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**Institutional Benchmark Report**

**Fall 2009 Entering Cohort**

**TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY**  
School and Branch Code: 003631-00

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## About Your Completions Benchmark Report

The purpose of this report is to provide you with an institution-level view of student completion rates, benchmarked to the analyses published in our national signature report on completions.

Our national degree completions report and the state-level supplement to the national report can be downloaded at:

[NSC Research Center Reports](#)

This report draws on the Clearinghouse's national coverage of enrollment and awarded education credentials to explore the six-year outcomes of a cohort of first-time-in-college degree-seeking students, who started in fall 2009.

This report is exclusively for your institution's use. The Clearinghouse will not publish or distribute your institution's results without your expressed request and consent.

Reports are only available for each institution's main branch (branch code = 00). The FAQs section at the end addresses basic questions about the report's purpose and distribution. Brief notes on data definitions and methodology are on page 4. More detailed discussions of methodology are available in the introduction and appendix of the national signature report on completions.

### Your Feedback Is Welcome

Questions or feedback can be sent to [nscresearch@studentclearinghouse.org](mailto:nscresearch@studentclearinghouse.org).

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## Definitions and Methodology

The notes below provide a brief summary of data definitions and methodology used in this report. For a full discussion, please see the introduction and appendices of the Clearinghouse's national signature report on completions.

### Data Source

The data for this report were drawn from the Enrollment Reporting and DegreeVerify<sup>SM</sup> services of the National Student Clearinghouse®, which tracks 96 percent of college enrollments nationwide. Completions were identified using degree and certificate records submitted by institutions as part of their participation in DegreeVerify. For institutions that do not participate in DegreeVerify, completions were identified using enrollment records indicating the enrollment status of *graduated*.

### Institution Definition

An institution is defined in this report by the combination of its six-digit OPE-ID and two-digit branch code. Reports are only being generated, however, for the main branch of each institution (branch code = 00). In the outcomes tables, a student is considered to have completed at the starting institution if they completed at the same institution *and* branch where they started college.

### Cohort Definition

The cohort examined in this study is made up of first-time degree-seeking students, of any age, who began their postsecondary studies in fall 2009. Showing intent to seek a degree or certificate is defined in the national report as follows:

1. For students who started at four-year institutions, enrolled at least one term with an intensity of half-time or higher, and
2. For students who started at two-year institutions, either:
  - a. Enrolled full time for at least one term within the first academic year or
  - b. Enrolled at least half time for any two terms before December 31<sup>st</sup> of the second academic year

First-time status was established by confirming that a student (1) did not show any postsecondary enrollment record in the four years prior to the student's fall 2009 enrollment (with the exception of dual enrollment while still in high school), and (2) did not receive a degree or certificate from any postsecondary institution prior to fall 2009 (except in dual enrolled status), according to Clearinghouse data.

Throughout this report, we examine college completion rates for the fall 2009 cohort. The study followed the cohort through May 31<sup>st</sup> of the sixth academic year and highlights six-year student outcomes, including degree and certificate completion as well as continuing enrollment (persistence).

### Coverage Weighting

In order to ensure the most accurate representation of student outcomes for the study cohort, the results in both the institution-level and national benchmark tables were weighted according to a formula that takes into account the Clearinghouse's state-by-state data coverage rates for each institutional sector. A complete description of the weighting procedure is provided in Appendix A of the national signature report.

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**Table 1A.** Six-Year Outcomes for Students Who Started at Your Institution by Enrollment Intensity

Enrollment Intensity	Total Enrolled (#)	Total Completion Rate (%)	Completion at Same Institution (%)	Completion at Different Institution: Four-Year (%)	Completion at Different Institution: Two-Year (%)	Still Enrolled (At Any Institution) (%)	Not Enrolled (At Any Institution) (%)
<b>Overall</b>	1,265	54.15	42.68	7.52	3.96	13.75	32.11
<b>Exclusively Full-Time</b>	558	68.63	59.45	6.99	2.19	5.23	26.14
<b>Exclusively Part-Time</b>	47	34.16	34.16	0.00	0.00	2.13	63.71
<b>Mixed Enrollment</b>	660	43.31	29.09	8.50	5.73	21.78	34.91

**Table 1B.** National Benchmark: Six-Year Outcomes for Students Who Started at Four-Year Public Institutions by Enrollment Intensity

Enrollment Intensity	Total Enrolled (#)	Total Completion Rate (%)	Completion at Same Institution (%)	Completion at Different Institution: Four-Year (%)	Completion at Different Institution: Two-Year (%)	Still Enrolled (At Any Institution) (%)	Not Enrolled (At Any Institution) (%)
<b>Overall</b>	1,186,780	61.16	48.44	9.46	3.26	14.20	24.64
<b>Exclusively Full-Time</b>	513,531	80.42	70.66	7.81	1.95	3.84	15.73
<b>Exclusively Part-Time</b>	69,544	19.07	15.66	1.38	2.04	8.42	72.51
<b>Mixed Enrollment</b>	603,504	49.63	33.33	11.80	4.51	23.68	26.68

Note for tables 1A and 1B: Completion outcomes include the first degree or certificate completion. Mixed enrollment group includes students enrolled both part and full time during the study period. Because of coverage weighting, some rates may not appear in the data tables as whole numbers.

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**Table 2A.** Six-Year Outcomes for Students Who Started at Your Institution by Gender

Gender	Total Enrolled (#)	Total Completion Rate (%)	Completion at Same Institution (%)	Completion at Different Institution: Four-Year (%)	Completion at Different Institution: Two-Year (%)	Still Enrolled (At Any Institution) (%)	Not Enrolled (At Any Institution) (%)
Overall	1,265	54.15	42.68	7.52	3.96	13.75	32.11
Men	503	49.37	38.34	7.56	3.47	15.47	35.16
Women	635	56.61	43.60	8.35	4.66	14.18	29.21

**Table 2B.** National Benchmark: Six-Year Outcomes for Students Who Started at Four-Year Public Institutions by Gender

Gender	Total Enrolled (#)	Total Completion Rate (%)	Completion at Same Institution (%)	Completion at Different Institution: Four-Year (%)	Completion at Different Institution: Two-Year (%)	Still Enrolled (At Any Institution) (%)	Not Enrolled (At Any Institution) (%)
Overall	1,186,780	61.16	48.44	9.46	3.26	14.20	24.64
Men	507,466	57.07	45.93	8.24	2.90	15.66	27.27
Women	602,242	65.14	50.45	10.96	3.73	13.44	21.42

Note for tables 2A and 2B: Students with missing gender data were excluded from the tables. As a result, the total of the subgroup numbers may not equal that of the overall number. Because of coverage weighting, some rates may not appear in the data tables as whole numbers.

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**Table 3A.** Six-Year Outcomes for Students Who Started at Your Institution by Age at First Entry

Age at First Entry	Total Enrolled (#)	Total Completion Rate (%)	Completion at Same Institution (%)	Completion at Different Institution: Four-Year (%)	Completion at Different Institution: Two-Year (%)	Still Enrolled (At Any Institution) (%)	Not Enrolled (At Any Institution) (%)
Overall	1,265	54.15	42.68	7.52	3.96	13.75	32.11
20 and Younger	1,066	54.88	42.39	8.07	4.41	14.98	30.14
>20 - 24	48	52.33	45.98	2.10	4.25	10.51	37.16
Older than 24	151	49.59	43.61	5.31	0.68	6.05	44.35

**Table 3B.** National Benchmark: Six-Year Outcomes for Students Who Started at Four-Year Public Institutions by Age at First Entry

Age at First Entry	Total Enrolled (#)	Total Completion Rate (%)	Completion at Same Institution (%)	Completion at Different Institution: Four-Year (%)	Completion at Different Institution: Two-Year (%)	Still Enrolled (At Any Institution) (%)	Not Enrolled (At Any Institution) (%)
Overall	1,186,780	61.16	48.44	9.46	3.26	14.20	24.64
20 and Younger	986,376	64.97	50.87	10.60	3.50	14.71	20.32
>20 - 24	63,055	43.08	36.56	4.06	2.46	12.71	44.21
Older than 24	135,456	42.60	36.86	3.78	1.95	11.35	46.05

Note for tables 3A and 3B: Students with missing date of birth data were excluded from the above tables. As a result, the total of the subgroup numbers may not equal that of the overall number. Because of coverage weighting, some rates may not appear in the data tables as whole numbers.

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**Table 4A.** Six-Year Outcomes for Students Who Started at Your Institution by Age at First Entry and Enrollment Intensity

Age at First Entry	Enrollment Intensity	Total Enrolled (#)	Total Completion Rate (%)	Completion at Same Institution (%)	Completion at Different Institution: Four-Year (%)	Completion at Different Institution: Two-Year (%)	Still Enrolled (At Any Institution) (%)	Not Enrolled (At Any Institution) (%)
20 and Younger	Exclusively Full-Time	508	69.19	59.28	7.49	2.41	5.55	25.26
20 and Younger	Exclusively Part-Time	4	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
20 and Younger	Mixed Enrollment	555	42.17	27.23	8.67	6.27	23.72	34.11
>20 - 24	Exclusively Full-Time	24	50.11	50.11	0.00	0.00	4.18	45.72
>20 - 24	Exclusively Part-Time	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
>20 - 24	Mixed Enrollment	24	54.56	41.85	4.21	8.50	16.85	28.59
Older than 24	Exclusively Full-Time	27	74.72	70.97	3.76	0.00	0.00	25.28
Older than 24	Exclusively Part-Time	43	37.30	37.30	0.00	0.00	2.33	60.37
Older than 24	Mixed Enrollment	82	47.82	37.95	8.60	1.26	9.99	42.20

Note for table 4A: Students with missing date of birth data were excluded from the above table. Because of coverage weighting, some rates may not appear in the data tables as whole numbers.



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**Table 4B.** National Benchmark: Six-Year Outcomes for Students Who Started at Four-Year Public Institutions by Age at First Entry and Enrollment Intensity

Age at First Entry	Enrollment Intensity	Total Enrolled (#)	Total Completion Rate (%)	Completion at Same Institution (%)	Completion at Different Institution: Four-Year (%)	Completion at Different Institution: Two-Year (%)	Still Enrolled (At Any Institution) (%)	Not Enrolled (At Any Institution) (%)
20 and Younger	Exclusively Full-Time	454,293	83.28	72.78	8.44	2.07	3.76	12.96
20 and Younger	Exclusively Part-Time	20,808	8.96	6.34	0.89	1.72	8.79	82.25
20 and Younger	Mixed Enrollment	511,212	50.98	33.22	12.92	4.84	24.68	24.34
>20 - 24	Exclusively Full-Time	25,697	56.21	51.35	3.58	1.28	4.20	39.59
>20 - 24	Exclusively Part-Time	6,893	12.50	8.31	1.35	2.84	8.39	79.12
>20 - 24	Mixed Enrollment	30,446	38.93	30.50	5.08	3.36	20.88	40.19
Older than 24	Exclusively Full-Time	32,836	61.31	57.73	2.65	0.94	4.80	33.89
Older than 24	Exclusively Part-Time	41,075	25.52	21.78	1.65	2.09	8.36	66.12
Older than 24	Mixed Enrollment	61,432	44.04	35.85	5.82	2.37	16.86	39.10

Note for table 4B: Students with missing date of birth data were excluded from the above table. Because of coverage weighting, some rates may not appear in the data tables as whole numbers.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **What is the purpose of this report?**

This report provides you with an institution-level view of student completion rates, benchmarked to the analyses published in our national Signature report on completions. You should be aware that, in some rare cases, the completion rates shown may be higher or lower than what you expect for your institution. In these cases, we believe the report will help us to identify any data reporting practices preventing your institution from receiving the greatest possible value from your Clearinghouse services.

### **Are other branches of my institution eligible to receive reports?**

No. The institution-level completion report is only available for the main branch (branch code = 00). This is because DegreeVerify data are generally reported under the 00 branch code.

### **How do the outcomes in this report differ from IPEDS?**

The completion rates presented in this report differ significantly from IPEDS GRS results because this report includes:

1. Student completion anywhere: Beyond institutional boundaries, across state lines, and over time
2. Student Persistence anywhere, not just at the starting institution. It also includes those who have not yet completed, but are still pursuing a degree.
3. Disaggregation by student age at first entry and enrollment intensity
4. Students who start part-time. Enrollment intensity categories are based on the enrollment status in all terms of enrollment, not just the first term.

### **Can I see a list of the students included in this report?**

Unfortunately, we cannot provide you with student-level detail for this report. However, a student-level detail file is provided with all of our standard StudentTracker reports, which are delivered via our secure FTP site.

### **How do I sign up for StudentTracker?**

To learn more, including how to sign up, visit [National Student Clearinghouse Student Tracker](#).

### **Is the Clearinghouse going to make my institution's results available to the public?**

No. This report is only available to members of your institution.

### **Is my institution free to make this report public if we choose?**

Yes.

### **How can I provide feedback on this report?**

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