

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 2014. 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 493 first-time, full-time students in the study were 12 percent of all students enrolled at Central Lakes in fall of 2014.

What are CLC graduation and transfer-out rates?

- The **graduation rate** for Central Lakes was 43 percent.
- The **transfer-out rate** for Central Lakes was 15 percent.
- The combination of the graduation rate and the transfer-out rate for Central Lakes was 58 percent. The national average combined rate for similar colleges was 43 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	43%	15%	58%

Race Ethnicity	Graduation Rate	Transfer-out Rate	Combined Rate
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*	*
Asian	*	*	*
Black or African American	15%	42%	58%
Hispanic of any race	*	*	*
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*
Nonresident Alien	*	*	*
Two or more races	21%	18%	39%
Unknown race and ethnicity	*	*	*
White	47%	13%	60%

Gender	Graduation Rate	Transfer-out Rate	Combined Rate
Female	38%	15%	53%
Male	45%	15%	61%

Financial Aid	Graduation Rate	Transfer-out Rate	Combined Rate
Pell Grant Recipient	37%	14%	51%
Received neither Pell nor Subsidized Stafford Loans	48%	15%	63%
Received Subsidized Stafford Loans, but no Pell	55%	18%	73%

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