

Illinois Community College Board Frequently Asked Questions

HOW MANY STUDENTS GRADUATE FROM ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGES?

Historically, the fiscal year 2023 completion counts are at the seventh highest level ever recorded. In fiscal year 2023, 65,248 degrees and certificates were earned by Illinois community college students. Table 1 below contains comparative completion data for the last five years. The number of degrees and certificates awarded increased 0.7 percent from the previous year. Compared to last year, among the 48 colleges, 24 experienced increases in the number of degrees and certificates awarded, while 19 exhibited decreases. Five colleges reported little or no change. Compared to fiscal year 2019, the total number of fiscal year 2023 completions increased 4.8 percent.

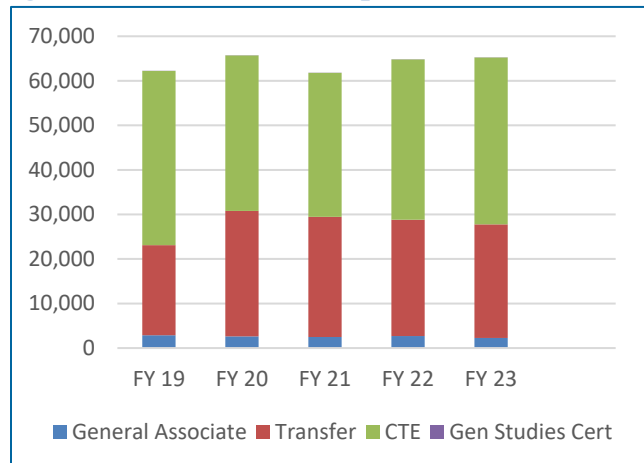
Table 1
Summary Comparison of Annual Completions in Illinois Public Community Colleges, Fiscal Years 2019-2023

	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
Trans/Gen Assoc/ Gen Studies	23,099	30,796	29,470	28,816	27,770
% Change	-2.8%	33.3%	-4.3%	-2.2%	-3.6%
CTE	39,143	34,911	32,313	35,981	37,478
% Change	-4.3%	-10.8%	-7.4%	11.4%	4.2%
TOTALS	62,242	65,707	61,783	64,797	65,248
% Change	-3.8%	5.6%	-6.0%	4.9%	0.7%

Source of Data: ICCB Centralized Data System—Annual Enrollment and Completion (A1 & A2)

As depicted in Figure 1, just over half of the 65,248 completers during fiscal year 2023 received Career and Technical Education (CTE) degrees or certificates (57.4 percent). Transfer degrees and certificates were the second most frequently awarded and accounted for 39.1 percent of all the collegiate-level completions. Looking at the trends over time, overall CTE completions increased 4.2 percent compared to last year and decreased 4.3 percent compared to five years earlier. A closer examination of the categories of formal awards issued within CTE in fiscal year 2023 shows that nearly two-thirds (63.2 percent) of the completions was CTE Career Certificates of Less than One Year. The total number of Transfer degrees and certificates awarded in fiscal year 2023 decreased 2.4 percent compared to the last fiscal year but increased (26.0 percent) from fiscal year 2019. Among Transfer degrees granted, the Associate in Arts (A.A.) degree was the most frequently awarded (49.2 percent).

Figure 1. Overall Annual Completions, FY 2019-2023



For more information on enrollments, see the report, [Annual Student Enrollments and Completions in the Illinois Community College System](#), fiscal year 2023, or [Data and Characteristics of the Illinois Public Community College System](#).

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