



2024 Legislative Session Recap

March 25, 2024



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Agenda

- **WSAC background information**
- **2024 legislative session outcomes / Q&A**
 - 2024 supplemental operating budget
 - WSAC request legislation
 - Other postsecondary education legislation
- **Panel discussion / Q&A**
 - Nancy Canales-Montiel, WA Student Association
 - Neil Strege, WA Roundtable
 - Bill Lyne, United Faculty of WA
- **Closing**



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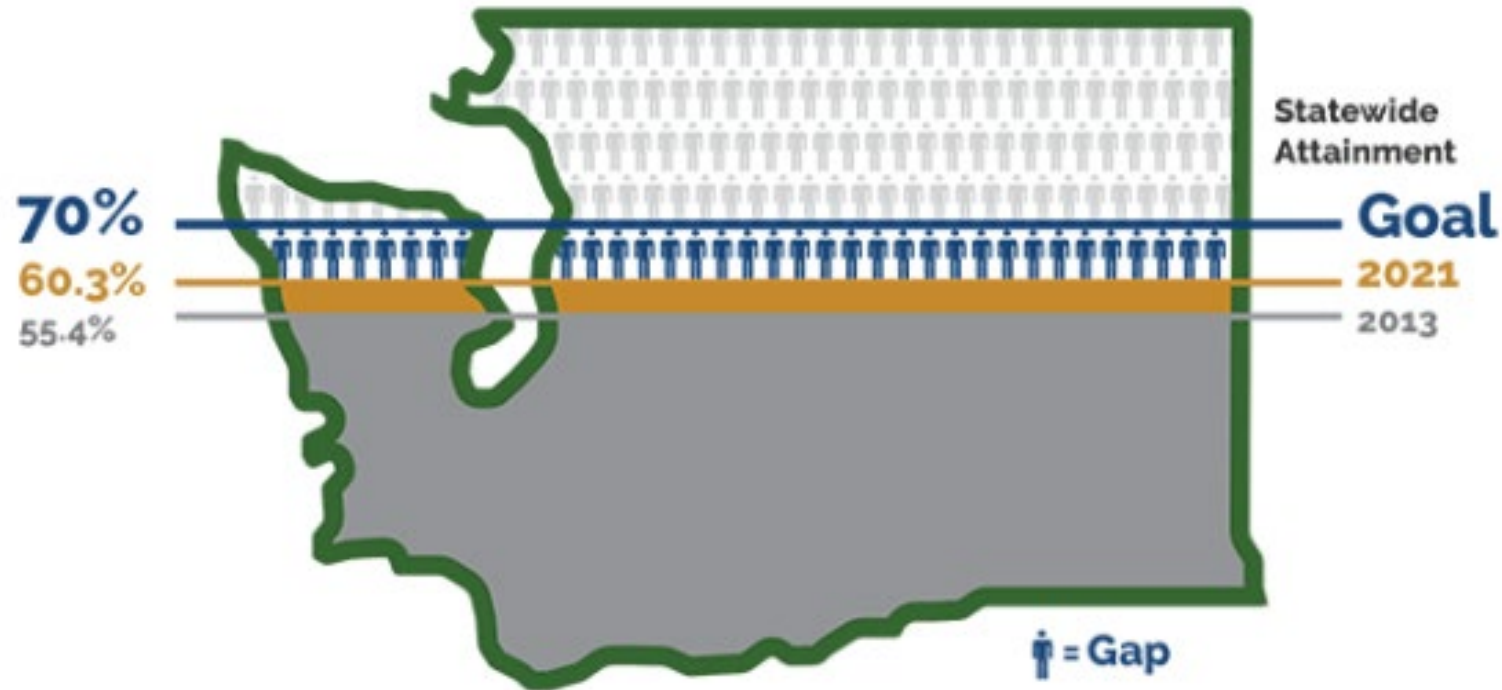


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Washington's postsecondary attainment goal

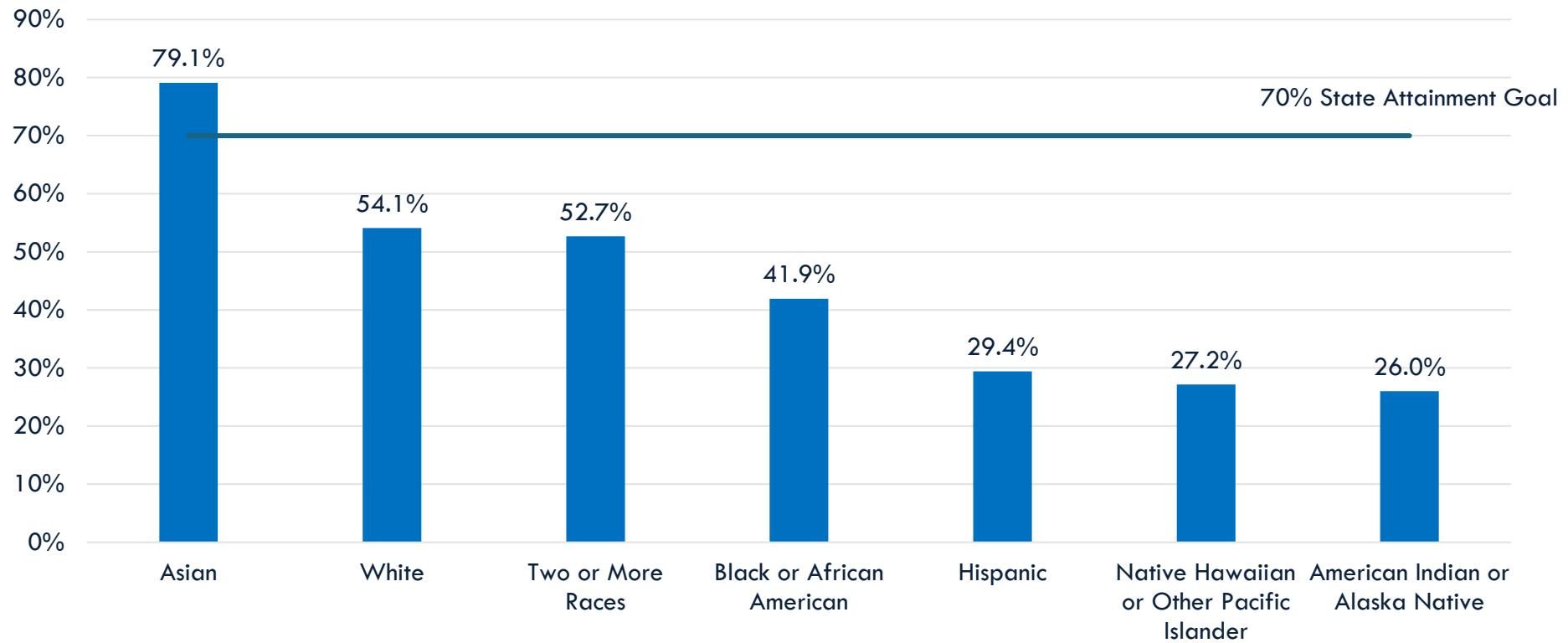
At least 70 percent of Washington adults, ages 25–44, within each racial and ethnic community and region, will have a postsecondary credential. Currently, an estimated 62 percent of Washington's adults have a credential beyond high school.





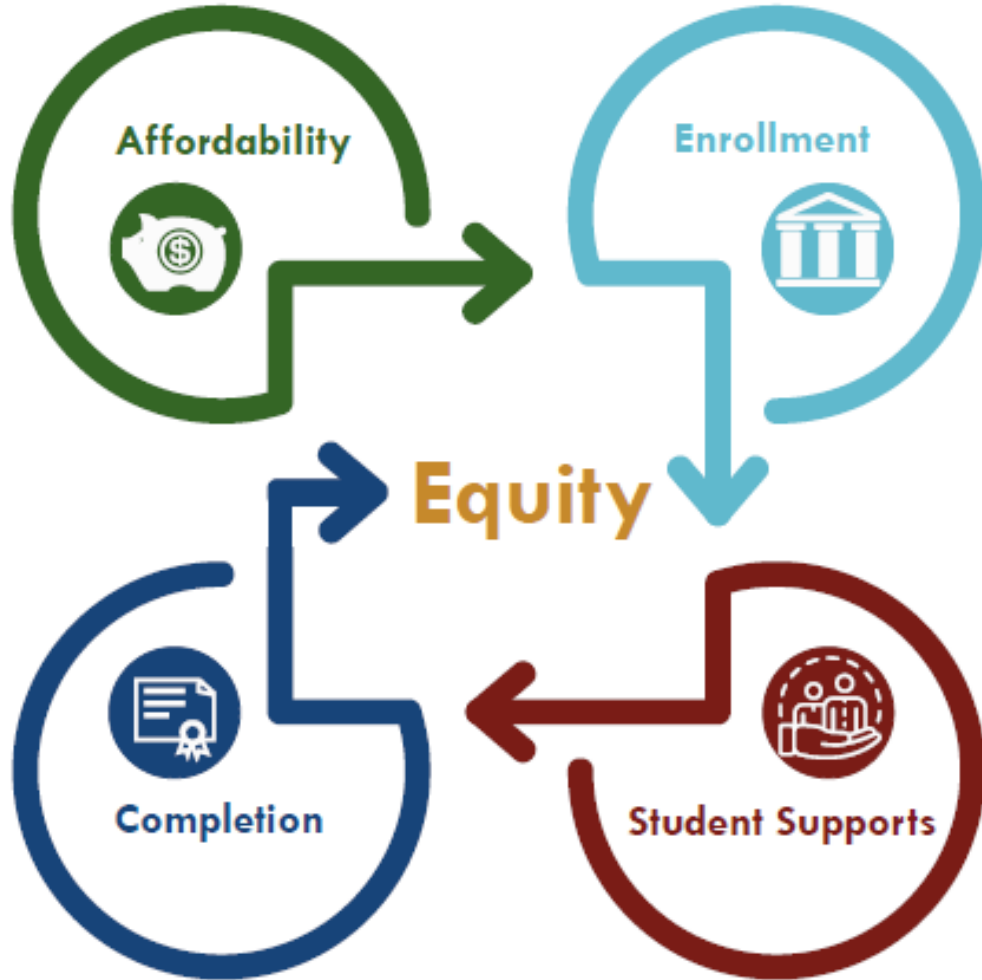
Postsecondary attainment goal and equity

Proportion of WA adults, age 25-44, with postsecondary credentials, 2021





Strategic Action Plan



If we build an **affordable** and **supportive** educational environment, more Washington residents will **enroll** in and **complete** a credential-bearing program.

***Equity** is an outcome in which justice is realized within our society through a continuous, intentional process of identifying and abolishing racism and all forms of oppression designed to marginalize students, communities, and families who are Black, Indigenous, Latinx, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander, regardless of immigration status, and all oppressed groups.*

WSAC Equity Definition

2024 Strategic Action Plan



Policy development and stakeholder engagement cycle

2024

2025

Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
Session ends WSAC webinar					Council approves policy and budget requests	Policy and budget requests sent to Governor			Governor's budget released WSAC webinar	Session begins			Session ends

Ongoing stakeholder engagement via policy cluster work groups



2024 supplemental operating budget: WSAC requests

Bill Number (if applicable)	Topic	Governor	Final
HB 2214	SNAP & WA Grant	\$239,000*	\$239,000
SB 5904	State financial aid eligibility time frames	\$1 million	\$1.5 million
SB 6053	OSPI & WSAC data	-	\$3,000
HB 2025	<i>State Work Study</i>	-	\$200,000
	OtterBot texting tool	-	\$400,000
	National Guard Grant award levels	\$1.6 million*	\$425,000
	Passport award levels	\$2 million*	\$1 million
	Telehealth access	-	-

*full amount requested by WSAC



2024 WSAC request legislation

Bill Number	Sponsor	Topic	Passed?	Final Budget
HB 2214	Rep. Slatter	Automatically qualifying students in grades 10–12 on SNAP for the maximum WA Grant award	Yes	\$239,000
SB 5904	Sen. Nobles	Aligning eligibility time frames for WA Grant, College Bound, and Passport with Pell	Yes	\$1.5 million
SB 6053	Sen. Holy	Enabling OSPI to share high school student data with WSAC	Yes	\$3,000
<i>HB 2025 (not funded in Governor's budget)</i>	<i>Rep. Reed</i>	<i>Eliminating State Work Study salary matching requirements for college access work</i>	Yes	\$200,000



2024 supplemental operating budget: postsecondary education

Enrollment	Affordability	Student Supports	Other
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$3.43 million for College in the High School (CiHS) programs• \$3 million for college access programming, led by CSF	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$223,000 for Shelton Promise	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$1.17 million for basic needs support• \$275,000 for low-income housing study	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$1.14 million for CTC BS in computer science degrees• \$1 million for career connected learning



2024 postsecondary education legislation

Enrollment	Affordability
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• College in the High School pilot for one private, not-for-profit institution	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• National Guard Grant extension• WA Health Corps behavioral health scholarship pathway• Native American apprenticeship program• Financial aid for incarcerated students



Panel discussion: 2024 legislative session



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Closing

- **WSAC 2024 Legislative Session Recap—Padlet**
 - Which postsecondary education issues are you thinking about as we head into 2025 and beyond?
 - Add your thoughts to our Padlet under one of WSAC’s policy clusters (enrollment, affordability, completion, student supports) or the “other” category if you’re not sure where your idea fits!

- **Questions?**
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