

Central Lakes 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 Central Lakes 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 Central Lakes College students who started at the college in the fall of 2013. The study includes all first-time students who enrolled full-time that fall and were seeking to earn a degree, diploma or certificate at the college. The **graduation rate** is the percentage of these students who graduated from Central Lakes within three years. The **transfer-out rate** is the percentage of these students who did not graduate from Central Lakes, 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 Central Lakes. The 551 first-time, full-time students in the study were 13 percent of all students enrolled at Central Lakes in fall of 2013.

What are CLC graduation and transfer-out rates?

- The **graduation rate** for Central Lakes was 39 percent.
- The **transfer-out rate** for Central Lakes was 16 percent.
- The combination of the graduation rate and the transfer-out rate for Central Lakes was 56 percent. The national average combined rate for similar colleges was 42 percent.

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

- Since Central Lakes 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

	Graduation Rate	Transfer-out Rate	Combined Rate
Central Lakes College	39%	16%	56%

Race Ethnicity	Graduation Rate	Transfer-out Rate	Combined Rate
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*	*
Asian	*	*	*
Black or African American	10%	41%	52%
Hispanic of any race	*	*	*
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*
Nonresident Alien	*	*	*
Two or more races	29%	29%	57%
Unknown race and ethnicity	*	*	*
White	43%	15%	57%

Gender	Graduation Rate	Transfer-out Rate	Combined Rate
Female	38%	18%	56%
Male	40%	15%	56%

Financial Aid	Graduation Rate	Transfer-out Rate	Combined Rate
Pell Grant Recipient	34%	16%	50%
Received neither Pell nor Subsidized Stafford Loans	49%	16%	64%
Received Subsidized Stafford Loans, but no Pell	47%	19%	65%

**Suppressed to protect student privacy. Due to rounding, percentages may not always appear to add up to 100%.*