

## Graduation Rates 2018-19

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### Overview

#### Graduation Rates Overview

Welcome to the IPEDS Graduation Rates (GR) survey component. The GR component collects data on the cohort of full-time, first-time degree/certificate-seeking undergraduate students and tracks their completion status at 150% of the normal time to complete all requirements of their program of study. This information is collected to assist institutions in complying with the requirements of the Student Right-to-Know Act.

#### Data Reporting Reminders

Once a student is in the cohort, they remain in the cohort, even if their status changes to part-time or they drop out or transfer out of the institution. However, adjustments can be made to the cohort for allowable exclusions, which include the death of a student, permanent disability, military deployment, or service on an official church mission or with a foreign aid service of the Federal government.

 When reporting award levels for sub-baccalaureate certificates, determine program length by the number of credit or contact hours, NOT the academic year length in parentheses. The academic year length is meant only to provide context.

#### Recent Changes to the Graduation Rates Component:

- IPEDS will collect the HEA, as amended, required graduation rate for Pell recipients and recipients of a subsidized Direct Loan who did not receive a Pell Grant. A recipient will be defined as anyone who receives and uses these awards anytime within their first year

#### Resources:

The survey materials package for this component can be downloaded using the following link: [Survey Materials](#)

To access your prior year data submission for this component: [Reported Data](#)

If you have questions about completing this survey, please contact the **IPEDS Help Desk at 1-877-225-2568**.

**Establishing cohort**

Based on your institution's response to the predominant calendar system question (B3) on the Institutional Characteristics Header survey component from the IPEDS Fall 2018 data collection, your institution must report graduation rates data using a:

**Fall Cohort**

*A **fall cohort** is used by institutions with standard academic terms (semester, trimester, quarter, 4-1-4). A **full-year cohort** is used by institutions offering primarily occupational/vocational programs and operating on a continuous basis.*

**Cohort of full-time, first-time degree/certificate-seeking undergraduate students**

- Report Hispanic/Latino individuals of any race as Hispanic/Latino
- Report race for non-Hispanic/Latino individuals only

Please review the data in the initial cohort column and re-enter the cohort data making any necessary corrections for omissions, erroneous reporting, or where better information regarding race/ethnicity or gender is available. Institutions must continue to report using the new race/ethnicity categories. For information and assistance with this, please visit the IPEDS Race/Ethnicity Information Center.

**Men**

Screen 1 of 5	Cohort year 2015	
	Initial cohort	Revised cohort
Nonresident alien	0	0
Hispanic/Latino	0	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0
Asian	0	0
Black or African American	12	12
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0
White	8	8
Two or more races	0	0
Race and ethnicity unknown	3	3
<b>Total men</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>23</b>

**Women**

Screen 1 of 5	Cohort year 2015	
	Initial cohort	Revised cohort
Nonresident alien	0	0
Hispanic/Latino	0	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0
Asian	1	1
Black or African American	38	38
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0
White	15	15
Two or more races	1	1
Race and ethnicity unknown	13	13
<b>Total women</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>68</b>
<b>Total men + women</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>91</b>

## Completers within 150%

### Cohort of full-time, first-time degree/certificate-seeking undergraduate students

In the columns below, report the status of the 2015 cohort of full-time, first-time degree/certificate-seeking undergraduate students listed in Column 10. Those who completed their program within 150% of normal time as of August 31, 2018 should be reported in either Column 11 or 12, depending on the length of the program completed.

•Report Hispanic/Latino individuals of any race as Hispanic/Latino

•Report race for non-Hispanic/Latino individuals only

### Men

Screen 2 of 5		Cohort year 2015		
	Cohort (Column 10)	Cohort students who completed their program within 150% of normal time to completion		Total completers within 150% (Column 29)
		Completers of programs of less than 2 academic yrs (or equivalent) (Column 11)	Completers of programs of at least 2 but less than 4 academic yrs (or equivalent) (Column 12)	
Nonresident alien	0		0	0
Hispanic/Latino	0		0	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0		0	0
Asian	0		0	0
Black or African American	12		2	2
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0		0	0
White	8		2	2
Two or more races	0		0	0
Race and ethnicity unknown	3		2	2
<b>Total men</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>

### Women

Screen 2 of 5		Cohort year 2015		
	Cohort (Column 10)	Cohort students who completed their program within 150% of normal time to completion		Total completers within 150% (Column 29)
		Completers of programs of less than 2 academic yrs (or equivalent) (Column 11)	Completers of programs of at least 2 but less than 4 academic yrs (or equivalent) (Column 12)	
Nonresident alien	0		0	0
Hispanic/Latino	0		0	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0		0	0
Asian	1		0	0
Black or African American	38		4	4
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0		0	0
White	15		2	2
Two or more races	1		0	0
Race and ethnicity unknown	13		6	6
<b>Total women</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Total men + women</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>18</b>

### Transfers/exclusions

- In the columns below, report the status of those students in the 2015 cohort of full-time, first-time degree/certificate-seeking undergraduate students listed in Column 10 who did not complete a program as of August 31, 2018.
- Report transfers-out who did not complete a program in Column 30. If the mission of your institution includes providing substantial preparation for students to enroll in another eligible institution WITHOUT having completed a program, you must report transfer-out data in Column 30. A school is required to report only on those students that the school knows have transferred to another eligible institution. A school must document that the student actually transferred. If it is not part of your mission, you may report transfer-out data if you wish.
- Report eligible exclusions from the cohort in Column 45. The ONLY allowable categories for this column are:  
 students who died or became permanently disabled  
 students who left school to serve in the armed forces (or have been called up to active duty)  
 students who left school to serve with a foreign aid service of the Federal Government  
 students who left school to serve on an official church mission
- Column 52 [No longer enrolled] will be calculated for you. This includes students who have dropped out as well as those who completed in greater than 150% of normal time.
- If you do not have any values to report in either Column 30, 45, or 51, you must enter at least one zero in a field on this screen to continue.

#### Cohort of full-time, first-time degree/certificate-seeking undergraduate students

- Report Hispanic/Latino individuals of any race as Hispanic/Latino
- Report race for non-Hispanic/Latino individuals only

#### Men

Screen 3 of 5	Cohort year 2015					
	Cohort	Total completers within 150%	Total transfer-out students	Total exclusions	Still enrolled	No longer enrolled
	(Column 10)	(Column 29)	(Column 30)	(Column 45)	(Column 51)	(Column 52)
Nonresident alien	0	0	0		0	0
Hispanic/Latino	0	0	0		0	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0	0		0	0
Asian	0	0	0		0	0
Black or African American	12	2	10		0	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0	0		0	0
White	8	2	6		0	0
Two or more races	0	0	0		0	0
Race and ethnicity unknown	3	2	0		0	1
<b>Total men</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

#### Women

Screen 3 of 5	Cohort year 2015					
	Cohort	Total completers within 150%	Total transfer-out students	Total exclusions	Still enrolled	No longer enrolled
	(Column 10)	(Column 29)	(Column 30)	(Column 45)	(Column 51)	(Column 52)
Nonresident alien	0	0	0		0	0
Hispanic/Latino	0	0	0		0	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0	0		0	0
Asian	1	0	1		0	0
Black or African American	38	4	27		0	7
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0	0		0	0
White	15	2	8		0	5
Two or more races	1	0	1		0	0
Race and ethnicity unknown	13	6	1		1	5
<b>Total women</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Total men + women</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>18</b>
Total in prior year (men and women)	<b>131</b>		<b>59</b>			

### Completers within 100%

- In the columns below, report the status of those students in the 2015 cohort of full-time, first-time degree/certificate-seeking undergraduate students who completed their program within 100% of normal time to completion.
- Those who completed their program within 100% of normal time should be reported in either Column 55 or 56, depending on the length of the program completed.

#### Cohort of full-time, first-time degree/certificate-seeking undergraduate students

Screen 4 of 5	Cohort year 2015				
	Revised cohort	Exclusions	Cohort students who completed their program within 100% of normal time to completion		Total completers within 100% (Column 55 + 56)  (Column 57)
			? Completers of programs of less than 2 academic yrs (or equivalent) (Column 55)	? Completers of programs of at least 2 but less than 4 academic yrs (or equivalent) (Column 56)	
Total men + women	91	0	0	18	18

### Pell recipients and recipients of a subsidized Direct Loan who did not receive a Pell Grant

For each subcohort, report the number of students in the cohort, total exclusions for the cohort, and the number of students that completed a certificate or degree within 150% of normal time to completion.

•Recipients of a Pell Grant and Recipients of a Direct Subsidized Loan that did not receive a Pell Grant are **mutually exclusive**, that is, if a student is in one cohort, they cannot be in the other cohort.

- The total of these 2 subcohorts must be less than the full-time, first-time, degree/certificate-seeking cohort

#### Cohort of full-time, first-time degree/certificate-seeking undergraduate students

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	Cohort year 2015		
	Number of students in cohort	Total exclusions	Number of students that completed within 150% of normal time to completion
	(Column 10)	(Column 45)	(Column 29)
Full-time, first-time, degree/certificate-seeking cohort	91	0	18
Recipients of a Pell Grant (within entering year)	71		16
Recipients of a Direct Subsidized Loan (Within entering year) that did not receive a Pell Grant	5		0
Did not receive either a Pell Grant or Direct Subsidized Loan (within entering year)	15	0	2

## Graduation and transfer-out rates

### Calculation of graduation and transfer-out rates


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	Cohort year 2015	
	Graduation rate	Transfer-out rate
<b>Overall Rates (will be displayed on College Navigator)</b>	20	59
<b>Men</b>	26	70
<b>Women</b>	18	56

Do you wish to provide additional context notes?

No

Yes

 **Note that certain information from these worksheets will be displayed on College Navigator, as noted. You may use the space below to provide context for these data. These context notes will be posted on the College Navigator website, and should be written to be understood by students and parents.**

**4-year average rates****4-year average rates**

Screen 2 of 2

**Men**

	2012	2013	2014	2015	4-year Total
<u>Adjusted cohort</u>	38	49	55	23	165
Total <u>completers within 150%</u>	5	6	10	6	27
Total <u>transfer-out students</u>	11	16	17	16	60

**Women**

	2012	2013	2014	2015	4-year Total
<u>Adjusted cohort</u>	48	50	76	68	242
Total <u>completers within 150%</u>	11	8	7	12	38
Total <u>transfer-out students</u>	11	9	42	38	100

**Total (men and women)**

	2012	2013	2014	2015	4-year Total
<u>Adjusted cohort</u>	86	99	131	91	407
Total <u>completers within 150%</u>	16	14	17	18	65
Total <u>transfer-out students</u>	22	25	59	54	160

4-year average Student Right-to-Know Completion or Graduation Rate Calculation 16  
 (Total Completers within 150% / Adjusted Cohort)

4-year average Student Right-to-Know Transfer-out Rate Calculation 39  
 (Total Transfer-out Students / Adjusted Cohort)



**Prepared by**

The name of the preparer is being collected so that we can follow up with the appropriate person in the event that there are questions concerning the data. The Keyholder will be copied on all email correspondence to other preparers.

The time it took to prepare this component is being collected so that we can continue to improve our estimate of the reporting burden associated with IPEDS. Please include in your estimate the time it took for you to review instructions, query and search data sources, complete and review the component, and submit the data through the Data Collection System.

Thank you for your assistance.

**This survey component was prepared by:**

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**How many staff from your institution only were involved in the data collection and reporting process of this survey component?**

1.00 Number of Staff (including yourself)

**How many hours did you and others from your institution only spend on each of the steps below when responding to this survey component?**

*Exclude the hours spent collecting data for state and other reporting purposes.*

Staff member	Collecting Data Needed	Revising Data to Match IPEDS Requirements	Entering Data	Revising and Locking Data
Your office	32.00 hours	24.00 hours	2.00 hours	1.00 hours
Other offices	hours	hours	hours	hours

**Summary****2018 IPEDS Graduation Rate Component Data Summary**

IPEDS collects important information regarding your institution. All data reported in IPEDS survey components become available in the IPEDS Data Center and appear as aggregated data in various Department of Education reports. Additionally, some of the reported data appears specifically for your institution through the College Navigator website and is included in your institution's Data Feedback Report (DFR). The purpose of this summary is to provide you an opportunity to view some of the data that, when accepted through the IPEDS quality control process, will appear on the College Navigator website and/or your DFR. College Navigator is updated approximately three months after the data collection period closes and Data Feedback Reports will be available through the [Data Center](#) and sent to your institution's CEO in November 2018.

Please review your data for accuracy. If you have questions about the data displayed below after reviewing the data reported on the survey screens, please contact the IPEDS Help Desk at: 1-877-225-2568 or [ipedshelp@rti.org](mailto:ipedshelp@rti.org).

<b>Overall Graduation Rate</b>	
Graduation Rate	20%
Total number of students in the Adjusted Cohort	91
Total number of completers within 150% of normal time	18

<b>Overall Transfer-out Rate</b>	
Transfer-out Rate	59%
Total number of students in the Adjusted Cohort	91
Total number of transfers-out within 150% of normal time	54

**Graduation Rates**

**University of South Carolina-Union (218706)**

Source	Description	Severity	Resolved	Options
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**Global Edits**

Perform Edits	The distribution by race/ethnicity for women in the cohort is different than expected when compared with the data reported by your institution in the prior year. Please correct your data or explain. (Error #4115)	Explanation	Yes	
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Reason: The distribution by race/ethnicity for women in the cohort had been double checked. It is correct information.

Perform Edits	The calculated graduation rate based on the numbers entered this year (19.78) is outside the expected range when compared with the prior year graduation rate. The expected range is between 11 and 15. Please correct your data and click Perform Edits on the Surveys page to update the calculations; or provide an explanation if these data are correct. (Error #4404)	Explanation	Yes	
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Reason: With effort of faculty members, students, and staff at this college, the graduation rate has been improved. Unlike most other two-year colleges, the college requires all applicants to submit their standard test scores as this college is one of campuses of the University of South Carolina system. The students have better preparation to study at college.

Related Screens: Establishing cohort,&nbsp;2-year completers 150%,&nbsp;2-year transfers/exclusions

**Screen: Transfers/exclusions**

Screen Entry	Based on the total number of transfer-out students reported (men + women), the difference between the current year and prior year transfer-out rates for your institution is greater than expected. This number should include ONLY students who transferred out to another eligible institution. Do NOT include all non-completers here. If the number of transfer-out students reported is correct, please explain. (Error #4301)	Explanation	Yes	
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Reason: Although the reported number of transfer-out students from the subcohort (Column 30) is greater than expected, it is correct after it had been double checked. This college is a two-year campus of the University of South Carolina system. One of its major mission is to let her students transfer to other four year colleges.