

GOVERNORS' EDUCATION PROFILE SERIES

CLASS OF 2018



NGA is boldly nonpartisan. Through NGA, governors share best practices, speak with an informed voice on national policy and develop innovative solutions that improve state government and support the principles of federalism.



ACT is a mission-driven, nonprofit organization dedicated to helping people achieve education and workplace success. Headquartered in Iowa City, Iowa, ACT is trusted as a leader in college and career readiness, providing high-quality assessments grounded in nearly 60 years of research. ACT offers a uniquely integrated set of solutions designed to provide personalized insights that help individuals succeed from elementary school through career.

¹ https://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/d17/tables/dt17_203.40.asp?current=yes; K-12 enrollment figure provided by Oregon Department of Education; https://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/d17/tables/dt17_304.10.asp?current=yes

² <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>

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

⁴ <https://www.oregon.gov/ode/reports-and-data/students/Pages/Cohort-Graduation-Rate.aspx>

⁵ http://www.sheeo.org/sites/default/files/project-files/SHEEO_SHEF_FY2017_FINAL.pdf; https://www.nassgapsurvey.com/survey_reports/2016-2017-48th.pdf

⁶ 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. Analysis done by ACT. Reflects adults, residing in the state, aged 25 and older.



GOVERNOR KATE BROWN

Major Education Priorities: ★ Early Education ★ College and Career Pathways ★ College Access
 ★ Extending Time for Learning ★ Closing Opportunity Gaps ★ Improving Graduation Rates

BACKGROUND: Kate Brown, Oregon's 38th governor, has over 25 years of experience in standing up for working families and making government more accountable. Originally from Minnesota, she attended the University of Colorado, and received her law degree at Oregon's Lewis and Clark College. She practiced family and juvenile law and taught at Portland State University. In her public career, the governor served in the state House of Representatives and the Oregon State Senate as well as Secretary of State. Governor Brown and her husband Dan moved into the gubernatorial residence in February 2015 when she took office, becoming the first openly bisexual governor in the nation's history.

PARTY AFFILIATION: Democrat

Early Education and K-12 Educational Priorities

Early Education: Committed to expanding high-quality preschool and kindergarten readiness strategies to 10,000 additional low-income children in the next two years and 40,000 by 2025. 2019-21 budget proposes \$381M to support this goal as well as expanding affordable childcare and investing in a quality early educator workforce.

College and Career Pathways: Elevated the significance of preparing students for college and careers as a part of her Future Ready Oregon initiative, including STEM and Career and Technical (CTE) education. 2019-21 budget proposed \$133M for Measure 98 programs, a ballot initiative to prevent dropouts and promote career-and-college readiness.

Improving Graduation Rates: Highlighted the importance of students obtaining a high school diploma in order to begin successfully paving a path toward a career, touting a 5 percent improvement in graduation rates during her tenure.

Closing Opportunity Gaps: Emphasized support for programs serving English language learners and students who have historically faced an opportunity gap, with over \$10 million additional investment proposed to improve opportunities for African American/Black students and American Indian/Alaska Native students.

More Time for Learning: Proposed budget of \$794M to reduce early grade class sizes and extend the school year to 180 days for all grades.

Student Enrollment¹



Higher Education and Workforce Priorities

College Access: Governor's budget proposes \$220 million investment in public universities and community colleges to keep tuition increases limited to 5 percent or below to enhance universal affordability, while also doubling funding for the Oregon Opportunity Grant to reduce financial barriers for low-income students.

Career Technical Education and Workforce: Proposed \$140 million investments to enhance career technical education and innovation at public universities and community colleges.

“ I am committed to ensuring every Oregon student can thrive under a seamless system of education from cradle to career, where every student graduates high school with a plan for their future, and teachers have the tools they need to help our students succeed. ”

State of Oregon Education

Early Childhood Facts²

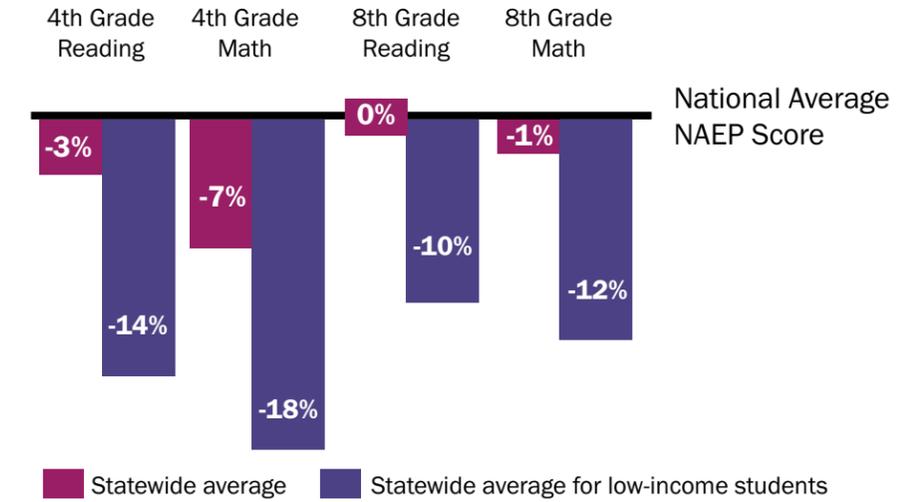


High School Graduation Rate⁴



Oregon National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) Scores³

Percentage of students performing at or above proficient level



Are Oregon 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 Oregon and the U.S.

ACT COMPOSITE	OREGON	NATION
1-18	35.3%	39.9%
19-23	30.7%	29.1%
24-36	33.9%	31%

STEM Careers: Are Oregon Students Interested and Ready?

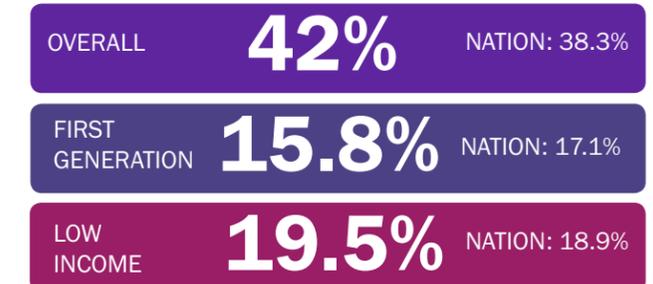
In Oregon, **43 percent** of ACT-tested students from the class of 2018 had aspirations to pursue a future in STEM. Of those students, **28.6 percent** are prepared for first-year college coursework related to STEM fields.



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 Oregon Who Met at Least 3 of 4 College-Ready Benchmark Scores



Higher Education Stats⁵

	OREGON	NATIONAL AVERAGE
Educational Appropriations per Full-Time Equivalent	\$5,959	\$7,642
Total State Grant Expenditures as Percentage of State Fiscal Support for Higher Education	8.9%	12.7%
Percent Change in Total Spending Since 2008	-1.9%	-11.6%
State Grant Aid per Full-Time Undergraduate Student	\$463.15	\$816.79
Need-based State Grant Aid per Full-Time Undergraduate Student	\$463.15	\$623.66

Higher Education Outcomes⁶

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



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



Average Student Debt:

