State of College Access Key Metrics Dashboard Helps Communities Set Goals
FCAN's interactive dashboard highlights educational attainment rates, economic trends, and student success indicators statewide

TAMPA, Fla. — The Florida College Access Network (FCAN) launched the State of College Access Key Metrics Dashboard, a powerful new resource that captures the state of college access, readiness, and success within the context of population and economic changes across Florida. Developed to support local college access networks, the interactive dashboard compiles relevant national-, state-, and county-level data into one convenient, user-friendly platform.

"The State of College Access Key Metrics Dashboard is a resource for our network partners aimed at providing a broad range of critical metrics to assist them as they design initiatives to improve their local economies through postsecondary education attainment," said Braulio Colón, FCAN's executive director. "The connections between Florida's growth, educational attainment, and economic prosperity are made clearer by the data. Our goal is to inspire student-centric solutions led by communities working together from every region in Florida."

The State of College Access Key Metrics Dashboard brings together 15 key indicators from 2018 to 2023, sourced from national and state organizations including Lumina Foundation, the Bureau of Labor Statistics, American Community Survey, and the Florida Department of Education. Data metrics are organized into four categories—Context, Readiness, Outcomes, and Access and Success—to help regional users evaluate their community's progress toward Florida's SAIL to 60 goal, which aims to have at least 60% of working-age residents (25-64 years-old) hold a high-value credential or degree. Currently, Florida stands at 55.2%, according to a recent survey by the Lumina Foundation's Stronger Nation report.

The dashboard is built using Tableau-based data visualizations, allowing users to interact with a range of timely and high-impact metrics such as:

- Educational attainment and earnings by education level
- Postsecondary enrollment and attainment
- Workforce credentials and GDP per capita
- High school graduation rates, FAFSA completion, and college-going trends
- Graduation and enrollment data for the Florida College System (FCS) and State University System (SUS)

Designed with accessibility and clarity in mind, the dashboard serves as a vital tool for community leaders, policymakers, school districts, and workforce planners. By aggregating and simplifying data across multiple dimensions, it helps answer key questions such as:

- How is my county performing compared to state and national trends?
- What gaps exist in readiness, postsecondary access, and attainment?
- Where can programs or policies be improved to support student success?

Explore the State of College Access Key Metrics.

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About Florida College Access Network

Florida College Access Network (FCAN) is Florida's collaborative network committed to ensuring all Floridians have the opportunity to achieve an education beyond high school and a rewarding career. We envision a Florida working together where education is the pathway to economic mobility for all.

FCAN strives to expand knowledge of research, data, policies, and practices that impact postsecondary access and attainment in Florida. For more information, visit www.floridacollegeaccess.org.

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