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NJ Student and Parent Consumer Information Act Report**

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New Jersey Student & Parent Consumer Information Act Report

The ***New Jersey College Student and Parent Consumer Information Act*** (P.L. 2009, Chapter 197) requires each New Jersey four-year public institution of higher education to provide on its website certain information regarding its costs, faculty, and graduation rates. This report includes Thomas Edison State University's information as required under the Act.

Data for all New Jersey four-year public institutions of higher education are available on the NJ Office of the Secretary of Higher Education's website:
<http://nj.gov/highereducation/ConsumerInfo.shtml>.

THOMAS EDISON STATE UNIVERSITY

Institutional Summary

Established in 1972, Thomas Edison State University provides distinctive undergraduate and graduate education for self-directed adults through flexible, high-quality collegiate learning and assessment opportunities. The University is one of New Jersey's senior public institutions of higher education and was granted university status by the New Jersey Secretary of Higher Education in December 2015. Thomas Edison State University is the only university in New Jersey dedicated exclusively for adults and offers degree programs at the associate, bachelor's, master's and doctoral level as well as undergraduate and graduate certificates.

For nearly five decades, the University has pioneered the use of the latest technologies to develop high-quality educational programs for adults and has served as a national leader in the assessment of adult learning. The New York Times called Thomas Edison State University "the college that paved the way for flexibility."

The entire academic program at the University revolves around the unique needs of adults. Students earn credit through a variety of methods designed exclusively for adult learners, including online courses, guided independent study, examination programs and professional and/or military training. Adult learners also earn credit by demonstrating college-level knowledge acquired outside a traditional classroom and by transferring credits earned from other regionally accredited institutions. Thomas Edison State University makes it possible for adult students to pursue their education without sacrificing their personal or professional responsibilities.

THOMAS EDISON STATE UNIVERSITY

Mission & Purpose

Mission

Thomas Edison State University provides distinctive undergraduate and graduate education for self-directed adults through flexible, high-quality collegiate learning and assessment opportunities.

Purpose

Thomas Edison State University was established as Edison College in 1972 by the State of New Jersey and chartered by the New Jersey Board of Higher Education. The University was founded for the purpose of providing diverse and alternative methods of achieving a collegiate education of the highest quality for mature adults. To this end, the University seeks:

- I. To provide curricula and degree opportunities of appropriate level and composition consistent with the aspirations of our students, the public welfare, and the highest qualitative standards of American higher education.
- II. To create a system of college-level learning opportunities for adults by organizing collegiate and sponsored non-collegiate instruction into coherent degree strategies.
- III. To make available educationally valid learning opportunities which serve as alternatives to college classroom study and which are appropriate to the varied needs and learning styles of adults.
- IV. To develop and implement processes for the valid and reliable assessment of experiential and extra-collegiate college-level learning, and to provide appropriate academic recognition for knowledge so identified consistent with high standards of quality and rigor.
- V. To serve higher education and the public interest as a center of innovation, information, policy formulation and advocacy on behalf of adult learners.
- VI. To fulfill the public service obligation inherent to American institutions of higher education.
- VII. To conduct its affairs in a manner which acknowledges the maturity, autonomy, and dignity of its students; assures a portal of access to higher education for adult learners; and celebrates the values, diversity and high qualitative standards of American higher education.

**NJ Student and Parent Consumer Information Act
 Graduation Rates (P.L. 2009 Chapter 197 2. a. (1) thru (4))
 Graduates after 4 Years***

Fall 2013 Cohort Graduates after 4 Years		(1)	(2)						(3)		
		Total	Men	Women	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Other*	Student Athletes	Non-Athletes
Thomas Edison State University	(#)	n/a**									
	(%)	n/a**									

*Other includes American Indian or Alaskan Native, non-resident aliens, race unreported or unknown.

**This indicator is not applicable to Thomas Edison State University. The University enrolls primarily adult, part-time students. The University monitors Time to Degree Completion.

**NJ Student and Parent Consumer Information Act
 Graduation Rates (P.L. 2009 Chapter 197 2. a. (1) thru (3))
 Graduates after 6 Years**

Fall 2013 Cohort Graduates after 6 Years		(1)	(2)						(3)		
		Total	Men	Women	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Other*	Student Athletes	Non-Athletes
Thomas Edison State University	(#)	n/a**									
	(%)	n/a**									

*Other includes American Indian or Alaskan Native, non-resident aliens, race unreported or unknown.

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Thomas Edison State University
FY 2020 Graduates Time-to-Degree Completion* (By Total, Gender, & Race/Ethnicity)

FY 2020 Graduates		(1)			(2)					(3)	
		Total	Men	Women	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Other**	Student Athletes	Non-Athletes
Thomas Edison State University	Mean Number of Years	4.2	4.4	3.8	4.4	4.3	4.2	3.7	3.7	n/a	4.2

Source: Time-to-Degree Completion based on FY 2020 Year End Degree Awarded Data File.

Notes: 1) Since Thomas Edison State University enrolls primarily adult students who often bring in credit upon enrollment, the University monitors time-to-degree completion to examine how long it takes its graduates to earn a degree from the University.

2) **Other includes American Indian or Alaskan Native, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, non-resident aliens, two or more races, race unreported or unknown.

Thomas Edison State University
FY 2020 Graduates Time-to-Degree Completion by Degree Level
(Mean Number of Years)

	Associate	Baccalaureate	Master's	Doctorate
Overall	3.8	4.3	3.2	2.0

Source: Time-To-Degree Completion by Degree Level based on FY 2020 Year End Degree Awarded Data File

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Thomas Edison State University
FY 2020 Graduates Time-to-Degree Completion by Degree Level and

	Associate	Baccalaureate	Master's	Doctorate
NJ Residents	4.1	4.6	3.4	2.1
Out-of-State Residents	3.8	4.3	2.7	1.8

Source: Time-To-Degree Completion by Degree Level and Residence based on FY 2020 Year End Degree Awarded Data File.

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Transfer Rates (P.L. 2009 Chapter 197 2. a. (5), (6))

Fall 2019 Full-Time First-time Freshmen	(5)		(6) Overview of Transfer Institutions		
	Fall 2019 FT First-time Freshmen	Transferred out in Fall 2017		In-State	Out-of-State
	#	#	%	#	#
Thomas Edison State University	n/a*				

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**NJ Student and Parent Consumer Information Act
Costs (P.L. 2009 Chapter 197 2. a. (7), (10), (11))**

(7) Total Cost for AY 2019 - 2020 (FY 2020)			
Thomas Edison State University	Resident	Commuter	Non Resident/ Non Commuter*
Tuition & Fees	n/a	n/a	7,182
Room & Board	n/a	n/a	n/a
Books & Supplies	n/a	n/a	1,700
Transportation	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Expenses	n/a	n/a	n/a
TOTAL	n/a	n/a	8,882

*The University enrolls primarily adult, part-time students; students study at a distance. The undergraduate tuition provided represents 18 credits during the fiscal year at the Per Credit Tuition Rate (\$399). Detailed information about the University's tuition plans is available on the University's website at <https://www.tesu.edu/tuition>. The books and supplies estimate is based on federal financial aid standards.

Total Projected Cost for Fall 2020 Incoming Freshman			
(10) Graduates after 4 years		(11) Graduates after 6 years	
Resident	Commuter	Resident	Commuter
Thomas Edison State University	n/a**	n/a**	n/a**

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**NJ Student and Parent Consumer Information Act
Financial Assistance (P.L. 2009 Chapter 197 2. a. (8))**

(8) Institutional Financial Assistance Programs		Available To:	
		Athletes*	Non-Athletes
Senior Public Institution	Institutional Financial Aid programs	Yes/No	Yes/No
Thomas Edison State University	Inaugural Presidential Scholarship**	n/a	\$1,000
	Presidential Alumni Scholarship***	n/a	\$11,250
Total			\$12,250

* Athletes are only those students at NCAA Division 1 institutions who receive athletic aid.
 ** The Inaugural Presidential Scholarship started in FY 2019; during FY 2020, \$1,000 was disbursed.
 *** The Presidential Alumni Scholarship started in FY 2020. This scholarship replaced the Inaugural Presidential Scholarship .

**NJ Student and Parent Consumer Information Act
Financial Assistance (P.L. 2009 Chapter 197 2. a. (9))**

(9) Students who receive financial assistance

		Total # Students	# Receiving Assistance	% Receiving Assistance	Average Amount		
					Institutional Aid	Non-Institutional Aid+	Athletic Aid
Thomas Edison State University	Athletes* (NCAA)	n/a					n/a
	Non-Athletes	13,886	3,029	22%	\$383	\$6,809	

Data is from FY 2020.

* Athletes are only those students at NCAA Division 1 institutions who receive athletic aid.

+ Non-Institutional Aid includes private, state, and federal student aid other than athletic aid.

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Financial Assistance (P.L. 2009 Chapter 197 2. a. (12) thru (14))

(12) Average Student Loan Indebtedness Graduating in 4 years	Resident Student when admitted	Commuting Student when admitted	*Non Resident/ Non Commuter Student when admitted
Thomas Edison State University	--	--	\$12,896

(13) Average Student Loan Indebtedness Graduating in 6 years	Resident Student when admitted	Commuting Student when admitted	*Non Resident/ Non Commuter Student when admitted
Thomas Edison State University	--	--	\$19,362

(14) Average Student Loan Indebtedness Withdrawing after 1 year	Resident Student when admitted	Commuting Student when admitted	*Non Resident/ Non Commuter Student when admitted
Thomas Edison State University	--	--	\$3,227

Source: Office of Financial Aid

Note: The indebtedness calculation is based on the average loan received during FY 2020; the calculation excludes unsubsidized loans. The amount represents indebtedness during enrollment at the University; some students have incurred University debt prior to enrolling in the University.

* Students at the University study at distance.

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***FY 2020 Mentors (P.L. 2009 Chapter 197 2. a. (15) thru (16))**

(15) Types of Faculty		Total Faculty	Full-time Tenured/ Tenure Track Professors	Full-time Non-Tenure Track Professors	Part-time Faculty	Other: Mentors*
Thomas Edison State University	#	--	--	--	--	696
	%					100%

Course Sections Facilitated by:						
(16) Course Sections Facilitated by each type of Faculty		Total Faculty	Full-time Tenured/ Tenure Track Professors	Full-time Non-Tenure Track Professors	Part-time Faculty	Other: Mentors*
Thomas Edison State University	#	--	--	--	--	5,867
	%					100%

*Thomas Edison State University signs letters of agreement with subject-matter experts to serve as mentors and consultants to the academic units of the University for development and/or assessment in test construction, portfolio assessment, facilitating courses (e.g., Guided Study and online), pre-graduation conferences, demonstration of currency, practicum, nursing performance examinations, and program evaluations.