

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

WTC believes that information concerning the achievement of these milestones should be complete, accurate, timely, accessible, clear and sufficient. In the chart given below, summarized information for past 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.highered.texas.gov/apps/resumes/>

For comparison, the last column in the chart provides Peer Group Averages (2020 report year) from institutions of similar size for the most recent year for which data is provided. The first column shows the baseline values from 2009. To reduce the number of columns and provide longitudinal data, earlier years were combined.

Achievement Area	Year					Peer Group Average
	Baseline 2009	2010-2015	2016-2018	2019	2020	
WTC Student Success						
Number of associate degrees awarded	125	213	193	211	199	270
Number of certificates awarded	147	175	190	164	99	148
WTC Student Graduation Rate						
3-year graduation rate	26.9%	35.5%	34.5%	36.0%	41.8%	33.8%
4-year graduation rate	30.2%	39.7%	37.2%	41.2%	39.9%	36.9%
6-year graduation rate	40.6%	39.8%	38.4%	44.5%	50.8%	42.0%
WTC Student Persistence						
Two year persistence	15.3%	12.4%	12.2%	14.8%	8.8%	22.6%
Three year graduation and persistence	40.3%	39.5%	36.6%	34.7%	40.5%	22.2%
WTC Student Transfer to 4 Year Institution						
Students with less than 30 Credit Hours	42.3%	11.1%	13.5%	11.9%	10.9%	6.0%
Students with 30 or more Credit Hours	13.7%	14.6%	14.5%	15.4%	19.7%	17.3%

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