Community College Transfer Outcomes

About 72 percent of students who transferred to four-year institutions either graduated or persisted.

Roughly 60 percent of students who transferred from a two-year institution to a four-year institution had graduated with a bachelor’s or higher degree within four years. Another 12 percent had not graduated but were still enrolled at a four-year institution after four years. The results were consistent across all three cohorts studied. Students who earned an associate degree prior to their transfer had the highest baccalaureate completion rates at 71 percent, according to the National Student Clearinghouse Research Center.

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