

St. Cloud State University

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 university must provide to students on graduation rates and transfer-out rates for full-time students seeking degrees at St. Cloud State University (SCSU).

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 SCSU students who started at the university in the fall of 2012. The study includes all first-time students who enrolled full-time that fall and were seeking to earn a degree at the university. The **graduation rate** is the percentage of these students who graduated from SCSU within six years. The **transfer-out rate** is the percentage of these students who did not graduate from SCSU, but instead transferred to another college or university within six years.

What do I need to know about these rates?

These rates do not report on all students at St. Cloud State University. The 1,839 first-time, full-time students in the study were 12 percent of all undergraduate students enrolled in fall of 2012.

What are the graduation and transfer-out rates for St. Cloud State University students and how do they compare to rates for other universities?

- The **graduation rate** for SCSU was 44 percent.
- The **transfer-out rate** for SCSU was 34 percent.
- The combination of the graduation rate and the transfer-out rate was 78 percent. The national average combined rate for similar universities was 75 percent.

Why don't more St. Cloud State University students graduate or transfer in six 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 six years to graduate;
- Other students delay their education for personal, family or financial reasons.

Disaggregated Student Right-to-Know Graduation and Transfer-out Rates			
St. Cloud State University	Graduation Rate	Transfer-out Rate	Combined Rate
Total Cohort	44%	34%	78%
Race Ethnicity			
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*	*
Asian	32%	40%	73%
Black or African American	32%	41%	73%
Hispanic of any race	25%	48%	72%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*
Nonresident Alien	*	*	*
Two or more races	33%	49%	82%
Unknown race and ethnicity	57%	21%	79%
White	47%	33%	80%
Gender			
Female	47%	35%	83%
Male	41%	33%	74%
Financial Aid			
Pell Grant Recipient	38%	35%	74%
Received neither Pell nor Subsidized Stafford Loans	50%	32%	82%
Received Subsidized Stafford Loans, but no Pell	46%	35%	81%

* Suppressed to protect student privacy.

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