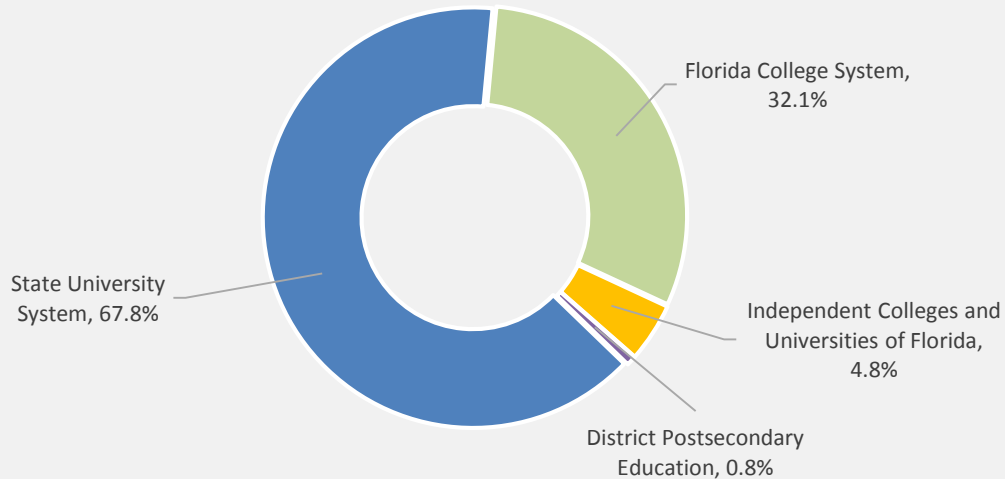


Seamless Transition to a Bachelor’s Degree

Seventy-one percent of 2013-14 AA degree recipients continued their education after graduation.



Source: Florida Department of Education, Florida Education & Training Placement Information Program, Florida College System Reports (2016). Students may be in multiple settings therefore sum of detail may exceed 100 percent.



Nearly three-quarters (71 percent or 38,486) of the 54,283 students who earned an Associate in Arts (AA) degree from a Florida College System (FCS) institution in 2013-14 continued their education after graduation. Florida’s strong articulation agreement policy and statewide common course numbering system provide a smooth transition for FCS students looking to continue their education in the State University System (SUS). Therefore, it is not surprising that 67.8 percent of AA graduates continued their education at a public state university. Workforce advancement continues to be a priority of FCS students, evident in another 32.1 percent of AA graduates enrolled at a FCS institution, in programs ranging from College Credit Certificates to Associate in Science degrees to baccalaureate programs. Nearly five percent of AA graduates enrolled at private, not-for-profit Independent College and Universities of Florida (ICUF) institutions. The FCS and participating ICUF schools have articulation agreements that recognize the AA and award FCS students full credit, making it a seamless transfer to these institutions. Less than one percent of graduates continued their education at a District Postsecondary Technical Center, supplementing their education with workforce related training and certification. Sixty-five percent of AA graduates continuing their education were also found employed while attending school. Of the over 54,000 students who earned an AA degree, just over 10,000 were found employed but not continuing their education with an average annualized full-time, full-quarter salary of \$36,432.

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