



Our Students

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

- Over 88% of State System students are Pennsylvania residents.
- 34% of undergraduate students are receiving Pell Grants.
- 1 in 7 college-bound PA high school graduates attends a State System university.
- 22% of undergraduates are first generation college students.
- 20% of enrollment is comprised of adult learners.
- 600,000+ alumni live in Pennsylvania.
- 48% of undergraduate transfers are from Pennsylvania community colleges.
- Since 2011, underrepresented minority enrollment has increased by 13%.

Our Graduates

Employment outcomes show the State System's universities do well preparing students for successful careers within their field of study, making System students vital contributors to the Pennsylvania economy.

- Within 18-24 months of graduation:
 - 92% of alumni are employed or pursuing a post-baccalaureate program
 - 88% of alumni are working in their field of study
 - 74% of alumni are working in Pennsylvania.
- Over two-thirds of business majors are working in business, finance, or accounting-related areas.
- Ten years after graduating, Bachelor's degree recipients have average annual earnings of \$57,000.
- On average, State System graduates receive a return on investment of \$866,144 forty years after graduating.

Our Universities

State System universities offer innovative programs and opportunities, preparing students for high priority industries and occupations.



- Of the more than 89,000+ bachelor's degrees conferred from almost 200 Pennsylvania institutions, 20% (or 1 in 5) are awarded by System universities, making the System the #1 producer of bachelor's degrees in PA.
- Over 760,000 degrees and certificates have been conferred since the inception of the System in 1983.
- Over the last decade, the number of bachelor's degrees awarded in STEM-H has increased 44%.
- 29% of all bachelor's degree seeking students are now in STEM-H, representing the most popular area of study.
- Business, the second most popular field of study, accounts for about one-fourth of those now graduating, followed by Education as the top third area of study.
- During the 2019-20 academic year, the System approved 13 new degree programs and 12 new certificate programs.

Our System

The State System is fundamentally retooling itself to ensure our universities can offer affordable, viable and vibrant education opportunities for all Pennsylvanians, especially for those underrepresented populations that face social and economic barriers to success. The System's fulfillment of its public mission depends on increased partnership from all stakeholders.



Pennsylvania's
STATE SYSTEM
of Higher Education

- Since 2017, the State System has undertaken necessary change to strengthen accountability, heighten transparency, operate in a financially stable manner and, more importantly, make a State System education more affordable.
- With more than 600,000 alumni living in Pennsylvania and approximately 10,000 faculty/staff, State System universities are cultural and economic engines for the state and for the local communities of which they are a part. With a combined annual economic impact of \$4 billion, State System universities generate more than \$8 in economic activity for every \$1 invested by the commonwealth through annual state appropriations.
- For Fiscal Year 2022-23, the System is seeking a historic general appropriation increase of 15% (\$73 million), to \$550 million to more fully respond to the State System's and universities' real running costs. The System's request further builds upon its commitment to its public mission by requesting new funding to directly impact student success and improve affordability. The System also seeks \$201 million in direct funds to students with a twofold goal: to reduce the financial burden on students and to ensure students have the resources to complete their degrees.

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