

Alaska College Pipeline Data Profile

How Prepared are Alaska Students for Postsecondary Success?

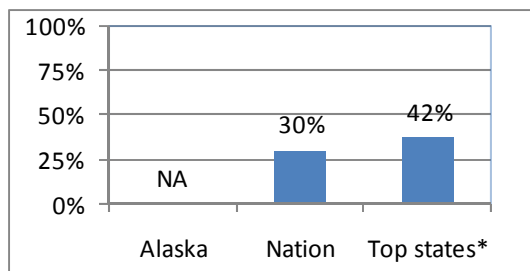
HIGH SCHOOL READINESS

National Assessment of Educational Progress performance and algebra-taking in the early years suggest how well prepared students will be for a rigorous high school curriculum.

Table 1. Percent of 8th Graders Scoring at or Above “Proficient” on NAEP

	Math 2007	Reading 2007	Science 2005
Alaska	32	27	
Nation	31	29	27

Figure 1. 8th Graders Taking Algebra 1 (2007)



THE PATH TO COLLEGE

Table 2.1 Students’ Performance on College Entrance Exams (2007)

	Average SAT			Average ACT			
	% Takers	Math	Verb	% Takers	Math	Eng	Sci
Alaska	48	519	517	27	21	20	21
Nation	48	515	502	42	21	21	21

Alaska’s Progress in P-20 Alignment Policies

Alignment policy	Policy in Place
Align high school standards with college/career expectations	NR
Align high school graduation requirements with college/career expectations	NR
Administer college readiness test to all students	NR
Develop P-20 longitudinal data system	Plan for 2009-2011
Use at least one measure to hold schools accountable for graduating students college/career ready	NR

Table 2.2 ACT/AP Takers' HS Course-Taking Patterns (2007) (i)

	% Taking min core courses			% Taking beyond min core courses			% Earning a 3 or higher on AP exam
	Math	Sci	Eng	Math	Sci	Eng	
Alaska	12	29	70	64	35	11	6
Nation	17	31	59	54	29	19	8

COLLEGE GOING, PERSISTENCE AND GRADUATION

Figure 2. High School Freshmen Graduating on Time (2005)

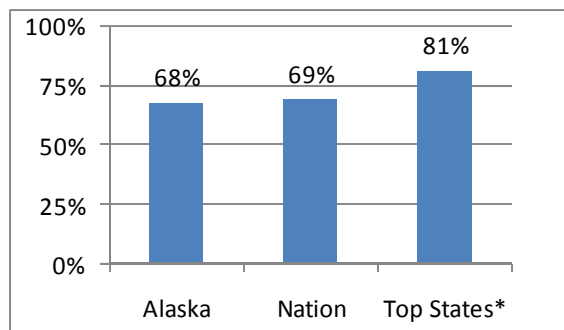


Figure 3. High School Graduates Immediately Enrolling in College (2004)

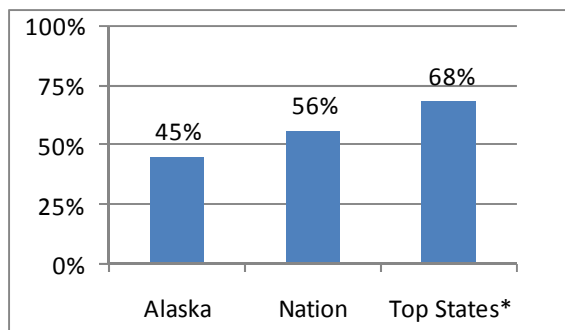


Figure 4.1 Freshmen Returning for Second Year at Two-Year Colleges (2006)

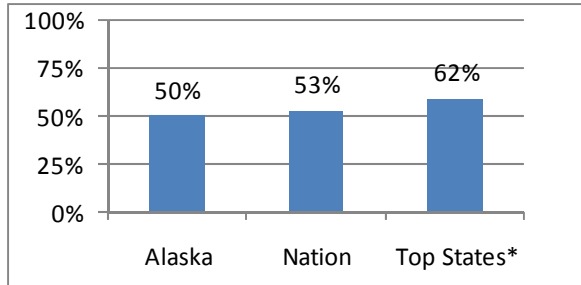


Figure 4.2 Freshmen Returning for Second Year at Four-Year Colleges (2006)

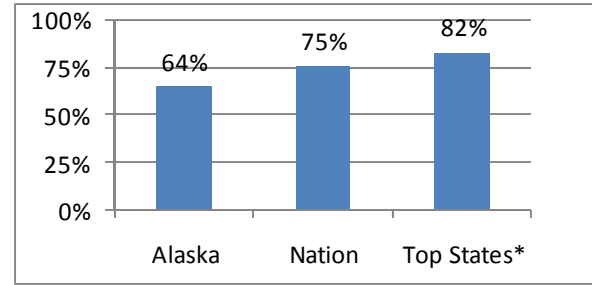


Figure 5.1 Students at Two-Year Colleges Earning Degrees in Three Years (2006)

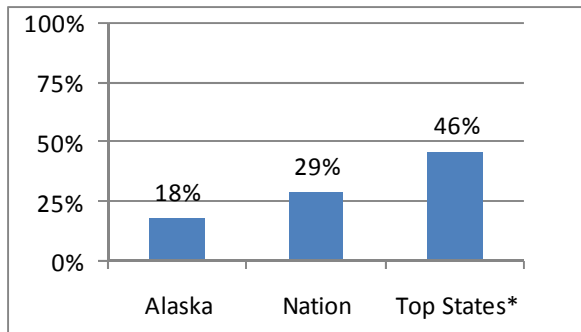
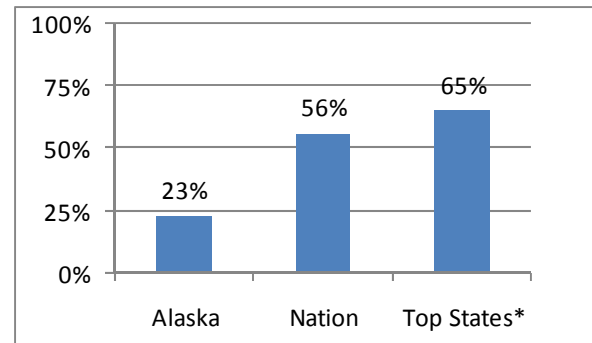


Figure 5.2 Students at Four-Year Colleges Earning Degrees in Six Years (2006)



THE EDUCATION PIPELINE AND THE FUTURE OF ALASKA

- Assuming existing patterns of high school completion and migration continue, the number of high school graduates in Alaska will decrease by about 15% by 2014 (ii).
- The numbers of Asian/Pacific Islander and American Indian/Alaska Native graduates from public schools in Alaska are projected to increase by 48 and 17%, respectively, between 2004-05 and 2015. Meanwhile, White non-Hispanics are expected to see a 14% decline over the same time span (ii).
- By 2014, 78% of all job openings in the U.S. will require some college or training beyond high school (iii).

Data Sources (In order of appearance):
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 Figure 3 – “College-going rates of high school graduates – directly after high school”, National Center for Higher Education Management Systems, 2004
 Figure 4.1 & 4.2 – National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education, *Measuring Up 2006*
 Figure 5.1 & 5.2 – “Six Year Graduation Rates of Bachelor’s Students” and “3 Year Graduation Rates of Associate’s Students”, National Center for Higher Education Management Systems, 2006
 (i) ACT college ready minimum core curriculum: 3 years math (Alg 1, Alg 2, Geometry); 4 years English (grade 9-12); 3 years science (General, Chemistry, Biology).
 ACT advanced curriculum: minimum math course sequence plus advanced math course, minimum English course sequence plus other English course, minimum science course sequence plus Physics course. NOTE course-taking patterns below the minimum core not included.
 (ii) “Knocking on the College Door: Projections of high school graduations by state and ethnicity, 1992-2022”, Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education, 2008
 (iii) “America’s Forgotten Middle-Skill Jobs: Education and training requirements in the next decade & beyond”, Harry Holzer and Robert Lerman, November 2007
 * Top states refers to the median score of the top five scoring states