BACKGROUND

In its ongoing effort to understand the college choices and decision criteria of Oregon's high school graduates, the Oregon University System conducted a telephone survey of a random sample of the Oregon high school graduating class of 2003. This study, produced biennially beginning with the class of 1993, seeks to identify the proportion of the graduating class that attended a postsecondary institution, the type of college they selected, and the reasons for that choice. The survey also attempts to discern graduates’ reasons for not attending college. When completed, a full report will be available on the OUS website.

Where Did the Class of 2003 Go After Graduation?

Out of all Oregon high school graduates:
- College: 73.7%
  - College fall term: 69.5%
  - College winter term: 4.2%
- No College: 26.3%
  - Definitely enroll later: 7.7%
  - Probably enroll later: 9.6%
  - Will not enroll or unsure: 9.0%

College:
- College unknown: 0.2%
- 4-year college: 40.1%
  - Oregon 4-year college: 29.5%
  - Out-of-state 4-year college: 10.5%
- Independent college: 5.5%
- OUS: 23.9%
  - 20.1% will definitely or probably transfer to OUS later

Out-of-state:
- Oregon community college: 29.3%
- Oregon private vocational: 0.9%
- Out-of-state two-year: 3.2%

No College:
- Will not enroll or unsure: 9.0%
- Probably enroll later: 9.6%
- Definitely enroll later: 7.7%

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