

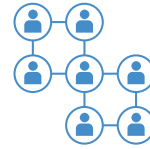


**361**  
higher education  
programs in  
**49** states

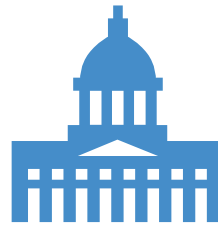


**176**  
CTP  
programs in  
**42** states

**35** states  
have statewide  
coordination



**21** states  
have passed legislation on  
inclusive higher education



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

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



**Note:** 7,958 students were reported to be enrolled across 321 programs. Twenty-one programs did not respond to that question. Three programs indicated zero students enrolled for the year and 16 indicated expecting enrollment in a future academic year (i.e., they are still in the planning phases). The median number of students enrolled at reporting programs was 17. Using the median as an estimate for the number of students enrolled at the 21 programs that did not report enrollment gives an additional 357 students, for a total estimate of 8,315 students with intellectual disability enrolled in higher education as of the 2023–24 academic year.

Higher education options for students with intellectual disability have grown due to changes in federal funding and 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 grantees cohort 1	Number of TPSID grantees cohort 2	Number of TPSID grantees cohort 3	Number of colleges/universities with approved CTP programs	Does this state have any current policy or legislative activity?	Does this state have state coordination?
Alabama	7	0	3	2	5	Yes	Yes
Alaska	1	1	0	0	0	No	No
Arizona	3	1	0	1	0	No	Yes
Arkansas	6	0	0	0	4	Yes	Yes
California	22	3	1	3	7	Yes	Yes
Colorado	7	1	1	0	4	Yes	Yes
Connecticut	4	0	0	0	1	No	Yes
Delaware	1	1	0	0	1	Yes	No
Florida	25	1	1	0	22	Yes	Yes
Georgia	10	0	1	0	9	Yes	Yes
Hawaii	1	1	1	1	0	No	Yes
Idaho	3	0	0	0	1	No	Yes
Illinois	18	0	0	1	9	No	Yes
Indiana	5	1	0	0	1	No	No
Iowa	6	1	0	0	3	No	Yes
Kansas	2	0	1	0	1	No	No
Kentucky	6	1	0	0	6	Yes	Yes
Louisiana	10	1	0	0	9	Yes	Yes
Maine	2	0	0	0	1	Yes	Yes
Maryland	10	0	0	0	0	Yes	Yes
Massachusetts	20	0	0	0	1	Yes	Yes
Michigan	6	0	0	1	1	Yes	No
Minnesota	4	1	0	0	3	Yes	Yes
Mississippi	2	0	0	0	2	No	Yes
Missouri	4	0	1	1	4	No	Yes
Montana	2	0	0	0	1	No	No
Nebraska	2	0	0	0	0	No	No
Nevada	2	0	0	0	2	No	No
New Hampshire	0	0	0	1	0	No	Yes
New Jersey	13	2	1	1	3	No	Yes
New Mexico	2	0	0	0	1	No	Yes
New York	33	1	2	0	10	No	Yes
North Carolina	26	1	1	0	3	Yes	Yes
North Dakota	3	1	1	1	0	Yes	Yes
Ohio	10	2	1	0	12	Yes	Yes
Oklahoma	3	0	0	0	3	Yes	Yes
Oregon	1	0	1	0	1	No	No
Pennsylvania	20	0	1	2	13	No	Yes
Rhode Island	1	0	1	0	1	No	No
South Carolina	6	1	0	1	6	Yes	Yes
South Dakota	1	0	0	0	1	No	No
Tennessee	9	1	3	1	8	Yes	Yes
Texas	20	1	0	3	4	Yes	Yes
Utah	3	0	1	1	1	No	Yes
Vermont	3	1	0	0	0	No	Yes
Virginia	5	1	0	0	3	No	Yes
Washington	3	1	2	1	4	No	No
West Virginia	1	0	0	0	1	No	No
Wisconsin	6	0	0	0	2	No	No
Wyoming	1	0	0	0	1	No	No
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>361<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>27<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>25<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>22<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>176<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>21<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>35<sup>4</sup></b>
	(in 49 states)	23 states	19 states	16 states	42 states		

<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>