

# TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM

Quick Start Guide



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## INTRODUCTION

The Texas Higher Education Accountability System provides a wealth of data on the state of higher education in Texas.

The Accountability System is organized around the goals and targets of *60x30TX*, the State's higher education strategic plan. This guide provides an introduction to the Accountability System, including how to navigate the site, locate and retrieve data, and access additional resources.

### Part I: Accessing Data Reports

*Explains how to access data reports*

### Part II: Interactive

*Offers guidance on the use of the interactive portal*

### Part III: Resources

*Provides an overview of additional components of the Accountability System and Texas higher education data resources*

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Texas Higher Education Accountability System. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the following items: Home, Resources, THECB, 60x30TX.com, and Interactive. Below the navigation bar, there is a sidebar on the left with a menu for STATEWIDE, including PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES, PUBLIC TWO-YEAR COLLEGES, PUBLIC HEALTH-RELATED INSTITUTIONS, and NON-TEXAS & CAREER INSTITUTIONS. The main content area features a banner image of graduates and a section titled "Select a 60x30TX goal below to see related measures for Statewide:". Below this, there are four goal buttons: "60x30: Educated Population", "Completion", "Marketable Skills", and "Student Debt". Each button has a corresponding description of the goal. A "Sector-Specific/Other" button is also present at the bottom left of the main content area.

The Accountability System homepage is available at:

[www.txhigheredaccountability.org](http://www.txhigheredaccountability.org)

# I. ACCESSING DATA REPORTS

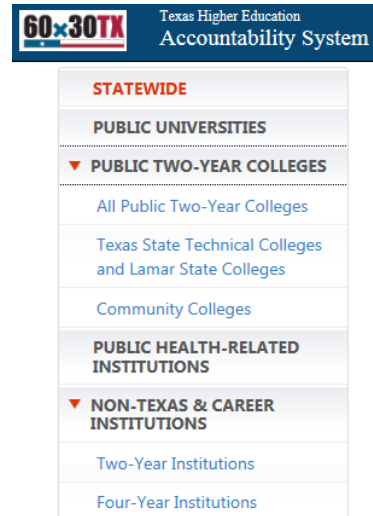
Data reports are prepared for each of the measures available in the Accountability System. Access individual data reports by following these steps:

## 1 Select a Sector

Sectors are shown on the upper left-hand side of the Accountability System landing page. The STATEWIDE sector is initially selected as the default. Click on the name of the sector you wish to select. Text for that sector will now be shown in red. Additionally, the text below the sector selection area will remind you which sector is selected.

Select a 60x30TX goal below to see related measures for **Public Universities**:

Note that the drop-down menus for PUBLIC TWO-YEAR COLLEGES and NON-TEXAS & CAREER INSTITUTIONS can be expanded by selecting the drop-down arrows or the text, as shown on the right.



## 2 Select a Goal

Once you have selected the sector, choose the goal associated with the measure you are interested in. There are four goals of the 60x30TX Strategic Plan. Each of these has a button on the Accountability System homepage, and there is one additional button labeled “Sector Specific/Other.” One or more data reports are available for each measure, and the list of measures for each sector can be found on the Measures and Definitions page as discussed in Part III, Resources.



By 2030, at least 60 percent of Texans ages 25-34 will have a certificate or degree.



By 2030, at least 550,000 students in that year will complete a certificate, associate, bachelor's, or master's from an institution of higher education in Texas.



All graduates from Texas public institutions of higher education will have completed programs with identified marketable skills.



Undergraduate student loan debt will not exceed 60 percent of first-year wages for graduates of Texas public institutions.



Used for measures not under the plan goals.

**Please note:** Data reports for “60x30: Educated Population,” which reflect attainment of a postsecondary certificate or degree, are only available for the STATEWIDE sector. Additional reports that are part of the Accountability System but are not directly related to one of the 60x30TX Strategic Plan goals are available under the category “Sector Specific/Other.” There are no “Sector Specific/Other” reports for the STATEWIDE sector, as none of these measures include data across all sectors.

### 3 View Reports

Once a sector and a goal have been selected, the available reports will appear. Scroll down to view all available reports. If you need to close an open report, click on the white text in the blue bar at the top of the report to minimize the report and view the other reports listed below. The white text in the blue bar at the top of each report is used to toggle reports open and closed, as shown below.

60X30	COMPLETION	MARKETABLE SKILLS	STUDENT DEBT	SECTOR-SPECIFIC/OTHER
Selected Data for Public Universities				
C01UH - Degrees and Certificates Awarded				
C01UH- Degrees and Certificates Awarded (Econ Dis)				
Degrees and Certificates Awarded (Economically Disadvantaged)				
Economically disadvantaged undergraduates receiving a Certificate, Associate Degree or Bachelor's Degree.				
	2013	2014	2015	
	Count	Count	Count	Percent Change
Undergraduates Receiving an Award	46,827	48,785	50,579	8.01 %

Reports associated with key measures are listed first, pre-opened, and have a dark blue bar at the top. Reports associated with contextual measures have a light blue bar at the top, are not pre-opened, and are listed after those associated with key measures. A sample of contextual “Completion” goal measures is shown below.

- C06U - Semester Credit Hours
- C08UH - Students Receiving Pell
- C09U - Students in Texas Top 10% and Top 25%
- C11U - Persistence Rates

## 4 Filter Reports

Many reports have filters that allow users to drill down into the data. The filters are initially selected by default and displayed in blue, as shown below.

Master's	47,818	52,371	53,379	11.63 %
Doctoral Research Scholarship	4,849	5,013	4,956	2.21 %
Doctoral Professional Practice	6,179	6,483	6,364	2.99 %

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The report shown above shows the total numbers of students, both male and female, from all races combined. In this example, users may deselect categories in order to produce a report displaying data by gender and for the racial/ethnic groups of interest.

The report below shows degrees and certificates awarded at public universities and is filtered to only display results for Hispanic males.

Degrees and Certificates Awarded

Degrees and certificates awarded for all students. Percent change is from first to last year displayed.

	2014	2015	2016	Percent Change
	Count	Count	Count	
Total	12,885	13,890	14,517	12.67 %
Certificate	1			-100.00 %
Associate	4	4	3	-25.00 %
Baccalaureate	10,566	11,408	12,035	13.90 %
Master's	2,054	2,206	2,205	7.35 %
Doctoral Research Scholarship	114	159	136	19.30 %
Doctoral Professional Practice	146	113	138	-5.48 %

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## II. INTERACTIVE

Data can be accessed interactively in order to produce customizable reports.

### 1 Select and Filter

Click the “Interactive” link on the top, right side of the site. Then, click on the “Create a Report” link. After each selection you make, the next set of options will appear, in the following order: Institution Type, Institution, data you would like to see. If the chosen report has filters, those will also appear.

**Select Institution Type:**

Public University ▼

**Select Institution:**

Angelo State University ▼

**What data would you like to see?**

Students receiving Pell ▼

### 2 View and Download

Once you have selected the data, confirm or modify any pre-selected filters that appear and click the “View Report” button. The report will display at the bottom of the screen, along with options to create a CSV (Excel) file or a PDF. To download the report, click on either “Create CSV” or “Create PDF.” This will open a prompt that will allow you to either open or save the file.

[Create CSV](#)    [Create PDF](#)

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DimYear	InstTypeList	InstList	PellDesc	Count
2014	Public University	Angelo State University	No Pell	3166
2014	Public University	Angelo State University	Pell	2163

### III. RESOURCES

Users of the Accountability System will find useful content in the “Resources” section that provides important context to the data reports. This section includes measures and definitions as well as detailed information on institutional peer groups.

#### Measures and Definitions

Descriptions of the methodology behind each report can be found in “Measures and Definitions,” which is located in the drop-down menu under “Resources,” as shown below. Measures and Definitions are organized by sector.

The screenshot shows the website's navigation bar with 'Resources' selected. A dropdown menu is open, highlighting 'Measures & Definitions'. On the left, a sidebar lists institution types: STATEWIDE, PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES, PUBLIC TWO-YEAR COLLEGES, PUBLIC HEALTH-RELATED INSTITUTIONS, and NON-TEXAS & CAREER INSTITUTIONS. Below the navigation is a banner image of graduates. A 'Select a 60x30TX goal below to see related measures for Statewide:' section contains four goal cards: Educated Population, Completion, Marketable Skills, and Student Debt. A 'Sector-Specific/Other' button is also present.

#### Peer Groups, Systems, and Districts

Reports are available for multiple levels of aggregation. Apart from statewide reports for all institutions, there are statewide reports by institution type, such as Public Universities or All Public Two Year Colleges. Additionally, reports are available by peer group, system, and district.

##### Peer Groups

Peer groups are explained in greater detail in the “Resources” section of the Accountability System. These groups can be used to compare similar institutions.

##### University Systems

There are six Texas university systems. Reports can be created by system and for each institution within a system.

##### Community College Districts

Texas has six community college districts. Data is reported in the Accountability System by campus for these community colleges and is also aggregated at the district level.