



## Arizona FAFSA Challenge Dashboard Data

**Enrollment data:** The enrollment data used is the October 1st enrollment data provided by the Arizona Department of Education (ADE), <https://www.azed.gov/accountability-research/data/>. Due to the delay of the release of the current school years October 1st enrollment data by the ADE, the previous school years' 11th grade enrollment data is used to project the current senior class.

**FAFSA Completion Data:** The FAFSA completion data by high school is provided by the U.S. Department of Education, <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/about/data-center/student/application-volume/fafsa-completion-high-school>. For each high school, the number of submitted and completed FAFSA applications is reported for the current application cycle and the same time period last year for the previous application cycle. Additional detail on how the U.S. Department of Education determines the completion date can be found here: <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/about/datacenter/student/application-volume/fafsa-completion-data>.

**Completed FAFSA:** A completed FAFSA is necessary to determine eligibility for federal (and other) sources of financial aid. When a student submits the application with requirements missing, it is rejected by the U.S. Department of Education's Central Processing System at which time students are notified of actions required to complete it. The U.S. Department of Education includes school data on FAFSA submissions in its reports, but they are not included as a part of the dashboard

**School Name:** Full school name provided by the Arizona Department of Education (ADE).

### FAFSA Completion Rate Calculation:

Challenges:  $\text{Number of FAFSA's Completed} \div \text{High School Senior class size}$

Schools with >5 Completed FAFSA's reported on the US Department of Education FAFSA Completion Reports have been calculate using an average of 2.5 within the FAFSA completion rate calculation.

### Schools not included in the Arizona FAFSA Challenge Dashboard

The Arizona FAFSA Challenge Dashboard was created to allow users the ability to track progress of high school FAFSA completions as well as make accurate and reasonable comparisons using the FAFSA completion data collected over the past two years. Due to the availability of data, not all high schools are reported in the Arizona FAFSA Challenge Dashboard. The following high schools have been omitted:

- All Private Schools
- Public and or Charter Schools with no reported enrollment data
- Public and or Charter Schools with no reported US Department of Education FAFSA Completion data
- Schools identified as primarily serving adult students

- Schools listed on U.S. Department of Education FAFSA reports whose names were determined too ambiguous to assign a match with the Arizona Department of Education OCT 1<sup>st</sup> enrollment reports

**Note:** Schools listed on the dashboard have a reported October 1st enrollment count from the Arizona Department of Education and FAFSA completion data from the U.S. Department of Education on file. High Schools not reported on the October 1st enrolment data and or do not have FAFSA completion data on file are not included in the dashboard data.

**School Size:** The Arizona FAFSA Challenge uses the following indicator based on a high school's number of 12th grade students enrolled to classify them in the following categories:

Small: 1-100 Seniors

Medium: 101-399 Seniors

Large: 400 and above Seniors