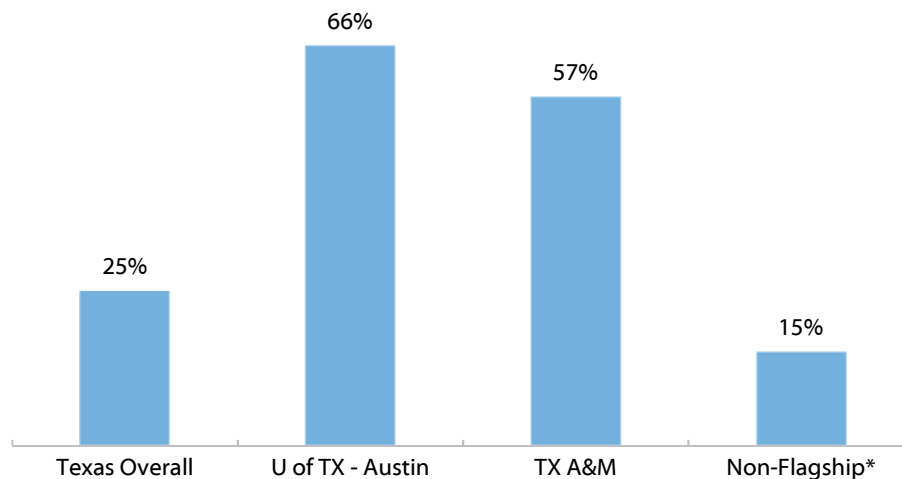


About 75 Percent of Students at Texas Public Universities Were Not in the Top 10 Percent of Their High School Class

Percent of Top 10% Admits Among First-Time Texas Public Four-Year University Students (Fall 2015)



While the majority of first-time students at Texas' two public flagship universities – the University of Texas at Austin and Texas A&M University – are drawn from the top ten percent of Texas high school classes, the far majority of students at Texas public universities are not. Top ten percent graduates account for about 25 percent of all first-time Texas public university students and only about 15 percent* of first-time students at the non-flagship universities, which account for about 82 percent of all Texas public university undergraduates. In fact, while top ten percent graduates are somewhat more likely than other students to enroll at a public university, they are in the minority at all non-flagship institutions.

As of fall 2015, 25.3 percent of first-time public university students were top ten percent admits. Only one out of 34** non-flagship public universities exceeded this proportion: the University of Houston, at 26.9 percent. Three others exceeded 20 percent: the University of Texas at Dallas (24.8%), the University of Texas at Arlington (23.9%), and the University of Texas of the Permian Basin (22.2%).

Eleven public universities had first-time classes whose share of top ten percent enrollment was less than ten percent.

*Estimate based on applying the percentage of top ten percent graduates among first-time students to the number of enrolled freshmen-level students.

**This is the number of non-flagship public universities for which the THECB had data on the percentage of top 10 percent enrollments. There are 39 Texas public universities in total.

Sources: Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) 2016 higher Education Almanac Institutional Comparison Sheets (<http://www.thecb.state.tx.us/index.cfm?objectid=A44B548A-E50C-8417-E09BF83FC11EA1EF>); Non-flagship estimate: Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB), Texas Higher Education Data, Profile Reports Electronically Produced (PREP), Enrollment Statewide by Institution Type and Level (http://www.txhighereddata.org/Interactive/PREP_New/).

