

High School Is Not the Finish Line!

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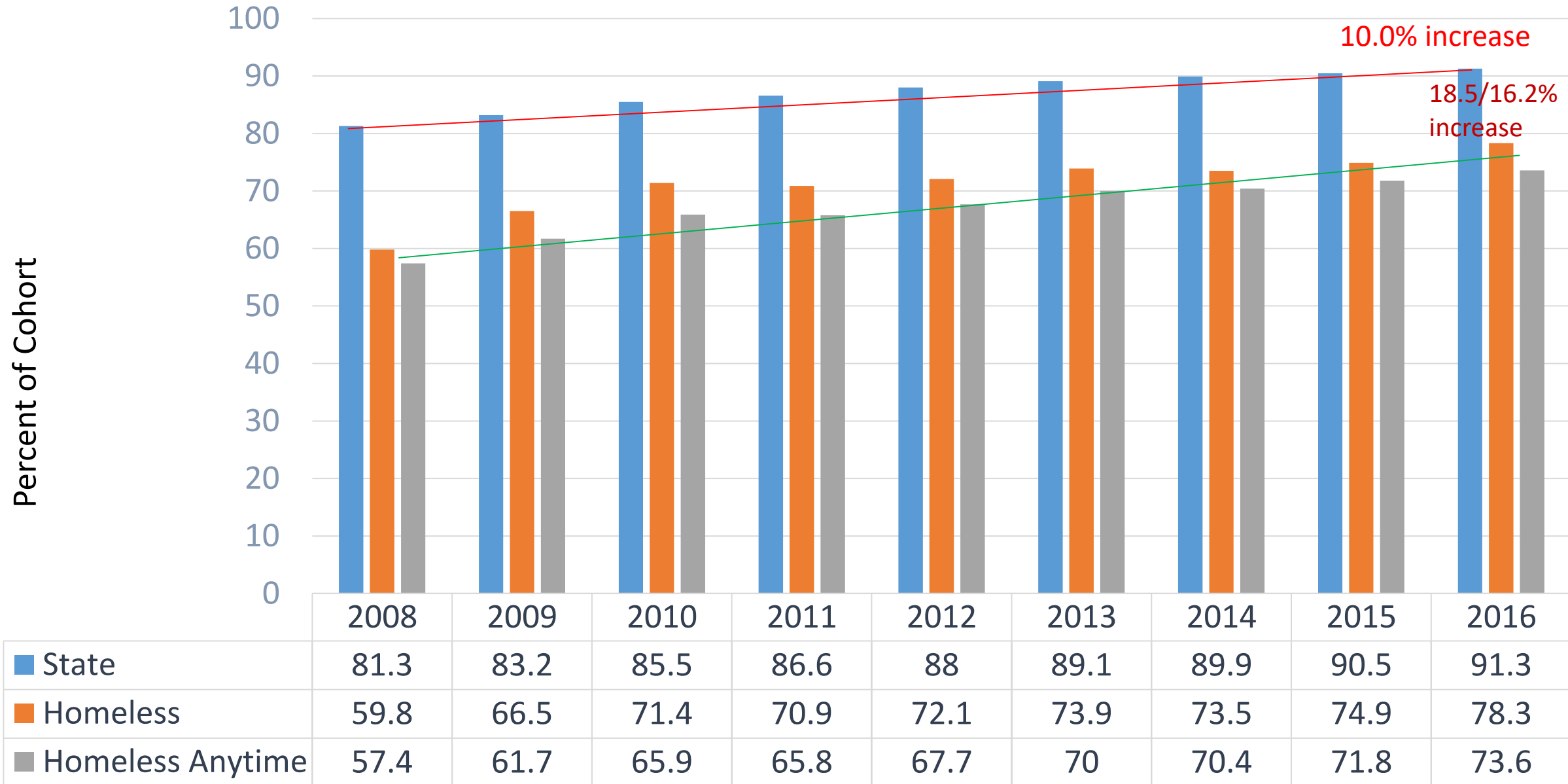
ESSA References to College

- Title I
- Title II
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- Title VI
- Title IX

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McKinney-Vento Overlap With Higher Education

Virginia's On-Time Graduation Rate



New in ESSA
Local Liaisons must ensure:



- MV students receive assistance from counselors to advise them and improve their readiness for college.
- Unaccompanied youth are informed of their status as independent students and how to receive verification of status.

Current and Coming Initiatives

- Interagency Partnership to Prevent and End Youth Homelessness
 - Strategic Plan, Goal 3 – Education
- Higher Education Network
 - Single Points of Contact (SPOCs)
- GEAR UP Pilot
 - Word of mouth helps with identification
 - Peer mentors
 - Messaging/texting reminders and affirmations

FAFSA Verification of UHY Status

- McKinney-Vento with parent/guardian – use regular process
- Unaccompanied homeless youth (UHY)
 - Homeless and NOT in the physical custody of a parent or guardian
 - Runaway, throwaway, couch-surfing
- Verification by
 - local homeless education liaisons
 - HUD and RHYA-funded shelter representatives
 - financial aid administrators
- Template: [*Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Documentation of Independent Student Status for the FAFSA*](#)

FAFSA Verification of UHY Status

- [Making Student Status Determinations for Unaccompanied Homeless Youth: Eligibility Tool for Financial Aid Administrators \(16-17 and 17-18\)](#)
- [US Department of Education Dear Colleague Letter: July 29, 2015](#)



Scenarios

Helpful Homeless Education Web Sites

- National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth
 - <http://naehcy.org/educational-resources/higher-ed>
- National Center for Homeless Education
 - http://nche.ed.gov/ibt/higher_ed.php
- Project HOPE-Virginia
 - <http://education.wm.edu/centers/hope/resources/highered/index.php>
- SchoolHouse Connection
 - <http://www.schoolhouseconnection.org/higher-education/>