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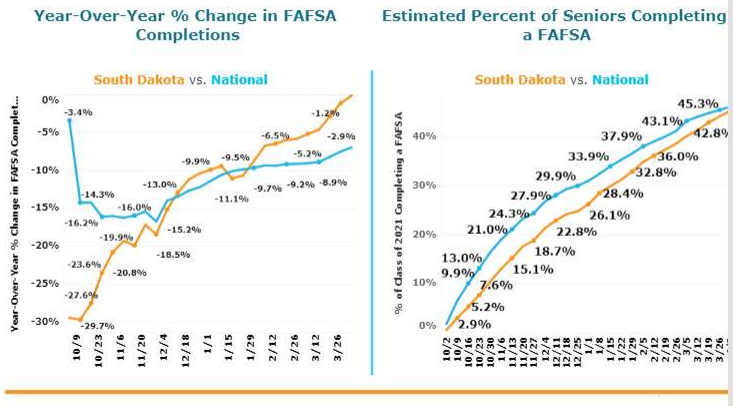
Research and Issues



- FAFSA completion and college pursuit
- Missed opportunities
- Needs of higher-poverty districts
- Higher need for financial aid due to pandemic
- Educational challenges of Native American students
- Student engagement issues in online programs

2021-22 FAFSA Completions

(as of April 2, 2021)

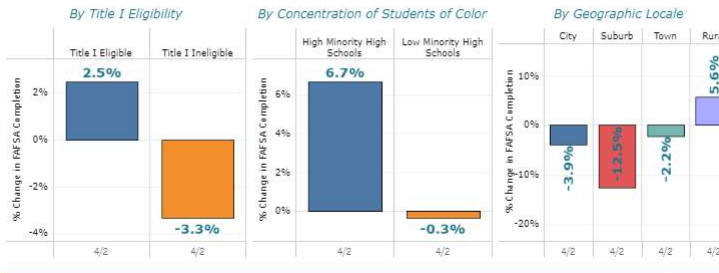


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% Change in FAFSA Completion Year-Over-Year by Selected Characteristics (South Dakota)



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Program Objectives

- Support school counselors
- Provide informative and effective presentations
- Make information accessible
- Reach as many as students and parents as possible
- Address needs of underserved and minority populations
- Demonstrate the ease of online events
- Respond promptly to questions
- Provide excellent customer service

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Audiences

The services we provide are ultimately for the benefit of students and families.

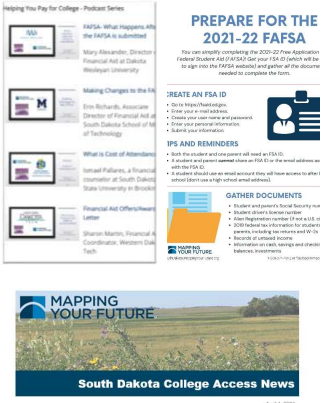
Primary audience

- High school counselor

Secondary audiences

- Postsecondary admissions and financial aid professionals
- State education officials
- College access/financial aid organizations and associations
- State and nonprofit organizations that assist students and families

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Welcome to the South Dakota College Access News! Feel free to share this newsletter with your colleagues who can register for their own [subscription](#).

Here are articles with you in mind:

[Schedule 2021 online presentations for your students](#)
Contact us today to schedule your fall financial aid night or a spring semester presentation on making the most of high school.

[Handout created to explore SouthDakota.MappingYourFuture.org site](#)

PREPARE FOR THE 2021-22 FAFSA

You can start by completing the 2021-22 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on your FSA ID (which you use to sign into the FAFSA website) and gather all the documents needed to complete the form.

CREATE AN FSA ID

- You have a Social Security Number
- You are at least 13 years old
- You are a U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- You have your own email address
- You have your own phone number

IPS AND REMINDERS

- Both the student and the parent will need an FSA ID
- A student or parent cannot claim an FSA ID in the email address associated with the FSA ID
- A student should use an email account they will have access to after it is over (not one or two high school email addresses)

GATHER DOCUMENTS

- Student and parent's Social Security Number
- Student's current income tax return
- All federal and state FAFSA IDs as of 2020 (Federal tax information for student parents making the FAFSA application)
- Records of untaxed income
- Information on any federal and state financial investments

Outreach and Communications

Email

Newsletters

Phone calls


Podcasts

Printed publications

Texting

Webinars

Website



2021-22 FAFSA COMPLETIONS IN SOUTH DAKOTA

FAFSA UPDATE

February 2021

South Dakota FAFSA Numbers

Completions increasing but still below last year

The good news is that FAFSA completions in South Dakota are increasing for the 2021-22 academic year; however, completions are still down when compared to this same time a year ago. As of February 5, 2021, **24.7 percent** of South Dakota high school seniors (or 3,296 students) have completed a 2021-22 FAFSA. This is a **6.8 percent drop** in FAFSA completions compared to the last academic year.*

National Statistics

Nationally, FAFSA completion has dropped 9.4 percent when compared to last year. South Dakota is now ranking 30th among all the states in FAFSA completion, increasing its ranking from 36th in January 2021.

School Statistics

These South Dakota schools have the top percentage increases in FAFSA completion as of February 5, 2021.

1. Corsica-Stickney High School - 150%
2. Philip High School - 144.4%
3. Red Cloud High School - 137.5%
4. New Underwood High School - 120%
5. Clark High School - 100%
6. Coleman-Egan High School - 100%

FAFSA TIP

Even though you can import your financial information automatically into the FAFSA using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool, you should have your 2019 tax return with you so you can refer to it, if needed, and to ensure that the information you provide on the FAFSA (name, address, etc.) matches exactly what you put on your tax return.

NEED HELP?

If you or someone you know needs help completing the FAFSA, contact Mapping Your Future at 1-800-374-4672 or feedback@mappingyourfuture.org.

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A graphic for a texting service. On the left, there is a circular image of a smartphone on a keyboard. To its right is a blue square. Below these is a screenshot of a text message form titled "COLLEGE & FINANCIAL AID TIPS & REMINDERS" with a "SUBSCRIBE" button and a checkbox for agreeing to receive text messages. To the right of the graphic, the text "Texting Service" is written in a large font, followed by "Text #SDMYFUTURE to 81411".

Texting Service

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Collaboration

- SDASFAA
- DACAC
- ACT Council for South Dakota
- South Dakota Board of Regents
- South Dakota Department of Education



A graphic with a teal background on the left and a field of sunflowers on the right. The teal section contains the text "Make your future bloom with possibilities" and "Use the free college planning and financial aid help from Mapping Your Future." Below this, it says "Text #MyFuture to 41411 or Visit SouthDakota.MappingYourFuture.org". At the bottom of the teal section is the "MAPPING YOUR FUTURE" logo and contact information: "800-374-4072" and "feedback@MappingYourFuture.org".

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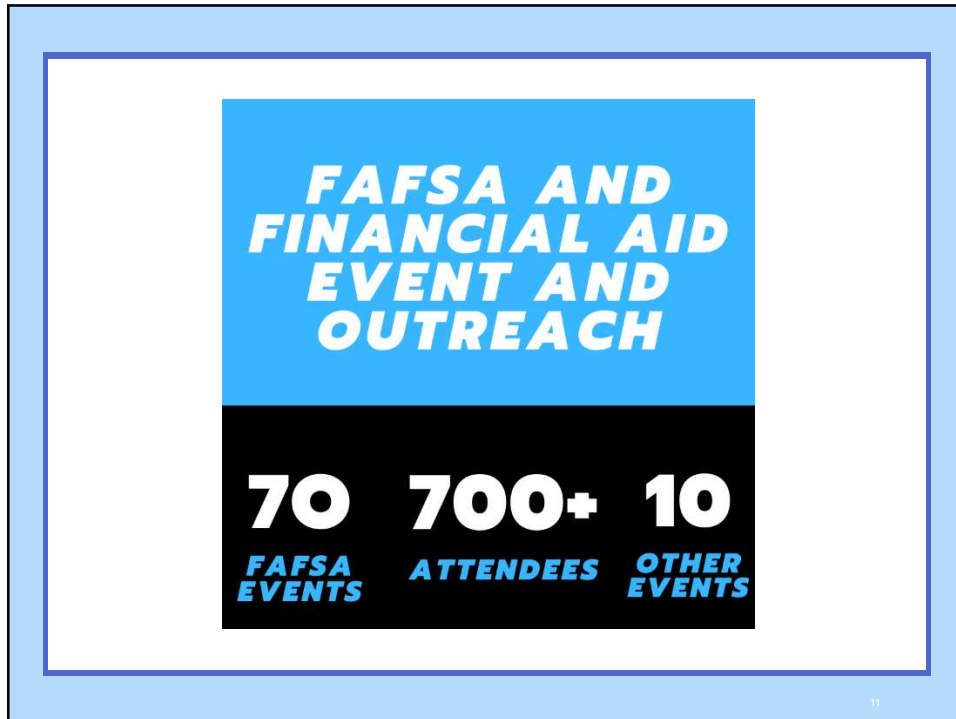
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Results

“I didn’t recognize one of the names (in the meeting) and later figured out it was a parent who lives in Las Vegas attending for their student here. I thought that was very nice! (good to have parents who live away being interested in what is going on!)”

-Lead-Deadwood Counselor

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Results



“Continue it virtually. This allowed parents not in town at the time to access the presentation.”

-Florence High School Counselor

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Feedback/ Survey Comments

“Very good information, very convenient for families, great delivery system with technology.”

“They do a really good job, and we appreciate it every year.”

“Don't change a thing!”

“It was an excellent presentation with clear and concise information.”

“Thank you for presenting!! Many parents commented that it was helpful, especially the handout.”

“Thank you very much! We greatly appreciate your services!”

“Thank you again for presenting to our school. I know many families really appreciate the valuable information, as the FAFSA can be a bit intimidating.”

“The quality was great, and I feel so much better about doing another distance/webinar meeting format in the future -- it was very streamlined and easy! Thanks so much!”

“Appreciate it... we will be using your service again!”

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Opportunities

COLLABORATION AND SUPPORT

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