

The Truth About: Degree Attainment

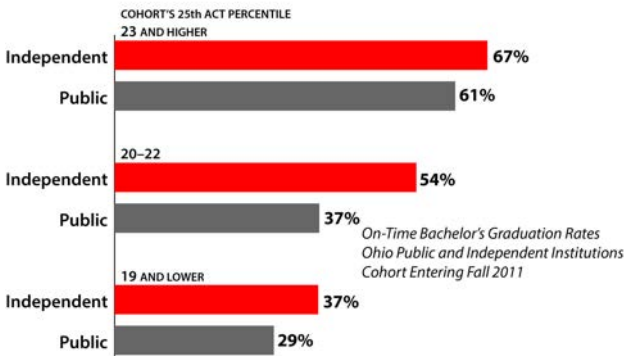


Graduation Rates and Student Success

More students at independent colleges graduate and they do it faster. In Ohio, *more than half* of those that enter a nonprofit college full-time graduate from that college in four years or less. Students entering public universities need an extra year to achieve similar success.

The Independent College Advantage: Graduation

Regardless of college readiness, students are more likely to graduate on time at an Ohio independent college



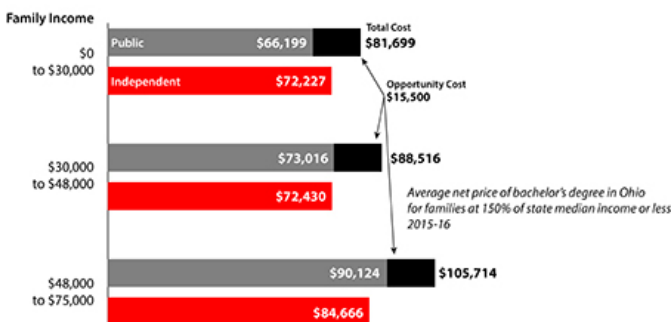
Source: National Center for Education Statistics

Success for Students with Need

Success carries over to students with a high level of need at Ohio independent colleges. **Pell grant eligible students are 10% more likely to graduate from an Ohio independent college than a public university.**

Time to Degree Makes a Big Difference

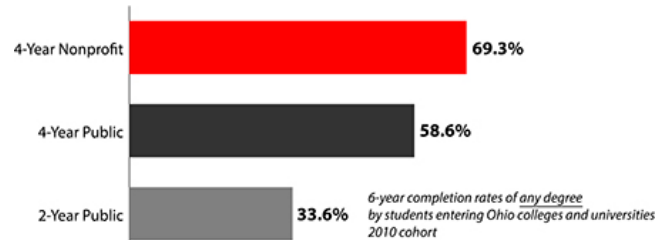
That extra year to finish a bachelor's degree at a public campus costs more than just tuition



Sources: National Center for Education Statistics (net price, time to degree);
Pew Research Center (opportunity cost for age 25-32)

Want to Finish College?

The most effective path is an Ohio 4-year nonprofit



Source: National Student Clearinghouse, Signature Report 12

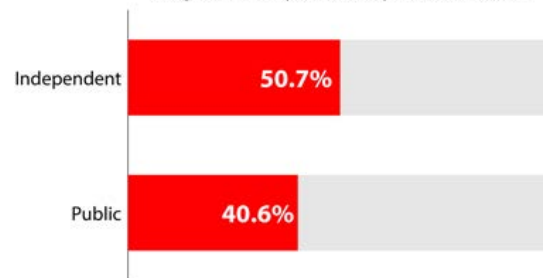
Success for Students of all Academic Levels

While overall student success is well known, there is more to the story. Students of all types are more successful, including minorities and Pell eligible students. Regardless of entering students' ACT scores, **students graduate faster at Ohio independent colleges.**

Students With Need

More likely to graduate at an Ohio independent

Percentage of initial Pell Grant recipients at Ohio 4-year colleges and universities who graduated in 6 years or less, by sector, 2011 cohort



Source: National Center for Education Statistics

Cost of Delayed Graduation

The extra year to complete a degree **costs the average student over \$15,000.** This cost derives from lost wages, added tuition, and more student loan interest to students, in addition to lost tax dollars to the state.