

**Dakota County Technical College**  
**Student Right-To-Know Graduation and Transfer-Out Rates**  
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**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 Dakota County Technical College (DCTC).

**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 Dakota County Technical College students who started at the college in the fall of 2017. 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 DCTC within three years. The **transfer-out rate** is the percentage of these students who did not graduate from DCTC, 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 Dakota County Technical College. The 386 first-time, full-time students in the study were 16 percent of all students enrolled at DCTC in fall of 2017.

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

- The **graduation rate** for DCTC was 47 percent.
- The **transfer-out rate** for DCTC was 11 percent.
- The combination of the graduation rate and the transfer-out rate for DCTC was 59 percent. The national average combined rate for similar colleges was 45 percent.

**Why don't more Dakota County Technical 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.

<b>Disaggregated Student Right-to-Know Graduation and Transfer-out Rates</b>			
<b>Dakota County Technical College</b>	<b>Graduation Rate</b>	<b>Transfer-out Rate</b>	<b>Combined Rate</b>
Total Cohort	47%	11%	59%
<b>Race Ethnicity</b>			
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*	*
Asian	*	*	*
Black or African American	*	*	*
Hispanic of any race	31%	6%	37%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*
Nonresident Alien	*	*	*
Two or more races	*	*	*
Unknown race and ethnicity	*	*	*
White	57%	10%	67%
<b>Gender</b>			
Female	56%	13%	69%
Male	44%	10%	55%
<b>Financial Aid</b>			
Pell Grant Recipient	*	*	*
Received neither Pell nor Subsidized Stafford Loans	51%	11%	62%
Received Subsidized Stafford Loans, but no Pell	*	*	*

\* Suppressed to protect student privacy.

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