

Minnesota State Community and Technical College

Student Right-To-Know Graduation and Transfer-Out Rates

What is Student Right-To-Know?

Student Right-To-Know is a federal law that requires all colleges and universities to disclose certain information to students. This handout provides the information that a college must provide to students on graduation rates and transfer-out rates for full-time students seeking degrees at Minnesota State Community and Technical College.

What is a graduation rate and what is a transfer-out rate?

Federal regulations specify how to calculate the graduation and transfer rates. The rates come from a study of Minnesota State Community and Technical College students who started at the college in the Fall 2022. The study includes all first-time students who enrolled full-time that fall and were seeking to earn a degree at the college. The **graduation rate** is the percentage of these students who graduated from the college within three years. The **transfer-out rate** is the percentage of these students who did not graduate from the college, but instead transferred to another college or university within three years.

What do I need to know about these rates?

These rates do not report on all students at Minnesota State Community and Technical College. The 533 first-time, full-time students in the study were 10 percent of all undergraduate students enrolled in Fall 2022.

What are the graduation and transfer-out rates for Minnesota State Community and Technical College students and how do they compare to rates for other colleges?

- The **graduation rate** for Minnesota State Community and Technical College was 53 percent.
- The **transfer-out rate** for Minnesota State Community and Technical College was 39 percent.
- The combination of the graduation rate and the transfer-out rate was 92 percent. The national average combined rate for similar colleges was 51 percent.

Why don't more Minnesota State Community and Technical College students graduate or transfer in three years?

- Since Minnesota State Community and Technical College has an "open door" mission, many new students need to take developmental courses to improve reading, writing, or math skills before taking other college courses;
- Some students take jobs before they graduate;
- Students who switch from full-time to part-time enrollment or "stop out" for one or more semesters are more likely to take more than three years to graduate;
- Other students delay their education for personal, family or financial reasons.

Disaggregated Student Right-to-Know Graduation and Transfer-out Rates

Minnesota State Community and Technical College	Graduation Rate	Transfer-out Rate	Combined Rate
Total Cohort	53%	39%	92%
Race Ethnicity			
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*	*
Asian	*	*	*
Black or African American	28%	64%	92%
Hispanic of any race	*	*	*
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*
Two or more races	21%	54%	75%
U.S. Nonresident	*	*	*
Unknown race and ethnicity	*	*	*
White	60%	33%	93%
Gender			
Female	47%	46%	94%
Male	56%	35%	91%
Financial Aid			
Pell Grant Recipient	*	*	*
Received neither Pell nor Subsidized Stafford Loans	56%	36%	92%
Received Subsidized Stafford Loans, but no Pell	*	*	*

* Suppressed to protect student privacy.

Due to rounding, percentages may not always appear to add up.