

IPEDS Graduation Rates Report 2021

Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) Four-Year Cohorts, Fall 2011 through 2016

Every fall semester, IPEDS establishes a new cohort of first-time, full-time, degree- or certificate-seeking students at Napa Valley College. The students in these cohorts are tracked for a four-year period. The proportion of students within each cohort that complete the requirements of a degree or certificate within a given time frame is recorded. The amount of time to completion is measured in three intervals based on the expected time to completion. For community colleges, the normal expected time of two years represents 100% time. Completion within three years represents 150% time, and completion within four years represents 200% time.

Table 1 reports the number of first-time, full-time, degree- or certificate-seeking students included in Napa Valley College's cohort each year. The proportion of each cohort to graduate within 100%, 150%, and 200% of the expected time is reported.

Figure 1 reflects the data contained in Table 1. In all cohorts examined, there is a considerable difference in the proportion of students successfully completing a degree or certificate within 100% time and those requiring 150% time. The difference in graduation rates between Year 2 and Year 3 is illustrated by the vertical distance (gap) between the line representing 100% time and the line representing 150% time. The additional year yielded a 24% increase in the graduation rate, on average, over the six-year period examined. Graduation rates increased an average of 11% between Year 3 and Year 4 over the same period. Over the last six cohorts, an average of 45% of first-time, full-time, degree-/certificate-seeking students graduated from Napa Valley College within four years.

Source: NVC IPEDS Graduation Rates 200 Report (2020-2021)

Table 1. Graduation Rates of First-Time, Full-Time, Degree-/Certificate-Seeking Students within 100%, 150%, & 200% of Normal Expected Time

	Cohort Year					
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
First-time, Full-time, Degree-/Certificate-Seeking Students	486	464	487	529	536	548
Proportion of Graduates within:						
100% time (2 years)	7%	11%	10%	11%	7%	9%
150% time (3 years)	31%	34%	37%	34%	33%	32%
200% time (4 years)	43%	45%	48%	45%	44%	43%

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