

## **Riverland 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 Riverland 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 Riverland students who started at the college in the fall of 2018. 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 Riverland within three years. The **transfer-out rate** is the percentage of these students who did not graduate from Riverland, 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 Riverland. The 328 first-time, full-time students in the study were 10 percent of all students enrolled at Riverland in fall of 2018.

#### **What are the graduation and transfer-out rates for Riverland students and how do they compare to rates for other colleges?**

- The **graduation rate** for Riverland was 42 percent.
- The **transfer-out rate** for Riverland was 14 percent.
- The combination of the graduation rate and the transfer-out rate for Riverland was 56 percent. The national average combined rate for similar colleges was 45 percent.

#### **Why don't more Riverland students graduate or transfer in three years?**

- Since Riverland 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>Riverland Community College</b>	<b>Graduation Rate</b>	<b>Transfer-out Rate</b>	<b>Combined Rate</b>
Total Cohort	42%	14%	56%
<b>Race Ethnicity</b>			
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*	*
Asian	*	*	*
Black or African American	*	*	*
Hispanic of any race	32%	12%	44%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*
Nonresident Alien	20%	20%	40%
Two or more races	*	*	*
Unknown race and ethnicity	*	*	*
White	50%	12%	63%
<b>Gender</b>			
Female	38%	8%	46%
Male	44%	18%	62%
<b>Financial Aid</b>			
Pell Grant Recipient	34%	17%	51%
Received neither Pell nor Subsidized Stafford Loans	50%	10%	59%
Received Subsidized Stafford Loans, but no Pell	52%	14%	67%

\* Suppressed to protect student privacy.

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