How to use the
FAFSA Finish Line Data Dashboard

What is the FAFSA Finish Line Data Dashboard?

The Florida College Access Network (Florida CAN) has created the Florida FAFSA Finish Line data dashboard to help schools, researchers and other education stakeholders to monitor the number of 12th graders at more than 600 public schools who have completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) during the 2014-15 and 2015-16 school years.

About the data

School-level FAFSA completion rates were calculated using data from two sources, the U.S. Department of Education Central Processing System and the Florida Department of Education's Bureau of Accountability and Information Services.

For more details on the data used in the FAFSA Finish Line dashboard, visit this data addendum.

Using the FAFSA Finish Line data dashboard

Florida CAN uses data visualization software called Tableau to create an interactive, public storefront for FAFSA completion data in Florida. The dashboards allow users to easily connect to data using different search terms and filters that can be used to make meaningful comparisons and monitor progress over time. Here are a few useful tips to get you started!

1. Use filters to find schools and make meaningful comparisons
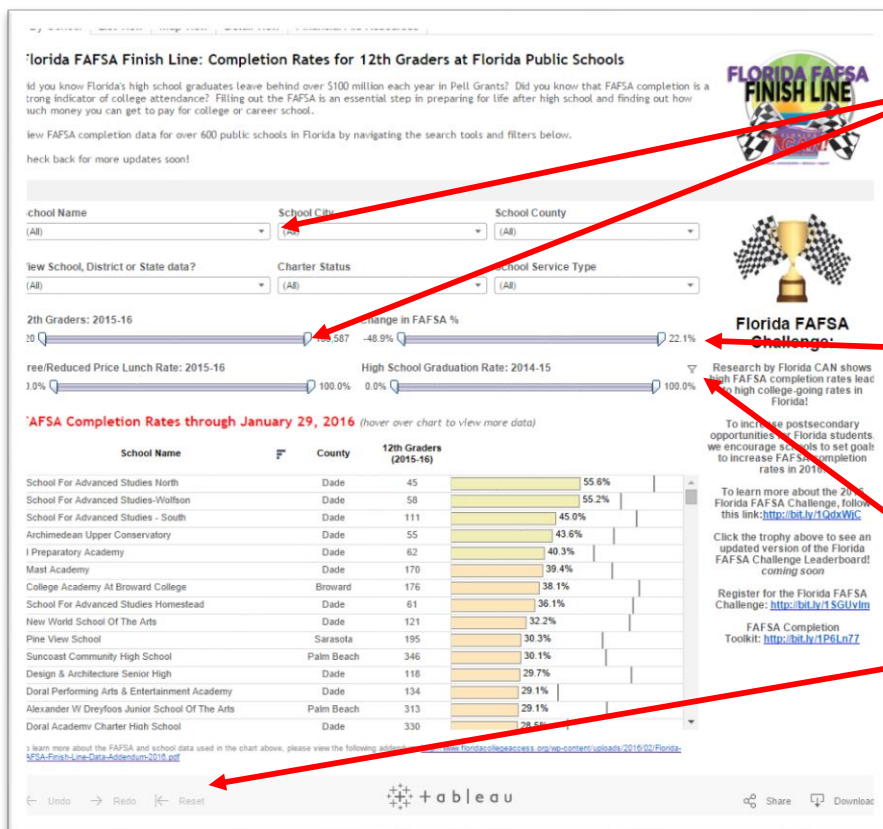

Use filters by selecting the drop down boxes or "sliders" to find specific schools or groups of schools.

You can manually move the sliders or click on the numbers and change them to change the selection of schools that appear in the chart below.

To reset the filters and view all the data, click the small "filter" icon located above each data filter or the "reset" button at the bottom left-hand corner of the dashboard.

2. Use different views of the dashboard to see the data how you want to see it
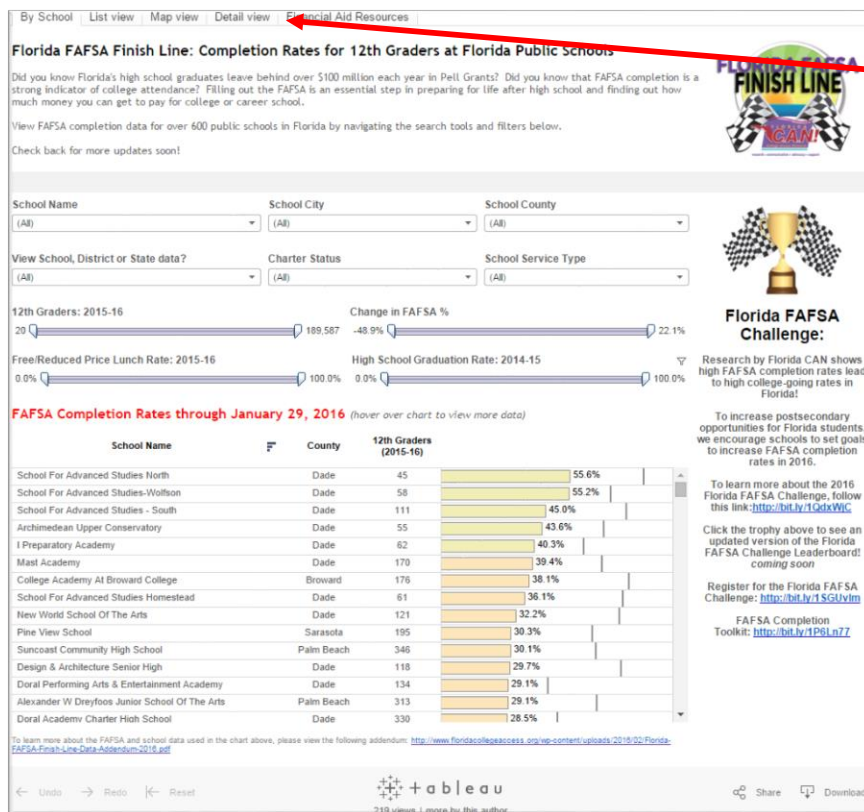
The FAFSA Finish Line has four different views for looking at FAFSA completion data in different ways.

Click on a tab in the upper right hand corner to look at the different views, each having a specific layout and purpose based on feedback of previous versions of the dashboard.

Below are descriptions of what you'll find using the different dashboard views.

Ways to view FAFSA Finish Line data dashboard:

By school: Landing page for FAFSA Finish Line. Data displayed to compare school, district and state-level data, and features the most recent data available.

List view: Simplified layout makes for easy viewing on smaller screens or devices. Use scroll bar at bottom of chart to view previous data uploads.

Map view: Provides alternate map view of data of school-level FAFSA completion rates. This view is ideal for looking at local data for decision-making purposes.

Detail view: Shows changes in FAFSA completion rates over time and detailed view of school-level "directory" information.

3. Hover over data to view details and additional information

Florida FAFSA Finish Line: Completion Rates for 12th Graders at Florida Public Schools

Did you know Florida's high school graduates leave behind over $100 million each year in Pell Grants? Did you know that FAFSA completion is a strong indicator of college attendance? Filling out the FAFSA is an essential step in preparing for life after high school and finding out how much money you can get to pay for college or career school.

View FAFSA completion data for over 600 public schools in Florida by navigating the search tools and filters below.

Check back for more updates soon!

School Name	School City	School County
(All)	(All)	(All)

View School, District or State data?	Charter Status	School Service Type
(All)	(All)	(All)

12th Graders: 2015-16   Change in FAFSA %
20 ——— 189,587   -48.9% ——— 22.1%

Free/Reduced Price Lunch Rate: 2015-16   High School Graduation Rate: 2014-15
0.0% ——— 100.0%   0.0% ——— 100.0%

Florida FAFSA Challenge:

Research by Florida CAN shows high FAFSA completion rates lead to high college-going rates in Florida!

To increase postsecondary opportunities for Florida students, we encourage schools to set goals to increase FAFSA completion rates in 2016.

To learn more about the 2016 Florida FAFSA Challenge, follow this link: http://bit.ly/1QdxWjC

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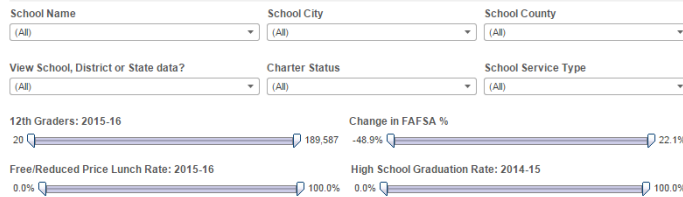
FAFSA Completion Rates through January 29, 2016 *(hover over chart to view more data)*

School Name	County	12th Graders (2015-16)	
School For Advanced Studies North	Dade	45	55.6%
School For Advanced Studies-Wolfson	Dade	58	55.2%
School For Advanced Studies - South	Dade	111	
Archimedean Upper Conservatory	Dade	55	
I Preparatory Academy	Dade	62	
Mast Academy	Dade	170	
College Academy At Broward College	Broward	176	
School For Advanced Studies Homestead	Dade	61	
New World School Of The Arts	Dade	121	
Pine View School	Sarasota	195	
Suncoast Community High School	Palm Beach	346	
Design & Architecture Senior High	Dade	118	
Doral Performing Arts & Entertainment Academy	Dade	134	
Alexander W Dreyfoos Junior School Of The Arts	Palm Beach	313	
Doral Academy Charter High School	Dade	330	

To learn more about the FAFSA and school data used in the chart above, please view the following addendum: http://www.florid... FAFSA-Finish-Line-Data-Addendum-2016.pdf

Tooltip popup:

School Name: **School For Advanced Studies-Wolfson**
School City: **Miami**
School County: **Dade**
Charter Status: **Not a charter school**
Primary Service Type: **K-12 General Education**

High School Grad Rate (2014-15): **100.0%**
Free/Reduced Price Lunch Rate (2015-16): **53.6%**

FAFSAs Completed thru 1-29-16: **32**
12th Graders (2015-16): **58**
FAFSA Completion Rate thru 1-29-16: **55.2%**

FAFSAs Completed thru 1-29-15: **31**
12th Graders (2014-15): **57**
FAFSA Completion Rate thru 1-29-15: **54.4%**

Change in FAFSA % from 2015 to 2016: **0.8%**

FAFSAs Completed thru March 2015: **39**
12th Graders (2014-15): **57**
FAFSA Completion Rate thru March 2015: **68.4%**

5% Goal (FAFSA Completion Rate thru March 2015 +5%): **73.4%**

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The FAFSA Finish Line allows users to view additional data on schools included in the dashboard.

To view additional data, use your curser to roll over or hover the data displayed on the chart as showed in the image.

These pop-ups are called "Tooltips" and show "directory" information and historical data for schools included in the dashboard.

4. Download/export the data from the dashboard to create your own reports and visualizations

The FAFSA Finish Line allows users to download or export data displayed on the dashboard.

To download data from the dashboard, select the desired fields in the chart (click and drag using curser).

A small pop-up box will appear indicating how many fields have been selected (next)...


Once the data has been selected, a small dialogue box will appear.

Click the small "view data" icon to the right of the dialogue box.

A pop-up will appear in your browser with an option to "**Download all rows as a text file**."

Click this link to export the data to a CSV file, which is compatible with most spreadsheet applications (ex. Microsoft Excel).

5. Share or embed the FAFSA Finish Line dashboard to help others in Florida view local FAFSA completion data!
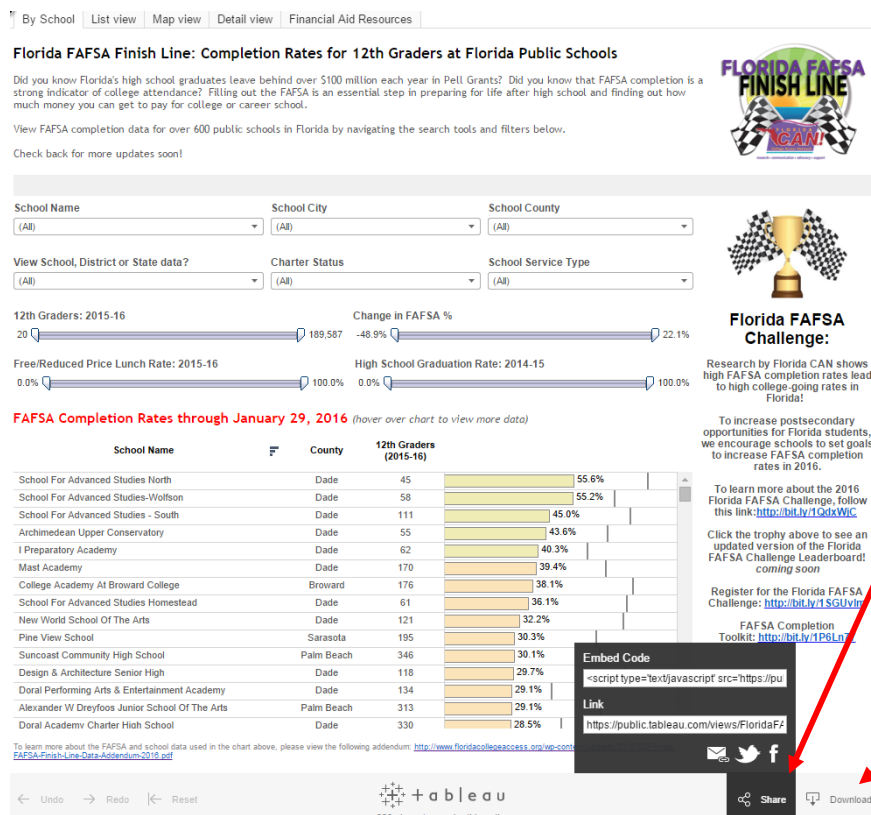
Click the "Share button" on the bottom right hand corner of the dashboard to locate a link to share the dashboard, embed it on a website (HTML), email it, or post to social media accounts (Facebook and Twitter).

You can also share a "custom report" of the FAFSA Finish Line data. Just make your selections using the filters, click "Download" in the bottom right hand corner then select "PDF."

Tableau will then generate a downloadable PDF version of the data that appears on the dashboard to the users specifications.

The Florida College Access Network's mission is to create and strengthen a statewide network that catalyzes and supports communities to improve college & career preparation, access, and completion for all students. For more information, visit www.floridacollegeaccess.org.