

Postsecondary Governance Structures

Membership Organizations

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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 Association of Independent Colleges and Universities	Membership	Independent/non-profit	Link
Alaska				
	Not applicable			
Arizona				
	Arizona Community College Coordinating Council	Membership	Public two-year	Link
Arkansas				
	Arkansas Community Colleges	Membership	Public two-year	Link
	Arkansas Independent Colleges and Universities, Inc.	Membership	Independent/non-profit	Link

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California				
	Community College League of California	Membership	Public two-year	Link
	Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities	Membership	Independent/non-profit	Link
Colorado				
	Independent Higher Education of Colorado	Membership	Independent/non-profit	Link
Connecticut				
	Connecticut Conference of Independent Colleges	Membership	Independent/non-profit	Link
Delaware				
	Not applicable			
District of Columbia				
	Not applicable			
Florida				
	Association of Florida Colleges	Membership	Public two-year	Link
	Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida Inc.	Membership	Independent/non-profit	Link
Georgia				
	Georgia Independent College Association	Membership	Independent/non-profit	Link
Hawaii				
	Not applicable			
Idaho				
	Not applicable			
Illinois				
	Illinois Community College Trustees Association	Membership	Public two-year	Link
	Federation of Independent Illinois Colleges and Universities	Membership	Independent/non-profit	Link

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Indiana				
	Independent Colleges of Indiana	Membership	Independent/non-profit	Link
Iowa				
	Iowa Association of Community College Trustees	Membership	Public two-year	Link
	Iowa Association of Independent Colleges and Universities	Membership	Independent/non-profit	Link
Kansas				
	Kansas Association of Community College Trustees	Membership	Public two-year	Link
	Kansas Independent College Association	Membership	Independent/non-profit	Link
Kentucky				
	Association of Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities	Membership	Independent/non-profit	Link
Louisiana				
	Louisiana Association of Independent Colleges and Universities	Membership	Independent/non-profit	Link
Maine				
	Maine Independent Colleges Association	Membership	Independent/non-profit	Link
Maryland				
	Maryland Association of Community Colleges	Membership	Public two-year	Link
	Maryland Independent College and University Association	Membership	Independent/non-profit	Link
Massachusetts				
	Massachusetts Community Colleges Executive Office	Membership	Public two-year	Link
	Association of Independent Colleges and Universities in Massachusetts	Membership	Independent/non-profit	Link
Michigan				

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	Michigan Association of State Universities	Membership	Public four-year	Link
	Michigan Community College Association	Membership	Public two-year	Link
	Michigan Independent Colleges & Universities	Membership	Independent/non-profit	Link
Minnesota				
	Minnesota Private College Council	Membership	Independent/non-profit	Link
Mississippi				
	Not applicable			
Missouri				
	Missouri Council on Public Higher Education	Membership	Public four-year	Link
	Missouri Community College Association	Membership	Public two-year	Link
	Independent Colleges and Universities of Missouri	Membership	Independent/non-profit	Link
Montana				
	Not applicable			
Nebraska				
	Nebraska Community College Association	Membership	Public two-year	Link
	Council of Independent Nebraska Colleges Foundation	Membership	Independent/non-profit	Link
Nevada				
	Not applicable			
New Hampshire				
	New Hampshire College and University Council	Membership	Public four-year, public two-year and other (e.g., Independent/non-profit, proprietary, online or specialty)	Link
New Jersey				
	New Jersey Association of State Colleges and Universities	Membership	Public four-year	Link

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	New Jersey Council of County Colleges	Membership	Public two-year	Link
	Association of Independent Colleges and Universities in New Jersey	Membership	Independent/non-profit	Link
New Mexico				
	Council of University Presidents	Membership	Public four-year	Link
	New Mexico Independent Community Colleges	Membership	Public two-year	Link
New York				
	Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities in New York	Membership	Independent/non-profit	Link
North Carolina				
	North Carolina Association of Community College Trustees	Membership	Public two-year	Link
	North Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities	Membership	Independent/non-profit	Link
North Dakota				
	Not applicable			
Ohio				
	Ohio Association of Community Colleges	Membership	Public two-year	Link
	Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Ohio	Membership	Independent/non-profit	Link
Oklahoma				
	Oklahoma Independent Colleges and Universities	Membership	Independent/non-profit	Link
Oregon				
	Oregon Community College Association	Membership	Public two-year	Link
	Oregon Alliance of Independent Colleges and Universities	Membership	Independent/non-profit	Link
Pennsylvania				

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	Pennsylvania Commission for Community Colleges	Membership	Public two-year	Link
	Association of Independent Colleges & Universities of Pennsylvania	Membership	Independent/non-profit	Link
Rhode Island				
	Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Rhode Island	Membership	Independent/non-profit	Link
South Carolina				
	South Carolina Association of Technical College Commissioners	Membership	Public two-year	Link
	South Carolina Independent College and Universities, Inc.	Membership	Independent/non-profit	Link
South Dakota				
	Not applicable			
Tennessee				
	Tennessee Independent Colleges and Universities Association	Membership	Independent/non-profit	Link
Texas				
	Community College Association of Texas Trustees	Membership	Public two-year	Link
	Council of Public University Presidents and Chancellors	Membership	Public four-year	Link
	Texas Association of Community Colleges	Membership	Public two-year	Link
	Independent Colleges and Universities of Texas, Inc.	Membership	Independent/non-profit	Link
Utah				
	Not applicable			
Vermont				
	Association of Vermont Independent Colleges	Membership	Independent/non-profit	Link
Virginia				

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	Council of Independent Colleges in Virginia	Membership	Independent/non-profit	Link
Washington				
	Council of Presidents	Membership	Public four-year	Link
	Washington Association of Community and Technical Colleges	Membership	Public two-year	Link
	Independent Colleges of Washington	Membership	Independent/non-profit	Link
West Virginia				
	West Virginia's Independent Colleges and Universities, Inc.	Membership	Independent/non-profit	Link
Wisconsin				
	Wisconsin Technical College District Board Association	Membership	Public two-year	Link
	Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities	Membership	Independent/non-profit	Link
Wyoming				
	Wyoming Association of Community College Trustees	Membership	Public two-year	Link