

Rainy River Community 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 Rainy River Community 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 Rainy River students who started at the college 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 college. The **graduation rate** is the percentage of these students who graduated from Rainy River within three years. The **transfer-out rate** is the percentage of these students who did not graduate from Rainy River, 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 Rainy River. The 82 first-time, full-time students in the study were 22 percent of all students enrolled at Rainy River in fall of 2012.

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

- The **graduation rate** for Rainy River was 30 percent.
- The **transfer-out rate** for Rainy River was 33 percent.
- The combination of the graduation rate and the transfer-out rate for Rainy River was 63 percent. The national average combined rate for similar colleges was 40 percent.

Why don't more Rainy River students graduate or transfer in three years?

- Since Rainy River 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.

Disaggregated Student Right-to-Know Graduation and Transfer-Out Rates			
Rainy River Community College	Graduation Rate	Transfer-out Rate	Combined Rate
Total Cohort	30%	33%	63%
Race Ethnicity			
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*	*
Asian	*	*	*
Black or African American	*	*	*
Hispanic of any race	*	*	*
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*
Nonresident Alien	*	*	*
Two or more races	*	*	*
Unknown race and ethnicity	*	*	*
White	47%	19%	65%
Gender			
Female	33%	38%	71%
Male	26%	26%	53%
Financial Aid			
Pell Grant Recipient	19%	42%	60%
Received neither Pell nor Subsidized Stafford Loans	*	*	*
Received Subsidized Stafford Loans, but no Pell	*	*	*

* Suppressed to protect student privacy.

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