

Student Success and Achievement at Western Texas College

The Western Texas College (WTC) Mission Statement identifies the institutional goal to “provide quality education for pre-professional, general, career, technical, workforce and foundational students.” Quality education can be identified and measured in many ways. For example, it can be measured by the:

- Number of degrees awarded
- Percentage of students that complete a degree
- Persistence and retention of students
- Percentage of students that transfer to other institutions
- Percentage of students that find employment

WTC believes that information concerning the achievement of these milestones should be complete, accurate, timely, accessible, clear and sufficient. In the chart given below, information for the past five years is provided. Data is extracted from reports generated by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB). The reports for WTC and other institutions of higher learning can be found at: <http://www.thecb.state.tx.us/apps/resumes/>

For comparison, the last column in the chart provides Peer Group Averages (2016 report) from institutions of similar size for the most recent year. The first column shows the baseline values from 2009. To reduce the number of columns, earlier years were combined.

Achievement Area	Year					Peer Group Average
	Baseline 2009	2010-2011	2012-2013	2014-2015	2016	
WTC Students Succeed						
Number of degrees awarded	125	153	189	193	205	222
Number of certificates awarded	147	207	216	190	224	155
WTC Students Graduate						
3-year graduation rate	26.9%	25.1%	31.9%	34.5%	36.5%	27.1%
4-year graduation rate	30.2%	29.5%	31.5%	37.2%	36.3%	28.8%
6-year graduation rate	40.6%	37.9%	37.9%	38.4%	40.5%	35.1%
WTC Students Stay						
Two year persistence at WTC	15.3%	10.3%	12.9%	12.2%	13.8%	18.8%
Three year graduation and persistence	40.3%	31.1%	33.9%	36.6%	43.6%	32.8%
WTC Students Transfer to 4 Year Institutions						
Students with less than 30 Credit Hours	42.3%	36.5%	33.1%	13.5%	4.7%	4.8%
Students with 30 or more Credit Hours	13.7%	11.5%	11.4%	14.5%	12.3%	13.6%
WTC Students Are Successful						
Employed	40.1%	56.0%	51.3%	53.1%	19.7%	48.9%
Enrolled	23.8%	15.7%	24.6%	18.1%	25.9%	17.0%
Both Employed and Enrolled	15.6%	12.1%	12.0%	11.5%	19.1%	24.4%
Total Employed and Enrolled	79.6%	83.7%	87.8%	82.6%	64.7%	90.3%

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