

The Some College, No Degree National Picture 2019



36 million

Americans in the Clearinghouse database today hold some postsecondary education but no completion and are no longer enrolled (also known as *Some College, No Degree*).

10% of this population already have two years' worth of academic progress up until last enrollment (the group called Potential Completers). This is the most relevant group for efforts to increase enrollments and reach state postsecondary attainment goals, as they are more likely to re-enroll and finish college, according to our five-year follow-up study.

In **37 states**, more than half of Some College, No Degree (*SCND*) students were last enrolled at a community college. The *SCND* populations are generally proportional to current postsecondary enrollments by state.

Demographics and Education History

	All SCND Students	Potential Completers
Percent under age 30 today	23%	58%
Percent under age 30 at last enrollment	56%	75%
Percent women	51%	51%
Percent racial/ethnic minorities	n/a	47%
Years since last enrollment (median)	10	4
Percent first enrolled at community colleges	67%	53%
Percent last enrolled at community colleges	67%	48%
Number of Stop-outs	1 (60%)	2+ (64%)

From Stop-Out to Completion: A Five-Year Follow-Up

There were **29 million** identified as *SCND* five years ago. Since then:

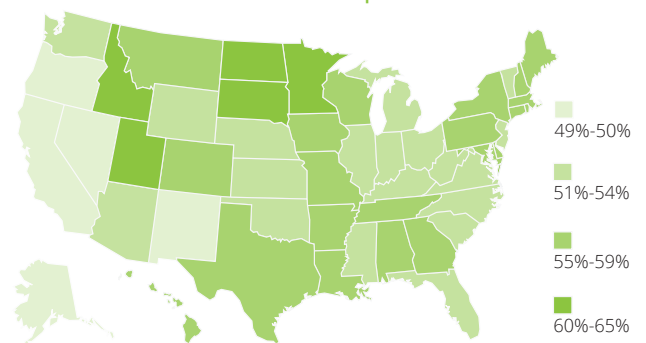
3.8 million re-enrolled.

940,000 completed a credential, typically, an associate degree or certificate (60%).

1.1 million are still enrolled without a credential.

54% success and progress rate for re-enrollees as of Dec 2018. (*This varies across states between 49% and 65%.*)

Percent of Re-enrollees Completed or Still Enrolled



- Potential completers were far more likely to re-enroll and to complete than other *SCND* students (**24%** re-enrolled compared to **9%** of those with a single-term enrollment).
- Completers tend to finish at the institution where they first re-enrolled and complete within two years of re-enrolling, without stopping out again.
- Community colleges are the largest single sector awarding credentials to returning *SCND* students (**43%**).
- For most *SCND* completers, the institution of last enrollment, re-enrollment, and awarding of credential were all located in the same state. This in-state rate varies between **41%** in Maryland and **79%** in Michigan and Utah.