

Our Mission: The Austin Chamber is dedicated to fostering broad collaboration between the local business community and educational institutions to develop a skilled workforce that meets both current and future business needs.

Indicator	Texas 2023	Central TX 2023	Central TX 10-Year Change (From 2013-2023; Percentage Points)
Living Wage Attainment*	20%	31%	↑ 8
Postsecondary Completion	53%	58%	↑ 9
Postsecondary Persistence	79%	85%	↑ 5
Postsecondary Enrollment	48%	45%	↓ 9
High School Graduation	90%	90%	↑ 2
College Readiness	62%	69%	↑ 6
End-of-Course Algebra I (Met Standard)	43%	42%	↓ 2
Third Grade Reading (Met Standard)	48%	52%	↑ 3
Kindergarten Readiness	52%	55%	No Data
Pre-K 4 Enrollment (Among Eligible Students)	73%	72%	↓ 6

These 10 indicators track talent trends in Central Texas. From early childhood, through PK-12 and higher education, to a career, we want to strengthen pipelines that help Central Texas students, workers, and families thrive.

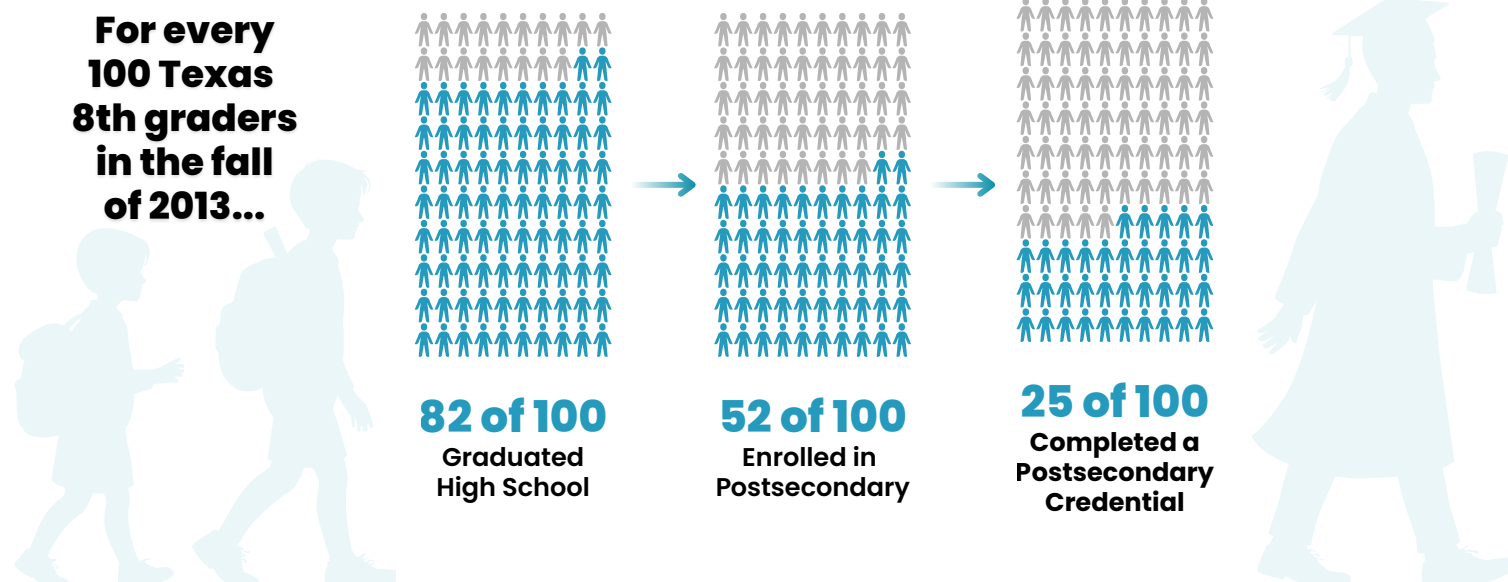
We are committed to helping every student pursue and obtain a credential of value that leads to high demand careers that align to the regions workforce needs and promote programs making an impact, like Austin Community College's pilot free tuition program.

While enrollment in higher education has declined, Central Texas students outpace the state in postsecondary persistence and completion.

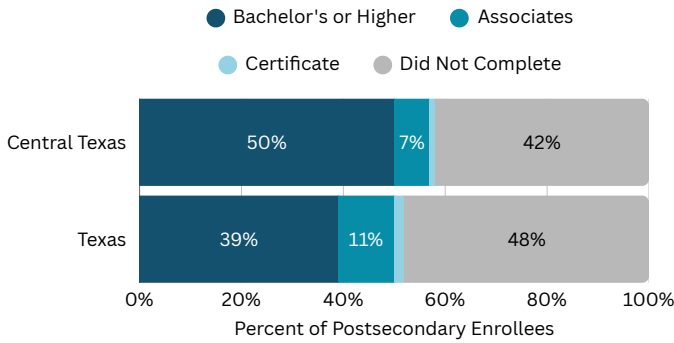
We support investments in high-quality childcare, such as Raise Travis County, which will provide \$75 million to the region. These investments strengthen the local economy by helping parents of young children stay in the workforce while simultaneously fostering students' early academic growth. We collaborate with regional partners to build stronger, more sustainable systems for early education and childcare.

Sources: 1) U.S. Census Bureau ACS. 2) E3 Alliance analysis of TEA, TAPR, STAAR, CCMR OB, THECB, and ECDS data at the UT Austin Education Research Center.

*As defined by U.S. Census Bureau ACS.

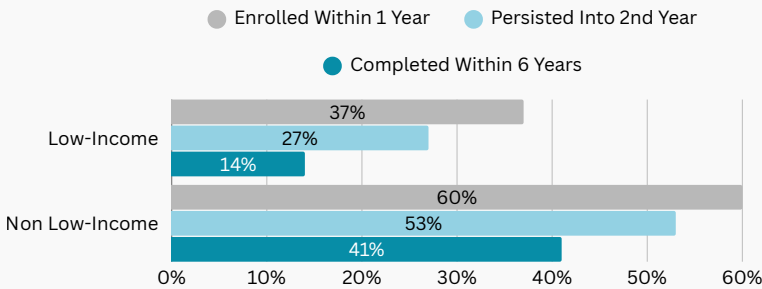


Central Texas Immediate Enrollees in Texas Postsecondary Institutions That Completed College Within 6 Years, by Diploma Type, Class of 2017



Goal:
By 2030, 60% of Texans under age 65 will hold a credential of value.

Degree Persistence: Central Texas Graduates From Class of 2017 Who Enrolled in Two-Year or Four-Year Postsecondary Institutions in Texas



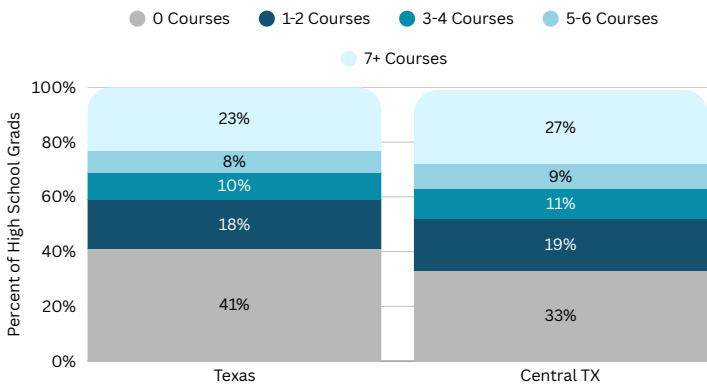
14%
of students from low-income households complete college within six years of finishing high school.

Policy Changes:

SB 2314 added funding to expand My Texas Futures resources for adult learners.

HB 120 added funding for more career counselors and increased funding for P-TECH programs.

College-Credit-Bearing Course Engagement, 2023 Graduates



Students who participate in dual credit courses are

32-56%

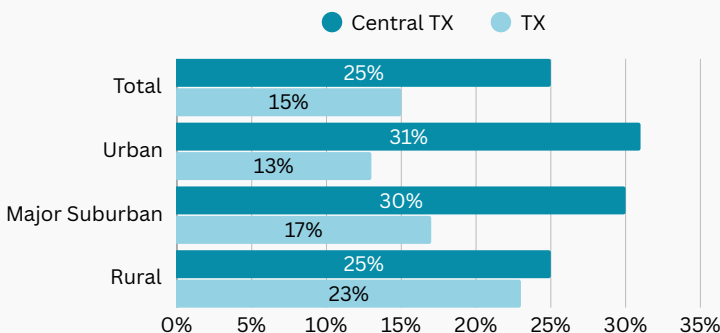
more likely to enroll in postsecondary after high school.

Source: [The National Alliance on Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships](#)

Policy Changes:

SB 1191 has standardized GPA weights for all college-credit-bearing courses including AP, IB, Onramps and dual credit.

Average Potential College, Career, Military Readiness (CCMR) Outcomes Bonus Access - 2023



\$
Amount of CCMR outcomes bonuses NOT accessed:

\$66 M
(Central TX)

\$1.17 B
(Texas)

Bright Spot:

Round Rock ISD recognized as a CTE district of distinction. 67% of RRISD's graduating class of 2022 completed a coherent CTE sequence. RR offers 28 pathways and launched a new nursing P-TECH program and is using its 2024 bond package to build a new CTE center.

