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 (CLC).

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 CLC students who started at the college in the fall of 2019. 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 CLC within three years. The **transfer-out rate** is the percentage of these students who did not graduate from CLC, 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 College. The 395 first-time, full-time students in the study were 9 percent of all students enrolled at CLC in fall of 2019.

What are the graduation and transfer-out rates for Central Lakes College students and how do they compare to rates for other colleges?

- The **graduation rate** for CLC was 47 percent.
- The **transfer-out rate** for CLC was 12 percent.
- The combination of the graduation rate and the transfer-out rate for CLC was 59 percent. The national average combined rate for similar colleges was 44 percent.

Why don't more Central Lakes College students graduate or transfer in three years?

- Since CLC 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			
Central Lakes College	**Graduation Rate**	**Transfer-out Rate**	**Combined Rate**
Total Cohort	47%	12%	59%
Race Ethnicity			
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*	*
Asian	*	*	*
Black or African American	*	*	*
Hispanic of any race	*	*	*
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*
U.S. Nonresident	*	*	*
Two or more races	14%	29%	43%
Unknown race and ethnicity	*	*	*
White	54%	10%	64%
Gender			
Female	45%	15%	60%
Male	48%	11%	58%
Financial Aid			
Pell Grant Recipient	38%	12%	50%
Received neither Pell nor Subsidized Stafford Loans	59%	10%	70%
Received Subsidized Stafford Loans, but no Pell	51%	20%	71%

* Suppressed to protect student privacy.

Due to rounding, percentages may not always appear to add up to 100%.