

Minnesota North 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 North College (MNC).

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 North College students who started at the college in the fall of 2021. 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 MNC within three years. The **transfer-out rate** is the percentage of these students who did not graduate from MNC, 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 North College. The 721 first-time, full-time students in the study were 17 percent of all students enrolled at MNC in fall of 2021.

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

- The **graduation rate** for MNC was 42 percent.
- The **transfer-out rate** for MNC was 18 percent.
- The combination of the graduation rate and the transfer-out rate for MNC was 59 percent. The national average combined rate for similar colleges was 51 percent.

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

- Since MNC 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			
Minnesota North College	Graduation Rate	Transfer-out Rate	Combined Rate
Total Cohort	42%	18%	59%
Race Ethnicity			
American Indian or Alaska Native	33%	25%	58%
Asian	*	*	*
Black or African American	6%	48%	54%
Hispanic of any race	33%	25%	59%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*
Two or more races	32%	26%	57%
U.S. Nonresident	*	*	*
Unknown race and ethnicity	*	*	*
White	51%	10%	61%
Gender			
Female	42%	15%	56%
Male	42%	19%	61%
Financial Aid			
Pell Grant Recipient	31%	22%	52%
Received neither Pell nor Subsidized Stafford Loans	55%	14%	69%
Received Subsidized Stafford Loans, but no Pell	42%	12%	54%

* Suppressed to protect student privacy.

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