

# GOVERNORS' EDUCATION PROFILE SERIES

CLASS OF 2018



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<sup>1</sup> [https://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/d17/tables/dt17\\_203.40.asp?current=yes](https://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/d17/tables/dt17_203.40.asp?current=yes); [https://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/d16/tables/dt16\\_203.20.asp?current=yes](https://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/d16/tables/dt16_203.20.asp?current=yes); [https://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/d17/tables/dt17\\_304.10.asp?current=yes](https://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/d17/tables/dt17_304.10.asp?current=yes)

<sup>2</sup> <http://nieer.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/State-of-Preschool-2017-Full-7-16-18.pdf>; <https://stats.bls.gov/oes/special.requests/oesm17st.zip>; <http://earlylearning.hawaii.gov/about/eoel-brochure/>; [https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/8c76b8\\_7338bfd664224b1199cf26aab-4521fba.pdf](https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/8c76b8_7338bfd664224b1199cf26aab-4521fba.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.nationsreportcard.gov/ndecore/landing>. Analysis done by ACT.

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<sup>5</sup> [http://www.sheeo.org/sites/default/files/project-files/SHEEO\\_SHEF\\_FY2017\\_FINAL.pdf](http://www.sheeo.org/sites/default/files/project-files/SHEEO_SHEF_FY2017_FINAL.pdf); [https://www.nassgapsurvey.com/survey\\_reports/2016-2017-48th.pdf](https://www.nassgapsurvey.com/survey_reports/2016-2017-48th.pdf)

<sup>6</sup> [https://ticas.org/sites/default/files/pub\\_files/classof2017.pdf](https://ticas.org/sites/default/files/pub_files/classof2017.pdf); [https://factfinder.census.gov/bkmk/table/1.0/en/ACS/17\\_5YR/DP02/0100000US|0100000US.04000.001](https://factfinder.census.gov/bkmk/table/1.0/en/ACS/17_5YR/DP02/0100000US|0100000US.04000.001). Analysis done by ACT. Reflects adults, residing in the state, aged 25 and older.



# GOVERNOR DAVID IGE

- Major Education Priorities:** ★ **School Empowerment** ★ **Higher Education Access**  
 ★ **New Blueprint for Public Education** ★ **Increased School Funding**  
 ★ **Classroom Innovation** ★ **K-12 Teachers and Leaders** ★ **Workforce Development**

**BACKGROUND:** Governor Ige was born and raised in Hawai'i and attended public schools and the University of Hawai'i at Manoa where he earned a bachelor's in electrical engineering and a master's in business administration. He spent 34 years as an electrical engineer and project manager. He served in the state legislature from 1985 until his election as governor in 2014. Governor Ige is focused on transforming public education to prepare students for the innovation economy of the 21st century. Governor Ige is married with three children. First Lady Dawn Amano-Ige is a former educator who served as a 3rd grade teacher and vice principal.

**PARTY AFFILIATION:** Democrat

"My vision for public education is future-focused, empowering school communities that inspire innovation, creativity and leadership in a healthy and safe learning environment."  
 – Gov. Ige

## Early Education and K-12 Educational Priorities

**School Empowerment:** Promoted innovation grants to schools and supported Hawaiian immersion and charter schools.

**Early College:** Expanded the early college program so many more high school students have the opportunity to take college courses in high school and earn an associate's degree while in high school.

**New Blueprint for Public Education:** Convened more than 3,000 school and community members statewide to get input for the governor's Every Student Succeeds Act team to improve schools. Developed a blueprint for Hawai'i's public schools, maximizing opportunities and possibilities for Hawai'i to transform education.

**Funding Priorities:** Ensured that schools provide a healthy and safe learning environment by cooling over 1,300 classrooms, supported increased funding for K-12 operations and infrastructure.

**Teachers and Leaders:** Elevated education profession by giving teachers a four-year contract with pay raises and ensuring pensions.

## Student Enrollment<sup>1</sup>



## Higher Education and Workforce Priorities

**College Access:** Emphasized need to expand early college credit programs and strongly supported the Hawai'i Promise program, a "last dollar" scholarship program providing financial assistance to qualified low-income community college students.

**Workforce Development:** Emphasized importance of STEM education, particularly increasing STEM education at Hawai'i's campuses to ensure more students follow a path to 21st century careers and realize their talents. Brought CyberStart pilot program to Hawai'i students for job training and improved cybersecurity statewide.

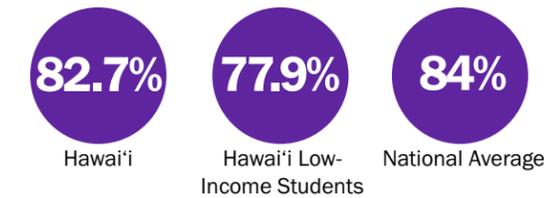
“ I know that Hawai'i's public-school system can be the best in the country by empowering those closest to the children to make the best decisions. It's really about being change agents, to give our students the opportunities to succeed. ”

# State of Hawai'i Education

## Early Childhood Facts<sup>2</sup>

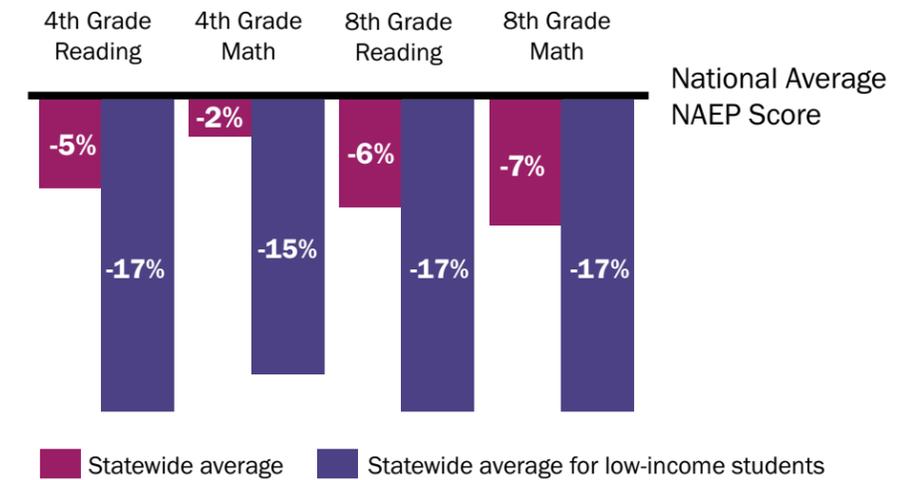


## High School Graduation Rate<sup>4</sup>



## Hawai'i National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) Scores<sup>3</sup>

Percentage of students performing at or above proficient level



## Are Hawai'i Students Ready for College?

The ACT test is the most frequently taken college entrance exam in the U.S. The chart below shows the ACT Composite score distribution for students in Hawai'i and the U.S. All public school students in Hawai'i take the ACT.

ACT COMPOSITE	HAWAII	NATION
1-18	53.4%	39.9%
19-23	27.3%	29.1%
24-36	19.3%	31%

## STEM Careers: Are Hawai'i Students Interested and Ready?

In Hawai'i, **43.5 percent** of ACT-tested students from the class of 2018 had aspirations to pursue a future in STEM. Of those students, **17.6 percent** are prepared for first-year college coursework related to STEM fields.

## Higher Education Stats<sup>5</sup>

	HAWAII	NATIONAL AVERAGE
Educational Appropriations per Full-Time Equivalent	<b>\$10,810</b>	<b>\$7,642</b>
Total State Grant Expenditures as Percentage of State Fiscal Support for Higher Education	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>12.7%</b>
Percent Change in Total Spending Since 2008	<b>-0.9%</b>	<b>-11.6%</b>
State Grant Aid per Full-Time Undergraduate Student	<b>\$76.45</b>	<b>\$816.79</b>
Need-based State Grant Aid per Full-Time Undergraduate Student	<b>\$76.45</b>	<b>\$623.66</b>

## College Readiness is More than ONE Number

Along with their ACT Composite score, students also receive scores in four subject areas – Math, Science, English and Reading – along with target (or "Benchmark") scores that will help them gauge their likelihood of earning a B or C in credit-bearing first-year college courses. The percentages of students who met at least three of these four Benchmark scores are provided below.

## Students in Hawai'i Who Met at Least 3 of 4 College-Ready Benchmark Scores

OVERALL	<b>25.6%</b>	NATION: 38.3%
FIRST GENERATION	<b>14%</b>	NATION: 17.1%
LOW INCOME	<b>14%</b>	NATION: 18.9%

## Higher Education Outcomes<sup>6</sup>

Percent of Residents with an Associate's Degree or Higher:



Percent of Residents with a Bachelor's Degree or Higher:



Average Student Debt:

