the To&Through project

Educational Attainment at Kennedy

This report provides an overview of historic trends at Kennedy High School on six milestones along the path to and through college. The data in this report is designed to give school stakeholders actionable information to inform their efforts to propel more students to and through high school and college. While the data shown here can start conversations about how to meaningfully invest in students at Kennedy, it only begins to tell the full story. Explore in-depth data on high school outcomes and post-secondary experiences at Kennedy through the To&Through online tool.

Using data to guide school improvement means that the conversation around the data is just as important as the data itself. Using accompanying discussion guides alongside this report and the To&Through online tool can help your school community socialize foundational knowledge on research-based indicators, form consensus around goals and strategies for improvement, and build an imperative for your collective work supporting student success.

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The data displayed in this report may differ from data provided directly from CPS.
Read about how we define student groups and calculate rates.

9th Grade Enrollment at Kennedy

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Where do 9th graders at Kennedy live?

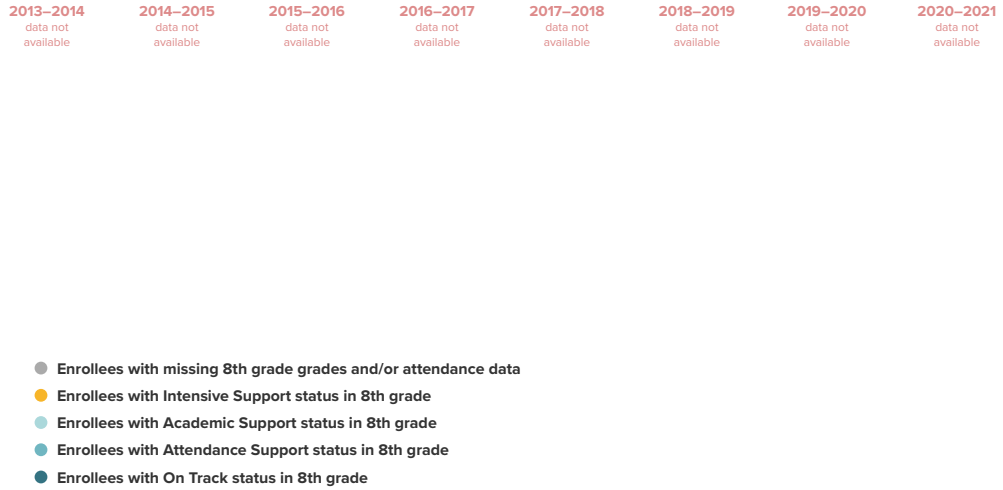
Top 5 community areas in which Kennedy's 2020–2021 9th graders live

Community Area	Number of 9th Graders	Percentage of 9th Graders
Garfield Ridge	169	52%
Clearing	122	38%
Brighton Park	6	2%
Ashburn	5	2%

In order to preserve students' anonymity, only community areas with at least 5 ninth-grade enrollees from Kennedy in are included in this table.

How have 8th grade GPA and attendance rates for first-time 9th graders at Kennedy changed over time?

8th Grade GPA and attendance rates for first-time 9th graders since 2013



8th grade grades and attendance are the strongest predictors of academic performance in high school.

How does 8th grade performance relate to 9th grade success at Kennedy?

Explore 8th grade performance data to learn the extent to which 8th grade performance predicts 9th grade outcomes at your school. This information can help school teams identify priority points of intervention for improving students' course performance.

Have more questions about 9th Grade Enrollment at Kennedy?
Take a deeper dive into the data at https://toandthrough.uchicago.edu/tool/cps/

Freshman OnTrack at Kennedy

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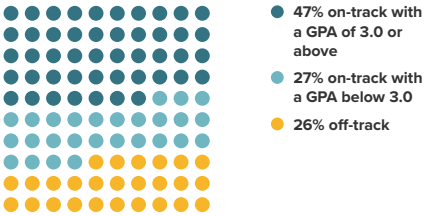
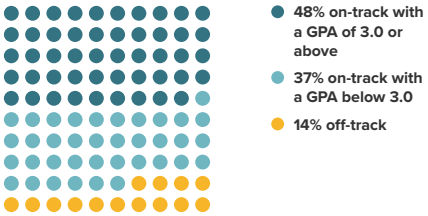
of 2020–2021 first-time 9th graders at Kennedy were on-track to graduate from high school in 4 years. Students who are on-track at the end of ninth grade are nearly three times more likely to graduate from high school than students who are off-track. A student is on-track if they fail no more than one semester of a core course and obtain at least 5 credits by the end of their ninth-grade year. Additionally, students who obtain a 3.0 GPA or above in high school are more likely to graduate from a four-year college within six years.

What does Freshman OnTrack look like at Kennedy and how does it compare to rates across CPS?

2020–2021 Kennedy 9th Graders



All 2020–2021 CPS 9th Graders



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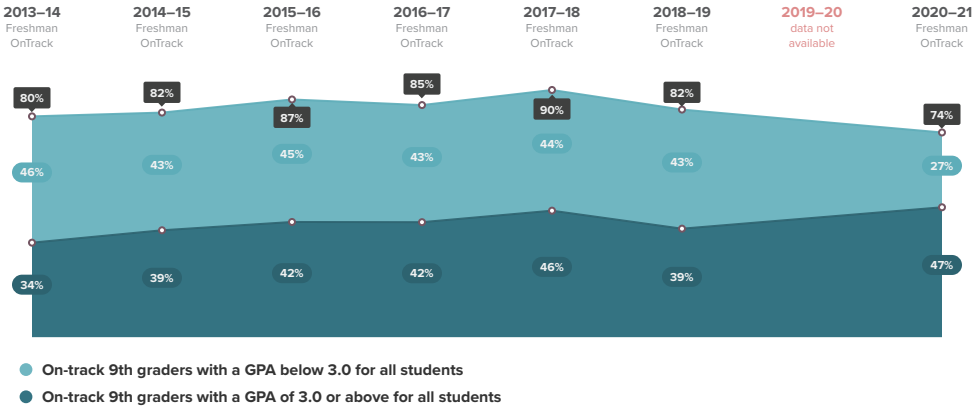
Freshman OnTrack and 3.0 rates for Kennedy's first-time 9th graders over time



We use a 3.0 GPA (or "Bs or better") as an early indicator of college readiness, because high school GPA is the best available indicator of college success.

How do Freshman OnTrack rates vary by gender at Kennedy?

Across the city, we see differences in ninth-grade performance for young men and young women. Some of this difference is due to the different ways in which young women and young men experience the transition to high school. Explore student OnTrack data at Kennedy across genders to reflect on how your school is supporting the academic and social development of students of different genders.

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High School Graduation at Kennedy

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of 2017–2018 first-time 9th graders at Kennedy graduated high school by spring of 2021. Graduating high school with a high level of academic achievement is among the most important markers along the road to college success. Students who graduate from high school with a GPA of 3.0 or above have at least a 50 percent probability of graduating from a four-year college within six years. In order to graduate from high school on time, students must obtain a minimum of 24 credits.

How many 9th graders at Kennedy graduated from high school and what were the college access levels of those graduates?

2021 Kennedy
College Access Level at Graduation

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Data not available

Our college access framework breaks students into different groups based on their graduating GPA and ACT scores (or converted SAT scores). Students with selective access are likely to be accepted to selective and very selective four-year colleges, students with somewhat selective access are likely to be accepted to somewhat selective and non-selective four-year colleges, and students with two-year access are likely to be accepted to two-year colleges.

Explore high school performance data to see how college access changed over time at Kennedy.

How has the high school graduation rate and the proportion of students graduating with a 3.0 or above at Kennedy changed over time?

4-year high school graduation rates since for all 9th graders

No data available for prior years.

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How do High School Graduation rates vary by Freshman OnTrack status at Kennedy?

Explore high school graduation data to learn how predictive ninth-grade performance is of end-of-high-school outcomes at your school. This information can help school teams identify priority points of intervention for improving students' course performance.

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College Enrollment at Kennedy

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of 2021 high school graduates from Kennedy enrolled in college in fall of 2021. Students' choice of college influences their likelihood of earning a college degree. Students who choose a college with a strong track record of graduating its students, and which fits their unique financial, geographic, and cultural needs, are more likely to earn a college degree or credential. College may not be the best path for every student, but due to data limitations, we are not currently able to track outcomes for non-college pathways (for example, military service, trade school, workforce).

What institutions do Kennedy's college enrollees attend and what are the graduation rates of those institutions?

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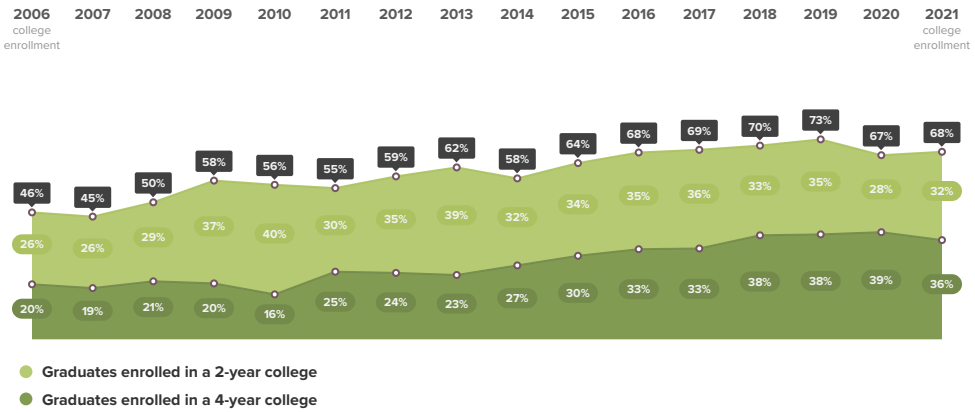
2021 enrollment of Kennedy graduates by the 5 most commonly attended colleges

	Graduates Enrolled	URM Grad Rate	Institutional Grad Rate	Institution Type
City Colleges of Chicago-Richard J Daley College	39	24%	33%	2 year
University of Illinois at Chicago	32	53%	62%	4 year
City Colleges of Chicago-Harold Washington College	22	22%	24%	2 year
City Colleges of Chicago-Malcolm X College	16	21%	21%	2 year
Saint Xavier University	15	42%	52%	4 year

How have two-year and four-year college enrollment rates for graduates at Kennedy changed over time?

College enrollment rates since 2006



How do enrollment rates for 2-year and 4-year colleges vary by gender at Kennedy?

Use Kennedy's college enrollment data to examine differences in post-secondary experiences across genders. What choices are students of different genders making around college enrollment?

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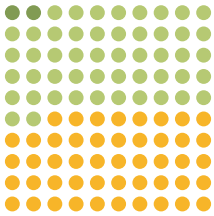
College Persistence at Kennedy

- of 2019 immediate enrollees from Kennedy were enrolled in the fall of 2020. None

Where are 2019 Kennedy graduates after 4 semesters?

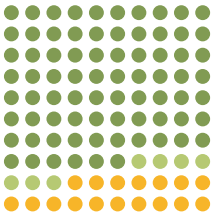
Students follow myriad pathways in their post-secondary career, with many choosing to transfer between 2-year and 4-year institutions.

2-year enrollees 2019 Immediate Enrollees from Kennedy



- 2% transferred to 4-year college
- 50% remained in a 2-year college
- 48% did not persist

4-year enrollees 2019 Immediate Enrollees from Kennedy

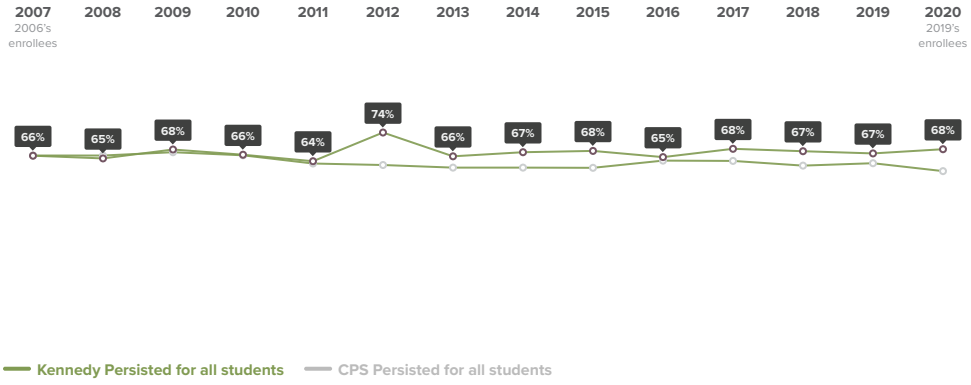


- 76% remained in a 4-year college
- 7% transferred to a 2-year college
- 18% did not persist

How have persistence rates for college enrollees changed at Kennedy over time?

Students who "persist" by remaining continuously enrolled through the first two years of college are more likely to complete a degree or credential.

College persistence rates for college enrollees since 2008



How has College Persistence changed over time for 2-year and 4-year enrollees respectively?

Explore Kennedy's college persistence data across 2- and 4-year colleges to understand what supports might be needed by students enrolling in different kinds of institutions.

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College Completion at Kennedy

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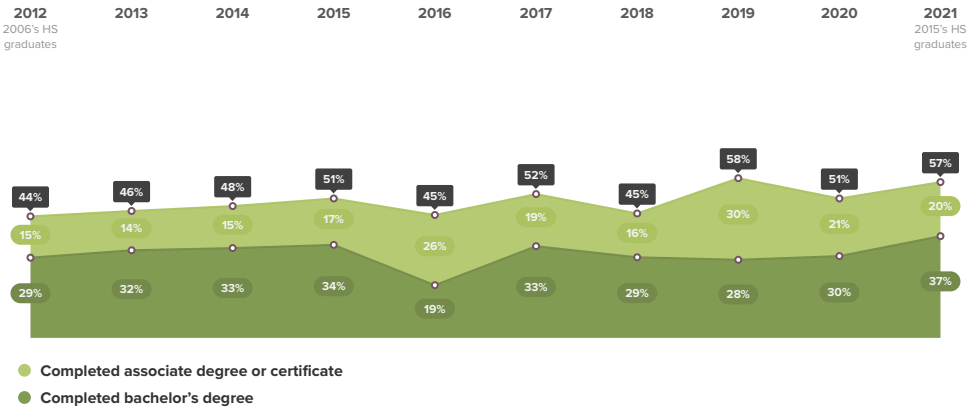
of 2015 immediate enrollees from Kennedy completed a degree or credential by spring of 2021. Completing a college degree or certificate is increasingly a primary pathway to social and economic stability in the 21st century. When considering a high school's effort to increase the educational attainment of its students, the college completion rate is a critical benchmark.

How have college completion rates for Kennedy graduates who immediately enrolled in a 2-year or 4-year college changed over time?

College completion rates since 2012 for graduates who immediately enrolled in a 2-year or 4-year college



How have college completion rates for Kennedy graduates who did not immediately enroll in a 2-year or 4-year college changed over time?

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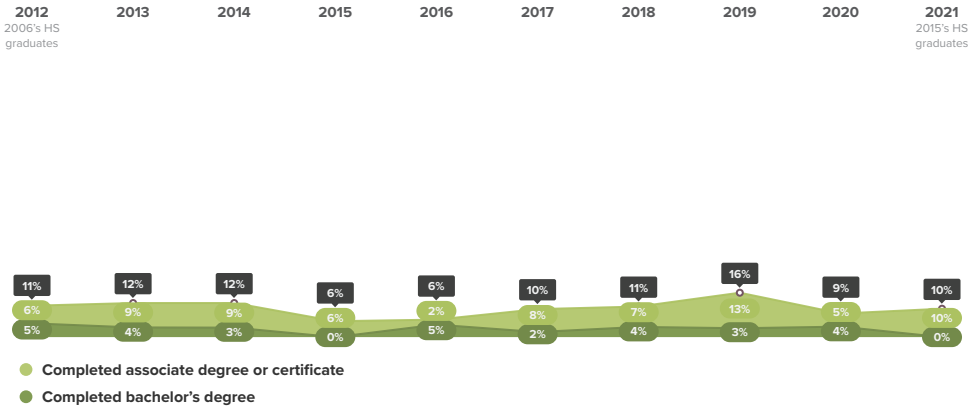

How does College Completion at Kennedy compare to College Completion at similar schools?

Explore College Completion data from schools that serve similar populations of students to identify areas of growth for Kennedy. Conversation and collaboration with teams at schools with different college completion outcomes can help your team identify new practices to try at Kennedy.

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