

## **Winona State University 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 university must provide to students on graduation rates and transfer-out rates for full-time students seeking degrees at Winona State University (WSU).

### **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 WSU students who started at the university in the fall of 2015. The study includes all first-time students who enrolled full-time that fall and were seeking to earn a degree at the university. The **graduation rate** is the percentage of these students who graduated from WSU within six years. The **transfer-out rate** is the percentage of these students who did not graduate from WSU, but instead transferred to another college or university within six years.

### **What do I need to know about these rates?**

These rates do not report on all students at Winona State University. The 1,616 first-time, full-time students in the study were 20 percent of all undergraduate students enrolled in fall of 2015.

### **What are the graduation and transfer-out rates for Winona State University students and how do they compare to rates for other universities?**

- The **graduation rate** for WSU was 63 percent.
- The **transfer-out rate** for WSU was 29 percent.
- The combination of the graduation rate and the transfer-out rate was 92 percent. The national average combined rate for similar universities was 75 percent.

### **Why don't more Winona State University students graduate or transfer in six years?**

- Some students take jobs before they graduate;
- 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 six years to 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>Winona State University</b>	<b>Graduation Rate</b>	<b>Transfer-out Rate</b>	<b>Combined Rate</b>
Total Cohort	63%	29%	92%
<b>Race Ethnicity</b>			
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*	*
Asian	*	*	*
Black or African American	36%	46%	82%
Hispanic of any race	58%	23%	81%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*
Nonresident Alien	*	*	*
Two or more races	54%	32%	86%
Unknown race and ethnicity	*	*	*
White	64%	28%	93%
<b>Gender</b>			
Female	65%	29%	94%
Male	59%	28%	86%
<b>Financial Aid</b>			
Pell Grant Recipient	56%	32%	88%
Received neither Pell nor Subsidized Stafford Loans	68%	25%	93%
Received Subsidized Stafford Loans, but no Pell	60%	31%	91%

\* Suppressed to protect student privacy.

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