To identify students enrolled in 2-year and 4-year postsecondary institutions, each NESSC state submits a list of graduates to the National Student Clearinghouse (NSC). NSC uses name, date of birth, and other variables (when provided) to verify enrollment. Rates include full and part-time students enrolled in 2-year and 4-year institutions for at least 10 days prior to August 15th of the 2nd summer following graduation. The Data Team has refined the definition for this statistic and revised the 2009-2012 data reported last year.

- Rates do not include students who enrolled in programs lasting less than 2 years or enlisted in the armed services. These two categories account for an estimated 6%-7% of New Hampshire graduates. (Source: NH’s Completers by Category report.)
- There has been no significant change to these rates over the last four years.
- Percentages shown should be considered the minimum. Actual rates are likely higher.

Notes: The percentage identified as enrolled is dependent on the accuracy of data provided by colleges, the number of match variables provided by the NESSC states and the colleges, and other factor. For example, NSC will not report a match if a graduate’s data matches more than one college student. This can occur with common names unless a social security number or high school attended has been provided by both the state and the college.