



Student Achievement – Graduation Rates

Goal: Increase Timely Student Graduation
Vision 2023 Goal: Foster Student Success
Criteria: Increase the 3-year graduation rate of First-time, Full-Time, Entering Degree-Seeking students (FTIC) by 2% annually
Threshold of Acceptability: 1% increase in the 3-year graduation rate of FTIC students

3-Year Graduation Rate

First-Time, Full-Time, Entering, Degree-Seeking students, who enrolled in a minimum of 12 semester credit hours (SCH) in their first fall semester who graduated from the same institution or another Texas public or independent institution, within three years. First-time entering cohorts were determined by the “first-time flag” on the THECB CBM001/CBM0C1 Student Census Report. Source: THECB CBM001 Student Census Report, CBM0C1 Census Student Schedule Report, CBM009 Graduation Report, CBM00N Student Number Change Report.

3-Year Graduation Rate				
Entering Cohort	Graduated within 3 Years	Rate	Difference from Previous Year	
2013	470	15.1%		Baseline
2014	350	19.4%	+4.3%	Target Achieved
2015	272	24.3%	+4.9%	Target Achieved
2016	391	27.9%	+3.6%	Target Achieved
2017	406	28.6%	+0.7%	Not Achieved
2018	519	30.8%	+2.2%	Target Achieved
2019	817	32.3%	+1.5%	Threshold Achieved
2020	720	30.4%	-1.9%	Not Achieved
2021	576	34.9%	+4.5%	Target Achieved
2022	513	37.9%	+3.0%	Target Achieved

Results:

Texas Southmost College (TSC) regularly tracks 3-Year Graduation Rates through the Office of Institutional Research. This data tracking originated from the TSC Strategic Plan – Vision 2026 Strategic Plan, and continues to be part of the FY26 Strategic Priorities. Institutional data for this outcome was compiled from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB), Accountability System – Graduation Rate: 3-4- and 6-Year Reports (2016 – 2025) for Community, State, and Technical Colleges. The Accountability Systems relies on certified data from the THECB CBM001/CBM0C1 Student Census Reports, the CBM0C1 Census Student Schedule Report, the CBM009 Graduation Reports, and the CBM00N Student Number Change Reports.

The annual target of 2% was met every year, except in the entering cohorts of Fall 2017 and Fall 2020. These two cohorts shared something in common, the COVID pandemic period. For example, the 3-year graduation time frame for the “Fall 2017 entering cohort” was from Fall 2017 through Summer 2020. This cohort ended when the COVID pandemic started (2020). Then, the 3-year graduation time frame for the second cohort “Fall 2020 entering cohort” took place at the time when TSC switched to offer all on-line courses due to Pandemic restrictions. These two cohorts either started or ended with unforeseen enrollment shifts and adjustments due to the COVID pandemic.