

2-Year Colleges With the Best 3-Year Graduation Rates, 2016

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The best completion rate among two-year colleges that confer predominantly associate degrees was at Oxford College of Emory University, a liberal-arts-focused, small-town campus where students earn associate degrees before going on to pursue bachelor's degrees on Emory's main campus. The second-best rate was at the for-profit Swedish Institute-College of Health Sciences, in New York, which offers associate degrees in massage therapy, nursing, and other health professions. Students at two-year public institutions were more likely than those enrolled at colleges in other sectors to stay enrolled at the first institution beyond the normal completion period. Students at for-profit colleges were the least likely to transfer out.

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1.	Lake Area Technical Institute	657	467	71.1%	19.2%	51.9%	6.1%	2.4%	20.4%
2.	Mitchell Technical Institute	371	257	69.3%	21.0%	48.2%	5.1%	2.2%	23.5%
3.	Frontier Community College	67	44	65.7%	23.9%	41.8%	19.4%	3.0%	11.9%
4.	State Technical College of Missouri	485	314	64.7%	11.1%	53.6%	3.5%	0.4%	31.3%
5.	De Anza College	2,510	1,537	61.2%	0.1%	61.2%	8.6%	8.7%	21.5%

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6.	Alexandria Technical and Community College	508	310	61.0%	8.7%	52.4%	13.6%	2.0%	23.4%
7.	Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology	402	244	60.7%	8.2%	52.5%	-	1.7%	37.6%
8.	Northwest Iowa Community College	226	129	57.1%	24.3%	32.7%	8.0%	2.2%	32.7%
9.	Wabash Valley College	260	145	55.8%	5.8%	50.0%	19.2%	2.3%	22.7%
10.	Lincoln Trail College	158	87	55.1%	9.5%	45.6%	28.5%	0.6%	15.8%
11.	Carl Albert State College	608	330	54.3%	0.0%	54.3%	11.7%	7.6%	26.5%
12.	Northeast Community College	749	397	53.0%	3.6%	49.4%	13.5%	6.1%	27.4%
13.	Spoon River College	345	175	50.7%	3.5%	47.2%	16.8%	4.9%	27.5%
14.	Rend Lake College	354	179	50.6%	9.3%	41.2%	18.6%	2.5%	28.2%
15.	North Dakota State College of Science	743	374	50.3%	1.9%	48.5%	20.7%	1.1%	27.9%
16.	Patrick Henry Community College	541	271	50.1%	4.8%	45.3%	7.8%	5.7%	36.4%

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17.	Olney Central College	216	106	49.1%	11.6%	37.5%	27.8%	1.4%	21.8%
18.	Iowa Lakes Community College	410	195	47.6%	5.4%	42.2%	-	2.2%	50.2%
19.	Northwest Kansas Technical College	215	102	47.4%	17.7%	29.8%	20.0%	0.0%	32.6%
20.	Lake Region State College	186	88	47.3%	3.2%	44.1%	-	1.1%	51.6%
21.	Bates Technical College	158	74	46.8%	18.4%	28.5%	10.8%	2.5%	39.9%
22.	North Florida Community College	168	78	46.4%	14.3%	32.1%	11.3%	11.3%	31.0%
23.	Lakeshore Technical College	220	102	46.4%	20.5%	25.9%	7.7%	8.2%	37.7%
24.	Colby Community College	272	126	46.3%	4.4%	41.9%	21.7%	2.9%	29.0%
25.	Arkansas State U. at Mountain Home	224	103	46.0%	17.4%	28.6%	30.4%	4.9%	18.8%
	Over all for 762 institutions	598,294	138,806	23.2%	2.8%	20.4%	17.7%	14.7%	43.8%

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1.	Oxford College of Emory U.	498	459	92.2%	0.0%	92.2%	-	0.4%	7.4%
2.	Rosedale Technical Institute	111	91	82.0%	0.0%	82.0%	-	4.5%	13.5%
3.	Perry Technical Institute (Wash.)	313	253	80.8%	32.6%	48.2%	-	0.6%	18.5%
4.	Delaware College of Art and Design	87	62	71.3%	0.0%	71.3%	-	2.3%	26.4%
5.	Johnson College	151	107	70.9%	10.6%	60.3%	-	0.7%	28.5%
6.	American Academy of Dramatic Arts at New York	99	67	67.7%	0.0%	67.7%	32.3%	0.0%	0.0%
7.	Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics	106	70	66.0%	0.0%	66.0%	-	0.0%	34.0%
8.	Gupton Jones College of Funeral Service	118	74	62.7%	0.0%	62.7%	-	0.0%	37.3%
9.	Wentworth Military Academy and Junior College	180	87	48.3%	0.0%	48.3%	-	3.9%	47.8%
10.	Spartanburg Methodist College	465	185	39.8%	0.0%	39.8%	41.9%	0.0%	18.3%

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Over all for 20 institutions		4,496	2,071	46.1%	3.0%	43.0%	33.6%	3.5%	33.0%

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For-profit institutions

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+	Swedish Institute-College of Health Sciences	136	124	91.2%	0.0%	91.2%	0.7%	0.0%
+	Triangle Tech at Greensburg (Pa.)	81	70	86.4%	0.0%	86.4%	-	0.0%
+	Douglas Education Center	71	58	81.7%	18.3%	63.4%	-	0.0%
+	Wood Tobe-Coburn School	189	153	81.0%	14.8%	66.1%	-	0.0%
+	King's College (N.C.)	210	169	80.5%	28.6%	51.9%	-	0.0%
+	Triangle Tech at DuBois (Pa.)	80	64	80.0%	0.0%	80.0%	-	0.0%
+	International Business College at Indianapolis	156	119	76.3%	10.9%	65.4%	-	0.0%
+	Bradford School (Pa.)	193	144	74.6%	9.3%	65.3%	-	0.0%
+	Antonelli Institute of Art and Photography	98	71	72.4%	0.0%	72.4%	3.1%	0.0%
+	IBMC College	222	159	71.6%	16.7%	55.0%	1.8%	0.0%
+	Over all for 74 institutions	18,366	9,152	49.8%	12.0%	37.8%	2.6%	2.3%

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Note: Only degree-granting U.S. 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. Institutions in which more than half of completing students finished programs of less than two years' duration were excluded from the analysis and from the overall figures for each sector. Graduation rates reflect the percentage of first-time, full-time, degree- or certificate-seeking students who entered in the fall of 2013 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, 2016). Students who transferred and then graduated from another institution are not counted in the data as having graduated. Hyphens indicate no data were reported. Reporting of transfer rates was optional for some institutions. Nonreporting institutions were excluded from the calculation of the median transfer rate. 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 are rounded, but ranks are ordered on the basis of unrounded figures. Percentages may not add to 100 because of rounding. Questions or comments on the Almanac should be sent to the Almanac editor.

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