

## **Southwest Minnesota 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 Southwest Minnesota State University.

#### **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 Southwest Minnesota State University students who started at the university in the Fall 2019. 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 the university within six years. The **transfer-out rate** is the percentage of these students who did not graduate from the university, 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 Southwest Minnesota State University. The 293 first-time, full-time students in the study were 4 percent of all undergraduate students enrolled in Fall 2019.

#### **What are the graduation and transfer-out rates for Southwest Minnesota State University students and how do they compare to rates for other universities?**

- The **graduation rate** for Southwest Minnesota State University was 48 percent.
- The **transfer-out rate** for Southwest Minnesota State University was 30 percent.
- The combination of the graduation rate and the transfer-out rate was 79 percent.  
The national average combined rate for similar universities was 73 percent.

#### **Why don't more Southwest Minnesota 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

<b>Southwest Minnesota State University</b>	<b>Graduation Rate</b>	<b>Transfer-out Rate</b>	<b>Combined Rate</b>
Total Cohort	48%	30%	79%
<b>Race Ethnicity</b>			
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*	*
Asian	*	*	*
Black or African American	43%	38%	81%
Hispanic of any race	41%	32%	73%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*
Two or more races	38%	31%	69%
U.S. Nonresident	*	*	*
Unknown race and ethnicity	*	*	*
White	53%	29%	82%
<b>Gender</b>			
Female	57%	27%	84%
Male	38%	34%	72%
<b>Financial Aid</b>			
Pell Grant Recipient	41%	29%	70%
Received neither Pell nor Subsidized Stafford Loans	55%	31%	85%
Received Subsidized Stafford Loans, but no Pell	52%	32%	84%

\* Suppressed to protect student privacy.

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