

Ridgewater 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 Ridgewater 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 Ridgewater College students who started at the college in the Fall 2022. The study includes all first-time students who enrolled full-time that fall and were seeking to earn a degree at the college. The **graduation rate** is the percentage of these students who graduated from the college within three years. The **transfer-out rate** is the percentage of these students who did not graduate from the college, 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 Ridgewater College. The 463 first-time, full-time students in the study were 13 percent of all undergraduate students enrolled in Fall 2022.

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

- The **graduation rate** for Ridgewater College was 57 percent.
- The **transfer-out rate** for Ridgewater College was 11 percent.
- The combination of the graduation rate and the transfer-out rate was 69 percent.
The national average combined rate for similar colleges was 51 percent.

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

- Some students take jobs before they graduate;
- 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;
- Other students delay their education for personal, family or financial reasons.

Disaggregated Student Right-to-Know Graduation and Transfer-out Rates

Ridgewater College	Graduation Rate	Transfer-out Rate	Combined Rate
Total Cohort	57%	11%	69%
Race Ethnicity			
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*	*
Asian	*	*	*
Black or African American	*	*	*
Hispanic of any race	39%	8%	47%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*
Two or more races	*	*	*
U.S. Nonresident	*	*	*
Unknown race and ethnicity	*	*	*
White	60%	12%	73%
Gender			
Female	56%	13%	70%
Male	59%	9%	68%
Financial Aid			
Pell Grant Recipient	48%	11%	59%
Received neither Pell nor Subsidized Stafford Loans	63%	12%	75%
Received Subsidized Stafford Loans, but no Pell	78%	9%	87%

* Suppressed to protect student privacy.

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