



Education Forward Arizona

Statewide nonprofit that advocates and acts on improving student outcomes

- Brings together Expect More Arizona, Achieve60AZ and College Success Arizona
- Created as a reflection of what business, education and community leaders have said:

It's time for Arizona to prioritize education and take bold actions to get there.





***Our Challenge: Increasing
Education Attainment by 14% by
2030***

Achieve60AZ

- **46% attainment today → 60% by 2030**
- Arizona's attainment goal
- 1 million more people with credentials or degrees needed





In Arizona...

Nearly 7 out of 10 jobs require a degree or credential

However, just 46% of Arizonans have a degree or industry recognized credential today





Advancing Education Attainment

A more educated workforce, with training and credentials beyond high school leads to:

- Higher wages
- Increased tax revenue
- Less unemployment
- Healthy, vibrant communities





90%

**OF VOTERS BELIEVE
THAT ACCESS TO
COLLEGE, A UNIVERSITY
OR ADVANCED TRAINING
AFTER HIGH SCHOOL
SETS A STUDENT UP
FOR SUCCESS**





Arizona Education Progress Meter

Nonpartisan tool that helps us see where we stand and where we want to go

- Partnership with the Center for the Future of Arizona
- Includes 8 key education indicators and goals
- Includes state, county, city, district, school and subgroup data
- Community owned, developed with input from 200+ organizations statewide
- Data chosen as predictors of student success

An agreed upon framework to rally the community around common goals and encourage action



Developed by Arizona Experts

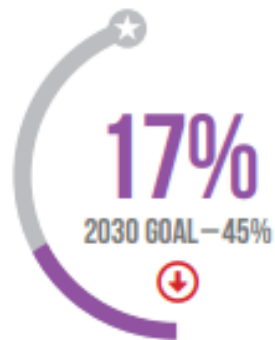


- Leaders selected to lead each indicator
- 200+ organizations involved in goal setting
- Extensive Vetting
- All goals lead to Achieve60AZ goal, focused on closing achievement gaps
- Launched in 2017

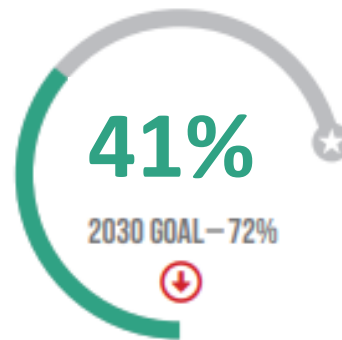


Arizona Education Progress Meter

Quality Early Learning



3rd Grade Reading



8th Grade Math



High School Graduation



Opportunity Youth



MEDIAN ELEMENTARY
TEACHER PAY

ARIZONA RANKS
50TH

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Post High School
Enrollment



Attainment



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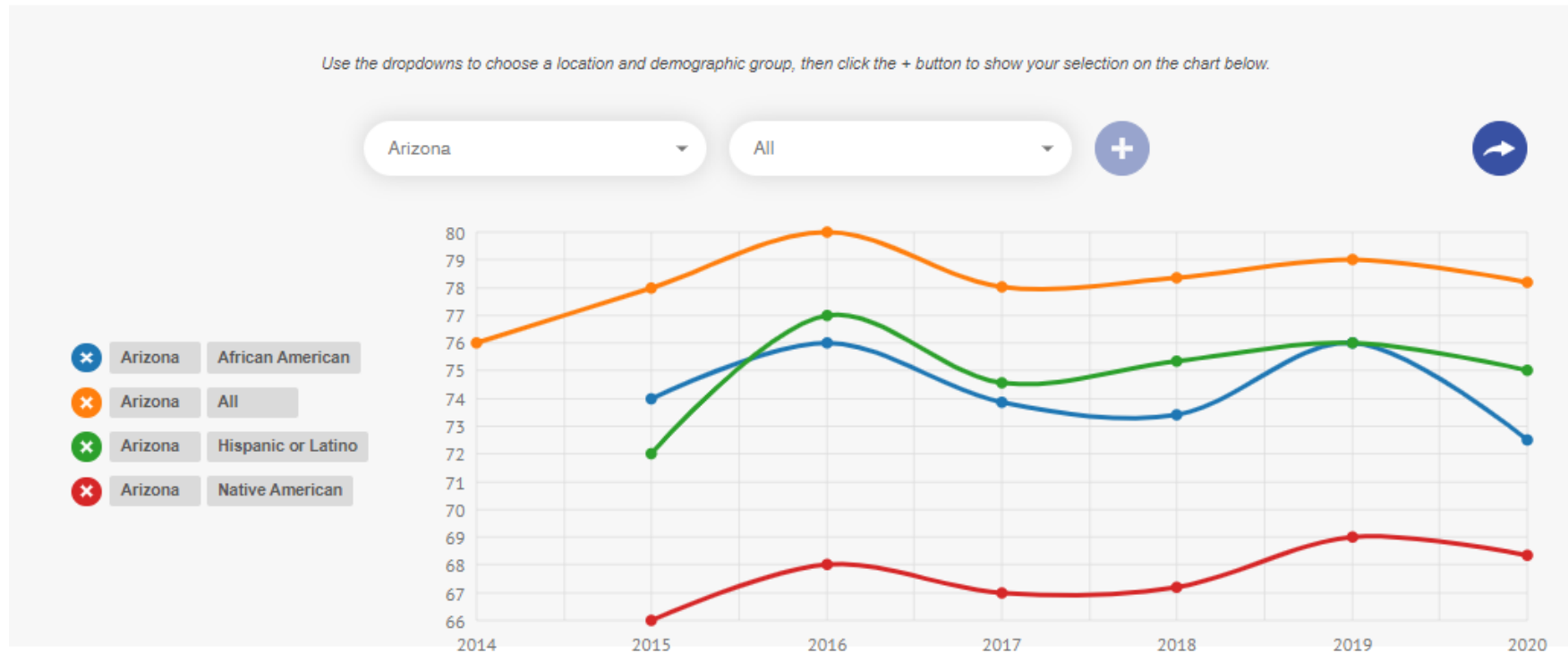


Robust Data Tool

State, County, City, District, School & Group Level Data

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

Percent of Arizona high school students graduating in 4 years.





EducationForwardArizona.org/Progress

COVID's Impact has been Significant

This is a reflection of a global pandemic and not on the ability of our teachers and students P-20:

	PRE-COVID	CURRENT	% CHANGE	GOAL
Quality Early Learning	19%	17%	-2%	45%
3 rd Grade Reading	46%	41%*	-5%	72%
8 th Grade Math	41%	27%	-8%	69%
HS Graduation	79%	78%	-1%	90%
Opportunity Youth	12%	12%	--%	7%
Post HS Enrollment	53%	46%	-7%	70%
Attainment	46%	46%	--%	60%





Arizona Education Progress Meter

Allows us to:

- See where we stand today
- Raise awareness of achievement gaps
- Catalyst for conversations among business, education, city and civic groups
- Drive action at the state and community levels



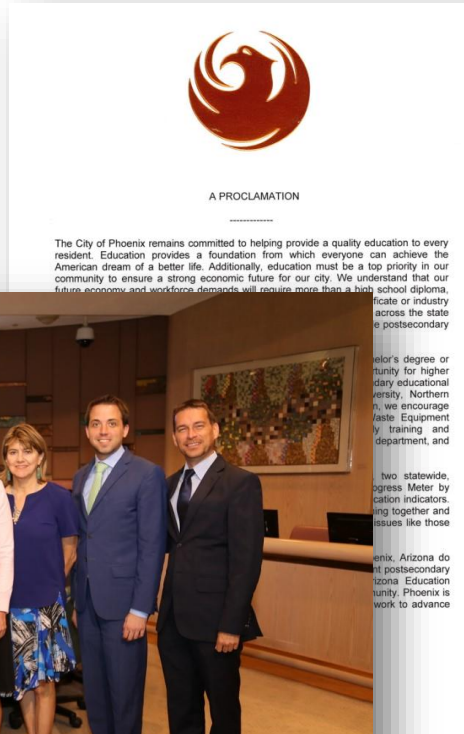


For the first time, Arizona has a widely-supported set of goals and indicators for P-20 education

Who Supports the Education Progress Meter?

Widely Accepted Framework for Education, P-20

- ADE, SBE, & other elected officials
- Governor's Office
- Educators, school districts
- Business and community leaders
- Advocacy organizations
- Funders
- Media
- Nearly 50 cities and towns



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City of Apache Junction
City of Buckeye
City of Casa Grande
City of Chandler
City of Coolidge
City of Cottonwood
City of Douglas
City of Eloy
City of Flagstaff
City of Glendale
City of Holbrook
City of Kingman
City of Maricopa
City of Mesa

City of Nogales
City of Phoenix
City of Prescott
City of San Luis
City of Scottsdale
City of Sedona
City of Show Low
City of Tempe
City of Tolleson
City of Tucson
City of Winslow
Coconino County
Lake Havasu City
Pinal County

Santa Cruz County
Town of Camp Verde
Town of Florence
Town of Hayden
Town of Kearny
Town of Marana
Town of Mammoth
Town of Oro Valley
Town of Payson
Town of Prescott Valley
Town of Queen Creek
Town of Sahuarita
Town of Superior
Town of Winkelman
Yavapai County





How Can You Use the Education Progress Meter?



Communities Across the State are Using the Education Progress Meter

A few examples:

- Communities are creating local versions of the Education Progress Meter
- Local Attainment Goal Setting
- Advocating for policies that will advance the goals
- Funders use it to make funding decisions



As a Mayor, how can I use it?



Mayors and city leaders can use the data to...

- **Convene conversations with city and education leaders**
 - Why are some students doing well and others not? What can be done to help all students succeed?
 - How can we close the achievement and opportunity gaps?
- **Endorse the Education Progress Meter and Achieve60AZ goal**
- **Review your programs and funding**
 - How are they helping to move the needle on the goals?
- **Feature the Education Progress Meter on your website**
 - What policies, programs and funding are needed to move the goals forward?





The Time to Act is Now



The Next Five Years are Critical for Arizona's Future

The actions we take now will shape the trajectory for AZ for generations

- We have great teachers and students with limitless potential
- We should be focused on the issues that matter the most



We Must Accelerate Progress to Reach the Goals





What will it take to reach the goals?

Shared Action Plan

- Key strategies we can rally around
- 300+ Arizona business, education, community leaders
 - Including educators and students





Thank You!

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