



Pennsylvania's  
**STATE SYSTEM**  
of Higher Education

# PASSHE Fast-Facts 2023-24

**Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education (PASSHE), established on July 1, 1983, is the state-owned public university system of the commonwealth.**

**The mission of PASSHE is as relevant today as it was at its founding:**

- **To provide high-quality education at the lowest possible cost to students.**
- **To prepare students at the undergraduate and graduate levels for professional and personal success in their lives.**
- **To increase educational attainment in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.**
- **To contribute to the economic, social, and cultural development of Pennsylvania's communities, the commonwealth, and the nation.**

## Get to know our 85,000 students

Most PASSHE students come from Pennsylvania, and most will stay in Pennsylvania after graduation. Regardless of zip code or family background, the System prepares students for professional and personal success.

**90%**  
from **PA**

**33%**  
first-generation

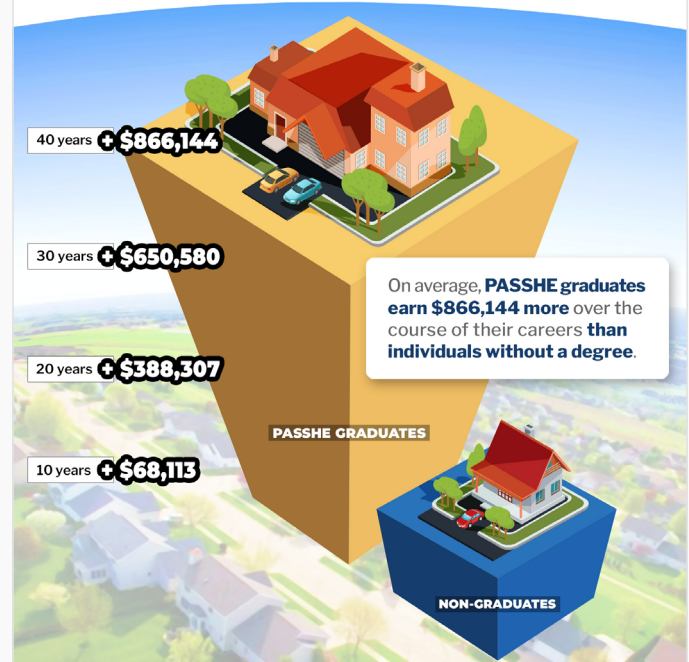
**20%**  
under-represented  
minority

**10%**  
adult,  
age 25 or older

**33%**  
low-income  
**Pell** recipients

**22%**  
part-time

## PASSHE GRADUATES SUCCEED



## PASSHE Graduates Earn More Than A Degree

As Pennsylvania's most affordable four-year public higher education option, PASSHE has the power and promise to provide students with education and training opportunities beyond high school, setting students on the path to achieving the career—and life—they want in Pennsylvania.



# THE POWER AND PROMISE OF PASSHE



## POWER: Tackle Pennsylvania's Labor Shortages

Pennsylvania's workforce has a critical talent gap: 60% of jobs require some higher education after high school, but only 51% of workers having the needed degree or credential. PASSHE continues to focus on workforce needs by increasing graduates in business, education, healthcare, and STEM — all fields with high-demand jobs.

### PASSHE's Impact

- Nearly 1 in 4 educators in Pennsylvania are PASSHE graduates.
- PASSHE is a major educator of healthcare workers.
- Business is PASSHE's largest academic program, with more than 13,000 students.

#### PA's Projected Job Growth (2020-2030)

	EDUCATION	10,470 (6.4%)
	BUSINESS	23,680 (7.7%)
	NURSING	17,600 (10.9%)
	COMPUTER SCIENCE	20,090 (12.6%)
	SOCIAL SERVICES	12,690 (11.7%)
	ENGINEERING	5,320 (7.8%)

## PROMISE: Help Students Afford Higher Education

As the state-owned public university system, PASSHE is the largest and most affordable provider of four-year degrees in Pennsylvania. The System is nimble and responsive — investing in affordability through tuition freezes and increasing university aid to students, as well as aligning programs to meet the needs of the workforce.

**PASSHE**  
is **1<sup>st</sup>** in **PA**  
for **lowest net price**  
for a **4-year degree**

**63%** OF GRADUATES  
ARE STILL LIVING  
& WORKING IN **PA**  
ONE DECADE *after*  
GRADUATION

The **2022-23 total price** is **13% lower**  
than the inflation-adjusted  
**2019-20 total price**

**32% increase**  
in the average amount  
of institutional aid  
**awarded per student**  
since 2017-18

**4** consecutive  
years of  
**frozen tuition**  
since 2019-20

**75%** of students  
from **low-income families**  
climb into the **middle class**  
**a decade after graduation**



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