



Postsecondary Governance Structures

Agencies and System Offices Affiliated with Coordinating and Governing Boards

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This resource provides a comprehensive summary of the various entities that comprise postsecondary governance ecosystems in each state and the District of Columbia. It also:

- Focuses on and provides in-depth information about statewide coordinating boards/agencies and governing boards. If statewide boards do not exist, then information is provided for major systemwide coordinating and governing boards.
- Includes general information about other state higher education entities, such as administrative/service offices, financial aid offices and advisory boards.
- Lists other postsecondary systemwide governing boards, most multi-campus institutional boards and membership organizations.

The term public two-year institutions also may include technical colleges. This resource does not include information related to setting tuition rates, administering funding formulas or allocating funds. The state profile information is based primarily on statutes, codes and state and postsecondary system board/agency policies. To the extent possible, Education Commission of the States reached out to state and system officials to verify its information.

View other data points in the 50-State Comparison: State Postsecondary Governance Structures resource [here](#).

STATE ▲	ENTITY NAME	ENTITY FUNCTION	TYPE OF INSTITUTIONS	WEBSITE
Alabama				
	Alabama Commission on Higher Education (Agency)	Administrative/service	Public four-year, public two-year and other (e.g., Independent/non-profit, proprietary, online or specialty)	Link
Alaska				
	University of Alaska System Office	Administrative/service	Public four-year and public two-year	Link
Arizona				
	Arizona Board of Regents System Office	Administrative/service	Public four-year	Link
Arkansas				
	Arkansas Department of Education -- Division of Higher Education	Administrative/service	Public four-year and public two-year	Link
California				

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	University of California System Office	Administrative/service	Public four-year	Link
	California State University System Office	Administrative/service	Public four-year	Link
	California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office	Administrative/service	Public two-year	Link
Colorado				
	Colorado Department of Higher Education	Administrative/service	Public four-year, public two-year and other (e.g., Independent/non-profit, proprietary, online or specialty)	Link
Connecticut				
	Board of Regents for Connecticut State Colleges & Universities System Office	Administrative/service	Public four-year, public two-year and other (e.g., Independent/non-profit, proprietary, online or specialty)	Link
Delaware				
	Not applicable	Administrative/service		
District of Columbia				
	Not applicable	Administrative/service		
Florida				
	State University System of Florida Board of Governors System Office	Administrative/service	Public four-year	Link
	Florida Department of Education Office of Student Financial Assistance	Administrative/service	Public four-year, public two-year and other (e.g., Independent/non-profit, proprietary, online or specialty)	Link
Georgia				
	University System of Georgia System Office	Administrative/service	Public four-year	Link
	Technical College System of Georgia System Office	Administrative/service	Public two-year	Link
Hawaii				
	University of Hawaii System Office	Administrative/service	Public four-year and public two-year	Link
Idaho				
	Idaho Office of the State Board of Education	Administrative/service	Public four-year and public two-year	Link

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Illinois				
	Illinois Board of Higher Education (Agency)	Administrative/service	Public four-year, public two-year and other (e.g., Independent/non-profit, proprietary, online or specialty)	Link
Indiana				
	Indiana Commission for Higher Education (Agency)	Administrative/service	Public four-year, public two-year and other (e.g., Independent/non-profit, proprietary, online or specialty)	Link
Iowa				
	Iowa Board of Regents System Office	Administrative/service	Public four-year	Link
Kansas				
	Kansas Board of Regents System Office	Administrative/service	Public four-year and public two-year	Link
Kentucky				
	Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education (Agency)	Administrative/service	Public four-year, public two-year and other (e.g., Independent/non-profit, proprietary, online or specialty)	Link
Louisiana				
	Louisiana Board of Regents (Agency)	Administrative/service	Public four-year, public two-year and other (e.g., Independent/non-profit, proprietary, online or specialty)	Link
Maine				
	University of Maine System Office	Administrative/service	Public four-year	Link
	Maine Community College System Office	Administrative/service	Public two-year	Link
Maryland				
	Maryland Higher Education Commission (Agency)	Administrative/service	Public four-year, public two-year and other (e.g., Independent/non-profit, proprietary, online or specialty)	Link
Massachusetts				
	Massachusetts Department of Higher Education	Administrative/service	Public four-year and public two-year	Link
Michigan				

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	Not applicable	Administrative/service		
Minnesota				
	Minnesota State Colleges and University System Office	Administrative/service	Public four-year and public two-year	Link
Mississippi				
	Mississippi State Institutions of Higher Education System Office	Administrative/service	Public four-year	Link
	Mississippi Community College Board System Office	Administrative/service	Public two-year	Link
Missouri				
	Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development	Administrative/service	Public four-year, public two-year and other (e.g., Independent/non-profit, proprietary, online or specialty)	Link
Montana				
	Montana Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education	Administrative/service	Public four-year and public two-year	Link
Nebraska				
	Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education (Agency)	Administrative/service	Public four-year and public two-year	Link
Nevada				
	Nevada System of Higher Education	Administrative/service	Public four-year and public two-year	Link
New Hampshire				
	University of New Hampshire System Office	Administrative/service	Public four-year	Link
	Community College System of New Hampshire System Office	Administrative/service	Public two-year	Link
New Jersey				
	Not applicable	Administrative/service		
New Mexico				
	Not applicable	Administrative/service		
New York				

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	City University of New York System Office	Administrative/service	Public four-year and public two-year	Link
	State University of New York System Office	Administrative/service	Public four-year and public two-year	Link
North Carolina				
	University of North Carolina System Office	Administrative/service	Public four-year	Link
	North Carolina Community Colleges System Office	Administrative/service	Public two-year	Link
North Dakota				
	North Dakota University System Office	Administrative/service	Public four-year and public two-year	Link
Ohio				
	Not applicable	Administrative/service		
Oklahoma				
	Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education (Agency)	Administrative/service	Public four-year, public two-year and other (e.g., Independent/non-profit, proprietary, online or specialty)	Link
Oregon				
	Oregon Higher Education Coordinating Commission (Agency)	Administrative/service	Public four-year, public two-year and other (e.g., Independent/non-profit, proprietary, online or specialty)	Link
Pennsylvania				
	Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education System Office	Administrative/service	Public four-year	Link
Rhode Island				
	Rhode Island Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner	Administrative/service	Public four-year and public two-year	Link
South Carolina				
	South Carolina Commission on Higher Education (Agency)	Administrative/service	Public four-year and public two-year	Link
South Dakota				
	South Dakota Board of Regents System Office	Administrative/service	Public four-year	Link

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	South Dakota Board of Technical College System Office	Administrative/service	Public two-year	Link
Tennessee				
	Tennessee Higher Education Commission (Agency)	Administrative/service	Public four-year, public two-year and other (e.g., Independent/non-profit, proprietary, online or specialty)	Link
Texas				
	Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (Agency)	Administrative/service	Public four-year, public two-year and other (e.g., Independent/non-profit, proprietary, online or specialty)	Link
Utah				
	Utah System of Higher Education System Office	Administrative/service	Public four-year and public two-year	Link
Vermont				
	Vermont State Colleges System Office	Administrative/service	Public four-year and public two-year	Link
Virginia				
	State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (Agency)	Administrative/service	Public four-year, public two-year and other (e.g., Independent/non-profit, proprietary, online or specialty)	Link
Washington				
	Washington Student Achievement Council (Agency)	Administrative/service	Public four-year, public two-year and other (e.g., Independent/non-profit, proprietary, online or specialty)	Link
West Virginia				
	West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission (Agency)	Administrative/service	Public four-year	Link
	West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education (Agency)	Administrative/service	Public two-year	Link
Wisconsin				
	University of Wisconsin System Office	Administrative/service	Public four-year and public two-year	Link
	Wisconsin Technical College System Office	Administrative/service	Public two-year	Link

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Wyoming				
	Wyoming Community College Commission (Agency)	Administrative/service	Public two-year	Link