

Spoon River College

Graduation Rate

Background

Key Performance Indicators (KPI)

Spoon River College (SRC) has identified KPI to inform the college community about institutional health and development. The College KPI are presented in five categories aligned to Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) Public Agenda Goals. College KPI categories include Education Attainment, Access, and Success; Affordability; Educational Quality; Accountability; and Addressing Regional Economic Needs. Graduation Rate is a KPI aligned to the College category of Educational Attainment, Access, and Success. This category is aligned to the IBHE Public Agenda Goal to increase educational attainment and is defined by efforts to raise success at each stage of the education pipeline and eliminating achievement gaps.

Graduation Rate Data

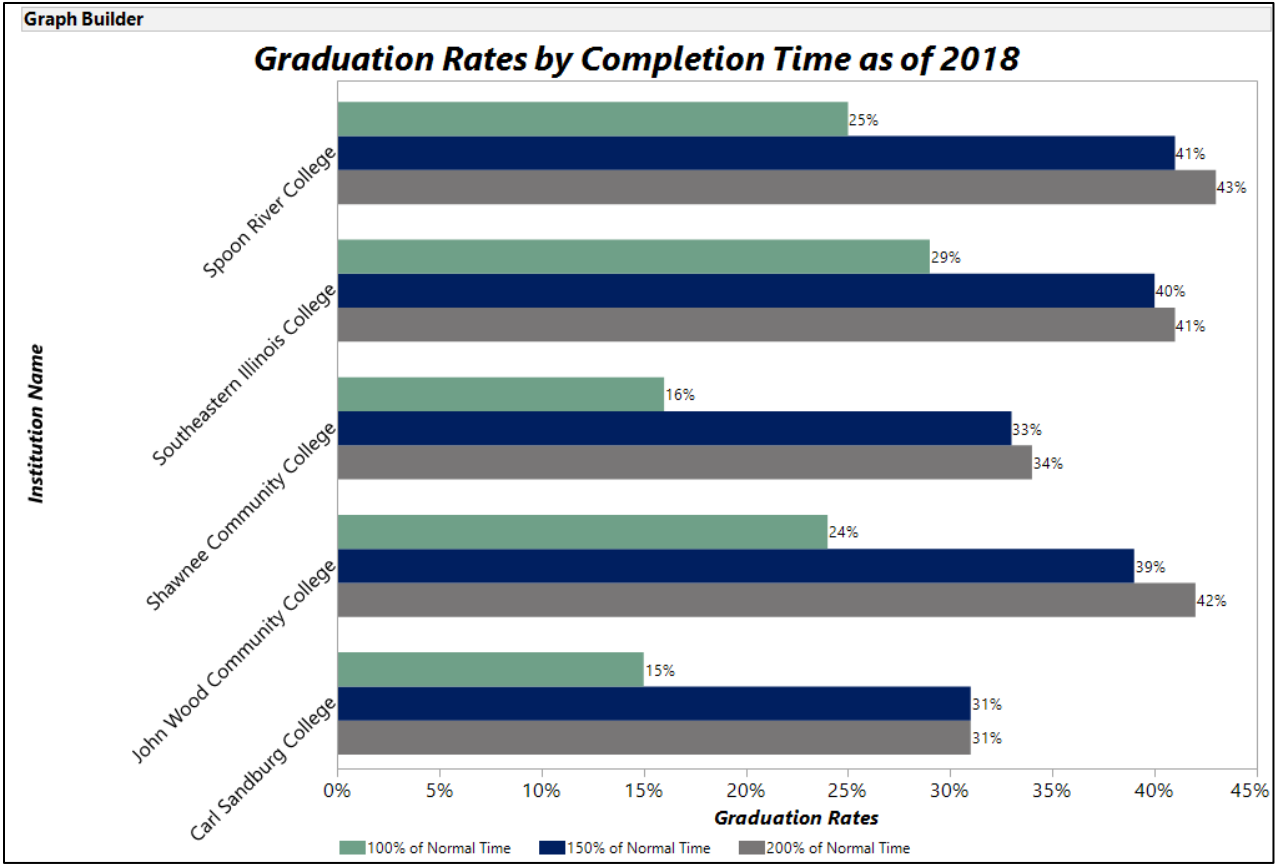
Data to inform this report have been captured and reported to the National Center for Education Statistics' (NCES) Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) and the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB). Graduation rate reports the percent of a cohort (full-time, first-time degree/certificate-seeking students) that successfully graduated within a specific time interval. Such rates can represent different lengths of time as not all students complete within the same timeframe. In data reported within this summary, three specific timeframes are identified and defines as follows.

- Normal Time – Two years is identified as the “normal” amount of time for graduation at the associate degree level.
- 150% of Normal Time – Three years for a two-year program.
- 200% of Normal Time – Twice as long as normal time to four years for a two-year program.

Graduation Rate Results

Graduation Rate by Completion Time Data

Figure 1 represents the percentage of full-time, first-time students graduating within each specified timeframe. Students represented within figure 1 began their program in Fall 2014. Graduation rates by completion time are provided for SRC, comparison Illinois Community College and the nation. Figure 1 also shows the percentage of entering students counted as full-time, first-time students in 2018.



SRC and Comparison Illinois Community College Data Suggest:

Spoon River College has among the highest graduation rates within normal time (25%) as well as the highest graduation rate within 150% of normal time (41%) and the highest graduation rate within 200% of normal time (43%), in comparison to the other peer group institutions.