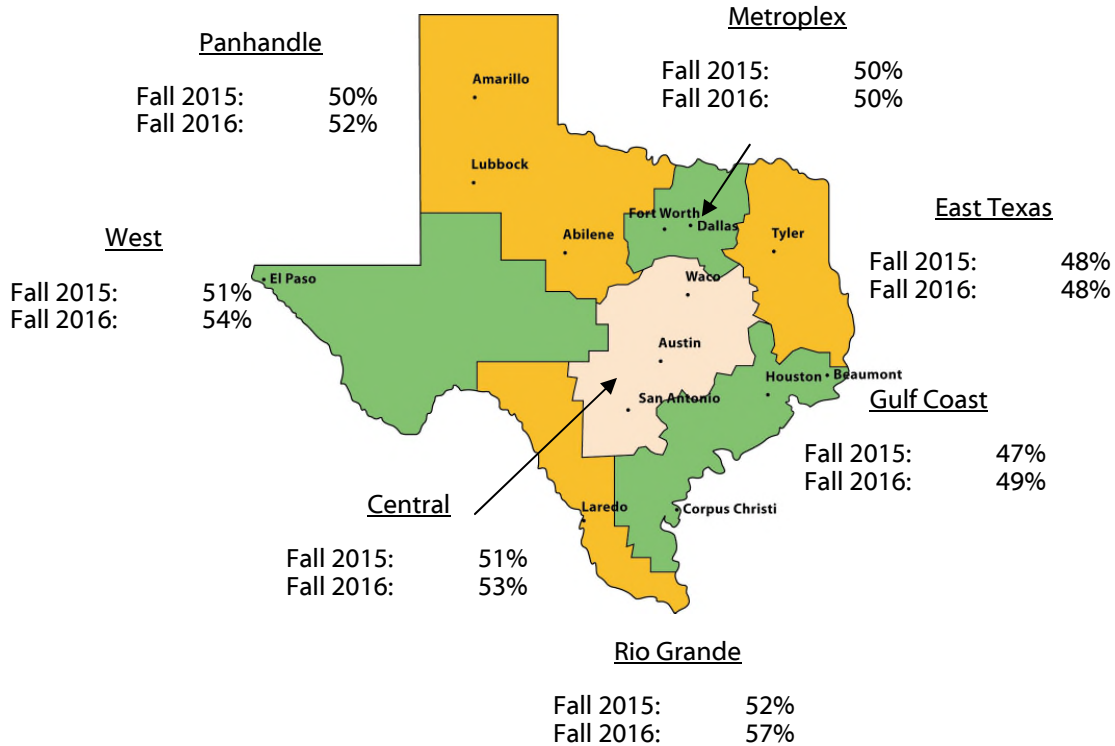


Rio Grande Valley Has Highest FAFSA Completion Rates in Texas

FAFSA Completion Rate by Region*



The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the standardized financial aid application used by nearly all colleges and universities to award all types of financial aid. The form is administered by the Office of Federal Student Aid (FSA), part of the U.S. Department of Education. Many students and families do not realize that most colleges and universities use this form to award all financial aid, not only Federal loans and grants. By completing the FAFSA, students and their families may have access to more financial options and may be able to make more informed decisions about college enrollment. Because of the importance of filling out the FAFSA and the strong correlation between FAFSA completion and college attendance, FSA has made data on FAFSA completion available to high schools and the public.

With the exception of the Gulf Coast and East Texas regions, 50 percent or more of the seniors in the high school class of 2015-2016 completed the FAFSA. Completion rates increased from the 2014-2015 high school class in all but the Metroplex and East Texas regions. At 57 percent, schools in the Rio Grande Valley had the highest completion rate.

* Fall 2015 represents the class of 2014-2015 high school seniors completing the FAFSA as of October 23, 2015; Fall 2016 represents the class of 2015-2016 high school seniors completing the FAFSA as of October 28, 2016.

Source: U.S. Department of Education, Office of Federal Student Aid, *FAFSA Completion by High School* (<http://studentaid.ed.gov/about/data-center/student/application-volume/afsa-completion-high-school>). Number of high school seniors from Texas Education Agency, special request.

