

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM: 5 – H

DATE: April 22, 2020

SUBJECT

SDBOR State Attainment Dashboard Update

CONTROLLING STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY

[SDBOR State Attainment Dashboard](#)

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

BOR staff updated the [SDBOR State Attainment Dashboard](#) to include the latest year for which data is available (2018). The state attainment dashboard allows the user to see higher education attainment levels for each state. This dashboard also provides the South Dakota university system with metrics relating to the system’s education attainment goal. In August of 2016, the Board of Regents adopted a statewide attainment goal of 65 percent of South Dakota citizens, ages 25 to 34, holding some type of postsecondary credential by 2025. The goal addresses a full range of educational attainment from technical certificates and apprenticeships to associate, bachelor, and graduate degrees. The dashboard utilizes data from the US Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).

The chart below provides an overview of the data available in the dashboard update and compares South Dakota with its contiguous states.

STATES	Population with an Associate Degree or Higher (Overall)	Population with a Bachelor’s Degree or Higher (Overall)	Board of Regents Attainment Goal Target Population (ages 25 to 34) with an Associate Degree or Higher
South Dakota	44.9%	30.4%	49.6%
Montana	41.6%	30.5%	42.0%
Wyoming	40.2%	27.9%	38.9%
North Dakota	48.7%	31.1%	50.4%
Nebraska	47.0%	34.8%	51.6%
Minnesota	52.2%	39.2%	57.0%
Iowa	44.2%	30.9%	48.3%

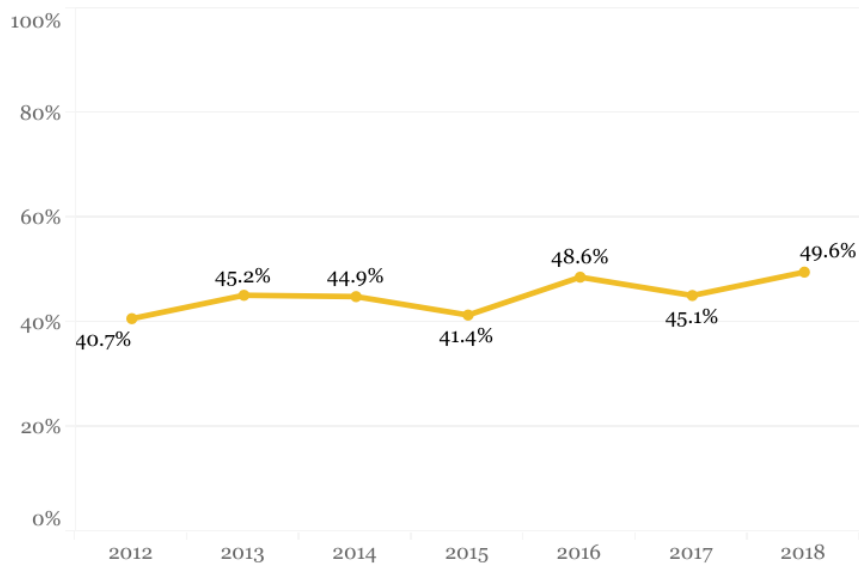
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IMPACT AND RECOMMENDATION

The dashboard update provides insight on both positive and negative impacts. On the positive side, South Dakota’s associate degree or higher attainment for the target population of 25-34 year olds is trending upwards and currently ranks as the 14th highest in the nation.

Trend - Associate Degree or Higher, Age 25-34:



Conversely, there is a significant disparity in education attainment in the state by race. South Dakota ranks last in the country in terms of an attainment gap within the target age population (attainment by persons of color minus attainment by whites).

ATTACHMENTS

None