

**Illinois Community College Board
Complete College America
Context Metric 2: Completion Ratio**

Complete College America (CCA), established in 2009, is a national nonprofit that aims to increase the graduation number and rate of college students. Illinois was in the first group of states to join the initiative and be part of the CCA Alliance of States (<http://www.completecollege.org/>). To advance higher education graduation rates, CCA officials developed a series of metrics identified under three categories: **Progress (PM)**, **Outcomes (OM)**, and **Context (CM)**. Generally, each metric has subsets including full-time/part-time status, race/ethnicity, gender, age groups, remedial status at entry, and Pell recipient status. ICCB generates the entire set of metrics for the state and each community college using agency longitudinal data systems.

Context Metric 2, Completion Ratio, measures the annual ratio of undergraduate degrees and certificates awarded per 100 full-time equivalent (FTE) students at the state level, disaggregated by race/ethnicity, gender, and degree type. Annual FTE is the number of credit hours divided by 30 which reflects the enrollment intensity a student attending on a full-time basis would need to earn to stay on track to finish an associate degree in two years.

		FY 09	FY 10*	FY 11	FY12	FY13	FY14
Degrees & All Certificates	Completion Ratio	24.4%	NA	25.4%	27.2%	30.1%	31.6%
	Total Degree and Certificate Production	53,053	NA	61,538	64,246	69,036	69,812
	Total FTE	217,347	NA	242,498	236,334	229,066	220,832
Degrees & Certificates > 1 year	Completion Ratio	14.9%	NA	15.0%	16.6%	17.8%	18.9%
	Total Degree and Certificate Production	32,355	NA	36,301	39,145	40,781	41,661
	Total FTE	217,347	NA	242,498	236,334	229,066	220,832

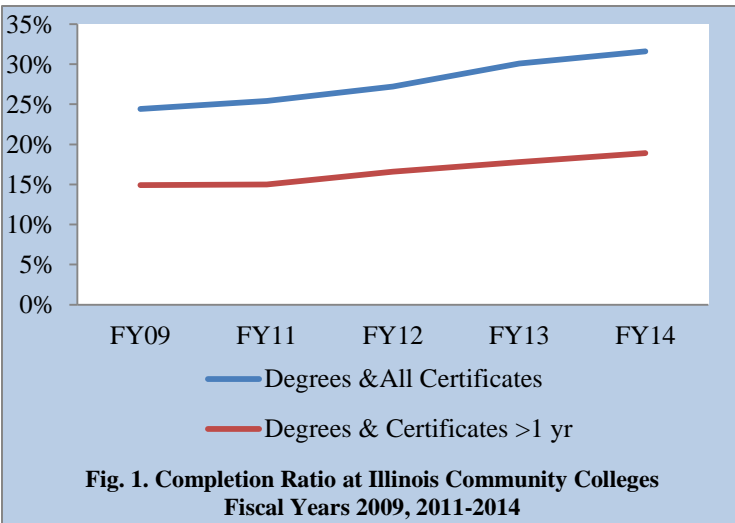
*FY 10 was not required for the CCA data collection
SOURCE OF DATA: ICCB Annual Enrollment and Completion (A1 & A2) submissions

In fiscal year 2014 Illinois community colleges awarded **31.6 degrees and certificates for every 100 full-time equivalent (FTE)** undergraduate students. The completion ratio was **18.9 for degrees and certificates of one year or more awarded**.

The overall completion ratio has increased in fiscal year 2014 from 30.1 in fiscal year 2013 and 24.4 in fiscal year 2009. The ratio including only degrees and certificates of one year or more in fiscal year 2014 has increased from 17.8 in fiscal year 2013 and 14.9 in fiscal year 2009.

Nationally, in fiscal year 2013, two-year public institutions awarded a total of 1,066,997 degrees and certificates ([NCES, Table 301.10, Digest of Education Statistics, 2014](#)), while the FTE was 3,904,873 ([NCES, Table 307.10, Digest of Education Statistics, 2014](#)), which results in a completion ratio of 27.3 percent for two-year public institutions in fiscal year 2013.

Comparative information with other participating states has not been made available for this metric by CCA.



Detailed comparative data from participating states are available for select metrics through *Complete College America's Game Changer State Data webpage*. Out of 33 states that are currently part of CCA's alliance, Illinois is one of 28 states that provided data in 2013. For more information on the Illinois Community College System please see the [Research & Policy Studies section](#) of the ICCB [website](#).

