

Additional Graduation Rate Background Information:

Students starting at 4-year public institutions

Beginning Postsecondary Students Longitudinal Study (BPS: 96/01)

BA earned regardless of type of institution

6-year rate at same 50.7%

6-year rate at all 58.2%

Enrolled full-time 1st yr

- 6-year rate at same 54.1%

- 6-year rate at all 62.0%

Students starting in 2-year institutions

BPS :96:01 students starting in 2-year institutions

... after 6 years

Highest degree attained anywhere, regardless of initial educational goal

Bachelor's degree 10.3%

Associate Certificate 15.7

Certificate 9.7

Still enrolled at 4-year 8.4

Still enrolled at 2-year 9.1

Not enrolled 46.9

Students starting in 2-year institutions with a goal of a 4-year degree

Attained BA and AA 4.5%

Attained BA, but no AA 18.5%

Six year graduation rate 23.0%

Still enrolled at 4-year 14.7%

Attended full-time always 23.2%

Mixed 11.4%

Always part-time 0.0%

Note: These national rates are lower than the transfer graduation rates published by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) because the cohorts are very different. THECB tracks students who enter 4-year institutions within the State who transfer with 30 or more semester credit hours earned at a Texas Community College. The BPS survey tracks all students in their sample from the first institution they enter to determine their graduation rates. The students who drop out of any institution before accumulating 30 hours or those who do not transfer to a 4-year institution are included in the BPS cohort and excluded from the THECB cohort, so the BPS rates are lower.