2-Year Colleges With the Best 3-Year Graduation Rates, 2020

In this table, graduation rates reflect the percentage of first-time, full-time, degree- or certificate-seeking students who entered in the fall of 2017 and completed an associate degree or earned a certificate at the same institution within 150 percent of the normal time to completion for that program. Students pursuing two-year degrees, for example, counted as graduating if they had completed the program in three years (by August 31, 2020).

		Adjusted student cohort	Completers within 150 percent of expected time	Overall completion rate	Completed less-than-2-year programs	Completed 2-year programs	Transferred out	Still enrolled	No longer enrolled
Public institutions									
1.	Hacienda La Puente Adult Education	807	701	86.9%	—	86.9%	—	—	13.1%
2.	Carver Career Center	102	86	84.3%	—	84.3%	—	—	15.7%
3.	Central Pennsylvania Institute of Science and Technology	243	200	82.3%	—	82.3%	—	—	17.7%
4.	Mitchell Technical Institute	376	274	72.9%	56.7%	16.2%	3.2%	2.9%	21.0%
5.	State Technical College of Missouri	507	365	72.0%	53.9%	18.2%	1.6%	0.2%	26.2%
6.	Lancaster County Career and Technology Center	64	46	71.9%	9.4%	62.5%	—	—	28.1%
7.	Frontier Community College	110	79	71.8%	57.3%	14.6%	17.3%	—	10.9%
8.	Lake Area Technical Institute	631	429	68.0%	49.8%	18.2%	6.7%	1.6%	23.8%
9.	North Central Kansas Technical College	193	130	67.4%	35.2%	32.1%	—	—	32.6%
10.	Flint Hills Technical College	78	52	66.7%	32.1%	34.6%	5.1%	2.6%	25.6%
11.	De Anza College	2,145	1,396	65.1%	64.9%	0.2%	4.2%	6.3%	24.5%
12.	Central Louisiana Technical Community College	491	317	64.6%	28.1%	36.5%	4.3%	3.9%	27.3%
13.	Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College	328	207	63.1%	33.2%	29.9%	11.9%	11.3%	13.7%
14.	Wabash Valley College	192	118	61.5%	55.2%	6.3%	20.3%	—	18.2%
15.	Salina Area Technical College	75	46	61.3%	20.0%	41.3%	1.3%	—	37.3%
16.	Northwest Iowa Community College	209	127	60.8%	38.3%	22.5%	8.6%	1.9%	28.7%
17.	Alexandria Technical and Community College	439	266	60.6%	51.0%	9.6%	10.7%	—	28.7%
18.	South Georgia Technical College	338	201	59.5%	29.0%	30.5%	5.6%	7.7%	27.2%
19.	Olney Central College	209	123	58.9%	48.8%	10.1%	19.1%	1.9%	20.1%
20.	Montgomery Community College (N.C)	111	64	57.7%	36.0%	21.6%	20.7%	5.4%	16.2%
21.	Northwest Kansas Technical College	227	130	57.3%	43.2%	14.1%	8.8%	—	33.9%
22.	Northwest Louisiana Technical College at Minden	140	80	57.1%	0.7%	56.4%	0.7%	—	42.1%
23.	Southeast Technical Institute	474	270	57.0%	40.3%	16.7%	8.2%	2.5%	32.3%
24.	Ozarka College	195	111	56.9%	32.3%	24.6%	11.8%	6.2%	25.1%
25.	Rend Lake College	505	285	56.4%	42.2%	14.3%	15.8%	4.0%	23.8%
	Overall for 815 institutions	**557,739**	**163,289**	**29.3%**	**24.7%**	**4.5%**	**15.8%**	**11.6%**	**43.3%**
Private nonprofit institutions									
1.	Ohel Margulia Seminary	114	114	100.0%	38.6%	61.4%	—	—	—
2.	American Academy of Dramatic Arts at New York	107	107	100.0%	—	100.0%	—	—	—
3.	Gupton Jones College of Funeral Service	151	146	96.7%	—	96.7%	—	—	3.3%
4.	New York Seminary	120	114	95.0%	2.5%	92.5%	—	—	5.0%
5.	Seminary B'nos Chaim	73	69	94.5%	38.4%	56.2%	—	—	5.5%
6.	Oxford College of Emory U.	475	442	93.1%	93.1%	—	—	0.6%	6.3%
7.	Commonwealth Technical Institute	86	74	86.1%	32.6%	53.5%	—	—	14.0%
8.	Rosedale Technical College	114	98	86.0%	80.7%	5.3%	—	—	14.0%
9.	Perry Technical Institute	391	324	82.9%	42.5%	40.4%	2.1%	1.0%	14.1%
10.	Academy for Nursing and Health Occupations	71	58	81.7%	23.9%	57.8%	—	—	18.3%
	Overall for 42 institutions	**12,092**	**6,234**	**51.6%**	**15.2%**	**36.4%**	**4.3%**	**2.9%**	**41.2%**
For-profit institutions									
1.	Mandl School: The College of Allied Health	66	64	97.0%	—	97.0%	—	—	3.0%
2.	College of Business and Technology at Hialeah (Fla.)	229	221	96.5%	6.6%	90.0%	—	—	3.5%
3.	Healthcare Career College	77	73	94.8%	—	94.8%	—	3.9%	1.3%
4.	Institute of Medical & Business Careers	150	142	94.7%	25.3%	69.3%	—	—	5.3%
5.	Quest College	92	85	92.4%	—	92.4%	—	—	7.6%
6.	Advanced Training Associates	81	74	91.4%	19.8%	71.6%	—	—	8.6%
7.	College of Business and Technology-Flagler (Fla.)	291	264	90.7%	9.6%	81.1%	3.4%	—	5.8%
8.	InterCoast Colleges at Anaheim (Calif.)	94	84	89.4%	11.7%	77.7%	—	—	10.6%
9.	Great Lakes Institute of Technology	182	161	88.5%	9.9%	78.6%	—	—	11.5%
10.	College of Business and Technology at Cutler Bay (Fla.)	164	145	88.4%	11.6%	76.8%	—	—	11.6%
	Overall for 262 institutions	**77,443**	**47,632**	**61.5%**	**11.9%**	**54.2%**	**0.9%**	**1.5%**	**36.1%**

Note: Only degree-granting two-year colleges eligible to participate in Title IV federal financial-aid programs, with at least 50 students in the degree-seeking cohort, are included in the rankings. Institutions in which more than half of completing students finished programs of less than two years' duration are excluded from the rankings. Overall figures for each sector, however, include all the degree-granting two-year colleges eligible for federal financial aid. Dashes indicate that information was not applicable or not available. The only institutions that were required to report the total number of students who transferred out without earning a degree or award within 150 percent of the normal time were those whose mission includes providing substantial preparation for students to enroll in another eligible institution without having completed a program. For other institutions, reporting of transfer-out data was optional. As a result, the overall percentages for students who transferred out probably underrepresent that group. Students who transferred and then graduated from another institution are not counted in the data as having graduated. Cohorts were adjusted to exclude students who died, were permanently disabled, or left to serve in the military or with a foreign-aid agency or an official church mission. Percentages were rounded, but institutions were ranked before rounding. Percentages may not add up to 100 because of rounding.

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