

## **Minnesota West 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 West 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 West 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 Minnesota West within three years. The **transfer-out rate** is the percentage of these students who did not graduate from Minnesota West, 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 West. The 323 first-time, full-time students in the study were 9 percent of all students enrolled at Minnesota West in fall of 2019.

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

- The **graduation rate** for Minnesota West was 37 percent.
- The **transfer-out rate** for Minnesota West was 21 percent.
- The combination of the graduation rate and the transfer-out rate for Minnesota West was 59 percent. The national average combined rate for similar colleges was 44 percent.

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

- Since Minnesota West 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.

<b>Disaggregated Student Right-to-Know Graduation and Transfer-out Rates</b>			
<b>Minnesota West Community and Technical College</b>	<b>Graduation Rate</b>	<b>Transfer-out Rate</b>	<b>Combined Rate</b>
Total Cohort	37%	21%	59%
<b>Race Ethnicity</b>			
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*	*
Asian	*	*	*
Black or African American	7%	37%	44%
Hispanic of any race	31%	25%	56%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*
U.S. Nonresident	*	*	*
Two or more races	47%	20%	67%
Unknown race and ethnicity	*	*	*
White	45%	17%	62%
<b>Gender</b>			
Female	43%	20%	63%
Male	34%	22%	56%
<b>Financial Aid</b>			
Pell Grant Recipient	34%	24%	57%
Received neither Pell nor Subsidized Stafford Loans	40%	16%	56%
Received Subsidized Stafford Loans, but no Pell	50%	24%	74%

\* Suppressed to protect student privacy.

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