

# 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.

### 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 Central Lakes College students who started at the college in the fall of 2016. 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 Central Lakes College within three years. The **transfer-out rate** is the percentage of these students who did not graduate from Central Lakes 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 Central Lakes. The 452 first-time, full-time students in the study were 12 percent of all students enrolled at Central Lakes in fall of 2016.

### 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 Central Lakes was 44 percent.
- The **transfer-out rate** for Central Lakes was 15 percent.
- The combination of the graduation rate and the transfer-out rate for Central Lakes was 59 percent. The national average combined rate for similar colleges was 45 percent.

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

- Since Central Lakes 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>Central Lakes College</b>	<b>Graduation Rate</b>	<b>Transfer-out Rate</b>	<b>Combined Rate</b>
<b>Total Cohort</b>	44%	15%	59%
<b><i>Race Ethnicity</i></b>			
<b>American Indian or Alaska Native</b>	*	*	*
<b>Asian</b>	*	*	*
<b>Black or African American</b>	21%	42%	63%
<b>Hispanic of any race</b>	*	*	*
<b>Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander</b>	*	*	*
<b>Nonresident Alien</b>	*	*	*
<b>Two or more races</b>	35%	35%	71%
<b>Unknown race and ethnicity</b>	*	*	*
<b>White</b>	46%	14%	60%
<b><i>Gender</i></b>			
<b>Female</b>	43%	13%	56%
<b>Male</b>	45%	17%	62%
<b><i>Financial Aid</i></b>			
<b>Pell Grant Recipient</b>	40%	17%	57%
<b>Received neither Pell nor Subsidized Stafford Loans</b>	50%	16%	65%
<b>Received Subsidized Stafford Loans, but no Pell</b>	45%	9%	55%

\* Suppressed to protect student privacy.

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