

Washington 529 Plan Rollovers Report to the Governor and the Legislature November 2023

Introduction

The Committee on Advanced Tuition Payment and College Savings (Committee) operates two 529 plans: the Guaranteed Education Tuition (GET) program and the DreamAhead College Investment Plan (DreamAhead). GET and DreamAhead were established in statute ([Chapter 28B.95 RCW](#)) to encourage savings and enhance the ability of Washington residents to obtain financial access to post-secondary education.

Washington is one of 49 states, along with the District of Columbia, that offers one or more 529 plans to the public. These tax-advantaged savings vehicles offer tax-deferred growth and tax-free withdrawals when used for qualified higher education expenses such as tuition, fees, room and board, books, and supplies. Another qualifying distribution is to roll over funds to other 529 or 529A (ABLE) plans.

State law ([RCW 28B.95.045\(2\)](#)) requires the Committee to report annually to the Governor and the appropriate committees of the Legislature on:

- (a) The number of accounts that have been rolled into the Washington college savings program from out-of-state; and
- (b) The number of accounts rolled out of the Washington college savings program and into 529 plans in other states.

This statutory requirement only applies to DreamAhead (known statutorily as the “Washington College Savings Program”). However, for additional context, this report provides rollover statistics for both GET and DreamAhead for State Fiscal Year 2023. Additionally, this report includes rollovers between GET and the Washington State ABLE Savings Plan and between DreamAhead and the Washington State ABLE Savings Plan.

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Table 1 below provides a summary of GET to DreamAhead rollovers, as well as rollovers from GET to out-of-state plans and DreamAhead to out-of-state plans.

TABLE 1: GET and DreamAhead Rollovers – State Fiscal Year 2023

Rollover Type	Number of Accounts	Percent of Total Accounts (as of June 30, 2023)
Incoming Rollovers from Out-of-State Plans		
Rollovers into GET	51	0.1%
Rollovers into DreamAhead	39	0.1%
Outgoing Rollovers to Out-of-State Plans		
Rollovers from GET	80	0.1%
Rollovers from DreamAhead	157	0.6%
Rollovers between GET and DreamAhead		
Rollovers from GET to DreamAhead	49	0.1%
Rollovers from DreamAhead to GET	9	<0.1%
Rollovers to Washington State ABLE Savings Plan		
Rollovers from GET to WA ABLE	1	<0.1%
Rollovers from DreamAhead to WA ABLE	6	<0.1%
Rollovers to Out of-State ABLE Savings Plans		
Rollovers from GET to Out-of-State ABLE	1	<0.1%
Rollovers from DreamAhead to Out-of-State ABLE	1	<0.1%

Additional Notes

- It is important to consider total rollover activity in a given year in the context of total accounts. As of June 30, 2023, there were 67,072 funded GET accounts and 26,140 funded DreamAhead accounts.
 - For State Fiscal Year 2023, GET had 70 net rollovers out (rollovers out minus rollovers in), which translates to one-tenth of one percent (0.1%) of all funded GET accounts.
 - For State Fiscal Year 2023, DreamAhead had 84 net rollovers out (rollovers out minus rollovers in), which translates to around three-tenths of one percent (0.3%) of all funded DreamAhead accounts.
- Additional details about the rollovers, such as asset value or names of out-of-state plans, are available upon request to WA529 Director, Luke Minor at lucasm@wsac.wa.gov.
- The WA529 Committee will provide an update to this report by December 1, 2024.