

Higher Education SMART Act Hearing

Joint Education Committee

January 13, 2023



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DHE Mission & Vision

DHE's mission is to support students,
advocate and develop policies to maximize
higher education opportunities for all.

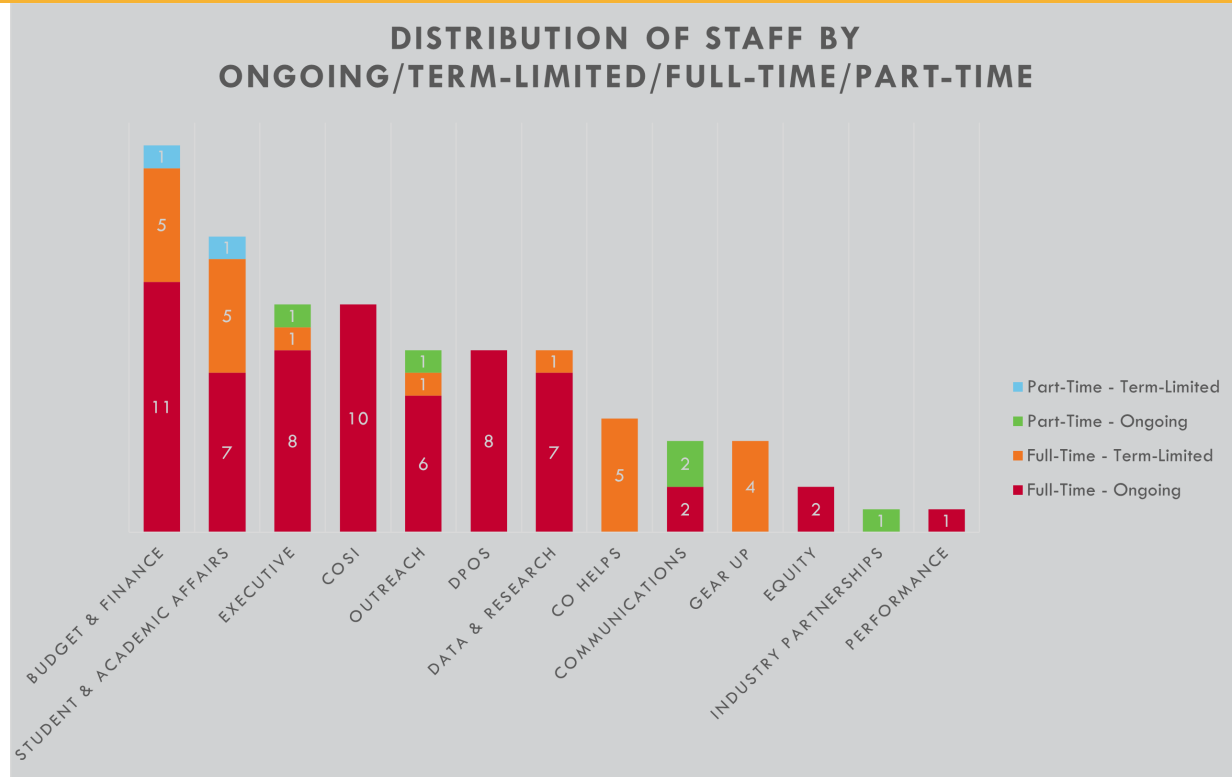
DHE's vision is that all Coloradans will have an education beyond
high school to pursue their dreams and improve our communities.



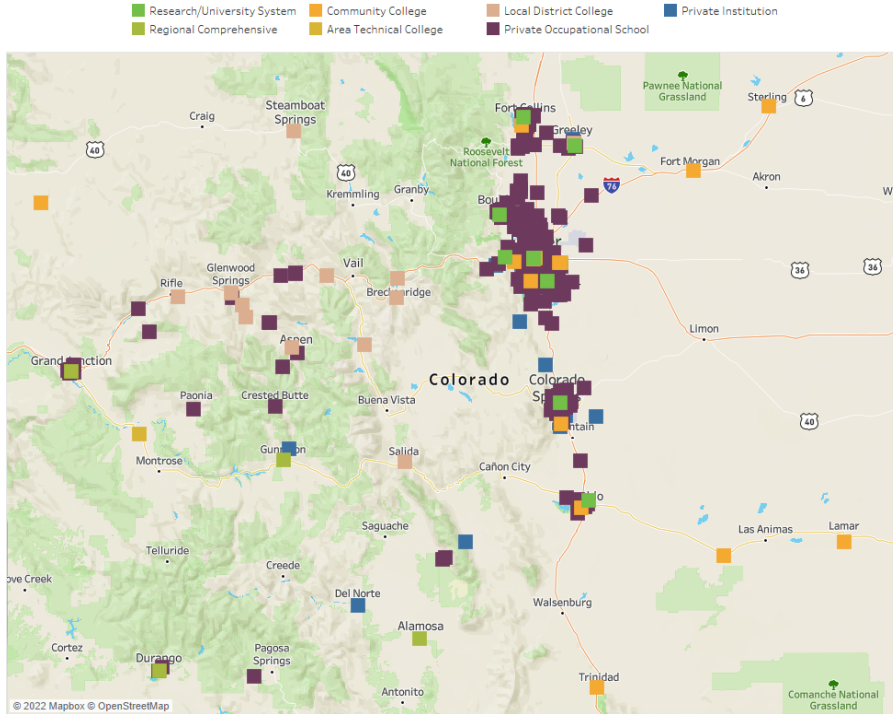
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DHE Organizational Chart



Colorado's Institutions of Higher Education



8

Research &/or University System

5

Regional Comprehensive

13

Community College

3

Area Technical College

2

Local District College

273

Private Occupational School

75

Private Institution

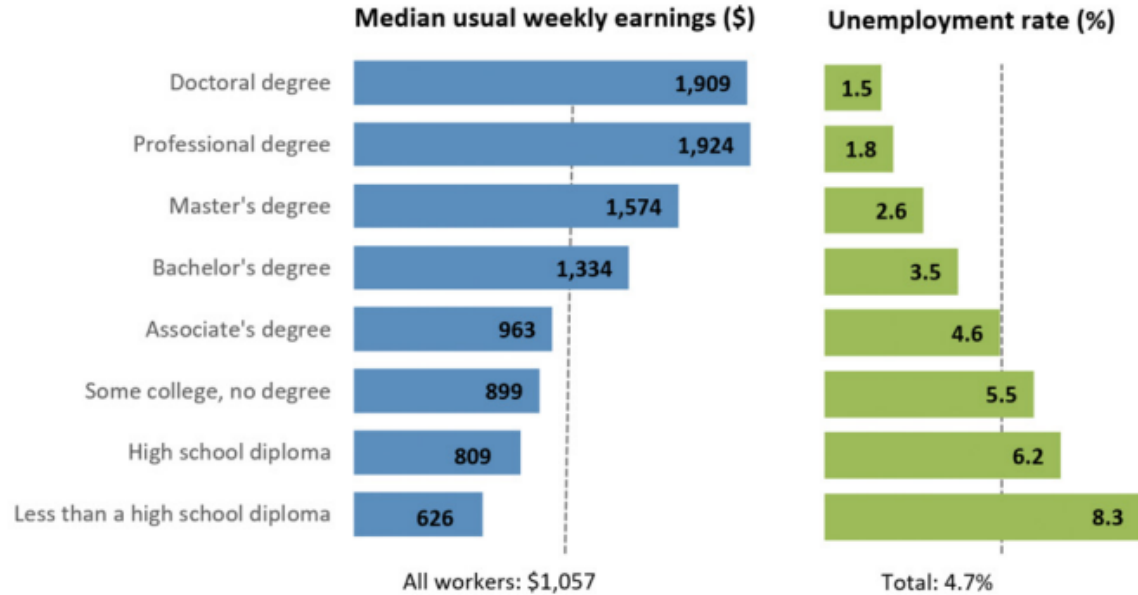


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<https://cdhe.colorado.gov/students/preparing-for-college/selecting-an-institution>



Educational Attainment and the Labor Force



Note: Data are for persons age 25 and over. Earnings are for full-time wage and salary workers.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey.



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Strategic Plan for Higher Education



STRATEGIC GOAL #1

Increase Completion

STRATEGIC GOAL #3

Improve Student Success

STRATEGIC GOAL #2

Erase Equity Gaps

STRATEGIC GOAL #4

Commit to Affordability,
Cost Containment and Innovation

Colorado Commission on Higher Education



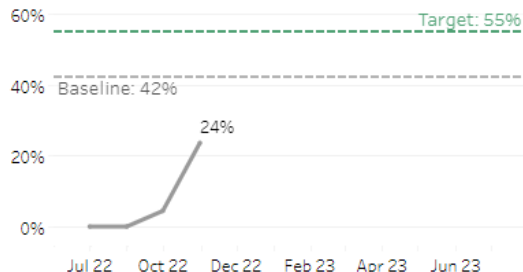
- 11 members appointed by Governor Polis; 12 advisors represent key stakeholders
- Led the Student Success and Workforce Revitalization Task Force
- Revised the state strategic plan to a completely refreshed ROI-focused plan.
- Commitment to postsecondary education value for ALL Coloradans.

Wildly Important Goals (WIGs)

FAFSA Completion

Wildly Important Goal:

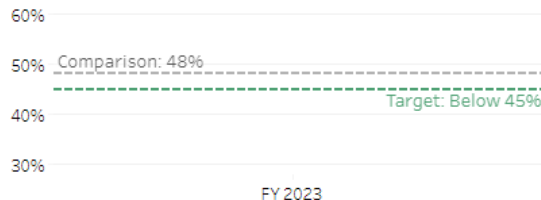
Increase FAFSA completion among high school seniors in Colorado from 42% to 55% by June 30, 2023.



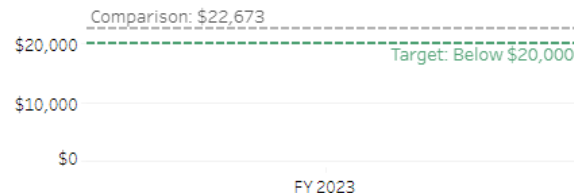
Cost Containment and Affordability for Learners

Wildly Important Goals:

Decrease the overall percentage of students graduating with debt from 48% to 45% by June 30, 2023.



Decrease the average amount of debt per graduating student from \$22,673 to below \$20,000 by June 30, 2023.



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Wildly Important Goals (WIGs)

Erasing Equity Gaps in Postsecondary Education

Wildly Important Goal:

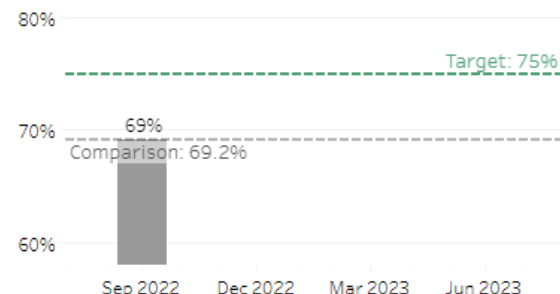
Increase the number of credential completions by students of color and low-income students by 5%, from 14,367 to 15,085, by June 30, 2023.



Workforce Development - Pick Your Pathway

Wildly Important Goal:

Increase the percentage of postsecondary programs that require a work-based learning component from 69.2% to 75% by June 30, 2023.



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Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion



- EDI Trainings
- Equity Champions Coalition Cohort 3- Senior Equity Officers
- Launched Statewide Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) Consortium
- Extending Social Determinants of Student Success Work
- Student Voice Speaker Series



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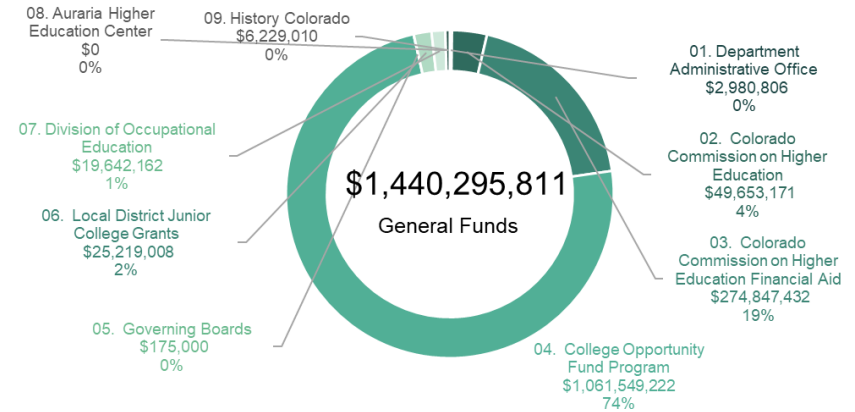
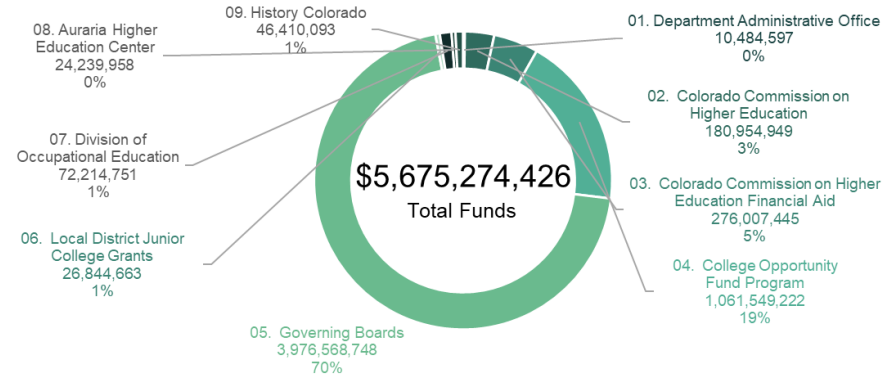
CDHE FY 2023-24 Budget Request

FY 2023-24 Budget Snapshot

FY 2023-24 Total Funds: \$5.68B

FY 2023-24 General Fund: \$1.44B

FY 2023-24 FTE: 26,488.7



DHE FY 2023-24 Budget Requests

R1 – State Funding Increase for Public Higher Education, including an additional \$3M for Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative

R2 –Tuition Spending Authority

R3 –Fort Lewis College Native American Tuition Waiver

R4—Colorado Cannabis Research Funding-Institute for Cannabis Research (ICR)

Budget Amendments

BA-01: Technical Adjustment for Fitzsimons Lease Purchase Agreement

BA-02: Strategic Staffing Support for Department of Higher Education

Legislative Set Asides

\$40M to provide zero-cost postsecondary education and training

\$5M to expand short-term nursing programs

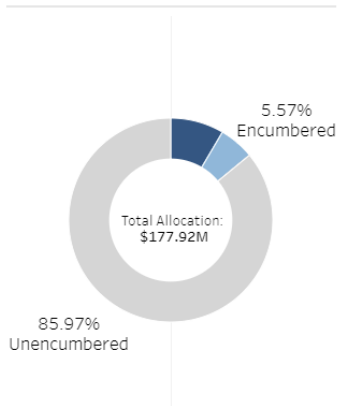
Legislative Agenda

Selective Service at Colorado Institutions of Higher Education

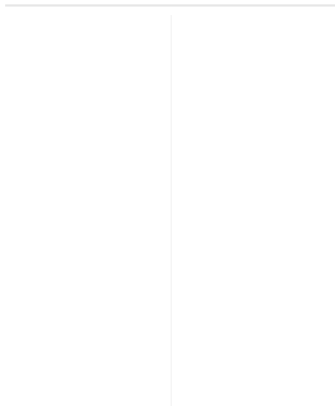
Increasing Access to the Colorado Re-Engaged Initiative

Stimulus Funding Implementation

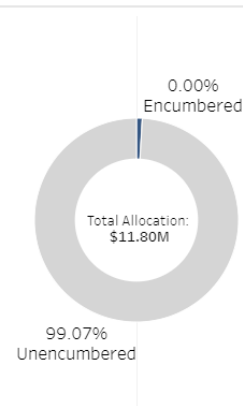
ARPA State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF)



ARPA Direct to Agency Awards (DAA)



State Stimulus



Of our total allocation of \$192 million we have sent \$101.7 million to our partners as of December 31st, 2022.

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First Term Wins



- More Completion, Less Debt
- Open Educational Resources
- Free Application Days
- Social Determinants of Student Success
- Zero-Cost Entry Level Training in Healthcare and Early Childhood
- Creation of the CASFA

Thank you!



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Appendix: More information

To view monthly updates on Wildly Important Goals and corresponding lead measures, please visit the [Governor's Dashboard](#).

For more information on additional CDHE goals, view our strategic plan dashboard at: masterplan.highered.colorado.gov/dashboard

Appendix: Regulatory Agenda

The Department's 2023 Regulatory Agenda for the Division of Private Occupational Schools, the Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative and the State Historical Society can be accessed [here](#).

Appendix: Sexual Misconduct Advisory Committee

The state of Colorado continues to be positioned to be a national leader in the prevention and response to sexual misconduct at Institutes of Higher Education (IHEs) since the passage of C.R.S. §§ 23-5-146 et seq. (SB 19-007) in May 2019.

[Sexual Misconduct Advisory Committee Website](#)

Appendix: COSLI

Access the annual COSLI report [here](#).

You can learn more about this state-funded program [here](#).