



2025 Legislative Session Preview

January 10, 2025



Zoom Instructions

- This webinar is being recorded. Materials will be shared with attendees in the coming weeks.
- **We won't be using the "Raise Hand" option.**
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 - You may submit questions anonymously.
 - You may view all submitted questions and "upvote" them, if interested.
- Please use the "Chat" option to introduce yourself to other attendees!



Agenda

- **WSAC background information** (*5 mins.*)
- **2025 legislative session preview** (*30 mins.*)
 - State budget outlook
 - Gov. Inslee's proposed 2025–27 operating budget
 - WSAC
 - *Other postsecondary education*
 - Postsecondary education legislation
- **Panel discussion / Q&A** (*20 mins.*)
 - Nancy Canales-Montiel, WA Student Association
 - Bill Lyne, United Faculty of WA
- **Closing** (*5 mins.*)



About the Council

Our Mission:

We advance educational opportunities and attainment in Washington. In pursuit of our mission, the **Washington Student Achievement Council:**

- Leads statewide strategic planning to improve educational coordination and transitions.
- Supports Washingtonians through the administration of financial aid, a college savings plan, and support services.
- Advocates for the economic, social, and civic benefits of postsecondary education.





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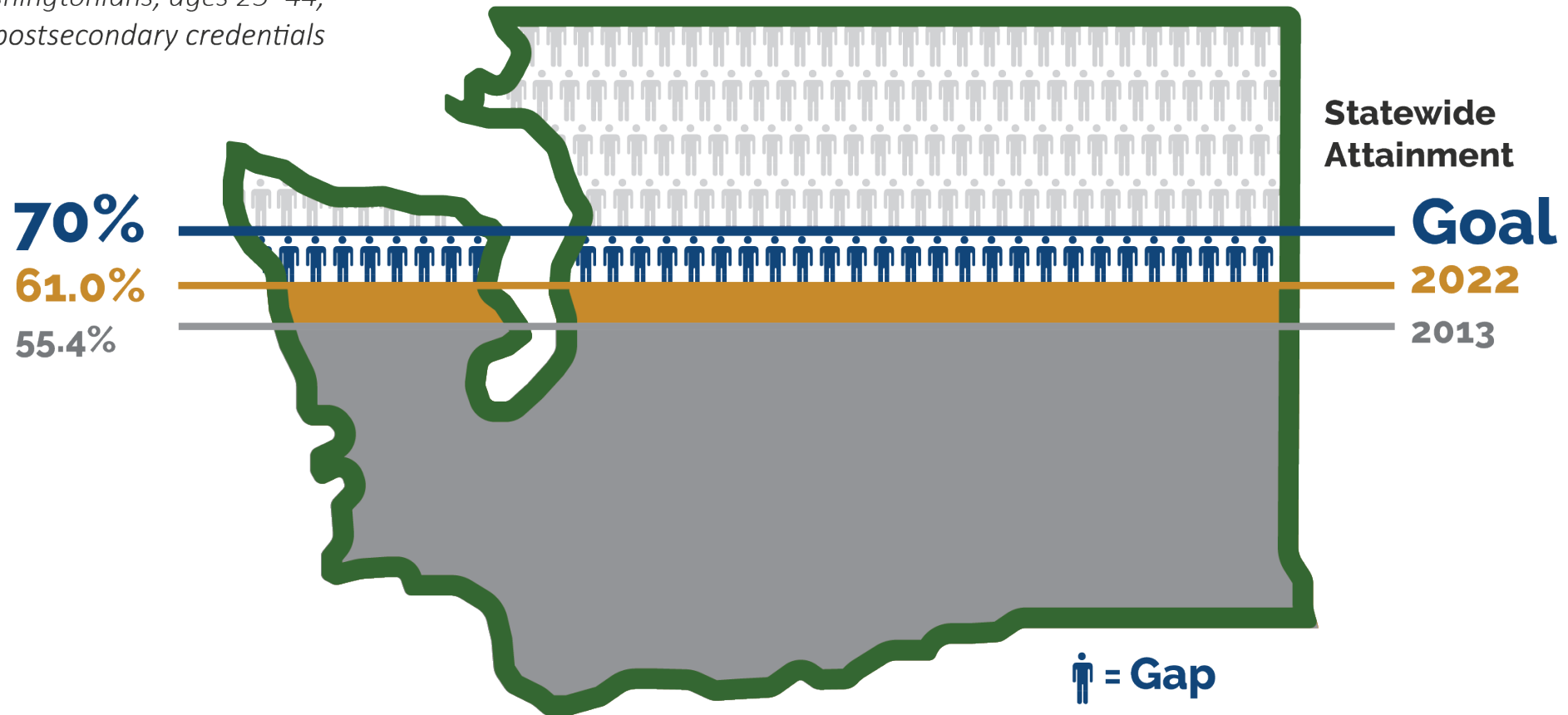


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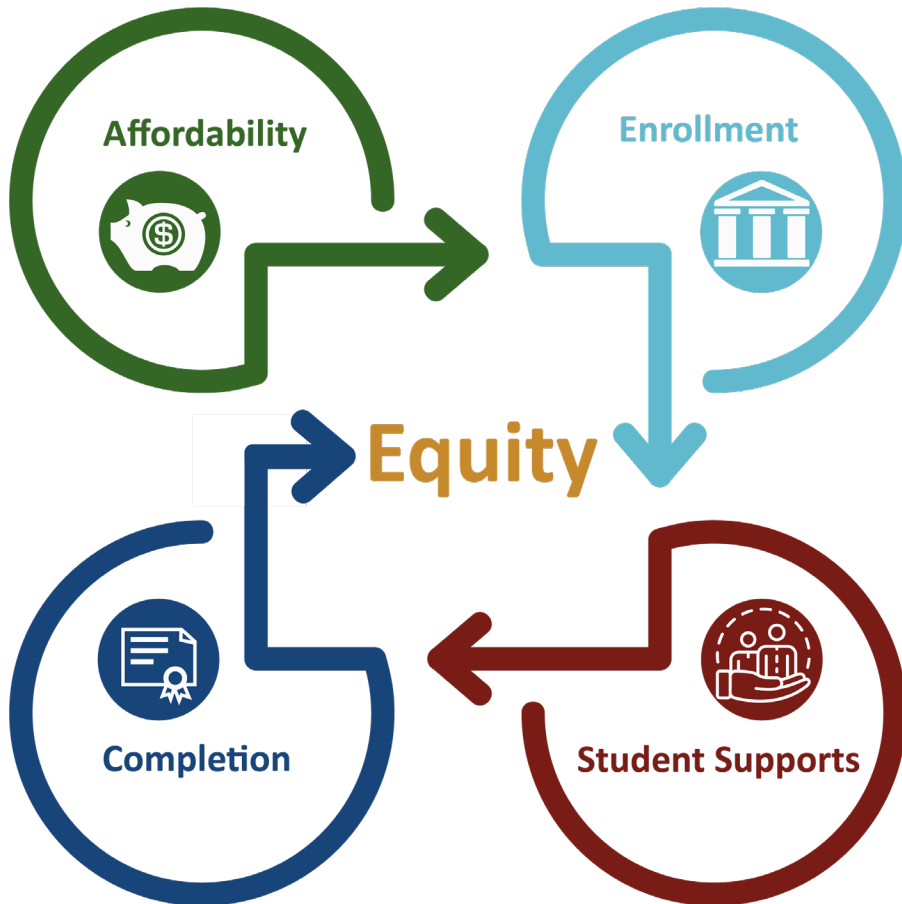
Statewide Attainment Goal Progress

*Washingtonians, ages 25–44,
with postsecondary credentials*





WSAC's Strategic Framework—Centered Around Equity



If we build an **affordable** and **supportive** educational environment, more Washingtonians will **enroll** in programs and **complete** credentials.



2025 Stakeholder Engagement and Policy Development

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

Ongoing stakeholder engagement via policy cluster work groups

**Our annual policy showcase—last hosted in June 2024—may happen in early summer or fall 2025 due to the longer legislative session calendar (Jan. 13–Apr. 27).*



2025–27 Budget Outlook: How Did We Get Here?

- Budget deficit of **more than \$12 billion** over the next four years (2025–29)
- **Numerous reasons for the deficit:**
 - Lower projected revenues
 - Increased costs to maintain existing programs
 - Onset of deferred program costs
 - End of COVID-19 pandemic-era federal funding (and state funding backfill)

Takeaway: There is limited funding available in 2025–27 for discretionary spending.



Gov. Inslee's 2025–27 Operating Budget: WSAC

Bill Number (if applicable)	Topic	Request	Governor
TBD	NWIC & SSEH	\$826,000	\$204,000
N/A*	WA Grant (65%) MFI	\$38.8 million	\$46.1 million
N/A*	Passport to Careers	\$12.1 million	-
-	Career Connect WA	\$12.6 million	-
-	Regional Partnerships	\$4 million	-
-	OtterBot	\$1.5 million	-
-	ACPL Pilot	\$750,000	-
-	Food Security Pilot Study	\$200,000	-

**Bill not approved*



Gov. Inslee's 2025–27 Operating Budget: Postsecondary Education

Affordability	Student Supports	Other
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$2.2 million for Native American Student Scholarship Pilot (WSU)• \$1 million for WAVE scholarship (WSAC)• \$901,000 for Shelton Promise Pilot (TESC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$808,000 for academic access & outreach (WWU)• \$50,000 for accessibility services (TESC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$1.4 million for dental therapy degrees (EWU)• \$400,000 for special education teacher residency (OSPI)• \$134,000 for apprenticeship and higher education study (WSAC)

*All six public four-year institutions and SBCTC had targeted budget reductions proposed, ranging from **\$108,000** (TESC) to **\$2.9 million** (SBCTC).*



2025 Postsecondary Education Legislation

Enrollment	Affordability	Student Supports	Other
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• WA Guaranteed Admissions Program• Financial aid outreach and navigation• Dual enrollment (Running Start) scholarship program	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Undocumented student paid pathways• CTC tuition waivers for tribal elders• Public defender loan repayment assistance• WA Grant award amounts at private institutions• WA Grant for certificate programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Passport to Careers awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School psychologist intern compensation• Academic student employee collective bargaining



Panel Discussion: 2025 Legislative Session



Nancy Canales-Montiel
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Contact Us—External Affairs

- **What does External Affairs do?**
 - Review and contribute to relevant higher education legislation in collaboration with the Governor, legislators, and other state agencies.
 - Produce materials and events summarizing ongoing budget and legislative work.
 - Cultivate relationships with other federal, state, and local stakeholders to support policy development.

- **Questions, feedback, or other comments?**
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