

North Hennepin Community 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 North Hennepin Community 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 North Hennepin students who started at the college in the fall of 2016. 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 North Hennepin within three years. The **transfer-out rate** is the percentage of these students who did not graduate from North Hennepin, 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 North Hennepin. The 385 first-time, full-time students in the study were 6 percent of all students enrolled at North Hennepin in fall of 2016.

What are the graduation and transfer-out rates for North Hennepin students and how do they compare to rates for other colleges?

- The **graduation rate** for North Hennepin was 17 percent.
- The **transfer-out rate** for North Hennepin was 34 percent.
- The combination of the graduation rate and the transfer-out rate for North Hennepin was 51 percent. The national average combined rate for similar colleges was 45 percent.

Why don't more North Hennepin students graduate or transfer in three years?

- Since North Hennepin has an “open door” mission, many new students need to take “developmental” courses to improve their reading, writing or math skills before taking other college courses;
- 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;
- Some students take jobs before they graduate;
- Other students delay their education for personal, family or financial reasons.

Disaggregated Student Right-to-Know Graduation and Transfer-out Rates			
North Hennepin Community College	Graduation Rate	Transfer-out Rate	Combined Rate
Total Cohort	17%	34%	51%
Race Ethnicity			
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*	*
Asian	19%	25%	44%
Black or African American	6%	46%	52%
Hispanic of any race	13%	34%	47%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*
Nonresident Alien	*	*	*
Two or more races	*	*	*
Unknown race and ethnicity	*	*	*
White	26%	29%	55%
Gender			
Female	22%	37%	59%
Male	12%	31%	43%
Financial Aid			
Pell Grant Recipient	15%	35%	50%
Received neither Pell nor Subsidized Stafford Loans	*	*	*
Received Subsidized Stafford Loans, but no Pell	*	*	*

* Suppressed to protect student privacy.

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