

SPRINGFIELD TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

STUDENT RIGHT TO KNOW GRADUATION RATE

The federal government requires that all post-secondary institutions provide both prospective and current students with information concerning the performance of current students as an illustration of the likelihood of success. The law requires that the information include the rate at which degree-seeking students who attend the institution on a full-time basis and are attending any college for the first time successfully complete the program. A student is considered to have successfully completed the program if he/she graduates within 150% of the time required by the program. For example, a student who graduates from a two-year program within three years has successfully completed the program by federal guidelines.

The Springfield Technical Community College graduation rate for full-time, first-time, degree-seeking freshman entering the College in the fall of 2005 was 21%, with a four-year average of 21%. An additional 6% of these students transferred to other institutions prior to completing their STCC program, with a four-year average of 15%.

It should be noted that the full-time, first-time, degree-seeking freshman population represents 53% of the fall 2005 incoming class. The performance of the remaining 47% of the incoming class, by law, is not included in the rate reported above.