

National Student Clearinghouse, 2012-2020

State of College Report

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Overview

Every year hundreds of San Diego high schools graduate more than 30,000 seniors. Many of these graduates go on to enroll in college and attain a degree. The San Diego County Office of Education's (SDCOE) State of College Report provides information for schools who share data with the National Student Clearinghouse (NSC) to answer the following questions:

1. Where are students going to college?
2. What percentage of students enroll in college?
3. What percent of students are retained by these colleges?
4. What percent complete a degree in six years?

Data Background

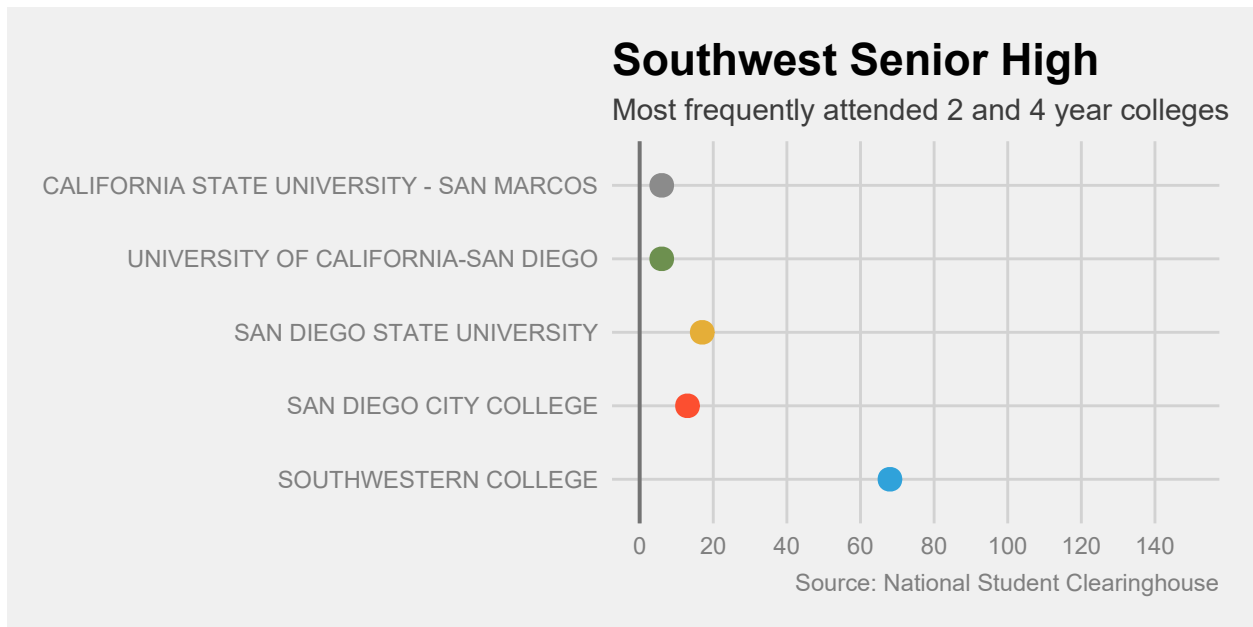
SDCOE downloads data from the NSC annually on February 15. To receive a school report, high schools must upload an error-free graduates file. SDCOE pulls the data for these reports directly from the NSC. Any errors in a district's graduates file contributes to errors contained in these reports. School level errors also affect county averages.

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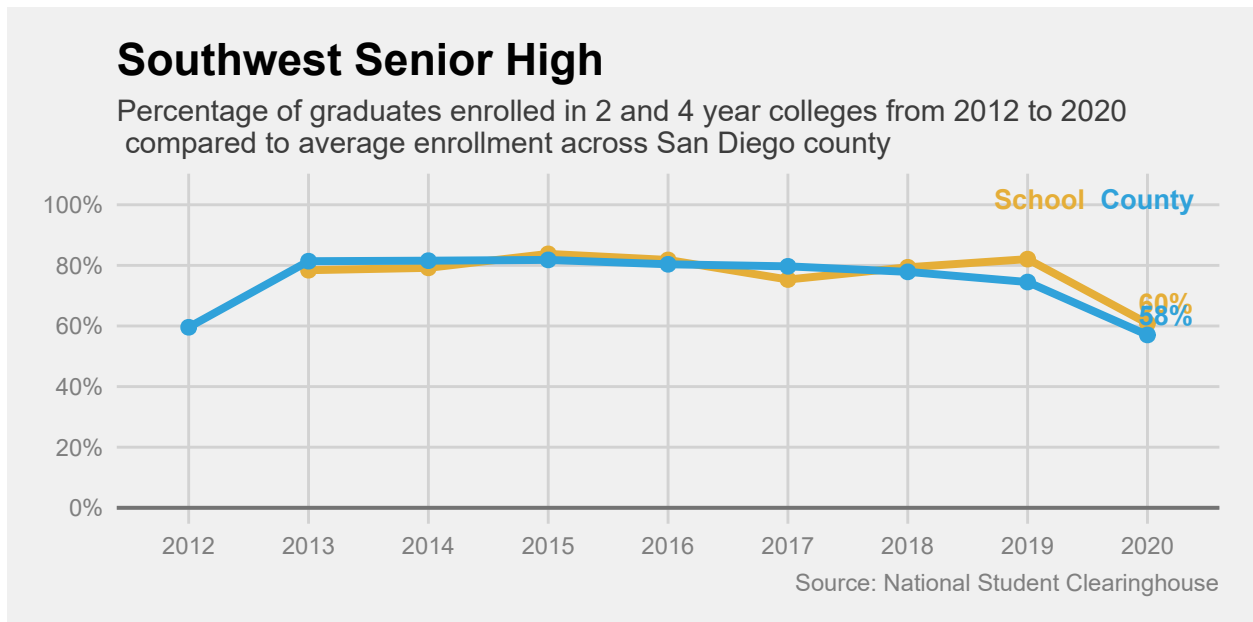
In 2020, local high schools reported approximately 26,514 high school graduates to the NSC; the NSC matched 15,964 of these graduates to enrollment records at over 1900 colleges and universities. NSC records fluctuate annually depending on the districts who upload data to the NSC by November. The following graphs depict where these students enrolled, the percent enrolled, the percent of students from the class of 2019 who stayed at the college where they first enrolled, and the percent of students from the classes of 2013 and 2014 who completed a degree.

College Enrollment

Students across San Diego County attend over 1900 higher education institutions. Most students graduating from Southwest Senior High attended the following institutions in 2020.

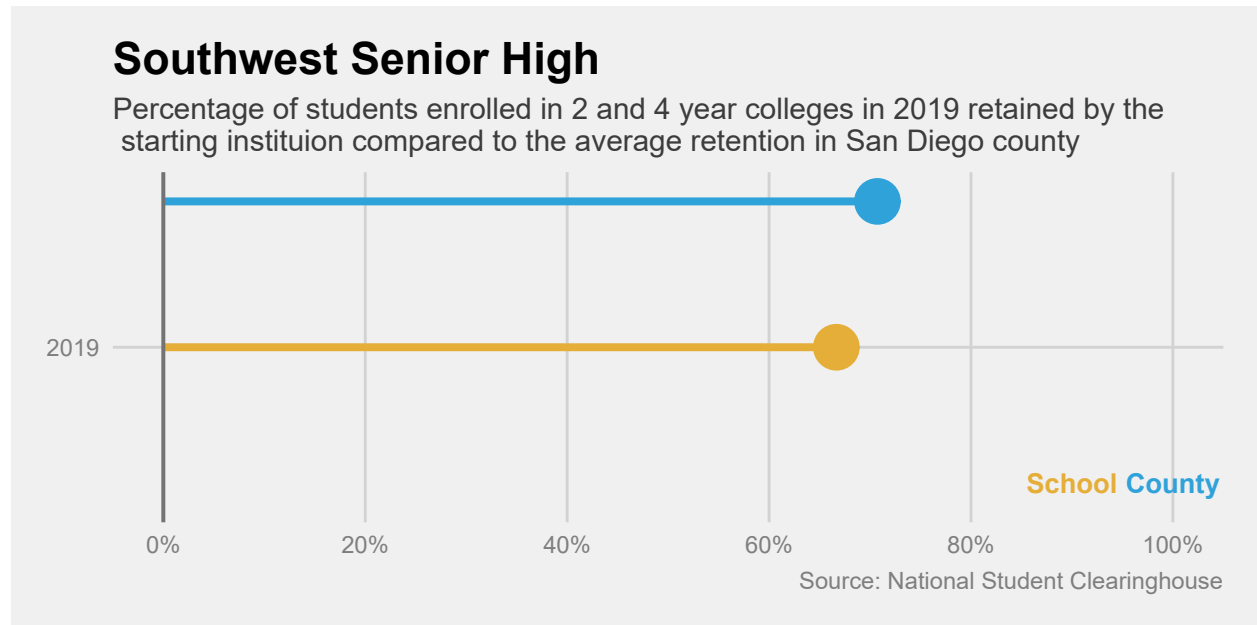


The next graph illustrates the percent of graduates from Southwest Senior High enrolled in 2 and 4 year colleges between 2012 to 2020 compared to the average enrollment rates across San Diego county. San Diego County had a steep decline in college enrollment during the pandemic.



College Retention

This figure illustrates the percent of students who are retained by their starting institution. Retention is a key factor in college completion. The more students who remain at their starting institution, the more students graduate.



College Completion

The college graduation rates for the students who completed high school in 2013 and 2014 is about 20% countywide (i.e., a six-year graduation rate). Note: Colleges report graduation rates many different ways. This percentage might be higher if we count college graduates who completed high school after 2013 and 2014.

