



## Graduation Rates Brief

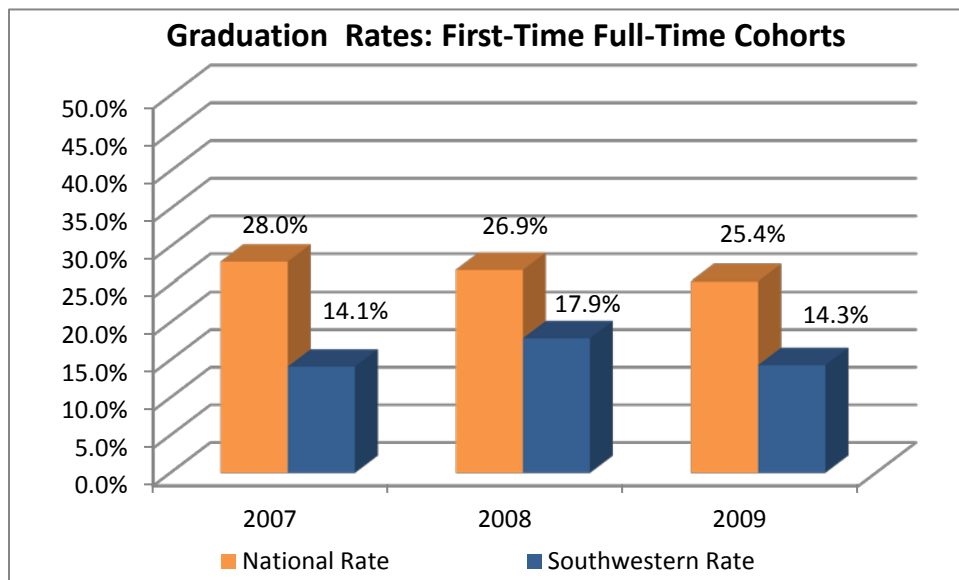
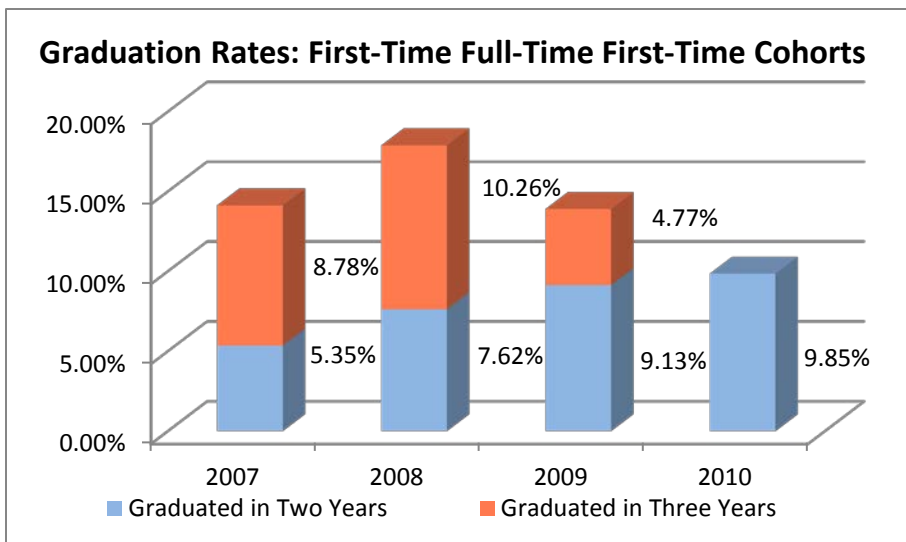


### STUDENT SUCCESS

Students who entered Southwestern as first-time full-time enrollees in the fall of 2007 had a graduation rate of 14.13% as measured three years after entry while students who entered in the fall of 2008 had a graduation rate of 17.89% and students who entered in the fall of 2009 had a graduation rate of 14.32%.

### SUCCESS GAPS

The two year graduation rates were consistently below 10%, but have increased every year. Three year graduation rates increased from 2007 to 2008 but declined substantially (54% decrease) for students who entered Southwestern as first-time full-time enrollees in the fall of 2009. Three years graduation rates for students who entered Southwestern as first-time full-time enrollees in the fall of 2010 will be available in fall 2013.



The national 150% graduation rates for first time full-time enrollees have decreased slightly each year and were consistently above 25%.<sup>1</sup> SWOCC graduation rates were at 50% of the national graduation rates in 2007 (14.1% versus 28.0%) at 67% in 2008 (17.9% versus 26.9%) and at 56% in 2009 (14.3% versus 25.4%). The 2007 Oregon cohort graduation rate was approximately 14%, similar to Southwestern.<sup>2</sup>

**ABOUT THIS DATA:** Cohorts are identified as first-time full-time freshman that enter in the fall of each year. The graduation rate is tracked based on the time it takes to complete a degree or certificate as 100% (graduated in two years) and 150% (graduated in three years). The national graduation rate was derived from data submitted three years after the entry of students to ACT.<sup>1</sup>

**DATA SOURCE:** Southwestern - First-time full-time freshman cohort (defined as all first-time full-time freshman that entered Southwestern during the fall term) in fall 2007, 2008, and in fall 2010 enrollees were tracked through graduation at 100% and 150% within the Colleague/Datatel system.

<sup>1</sup><http://act.org/research/policymakers/reports/graduation.html>

<sup>2</sup><http://completionarch.collegeboard.org/completion/graduation-rates/graduation-rates-first-time-full-time-students-or>