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Ten Facts about Higher Education in Connecticut

HARTFORD, Dec. 30 – The Connecticut Department of Higher Education has released a list of “Ten Facts about Higher Education in Connecticut” worth considering as the new year begins. The list contains important information that is relevant to students, families and the state as a whole. This is a sample of the information developed by the Department on an ongoing basis.

1. Connecticut is ranked among the top five states in the U.S. in both income and education level. (Sources: [U.S. Census](#) & CT Department of Higher Education, [Higher Education Counts](#))
2. A [recent study](#) for New England predicts that Connecticut’s level of educational attainment will decline by 2020.
3. More than half of all Connecticut high school graduates enroll at a Connecticut college in the fall following their senior year. (Source: CT Department of Higher Education, [Higher Education Counts](#))
4. Many of these students are not ready for college-level math or English courses and need to take remedial classes. (Source: CT Department of Higher Education, [Higher Education Counts](#))
5. More than half of the students (55%) enrolled in a CT 4-year public college has not graduated after six years of study. (Source: CT Department of Higher Education)
6. More than two-thirds of graduates from Connecticut public colleges are working in-state in their first year after graduating. (Source: CT Department of Labor, [Building Connecticut’s Workforce](#))
7. Community college graduates working in health care earn more than \$40,000 per year in their first year on the job. (Source: CT Department of Labor, [Building Connecticut’s Workforce](#))
8. A middle income family making \$50,000 - \$75,000 a year pays, on average, annual tuition of \$1,200 to attend a Connecticut community college, \$4,500 to attend a Connecticut State University campus, or \$6,700 to attend the University of Connecticut. This estimate includes federal and state financial aid, but does not include campus scholarships, loans, or charges for room and board. (Source: CT Department of Higher Education)
9. The percent of minority student enrollment in our public colleges – 22.5% – exceeds the percentage of minority adults aged 18 and over in the state – 21.4%. (Source: CT Department of Higher Education, [Higher Education Counts](#))
10. Men earn 51.5% of high school diplomas but only 40% of the college degrees granted in Connecticut. (Source: CT Department of Higher Education, [2007 Degrees Conferred Report](#))

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