



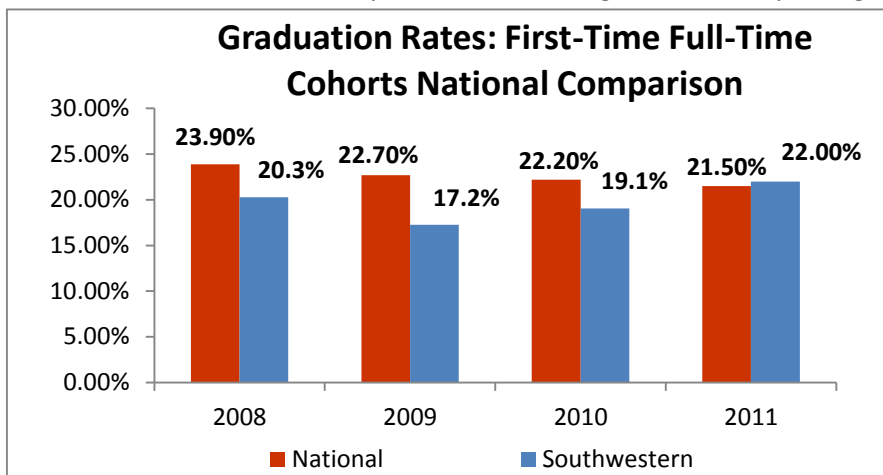
STUDENT SUCCESS

Students who entered Southwestern as first-time, full-time enrollees in the fall of 2011 had a graduation rate of 22% as measured three years after entry. This is an increase of nearly 3 percentage points over the 2010 cohort.

The national 150% graduation rates for first time full-time students who enrolled at an open enrollment public college have decreased each year since the 2008 cohort and is now lower than the Southwestern rate.¹ Whereas SWOCC graduation rates, with the exception of the 2009 cohort, have remained mostly constant. The Oregon Community College graduation rates for the 2010 cohort ranged from 2% to a high of 39% (Columbia Gorge) with 12 of the 17 reporting rates between 10% and 19%.

SUCCESS GAPS

Students who graduated within 100% of time (two years) was 14.5% for the 2011 cohort and has consistently been above 9%, with the 2011 cohort having the highest graduation rate of 15.1%. Data reported to the Integrated Postsecondary Education System (IPEDS) tracks data for the 200% graduation rate (four years) with the rate increasing for 2010 from 19.1% (three years - 150%) to 24% (four years - 200%). Females graduated at a rate of 26% which was 8 percentage points higher than males who were reported at 18%. Further analysis to disaggregate the data based on race/ethnicity should be considered



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 and considers the public 2-year open enrollment data.¹

DATA SOURCE: Southwestern - First-time full-time freshman cohort for fall terms 2008 through 2012 were tracked through graduation at 100% and 150% within the Jenzabar system.

QUESTIONS: Data questions contact rr@socc.edu.

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

