The percentage of Ohio high school graduates going directly to college (“immediate matriculation rate”) decreased by 3.2 percentage points to 53.3% in 2020, according to projections made by the Pell Institute.

Ohio’s immediate matriculation rate generally has been decreasing over the past decade. The rate has fallen 9.4 percentage points from its high-water mark of 62.7% in 2008.

Since 2004, Ohio’s rate has been below the national average.

Ohio’s rate was 2.7 percentage points below the national average in 2020.

The gap has been closing since 2016, when it reached 4.1 percentage points.