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241 Indiana High Schools Met Statewide FAFSA Goal

Students can still file on a first-come, first-served basis

(INDIANAPOLIS) – Across Indiana, 241 schools exceeded the statewide goal of 60 percent of their senior classes filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by the state's April 15 deadline. View the list of schools [here](#). The latest data from the [Indiana Commission for Higher Education](#) show nearly 57 percent of all Hoosier high school seniors have filed the FAFSA.

In 2024, the Commission set a statewide goal to rank top 10 in the nation for FAFSA filing by the April 15 state deadline. As of May 2, Indiana ranked 10th in the nation in high school senior submissions and completions according to the [NCAN FAFSA tracker](#).

"The Commission is thrilled with Indiana's FAFSA filing numbers," Commissioner for Higher Education Chris Lowery said. "Our gradual improvement from year to year shows our 60 percent filing goal is within reach. As we work to increase the college-going rate in Indiana, this number is an encouraging indicator. The Commission and our partners will continue this important work to make students' higher education goals a reality."

In 2023, Indiana joined seven other states in adopting a FAFSA completion requirement for high school seniors with broad opt-out provisions available. Since this legislation, Indiana has seen steady growth in filings. In 2024, Indiana ranked 27th in the country with a 51 percent completion and submission rate when the FAFSA filing cycle ended on Sept. 30, 2024.

While Indiana's state deadline to file the FAFSA has passed, students can still complete the form to receive federal funding before the June 30 federal deadline. Individuals can continue to monitor Indiana's FAFSA filing rate using the Commission's [FAFSA Completion Dashboard](#), which is updated weekly.

The Commission's Outreach Coordinators are available to assist students and families in the filing process. To send a direct message to your region's Outreach Coordinator, visit www.learnmoreindiana.org/contact.

Additional resources are available

- Hoosier families can access free FAFSA help through INvestEd by email (outreach@investedindiana.org) or phone at 317-715-9007. ¿Necesitas ayuda en español? Llame 317-715-9007.
- The U.S. Department of Education provides email and live chat assistance for FAFSA filers as well as a helpline at 1-800-4-FED-AID.

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About the Indiana Commission for Higher Education

Created in 1971, the Indiana Commission for Higher Education (CHE, Commission) is the State's coordinating agency, driven to improve economic and social mobility for fellow Hoosiers through higher education, and is a part of Governor Mike Braun's Office of Education. The Commission's [HOPE \(Hoosier Opportunities & Possibilities through Education\) Agenda](#) serves as the agency's strategic plan and mission through 2030, providing seven goals around enrollment,

completion, and graduate retention efforts. The Commission also administers Indiana's state financial aid programs, including [21st Century Scholars](#), which celebrates 35 years in 2025.