



Where Do Students From New Hampshire Attain Postsecondary Education?

New Hampshire's high school seniors are going to earn their high school diplomas soon and begin the next phase of their lives. For many of them, that means postsecondary education. Some will attend one of New Hampshire's colleges, universities, or community colleges. Others will attend a school out of state.

In the 2017-2018 academic school year, 13,301 students earned a high school diploma or equivalent in New Hampshire. Seventy percent of those students enrolled in either a two-year or a four-year postsecondary institution for the fall 2018 semester. Data from the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System

(IPEDS), shows where New Hampshire's high school graduates attended college, and also where students who attend New Hampshire's colleges and universities lived when they were admitted to a postsecondary institution.

New Hampshire Students Attending a Four-Year Postsecondary Institution

For the fall 2018 semester, 7,481 individuals who had completed high school in New Hampshire within the previous 12 months began attending a four-year college as first-time degree-seeking students. Of these students, about 42 percent attended a school that was

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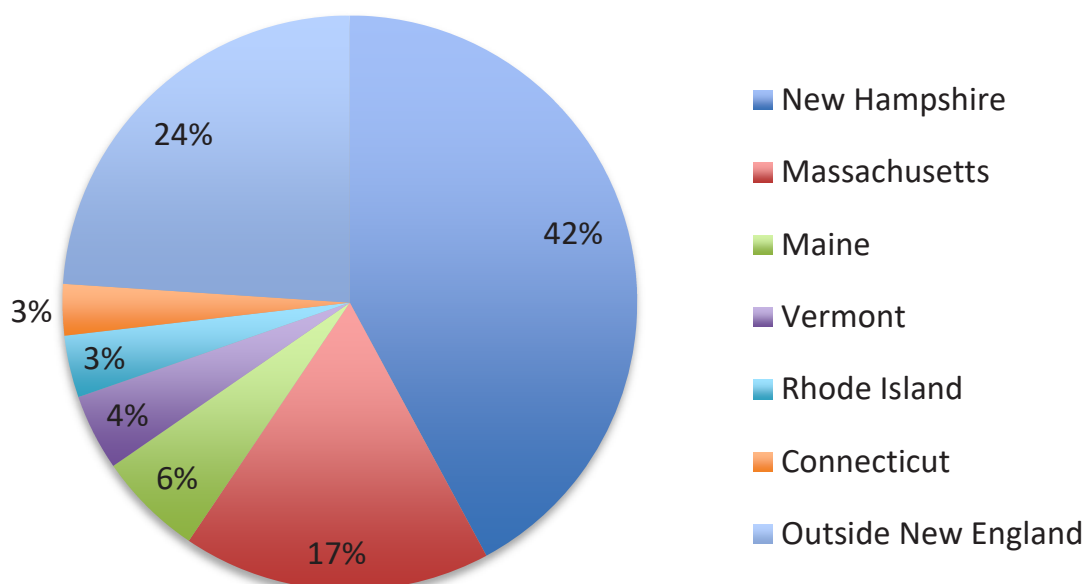
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Where 2017-2018 New Hampshire High School Graduates Attended Four-Year Colleges and Universities



Source: National Center for Education Statistics, Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System

¹ New Hampshire Department of Education

² National Center for Education Statistics, Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System

located in New Hampshire. Of those student that did not attend a New Hampshire institution, most did not go far. Massachusetts was the second most common choice, with 17 percent of 2017-2018 New Hampshire high school graduates enrolled at a four-year institution located in that state. Including students that remained in New Hampshire, 76 percent of 2017-2018 high school graduates who enrolled at a 4-year institution attended a school that was located in New England.

Outside of New England, New York was the most popular destination. Seven percent of 2017-2018 high school graduates who enrolled at a four-year institution attended a school in that state. Four-year institutions in Florida and Pennsylvania, with two percent of 2017-2018 high school graduates each, were the other top destinations outside of New England.

New Hampshire Students Attending a Two-Year Postsecondary Institution

When looking at students who attend community colleges, the geographic distribution is very different. For the fall 2018 semester, 1,853 individuals who had completed high school in New Hampshire within the previous 12 months began attending public two-year institutions as first-time degree-seeking students. These students attended public two-year institutions in 16 different states, but the majority of them, 90 percent, attended an

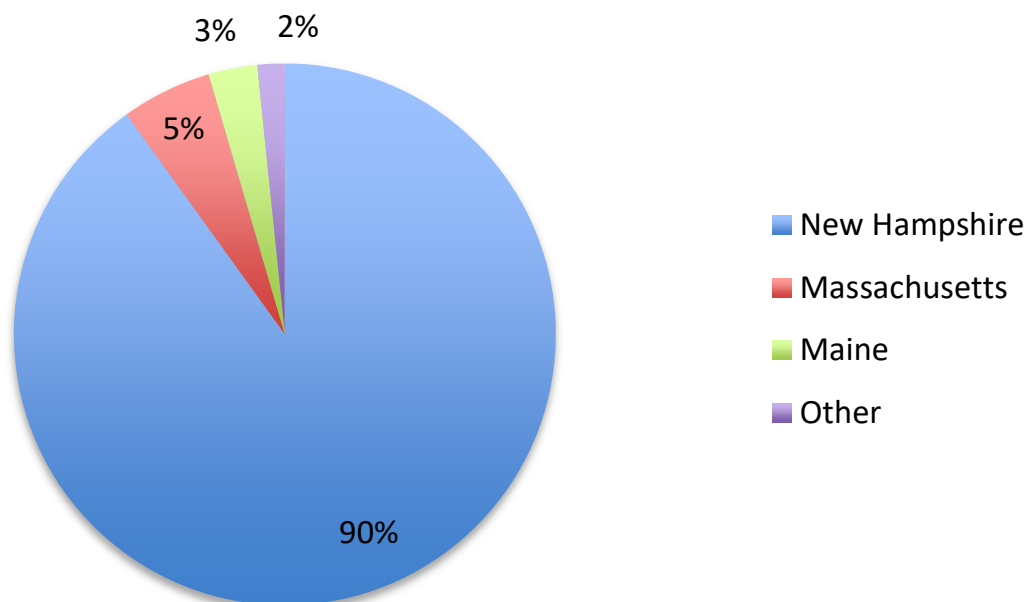
institution in New Hampshire. An additional five percent attended a public two-year institution in Massachusetts, and another three percent attended one in Maine. Students attending institutions in all other states combined made up less than two percent.

Students who Attend Postsecondary Institutions Located in New Hampshire

New Hampshire's two- and four-year postsecondary institutions attract students from all over the U.S., and around the world. In the fall 2018 semester, 8,821 first-time degree-seeking students who had completed high school within the previous 12 months began attending a four-year postsecondary institution located in New Hampshire. The largest share of these students, 36 percent, was from New Hampshire. An additional 45 percent of students came from the other five New England states, with 31 percent coming from Massachusetts and eight percent coming from Connecticut. Outside of New England, the largest number of first-time degree-seeking students came from New York, five percent. Students from New Jersey and California each made up roughly two percent of first-time degree-seekers attending New Hampshire four-year postsecondary institutions.

For two-year public colleges located in New Hampshire, 1,783 first-time degree-seeking students who had completed high school within the previous 12 months first enrolled for the fall 2018

Where 2017-2018 New Hampshire High School Graduates Attended Two-Year Public Colleges



Source: National Center for Education Statistics, Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System

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⁴ Ibid.

semester. Nearly 94 percent of these students, 1,669, lived in New Hampshire when they completed high school. Most of the rest of the first-time degree-seekers came from one of the three states that directly border New Hampshire: Vermont, Maine and Massachusetts.

Students Who Attend a Postsecondary Institution More Than 12 Months After Graduation

Not every student follows the “traditional” path of going directly from high school to college. Among New Hampshire residents who enrolled in a four-year institution for the fall 2018 semester as first-time degree-seeking students, 857 had not graduated high school within the previous 12 months. These students accounted for ten percent of first-time degree seekers from New Hampshire who enrolled in a four-year institution that semester.

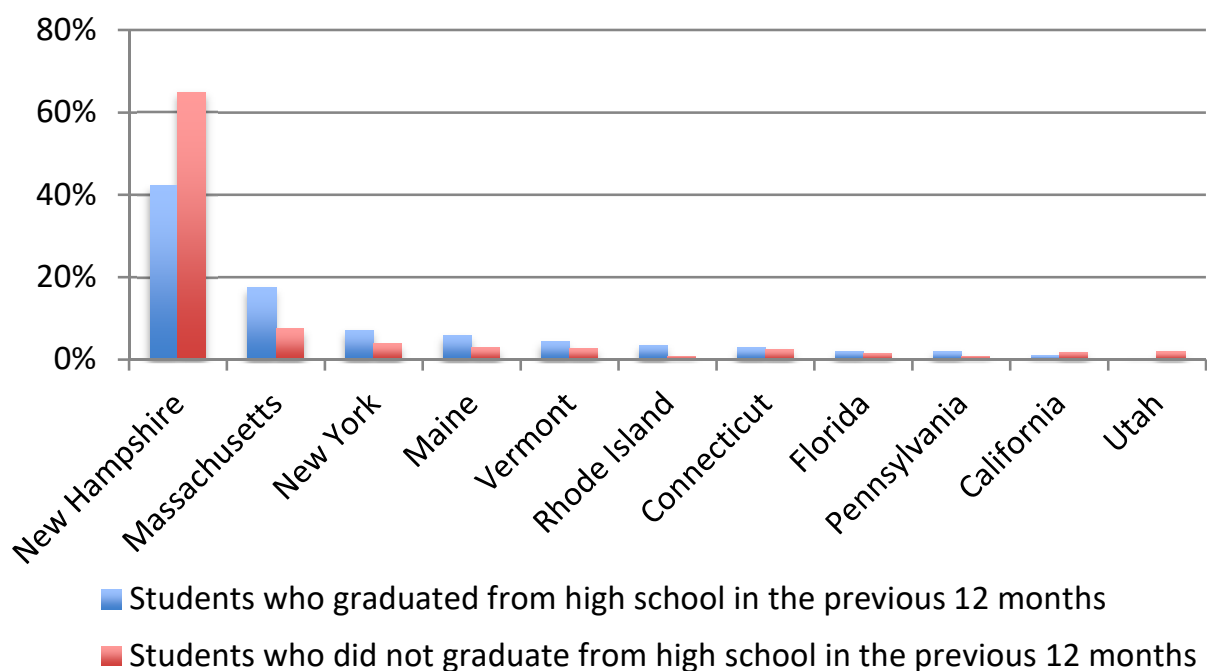
These students were much more likely than students who had recently graduated high school to attend a school that was located in New Hampshire. Sixty-five percent of students that had not completed high school within the previous 12 months attended a school that was located in New Hampshire. Other New England states remained common destinations as well; in total, 81 percent of students that hadn’t completed high school within the previous 12

months attended a four-year institution located in New England. Students who attended a four-year institution outside of New England most commonly attended schools in New York (four percent), Utah (two percent), and California (two percent).

For the fall 2018 semester, 877 New Hampshire residents who had not completed high school within the previous 12 months began attending public two-year institutions as first-time degree-seeking students. These students accounted for 32 percent of first-time degree seekers from New Hampshire who enrolled in a public two-year institution that semester

While most of these students attended a public two-year institution located in New Hampshire, they were more likely to attend a school outside of New Hampshire than those who had graduated from high school within the previous 12 months. Just over 80 percent of first-time degree-seekers who had not completed high school in the previous 12 months attended a public two-year institution located in New Hampshire, compared to 90 percent of recent high school completers. Public two-year institutions located in Massachusetts (ten percent) and Ohio (four percent) were popular choices for students who had not completed high school in the previous 12 months.

Where New Hampshire Residents Attended Four-Year Colleges and Universities



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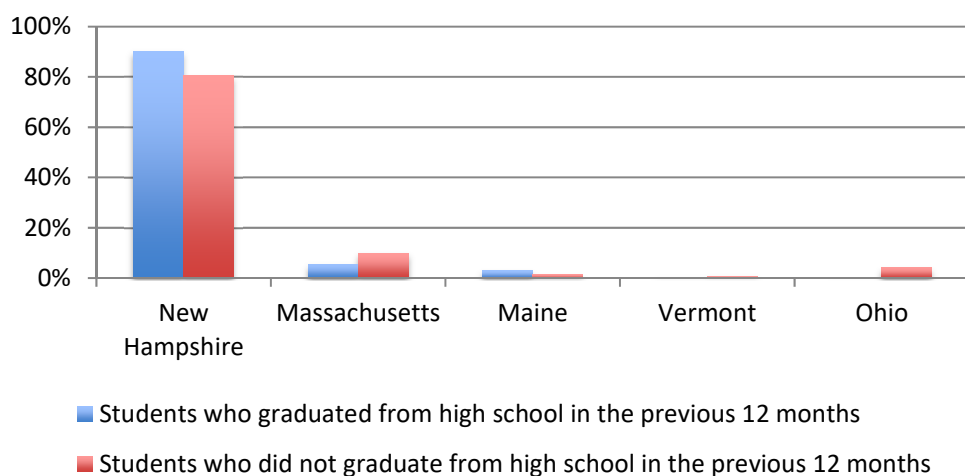
Summary

Students who enroll at a four-year postsecondary institution are much more likely to enroll at an institution out-of-state than other types of students. Still, most of them don't go far, attending a school in New England, or the northeastern U.S. Although IPEDS data shows where students attend college, it does not show where they enter the workforce after completing their postsecondary education. The U.S. Census Bureau's Geographic Mobility data provide the average number of individuals moving into and out of the state by age group. Between 2013 and 2017, an average of 6,500 individuals ages 20-24 moved into New Hampshire annually, while 7,300 individuals ages 20-24 moved out of New Hampshire.

This age cohort is assumed to include many individuals who enrolled at a two- or four-year postsecondary institution directly after completing high school, and who have completed their education and are starting a career. While the age 20-24 cohort includes more than just postsecondary completers, it does suggest that many New Hampshire residents move out-of-state after completing their postsecondary education. The good news for New Hampshire is that individuals from age 25 to age 49 are more likely to move into the state than out of it, meaning New Hampshire's workforce is ultimately benefiting from domestic migration.

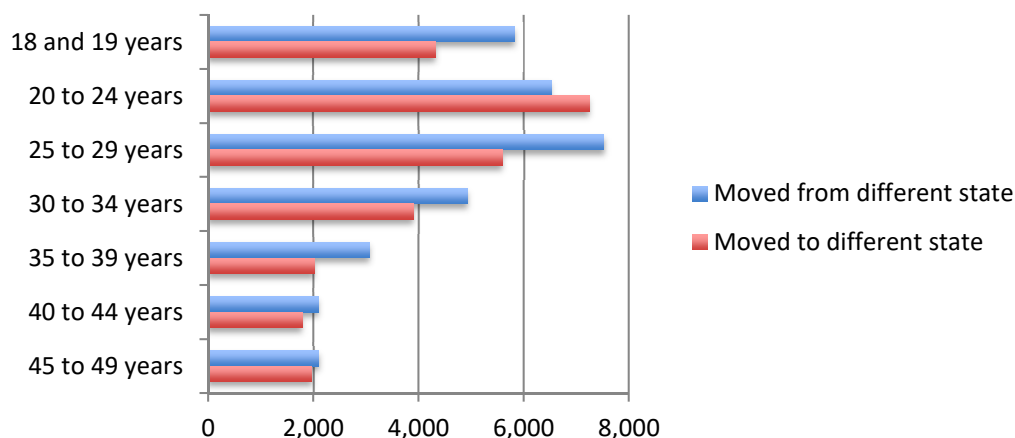
- Greg David, Economist

Where New Hampshire Residents Attended Public Two-Year Colleges



Source: National Center for Education Statistics, Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System

Average Number of Individuals Who Moved To or From New Hampshire Annually, 2013-2017



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