

ARIZONA EDUCATION PROGRESS METER

WHERE WE STAND TODAY

QUALITY EARLY LEARNING

21% 2030 GOAL-45%

Percent of three and four year old children that are in quality early learning settings.

3RD GRADE READING

440/₀
2030 GOAL – 72%

Percent of 3rd grade students who scored proficient or highly proficient on the AzMERIT English language arts assessment.

8TH GRADE MATH

38% 2030 GOAL-69%

Percent of 8th grade students who are prepared to be successful in high school math.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION



Percent of high school students who graduate in 4 years.

OPPORTUNITY YOUTH



Percent of 16-24 year olds NOT going to school or working.

POST HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT



Percent of high school graduates enrolled in postsecondary education the semester after graduating high school.

ATTAINMENT



Percent of Arizona residents age 25-64 who have completed a 2-or 4-year degree or received an industry certificate.

TEACHER PAY

ARIZONA RANKS

49

2022 GOAL— REACH NATIONAL MEDIAN*

Arizona's ranking compared to other states for median elementary teacher pay. *Adjusted for cost of living.





A SHARED VISION FOR AN EXCELLENT EDUCATION FOR ALL

We believe that every child deserves an excellent education, every step of the way, and Arizona voters agree that education is a top priority. The success of every child is vital to our state's economic prosperity, quality of life and civic health. We must close the achievement gap that leaves so many children behind, increase educational attainment overall and prepare a highly skilled workforce.

To fully understand how far we need to go, we must have reliable information that tells us where we are as a state on issues ranging from access to quality early learning to postsecondary attainment and everything in between. The Education Progress Meter provides a nonpartisan, shared source of information to inform where we stand and to help unify us around where we want to go so we can continue to make progress together.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON EACH INDICATOR, SUCCESS STORIES FROM AROUND THE STATE AND WAYS TO GET INVOLVED VISIT: EXPECTMOREARIZONA.ORG/PROGRESS

DATA SOURCES

QUALITY EARLY LEARNING:

First Things First, Arizona Department of Education, Arizona Department of Economic Security, 2015-16. U.S. Census Bureau, 2015.

3RD GRADE READING:

Arizona Department of Education, 2017 AzMERIT results.

8TH GRADE MATH:

Arizona Department of Education, 2017 AzMERIT results. (Students passing the 8th grade AzMERIT assessment, Algebra I end of course test, Geometry end of course test, or Algebra II end of course test.)

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION:

Arizona Department of Education, 2016 Graduation Rate Report.

OPPORTUNITY YOUTH:

U.S. Census Bureau, 1 Year Public Use Microdata Series Person File for Arizona, 2016.

POST HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT:

National Student Clearinghouse via Arizona Board of Regents, 2015-16. National Center for Education Statistics.

ATTAINMENT:

U.S. Census Bureau, 1-Year Public Use Microdata Series Person File for Arizona, 2016 and Current Population Survey (CPS), 2017.

TEACHER PAY:

Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Employment Statistics, 2017. Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Price Parities, 2017. Adjusted for cost of living by Morrison Institute for Public Policy at ASU.

*Current figures for median elementary teacher pay based on source data:

Arizona: \$44,990 United States: \$57,160