

## The 60% x 2025 Goal for Illinois

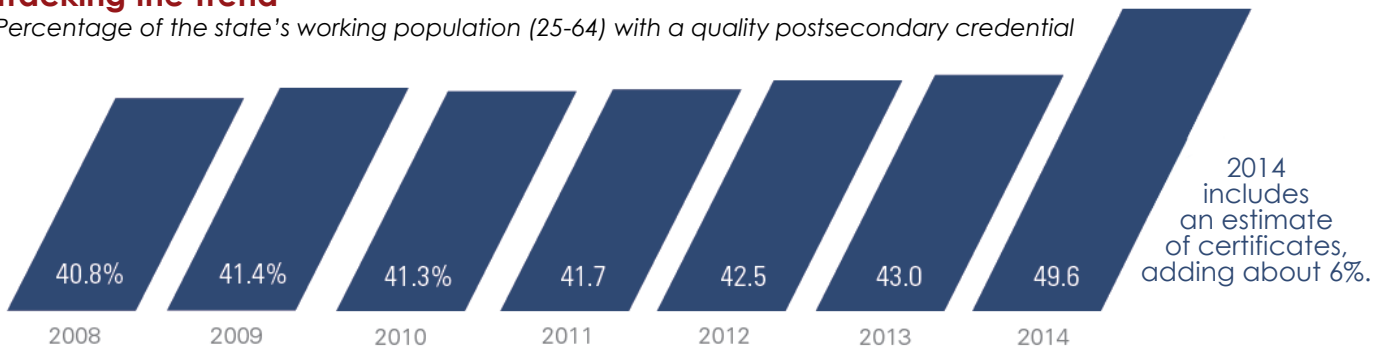
Adopted in 2008, Goal 3 of **The Illinois Public Agenda for College and Career Success** embodies the 60 x 25 Goal: “increase the number of high-quality postsecondary credentials to meet the demands of the economy and an increasingly global society.”

The 60% x 2025 Goal is an Illinois Goal:

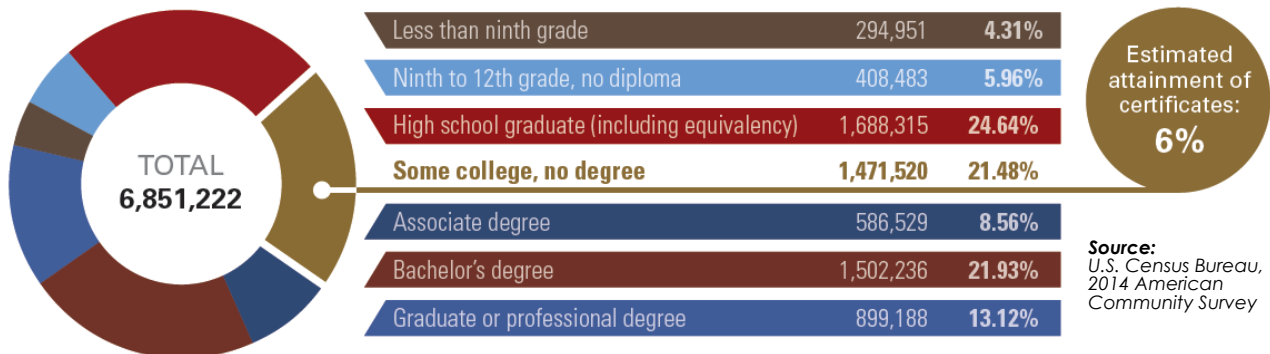
- The Illinois P-20 Council formally established the goal in 2009: to increase the proportion of adults in Illinois with high-quality postsecondary degrees and credentials to 60% by the year 2025.
- Measuring the progress has been accomplished in consultation with state agencies serving both education and workforce development.
- There are two primary and complimentary ways to measure progress towards the goal:
  1. Examine the ‘stock’ which involves developing estimates of the educational attainment for all Illinois residents. This is traditionally done using the U.S. Census Bureau’s American Community Survey.
  2. Examine the ‘flow,’ which has traditionally been measured by certificate and degree production at Illinois colleges and universities. This does not account for the overlap (multiple degrees by an individual) nor the individuals from outside the state who move to the state having already earned a high quality degree.

### Tracking the Trend\*

Percentage of the state’s working population (25-64) with a quality postsecondary credential



### Levels of education for Illinois residents, ages 25-64\*



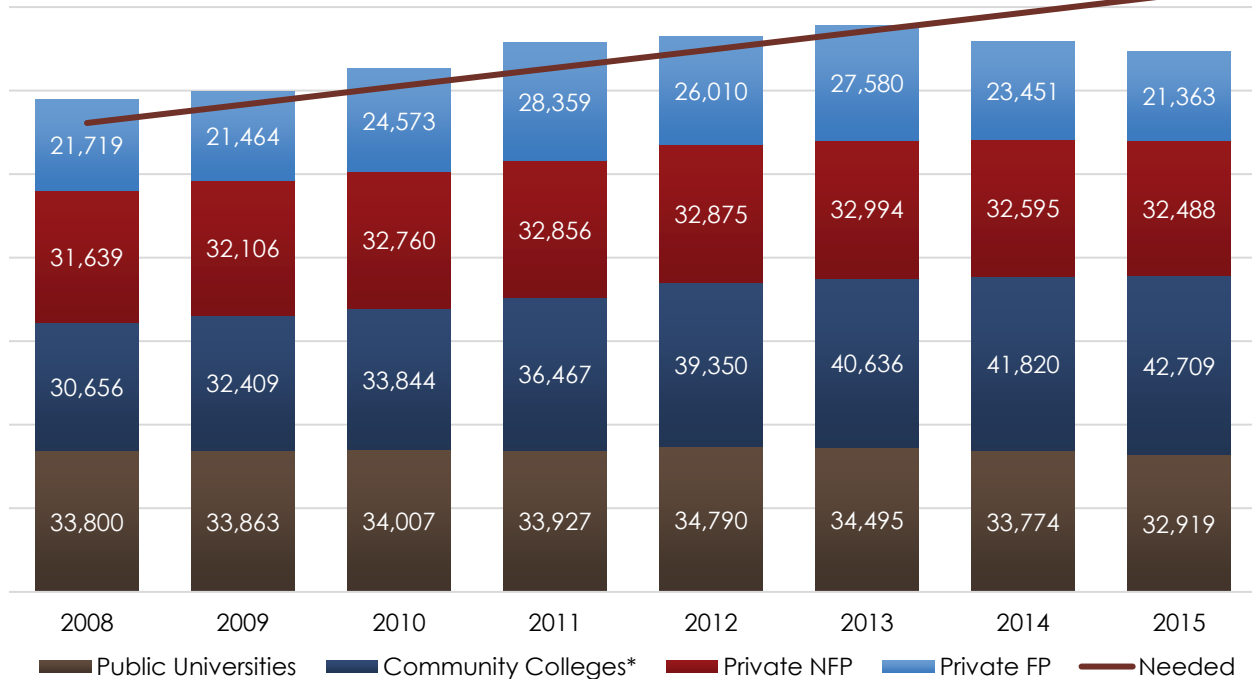
**Note:** For years prior to 2014, this graph denotes attainment of associate degrees and higher. For 2014, it also includes the **estimated** percentage of state residents who have earned high-value postsecondary certificates. This percentage – again, an estimate – was derived from Census and IPEDS data by labor market experts at the Center on Education and the Workforce at Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce used Survey of Income Program Participation 2008 Wave 12 data (2012) and data from the Integrated Postsecondary Education System (IPEDS) 2014.

\*Excerpted from the Lumina Foundation’s [A Stronger Nation Illinois policy brief](#).

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## Illinois Postsecondary Award Production

**Degree/Credential Production by Sector Compared to Projected Need to Reach the 60% by 2025 Goal**



\*Community College totals include data (fewer than 200 awards) from two public certificate-only granting institutions.

The community college sector is the only sector to demonstrate yearly growth in degree/certificate production. Meanwhile, activity in the private for-profit sector has decreased from a peak in 2012, while degree production at public universities and private not-for-profit institutions has remained roughly flat, but both are currently trending downward. Reaching the 60% goal will require greater credential production across all sectors as the “needed” line continues its upward trajectory every year. However, at the present time, individuals who enter Illinois already holding a credential cannot be tracked. Those numbers would add to the raising bar to meet the “needed” line. That is why it is helpful to use both degree production within the state (flow) as well as the educational attainment data (stock) from the U.S. Census (Lumina Stronger Nation report) to measure such progress.

**Difference between Actual Production and Projected Need**

