

2018 Annual Report Summary

BACKGROUND

Member Colleges are required to submit an Annual Report (AR). The AR includes monitoring data for colleges. This report is a summary of the 2018 Annual Reports based on college self-reported data from the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

The Annual Report was significantly modified in the prior reporting year. Unnecessary and overly complicated data requests were deleted. The primary focus of the report for this year is on enrollment trend data and actual student achievement changes over time. While the annual reports capture information comparing actual achievement data to the institution set standards for each college, it is difficult to discern variations or aggregate improvements over time since 51 colleges had changed their institution set standards. Per the Commission's recent guidance on institution set standards, consistent definitions will support meaningful trend analysis in the future.

This report follows the extensive discussion the Commission held during the Spring 2018 Commission Development Workshop to re-examine the monitoring of student achievement. Additional discussion over the next few months leading into the 2019 reporting cycle will inform modifications to the annual report in order to improve our data tool for more complex analysis.

Headcount Enrollment:

- Regional colleges reported an average 1% decrease over the last 3 years
- 69 colleges reported an increase
- 44 colleges had enrollment decreases in excess of 4%.
- 14 colleges had a decrease of less than 4%
- 7 colleges had no change

Enrollment in Degree Applicable credit courses:

- 66 colleges reported increases representing on average a 7% increase
- 40 colleges reported decreases of more than 4%
- 16 colleges reported decreases of less than 4%
- 12 colleges reported no change

Distance Education:

- Average enrollment in distance education increased 21%
- 101 colleges reported increases in distance education enrollment
- Only 8 colleges had less than a 4% decrease
- 13 colleges had distance education decreases that exceeded 4%

Student Achievement:Degrees:

- 106 colleges reported increases in the number of degrees awarded, with an average increase of 25% over the past three years
- 21 colleges reported decreases in the number of degrees, with an average decrease of 10%

Certificates:

- 73 colleges reported an increase in the number of certificates awarded, with an average increase of 59%
- 45 colleges reported a decrease in the number of certificates awarded, with an average decrease of 21%

Transfer:

- 70 colleges reported increases in the number of students who transferred to 4-year institutions, with an average increase of 15%
- 39 colleges reported decreases in the number of students who transferred to 4-year institutions, with an average decrease of 10%

Course Completion:

- Course completion rates overall, have been increasing slightly each year (72.2% in 2015; 72.7% in 2016; 73.3% in 2017)

Licensure Pass Rates:

- Out of 563 programs reported by colleges which lead to license examination, 463 had over 70% pass rates and 292 have over 90% licensure pass rates, in the previous reporting year