

Graduation Rates for Southwest Mississippi Community College

Southwest Mississippi Community College (SMCC) uses multiple measures to document student success. One of those measures is the National Student Clearinghouse Total Completion Rate. This indicator allows for comparison between the college's performance and its peer institutions.

The mission of SMCC includes the provision of academic and technical education to meet the needs of the population. Hence, SMCC seeks to encourage students to graduate from Southwest while also preparing students for successful transfer to other colleges and universities. Because of this duality, SMCC provides its graduation rate (listed as "1st Completion" below) as well as the overall graduation rate of its students (listed as "Total Completion" below).

The data provided below are six-year outcomes and first completion for students who started at Southwest in the fall of the indicated years as well as corresponding national benchmarks.

Cohort Year	1 st Completion at SMCC (%)	1 st Completion at National Benchmark Institutions (%)	Total Completion for SMCC (%)	Total Completion for National Benchmark Institutions (%)
2014	49.49	29.22	58.40	40.28
2013	49.27	29.51	59.79	40.76
2012	42.14	27.88	51.63	39.22