Update to 2016 Four-Year Graduation Rates

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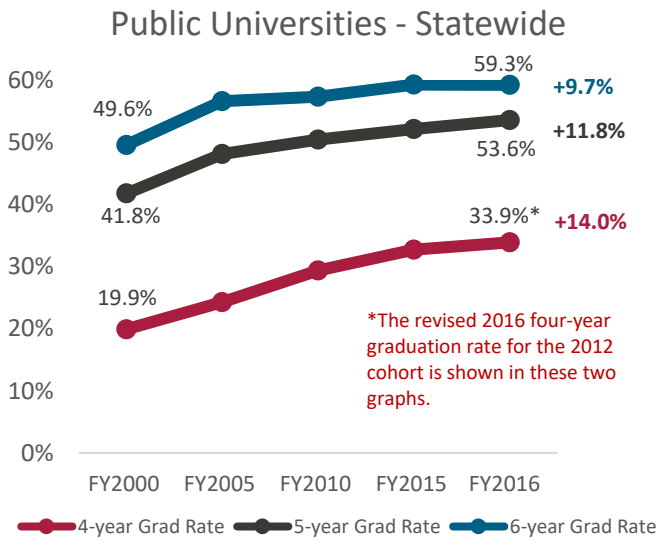
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THECB recently discovered that the 2012 first-time undergraduate (FTUG) cohort omitted early enrollees from summer 2012. The FTUG cohort is used to calculate graduation rates. This brief provides information about the revisions made to the 2016 four-year graduation rates at public universities and community and technical colleges (CTCs) that rely on the 2012 FTUG cohort. The corrected statewide four-year graduation rate for full-time students at public universities fell 0.05% from 33.96% to 33.91%. The graduation rate for full-time students at CTCs increased 0.9% from 23.7% to 24.6%. See page 2 for four-year graduation rates by institution.

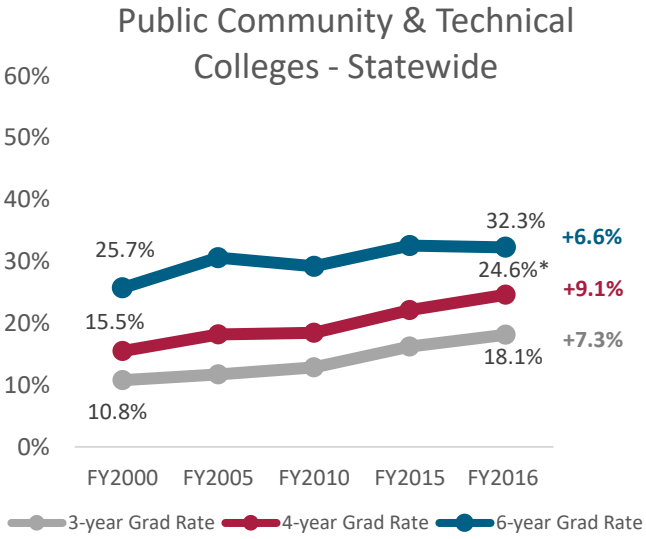
Background – Gains in Graduation Rates Since 2000

As emphasized in *60x30TX*, completion is one of the most important measures of postsecondary success and critical to continued growth in the number of Texans holding a higher education degree or certificate. Graduation rates are a key indicator of successful completion efforts by institutions of higher education. Since 2000, Texas institutions have shown impressive increases in graduation rates.

University Graduation Rates: Nearly 60% of first-time, full-time undergraduates now earn a degree within six years, compared to almost 50% in 2000.



Community and Technical College Graduation Rates: Among CTCs, the largest increases in first-time, full-time graduation rates were in 3- and 4-year rates.



Since 2000, public universities and community and technical colleges in Texas have **increased** four-year graduation rates by **14.0** and **9.1 percentage points,** respectively**.**

Graduation Rates - Methodology

Each year, THECB creates a first time undergraduate (FTUG) cohort based on 1) fall enrollment and 2) fall enrollees who were also reported as first-time in college in the previous summer (early enrollees). University cohorts are tracked 4, 5, and 6 years for bachelor's degrees and higher. CTC cohorts are tracked 3, 4, and 6 years for certificates and degrees. Rates are presented in the Texas Higher Education Accountability System and Texas Public Higher Education Almanac.

Four-Year Graduation Rates - Revised FY 2016

Measures that rely on the 2012 FTUG cohort, including four-year graduation rates in FY2016, have been revised to include omitted summer 2012 enrollees. The revised statewide four-year graduation rate for full-time students at universities was 33.9%. The revised rate at CTCs statewide was 24.6%. Only four of the 37 public universities had a change of more than 0.5%. Larger changes were observed at CTCs, most colleges showed improvements.

Updates have been made in the Texas Higher Education Accountability System (www.txhigheredaccountability.org). The rates below should be used in lieu of the four-year graduation rates shown in the Almanac.

Public Universities

	4-Year Graduation Rate	
Institution	Full-Time	Part-Time
Angelo State University	23.8%	5.0%
Lamar University	10.3%	2.2%
Midwestern State University	24.1%	0.0%
Prairie View A&M University	12.5%	0.0%
Sam Houston State University	32.0%	12.7%
Stephen F. Austin State University	33.0%	11.5%
Sul Ross State University	16.3%	16.7%
Tarleton State University	31.0%	25.0%
Texas A&M International University	26.3%	23.1%
Texas A&M University at Galveston	38.4%	0.0%
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi	19. 1%	5.3%
Texas A&M University	57.4%	47.5%
Texas A&M University-Commerce	27.9%	13.6%
Texas A&M University-Texarkana	17.0%	0.0%
Texas A&M University-Kingsville	22.1%	9.1%
Texas Southern University	7.8%	1.5%
Texas State University	31.4%	22.2%
Texas Tech University	39.3%	15.2%
Texas Woman's University	21.8%	5.0%
University of Houston	32.2%	28.4%
University of Houston- Downtown	6.4%	1.8%
University of Houston- Victoria	10.0%	22.2%
University of Texas at Arlington	27.2%	10.6%
University of Texas at Austin	59.9%	30.9%
University of Texas at Dallas	56.4%	26.1%
University of Texas at El Paso	15.8%	8.9%
University of Texas at San Antonio	25.0%	6.3%
University of Texas at Tyler	31.2%	42.9%
University of Texas- Permian Basin	27.1%	33.3%
University of North Texas at Dallas	15.8%	0.0%
University of North Texas	32.4%	9.4%
West Texas A&M University	29.6%	33.3%

Texas State Technical Colleges and Lamar State Colleges

	4-Year Graduation Rate	
Institution	Full-Time	Part-Time
Lamar Institute of Technology	27.3%	13.9%
Lamar State College-Orange	27.3%	19.3%
Lamar State College-Port Arthur	34.9%	20.7%
Texas State Technical College-Harlingen	24.0%	14.7%
Texas State Technical College-Marshall	42.4%	42.9%
Texas State Technical College-Waco	34.2%	16.9%
Texas State Technical College-West Texas	45.9%	59.0%



Statewide University
Full-Time = 33.9%, Part-Time = 21.1%
Statewide Community and Technical & State Colleges
Full-Time = 24.6%, Part-Time = 13.8%

Public Community Colleges

	4-Year Graduation Rate	
Institution	Full-Time	Part-Time
Alamo Community College District	27.2%	16.5%
Alvin Community College	33.0%	11.8%
Amarillo College	27.9%	14.2%
Angelina College	18.8%	15.7%
Austin Community College	12.4%	5.4%
Blinn College	26.2%	31.7%
Brazosport College	33.5%	22.2%
Central Texas College	14.7%	11.2%
Cisco College	22.5%	18.4%
Clarendon College	31.5%	18.7%
Coastal Bend College	36.3%	15.7%
College of the Mainland Community College	29.6%	16.5%
Collin County Community College District	24.2%	9.1%
Dallas County Community College District	20.1%	11.4%
Del Mar College	13.7%	7.1%
El Paso Community College District	21.7%	11.3%
Frank Phillips College	28.8%	21.6%
Galveston College	34.1%	15.9%
Grayson College	28.4%	15.7%
Hill College	27.4%	22.6%
Houston Community College	22.2%	12.2%
Howard County Junior College District	25.8%	17.0%
Kilgore College	29.8%	22.3%
Laredo Community College	27.7%	11.2%
Lee College	29.4%	19.8%
Lone Star College System	18.2%	10.1%
McLennan Community College	23.3%	13.8%
Midland College	28.7%	10.7%
Navarro College	22.4%	16.0%
North Central Texas College	22.1%	11.0%
Northeast Texas Community College	28.4%	21.8%
Odessa College	25.8%	15.3%
Panola College	34.0%	18.8%
Paris Junior College	34.0%	21.2%
Ranger College	25.9%	20.0%
San Jacinto Community College District	30.4%	17.9%
South Plains College	24.4%	9.6%
South Texas College	25.6%	15.2%
Southwest Texas Junior College	30.5%	17.0%
Tarrant County College District	22.3%	12.9%
Temple College	18.8%	6.7%
Texarkana College	39.2%	18.7%
Texas Southmost College	11.3%	6.7%
Trinity Valley Community College	26.9%	15.7%
Tyler Junior College	24.1%	21.7%
Vernon College	24.2%	18.0%
Victoria College	32.5%	15.8%
Weatherford College	25.9%	11.8%
Western Texas College	36.3%	44.3%
Wharton County Junior College	27.8%	13.7%