

## **Anoka-Ramsey 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 Anoka-Ramsey 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 Anoka-Ramsey 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 at the college. The **graduation rate** is the percentage of these students who graduated from Anoka-Ramsey within three years. The **transfer-out rate** is the percentage of these students who did not graduate from Anoka-Ramsey, 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 Anoka-Ramsey. The 674 first-time, full-time students in the study were 8 percent of all students enrolled at Anoka-Ramsey in fall of 2018.

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

- The **graduation rate** for Anoka-Ramsey was 24 percent.
- The **transfer-out rate** for Anoka-Ramsey was 29 percent.
- The combination of the graduation rate and the transfer-out rate for Anoka-Ramsey was 53 percent. The national average combined rate for similar colleges was 45 percent.

### **Why don't more Anoka-Ramsey Community College students graduate or transfer in three years?**

- Since Anoka-Ramsey 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>Anoka-Ramsey Community College</b>  | <b>Graduation Rate</b> | <b>Transfer-out Rate</b> | <b>Combined Rate</b> |
| Total Cohort   | 24%                    | 29%                      | 53%                  |
| <b>Race Ethnicity</b>  |                        |                          |                      |
| American Indian or Alaska Native   | *                      | *                        | *                    |
| Asian  | 18%                    | 37%                      | 55%                  |
| Black or African American  | 14%                    | 37%                      | 51%                  |
| Hispanic of any race   | 25%                    | 31%                      | 56%                  |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander                                    | *                      | *                        | *                    |
| Nonresident Alien  | *                      | *                        | *                    |
| Two or more races  | 14%                    | 31%                      | 44%                  |
| Unknown race and ethnicity   | *                      | *                        | *                    |
| White  | 28%                    | 27%                      | 55%                  |
| <b>Gender</b>  |                        |                          |                      |
| Female   | 28%                    | 29%                      | 57%                  |
| Male   | 20%                    | 29%                      | 49%                  |
| <b>Financial Aid</b>   |                        |                          |                      |
| Pell Grant Recipient   | 18%                    | 29%                      | 47%                  |
| Received neither Pell nor Subsidized Stafford Loans                          | 30%                    | 27%                      | 57%                  |
| Received Subsidized Stafford Loans, but no Pell                              | 28%                    | 38%                      | 65%                  |

\* Suppressed to protect student privacy.

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