

State of Alaska FY2015 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Education and Early Development Alaska Postsecondary Education Commission Results Delivery Unit Budget Summary

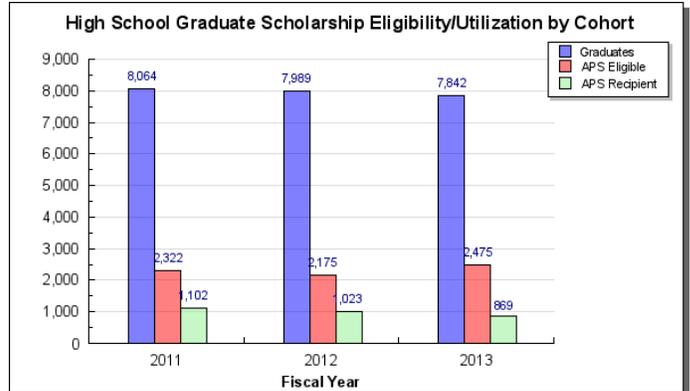
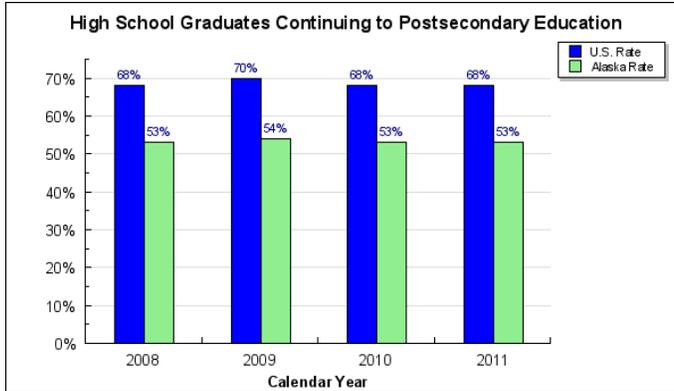
Alaska Postsecondary Education Commission Results Delivery Unit

Contribution to Department's Mission

Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education's mission is to promote access to and success in education and career training beyond high school.

Results

(Additional performance information is available on the web at <https://omb.alaska.gov/results>.)



Target: Ensure 100% of authorized institutions in Alaska offer relevant, value-added education and training programs.

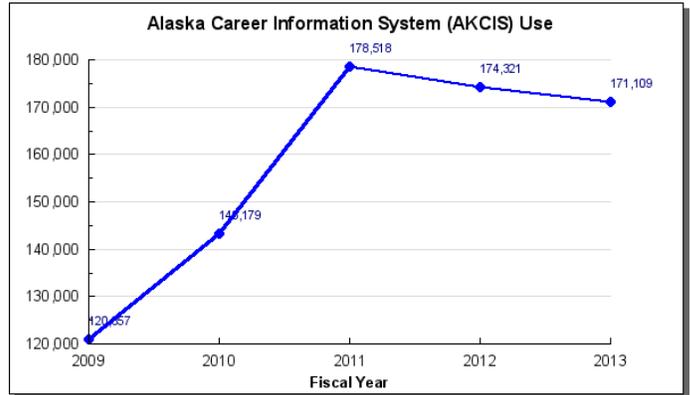
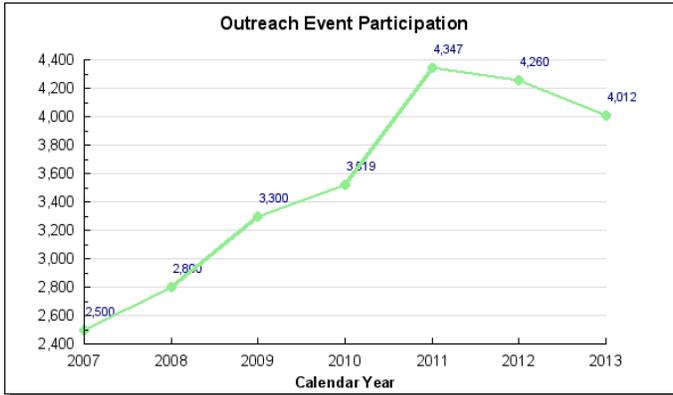
Core Services

- Increase public awareness and use of ACPE's services as Alaska's higher education assistance agency.
- Efficiently deliver state financial aid information and materials to Alaska students and parents.
- Ensure Alaska's authorized institutions operate within academic, administrative and financial standards.

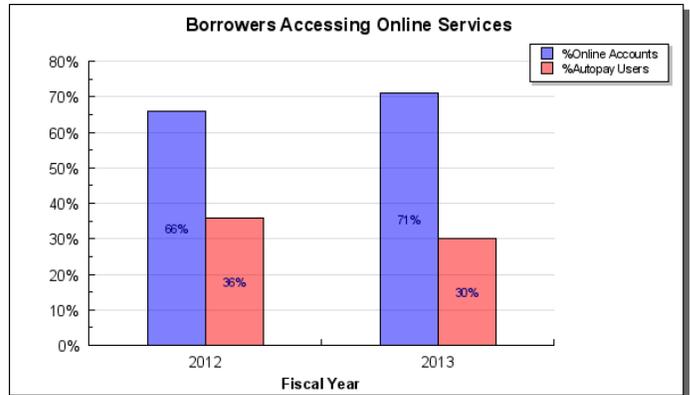
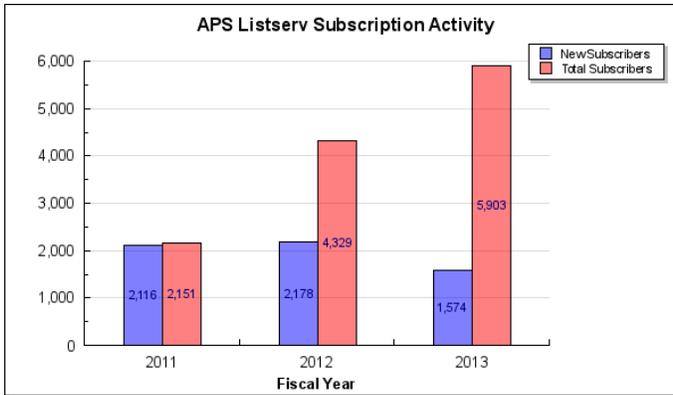
Measures by Core Service

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1. Increase public awareness and use of ACPE's services as Alaska's higher education assistance agency.



2. Efficiently deliver state financial aid information and materials to Alaska students and parents.



3. Ensure Alaska's authorized institutions operate within academic, administrative and financial standards.

Target: 100% of authorized institutions documented to meet recognized or national standards for program/curriculum content, or be determined by a local qualified expert to meet Alaska training needs

Major RDU Accomplishments in 2013

- Through the Alaska Student Aid Portal (ASAP), a web-based financial aid management system provided eligible Alaskans with information about their Alaska Performance Scholarship (APS) and/or AlaskAdvantage Education Grant (AEG) and with the ability to provide online updates;
- ASAP, functioning as the financial aid management tool for participating postsecondary institutions to certify student enrollment, continuing eligibility, and enabled paperless aid disbursement through schools to participating

students, was used to deliver approximately \$5.7 million to 1,763 APS recipients and almost \$4 million to 3,813 AEG recipients;

- Produced the 2012 APS Outcomes Report. Included in the report were: numbers and distribution of qualifying high school graduates; their originating districts and geographic regions, utilization rates, related demographic characteristics; as well as data on: percent of Alaska high school students taking college entrance examinations; rates at which APS students enrolled in developmental courses compared to other first-time freshmen; and, rates of persistence to a second enrollment year for 2011 high school graduates;
- Produced the first district-level *APS Statistics – at a glance* report for each of Alaska's 54 public school districts to provide data on how each district's graduates are performing;
- Provided teachers and counselors with support and training for the Alaska Career Information System (AKCIS) which has 110, 295 student portfolios and 171,209 user logins in FY2013 relating to personal learning and career plans;
- Expanded the Alaska College and Career Advising Corps to include new sites in Kodiak, North Pole, Lathrop, Nikiski and Skyview High Schools bringing the total number of sites to eight for FY2013;
- In partnership with the Department of Education and Early Development (DEED), Department of Labor and Workforce Development (DOLWD) and the University of Alaska, and funded by a three-year, \$4 million grant from the Institute for Education Sciences, ACPE completed the planning phase for ANSWERS (Alaska Navigator—Statewide Workforce and Education-Related Statistics), a project to link Alaska's K-12 data system with postsecondary and workforce data (P-20W) to provide policymakers, educators and the public needed information about program outcomes across the education and workforce systems;
- Maintained fixed-rate (7.2%) supplemental education loan for Alaska students and loan benefits that reduce the rate to 6.45% for borrowers living in Alaska and using online recurrent payment options;
- Originated \$5.7 million in loans to over 800 borrowers;
- Serviced a \$599 million education loan portfolio;
- Support online education loan accounts for 24,544 borrowers;
- Enabled 1,421 Alaska students and their families to save \$11.9 million (an average savings of \$8,374/student) in tuition and fees through Alaska's membership in the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) and participation in the Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE); and,
- Through WUE, facilitated attendance of 588 nonresident, undergraduate students at the University of Alaska.

Key RDU Challenges

- Ensure Alaska students and families are fully informed about the Alaska Performance Scholarship and the AlaskAdvantage Education Grant through efficient and effective marketing and administration;
- Deliver programs with the objectives of increasing access for lower-income residents, assisting in addressing key worker shortage areas, and motivating secondary students to take rigorous high school curriculum;
- Provide timely early outreach to assist students in preparing for success in higher education and eligibility for the Alaska Performance Scholarship by promoting a rigorous secondary school curriculum;
- Create a P-20W Statewide Longitudinal Data System that allows de-identified secondary and postsecondary student data to be accurately, securely, and confidentially linked to workforce data to better understand and inform state policy development on the education-to-workforce cycle;
- Deliver all ACPE financial aid and outreach programs, achieving efficiencies and delivering value-added service to Alaskans through improved management, processes, and technology;
- Review and authorize postsecondary programs and institutions operating in the state, with the exception of the University of Alaska system, providing education consumer protection to ensure value for Alaskans in their pursuit of lifelong learning; and,
- Continue to provide Alaskans guaranteed access to medical education and to address statewide professional medical workforce needs.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2015

- Expand Alaska student awareness and use of the Alaska Supplemental Education Loan as their next lowest cost loan option after exhausting federal aid, and Alaska parent borrowers' awareness of the Alaska Family Education Loan as offering a lower-cost option than the federal PLUS loan;
- Effect a statewide culture change relative to supplemental education loans, to encourage borrowers to seek a credit-worthy cosigner as part of securing the lowest cost education loans;
- Increase operational efficiencies given reduction in loan origination, while maintaining service levels and required

accountability;

- Through ANSWERS, (Alaska's P-20W Statewide Longitudinal Data System), create timely reports, dashboards, and information products that increase transparency around educational outcomes and support research and policy making to improve Alaska's education and workforce outcomes;
- Continue to expand community-based activities to increase secondary student engagement in postsecondary education preparation and planning; and,
- Continue to enhance online tools and interagency collaboration to deliver robust career planning services for Alaskans.

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**Alaska Postsecondary Education Commission
RDU Financial Summary by Component**

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2013 Actuals				FY2014 Management Plan				FY2015 Governor			
	UGF+DGF Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	UGF+DGF Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	UGF+DGF Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds
Formula Expenditures None.												
Non-Formula Expenditures												
Program Admin & Operations	3,937.7	13,289.6	1,885.4	19,112.7	4,000.0	14,586.3	1,984.1	20,570.4	5,500.0	14,866.8	1,987.1	22,353.9
WWAMI Medical Education	2,776.3	0.0	0.0	2,776.3	2,964.8	0.0	0.0	2,964.8	2,964.8	0.0	0.0	2,964.8
Totals	6,714.0	13,289.6	1,885.4	21,889.0	6,964.8	14,586.3	1,984.1	23,535.2	8,464.8	14,866.8	1,987.1	25,318.7

**Alaska Postsecondary Education Commission
Summary of RDU Budget Changes by Component
From FY2014 Management Plan to FY2015 Governor**

All dollars shown in thousands

	<u>Unrestricted Gen (UGF)</u>	<u>Designated Gen (DGF)</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2014 Management Plan	2,964.8	4,000.0	14,586.3	1,984.1	23,535.2
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:					
-Program Admin & Operations	0.0	0.0	40.5	3.0	43.5
Proposed budget increases:					
-Program Admin & Operations	0.0	1,500.0	240.0	0.0	1,740.0
FY2015 Governor	2,964.8	5,500.0	14,866.8	1,987.1	25,318.7