04450000	Abby Kelley Foste
39	2026		Abby Kelley Foster Charter Public (District)	04450000	Abby Kelley Foste
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Additional Non-Matched Students:

This report now includes students who submitted a FAFSA and reported your high school on their FAFSA although according to our algorithm were not matched to students currently enrolled in your high school. They appear at the end of the report in their own table. As these data are not matched to SIMS data, additional demographic information is not available.

“Hey, Alex said they did FAFSA” and other quick tips

- Alex may have, it may have just been done or it may have not been matched correctly, unmatched students are still in the file, they are just at the end (page down all the way) in the html version. You will also find some students who put your high school down as their high school.
- Consider if you are really trying to track down kids, downloading the excel file from Edwin, all the seniors that are in the unmatched will be in there as well in a separate sheet. This way it may be easier to work together with your in school and out of school partners on college access.

FYI: There is not a manual way to “fix” this match in Edwin, it’s an automated system with around 70,000 high school students a year.

Coming in December: FAFSA Dashboard

- Dashboard will provide frequent public updates around FAFSA completion across the Commonwealth by school, district and student group
- Intent is to increase FAFSA completion particularly for student groups with traditionally low FAFSA completion/college enrollment (with the ACARE recommendation to Increase Exposure and Access to Higher Education for K-12 students)
- Works with the Joint FAFSA resolution of BHE and BESE to set completion goals, enhance tracking and leverage existing partnerships and heighten Interagency collaboration
- Used to target our communications and other resources where they are needed most

What?

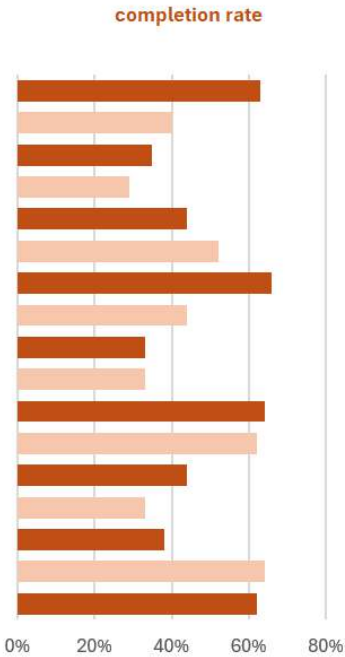
- A DHE-DESE-EOE collaboration
- Uses same data source that we are using for our Edwin FAFSA reports available for Schools and Districts to track FAFSA completion in near real time (CR307 and CR 607)
 - Internally data will be saved throughout the FAFSA cycle, rather than nightly saving over the data, allowing for year-to-date progress tracking and future year-to-year comparisons (e.g., March 2026 vs March 2027)
- Available by state, school, district and selected student groups
- In the visualization this report is different in that it focuses on students who were enrolled as high school seniors in October of the school year while the Edwin reports are claimed SP and 12th graders
- The visualization should be public in December as SIMS is finalized

What are we showing

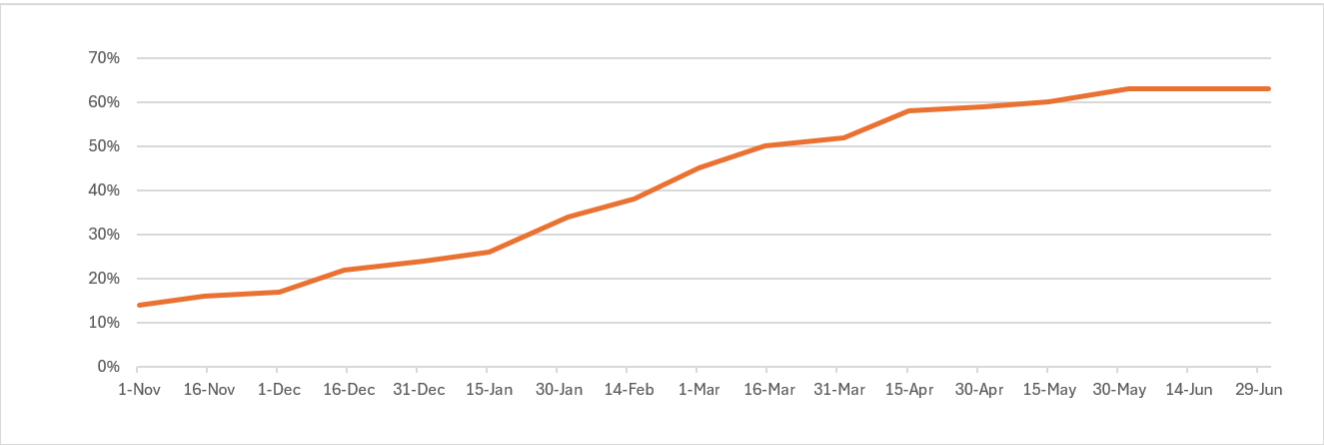
- Statewide Overview
 - District/School Overview
 - Big Movers
 - High Flyers
 - FAFSA Trends
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- Not Shown: Dashboard landing page, any supplemental pages (e.g. About the Data, Resources)

63% of Massachusetts 12th graders completed FAFSA (as of 07/01/2025)

	#Grade 12 Students	Submitted FAFSAs	Submission Rate	Completed FAFSAs	Completion Rate
All Students	70,121	45578	65.0%	44176	63.0%
Low Income	42,821	18413	43.0%	17128	40.0%
Non-Low Income	30,890	11738	38.0%	1811	5.9%
Students with Disabilities	18,121	5436	30.0%	5255	29.0%
Students without Disabilities	5,823	2620	45.0%	2562	44.0%
English Learners	321	176	54.8%	166	51.7%
Non-English Learners	9,821	6776	69.0%	6481	66.0%
Male	13,001	5850	45.0%	5720	44.0%
Female	18,344	6236	34.0%	6053	33.0%
Non-Binary	2,138	833	39.0%	812	38.0%
American Indian or Alaska Native	666	439	65.9%	426	64.0%
Asian	25,830	16531	64.0%	16014	62.0%
Black or African American	13,001	5850	45.0%	5720	44.0%
Hispanic or Latino	18,344	6236	34.0%	6053	33.0%
Multi-Race, Not Hispanic or Latino	2,138	833	39.0%	812	38.0%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	666	439	65.9%	426	64.0%
White	25,830	16531	64.0%	16014	62.0%



Massachusetts FAFSA Completion Rate Year-To-Date: All Students



Additional functionality:
Chart updates based on clicking on student group in table. For ex. Select 'Low Income' to update the chart to completion rate for low income.

District/School Overview

District:

Newton

Newton

Norfolk County Agricultural

North Adams

Select date:

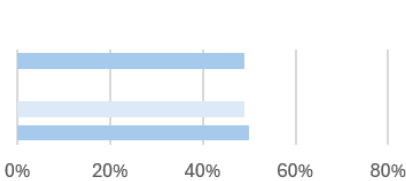
7/1/2025

49% of Newton 12th graders completed FAFSA (as of 07/01/2025)

District/School Overview All Student

	#Grade 12 Students	Submitted FAFSAs	Submission Rate	Completed FAFSAs	Completion Rate
Newton	1,019	525	52.0%	503	49.0%
Newton North High School	546	277	51.0%	267	49.0%
Newton South High Shool	473	248	52.0%	236	50.0%

completion rate



District/School:

Newton North High School

Newton

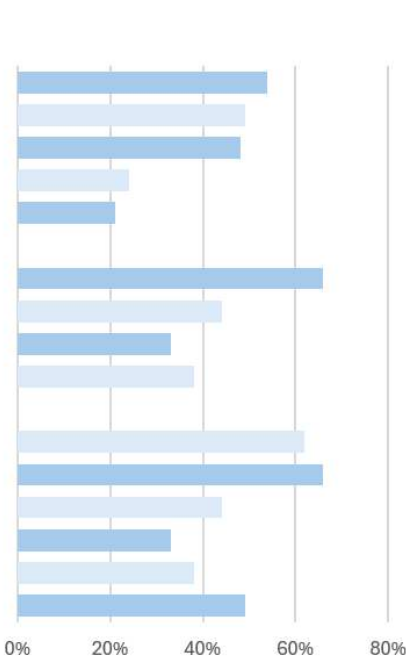
Newton North High School

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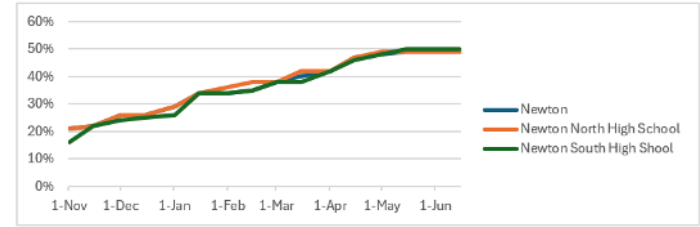
By Student Group

	#Grade 12 Students	Submitted FAFSAs	Submission Rate	Completed FAFSAs	Completion Rate
All Students	1,608	884	55.0%	870	54.1%
Low Income	428	214	50.0%	210	49.1%
Non-Low Income	309	154	50.0%	150	48.5%
Students with Disabilities	181	45	25.0%	44	24.3%
Students without Disabilities	221	49	22.0%	47	21.3%
English Learners	*	*	*	*	*
Non-English Learners	42	30	69.0%	27	66.0%
Male	149	65	44.0%	65	44.0%
Female	582	256	44.0%	253	33.0%
Non-Binary	32	13	39.0%	12	38.0%
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*	*	*	*
Asian	803	482	60.0%	474	62.0%
Black or African American	42	30	69.0%	27	66.0%
Hispanic or Latino	149	65	44.0%	65	44.0%
Multi-Race, Not Hispanic or Latir	582	256	44.0%	253	33.0%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific	32	13	39.0%	12	38.0%
White	428	214	50.0%	210	49.1%

completion rate



Optional Chart: line chart with district/school rate YTD





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Using the FAFSA tool <https://www.doe.mass.edu/ccte/sec-supports/ewis/fafsa-tool.docx>

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