



**340**  
higher education  
programs in



**49** states

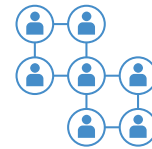


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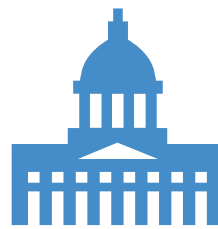
CTP  
programs in

**42** states

**39** states  
have statewide  
coordination



**20** states have passed  
legislation on higher  
education for students with  
intellectual disability



**34** states  
have received TPSID  
grants since 2010

Over **8,000** students with intellectual disability are  
estimated to be enrolled in higher education

Note: Out of 340 programs, 310 programs reported student enrollment numbers. Thirty programs did not report enrollment. Of the 310 programs that did report enrollment, the median number of students enrolled was 18 per program. If we estimate that the remaining thirty programs each enrolled 18 students, we could estimate that 8,060 students with intellectual disability enrolled in 340 higher education programs as of the 2022-23 academic year.



Higher education options for students with intellectual disability have grown due to changes in federal funding, access to Title IV aid, as well as state legislation and leadership. The Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA, 2008) created model demonstration programs, called Transition and Postsecondary Programs for Students with Intellectual Disabilities (TPSIDs). The HEOA also created a new designation—Comprehensive Transition and Postsecondary (CTP) program—that allows approved institutions of higher education to offer specific kinds of federal student aid to qualified students with intellectual disability. Additionally, growing numbers of states are conducting strategic planning via statewide coordination and passing legislation to support development and implementation of higher education options. This Think College Snapshot provides a summary of these markers of systems change supporting higher education access for students with intellectual disability in the United States.



State	Number of programs	Number of TPSID grants received since 2010	Number of colleges/ universities with approved CTP programs	State Legislation?	State Coordination?
Alabama	7	5	5	Yes	Yes
Alaska	1	1	0	No	No
Arizona	3	2	0	No	Yes
Arkansas	5	0	4	No	Yes
California	22	7	6	Yes	Yes
Colorado	5	2	4	Yes	Yes
Connecticut	5	0	1	No	No
Delaware	1	1	1	Yes	Yes
Florida	25	2	22	Yes	Yes
Georgia	9	1	8	Yes	Yes
Hawaii	1	3	0	No	Yes
Idaho	3	0	1	No	Yes
Illinois	16	1	9	Yes	Yes
Indiana	4	1	1	No	Yes
Iowa	6	1	3	No	No
Kansas	2	1	1	No	Yes
Kentucky	6	1	6	Yes	Yes
Louisiana	9	1	7	Yes	Yes
Maine	2	0	1	No	Yes
Maryland	10	0	0	Yes	Yes
Massachusetts	20	0	1	Yes	Yes
Michigan	6	1	1	Yes	Yes
Minnesota	4	1	4	Yes	Yes
Mississippi	2	0	2	No	Yes
Missouri	4	2	4	No	Yes
Montana	2	0	1	No	No
Nebraska	2	0	0	No	No
Nevada	2	0	2	No	No
New Hampshire	1	1	0	No	Yes
New Jersey	11	4	3	No	Yes
New Mexico	2	0	1	No	Yes
New York	32	3	10	No	Yes
North Carolina	19	2	3	Yes	Yes
North Dakota	3	3	0	Yes	Yes
Ohio	10	3	12	Yes	Yes
Oklahoma	3	0	3	Yes	Yes
Oregon	1	1	1	No	No
Pennsylvania	18	3	13	No	Yes
Rhode Island	2	1	1	No	No
South Carolina	6	2	6	Yes	Yes
South Dakota	1	0	1	No	Yes
Tennessee	8	5	8	Yes	Yes
Texas	19	4	4	Yes	Yes
Utah	3	2	1	No	Yes
Vermont	3	1	0	No	Yes
Virginia	5	1	3	No	Yes
Washington	3	4	4	No	No
West Virginia	1	0	1	No	No
Wisconsin	5	0	2	No	Yes
Wyoming	0	0	1	No	No
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>340<sup>1</sup></b> <b>(in 49 states)</b>	<b>74<sup>2</sup></b> <b>(in 34 states)</b>	<b>173<sup>3</sup></b> <b>(in 42 states)</b>	<b>20<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>39<sup>4</sup></b>

<sup>1</sup>See <https://thinkcollege.net/college-search>

<sup>2</sup>See <https://thinkcollege.net/projects/ncc>

<sup>3</sup>See <https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/eligibility/requirements/intellectual-disabilities>

<sup>4</sup>See <https://thinkcollege.net/resources/whats-happening-in-your-state>