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Fall 2015 Entering Cohort

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About this report

The purpose of this report is to provide a set of specific, up-to-date metrics for your institution which focus on the vertical transfers and subsequent bachelor's degree completion for students who began their postsecondary education at your community college. This report focuses on the cohort of first-time students who started their postsecondary studies at your two year public institution in fall 2015 and tracks their transfer and completion patterns at four-year institutions over a period of six years, until spring 2021.

Data are presented on the following metrics with national benchmarks for each.

- Of the first-time-in-college degree-seeking students in your fall 2015 cohort:
 - how many transferred to a 4-year institution
 - how many transferred to a 4-year institution and earned a bachelor's degree
- Of the first-time-in-college degree-seeking students in your fall 2015 cohort who transferred to a 4-year institution:
 - how many completed a credential at your institution before transferring
 - how many earned a bachelor's degree at a 4-year institution

The above metrics are presented by:

- starting institutional characteristics (program mix, urbanicity, and average student socioeconomic status)
- student characteristics (gender and income)

Brief notes on data definitions and methodology are on page 3. More detailed discussions of methodology are available in the introduction and appendix of the national signature report on tracking transfer which can be downloaded at: [NSC Research Center Reports](#)

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Definitions and Methodology

Classification of Institutions as Community Colleges* and Four-Year Institutions

While we relied primarily on IPEDS data to categorize institutions as community colleges and four-year institutions, we revised the IPEDS categorization for some institutions that offer relatively few bachelor's degree programs. These institutions are listed as public four-year institutions in IPEDS but are more accurately categorized as community colleges based on their history, mission, and degree mix.

First-Time Status

This report uses historical Clearinghouse enrollment and degree data to confirm that students included in the study (1) showed no previous college enrollment in the four years prior to the entering cohort year and (2) had not previously completed a college degree. In order to reliably identify students with prior enrollments, this report is limited to institutions that began submitting enrollment data to the Clearinghouse for terms beginning on or before June 1, 2009.

Student Variable - Income

A proxy measure of student household income was created by geocoding students' address records from NSC with U.S. Census data on median household income. Students with median household incomes in the bottom 40 percent nationally were classified as lower income while those in the top 40 percent were classified as higher income. Students in the middle income quintile (the middle 20 percent) were excluded in order to emphasize the differences between lower and higher income students.

Institution Variable - Urbanicity

The location of each community college was used as a proxy measure of the likely availability of four-year options. IPEDS data on institutional locale was used to categorize schools into three categories: urban, suburban/town, and rural.

Institution Variable - Average Student Socioeconomic Status (SES)

A student-level SES variable was created by using U.S. Census data to derive a standardized composite of the median household income, educational attainment, and occupational profile of each student's home census tract. The median student SES score for all students enrolled at your institution in fall 2015 was used to create an SES measure which placed your institution into lower, middle, or top quintiles.

Institution Variable - Program Mix

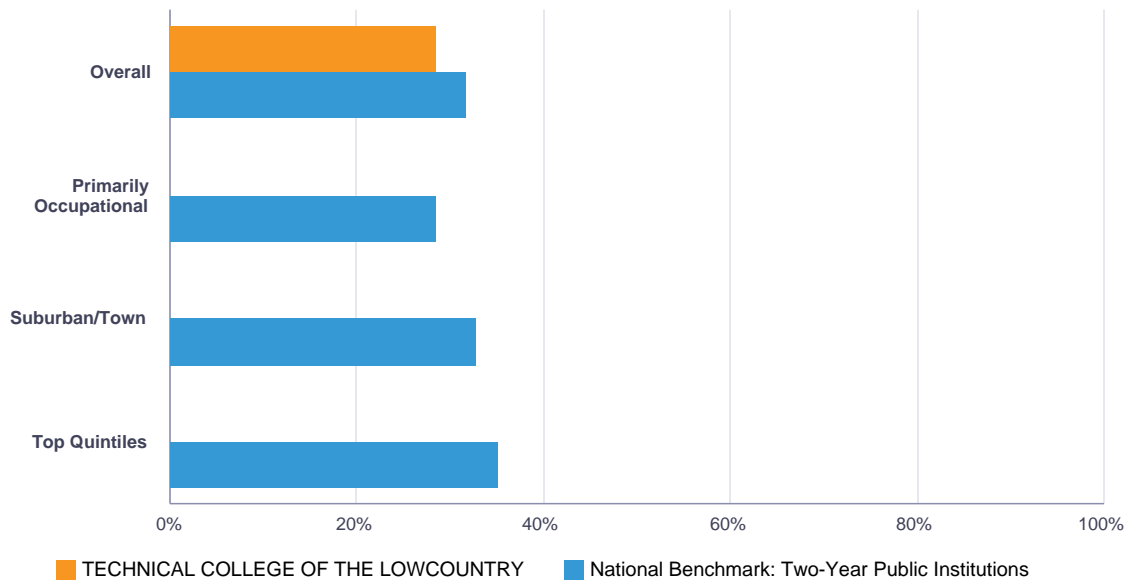
To capture potential differences in student outcomes resulting from the types of programs offered at different colleges, community colleges were categorized based on their mix of academic and occupational associate degrees awarded. Data from IPEDS was used to group institutions into "primarily academic" and "primarily occupational" categories based on the ratio of academic to occupational associate degrees awarded. Colleges that awarded 40 percent or more of their associate degrees in occupational fields (as opposed to associate of arts, associate of science, or associate of general education degrees) were classified as primarily occupational and those that awarded less than 40 percent of their associate degrees in occupational fields as primarily academic.

*The terms two year public institution and community college are used interchangeably throughout this report.

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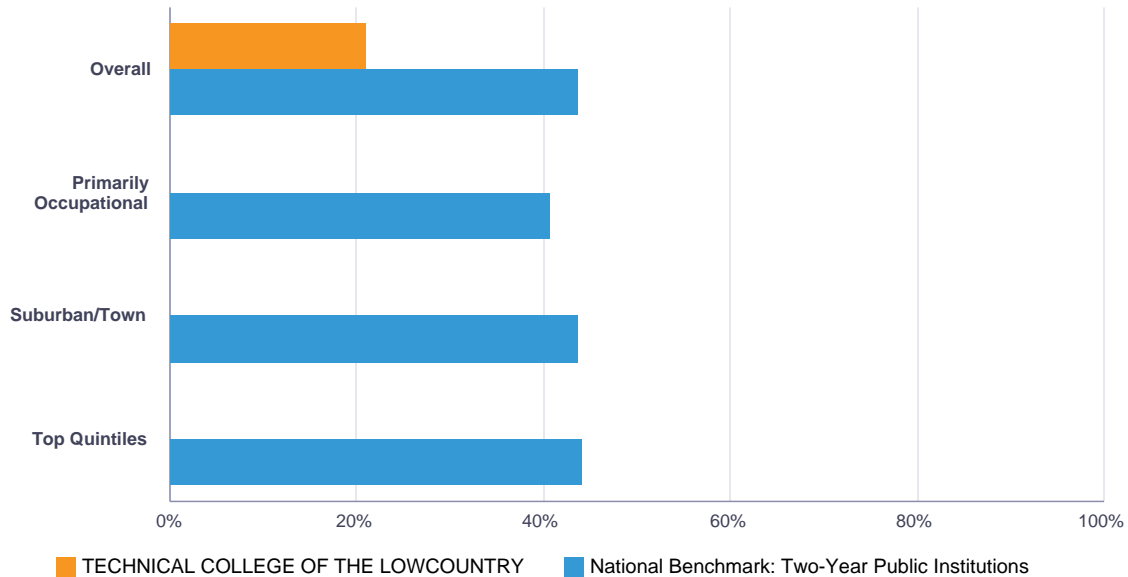
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TRANSFER-OUT RATES BY INSTITUTION CHARACTERISTICS



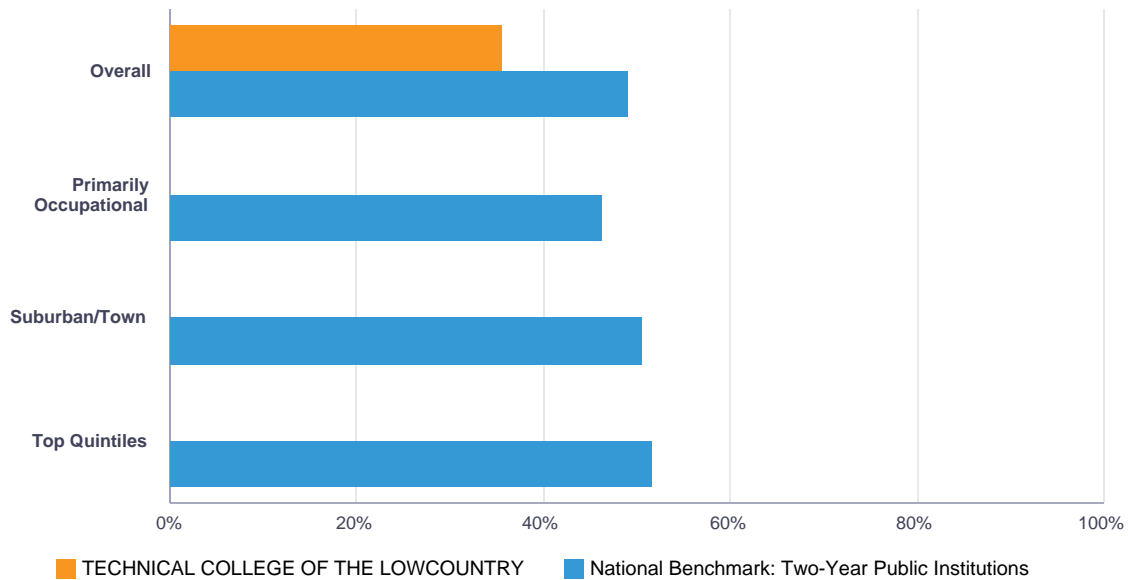
Institution Characteristics		Entire Cohort	Transfer-outs		
		N of students	N of students	Rate	
TECHNICAL COLLEGE OF THE LOWCOUNTRY	Overall	218	62	28.44%	
National Benchmark: Two-Year Public Institutions	Overall	632,051	199,913	31.63%	
	Program Mix	Primarily Academic	373,597	126,062	33.74%
		Primarily Occupational	258,383	73,849	28.58%
	Urbanicity	Rural	70,746	21,970	31.05%
		Suburban/Town	256,011	84,124	32.86%
		Urban	305,244	93,818	30.74%
	Average Student SES	Lower Quintiles	140,792	36,022	25.59%
Middle Quintile		111,453	30,728	27.57%	
Top Quintiles		379,805	133,163	35.06%	

TRANSFER-WITH-AWARD RATES BY INSTITUTION CHARACTERISTICS



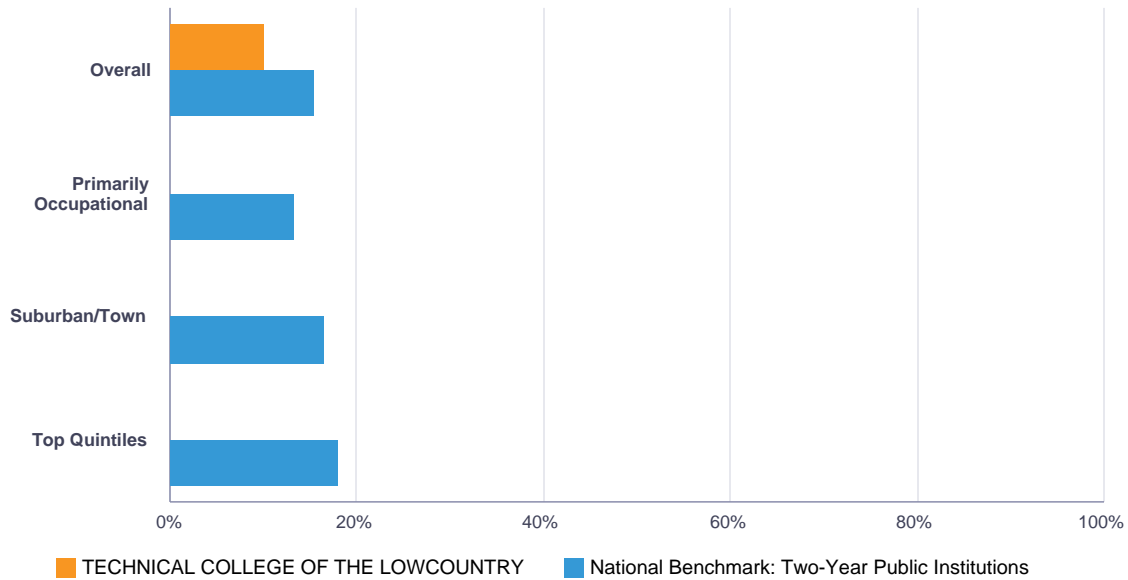
Institution Characteristics		Transfer-Out	Transfer-Out with Award		
		N of students	N of students	Rate	
TECHNICAL COLLEGE OF THE LOWCOUNTRY	Overall	62	13	20.97%	
	Overall	199,913	87,188	43.61%	
National Benchmark: Two-Year Public Institutions	Program Mix	Primarily Academic	126,062	57,137	45.32%
		Primarily Occupational	73,849	30,050	40.69%
	Urbanicity	Rural	21,970	9,656	43.95%
		Suburban/Town	84,124	36,768	43.71%
		Urban	93,818	40,764	43.45%
	Average Student SES	Lower Quintiles	36,022	15,671	43.5%
		Middle Quintile	30,728	12,870	41.88%
		Top Quintiles	133,163	58,647	44.04%

TRANSFER-OUT BACHELOR'S COMPLETION RATES BY INSTITUTION CHARACTERISTICS



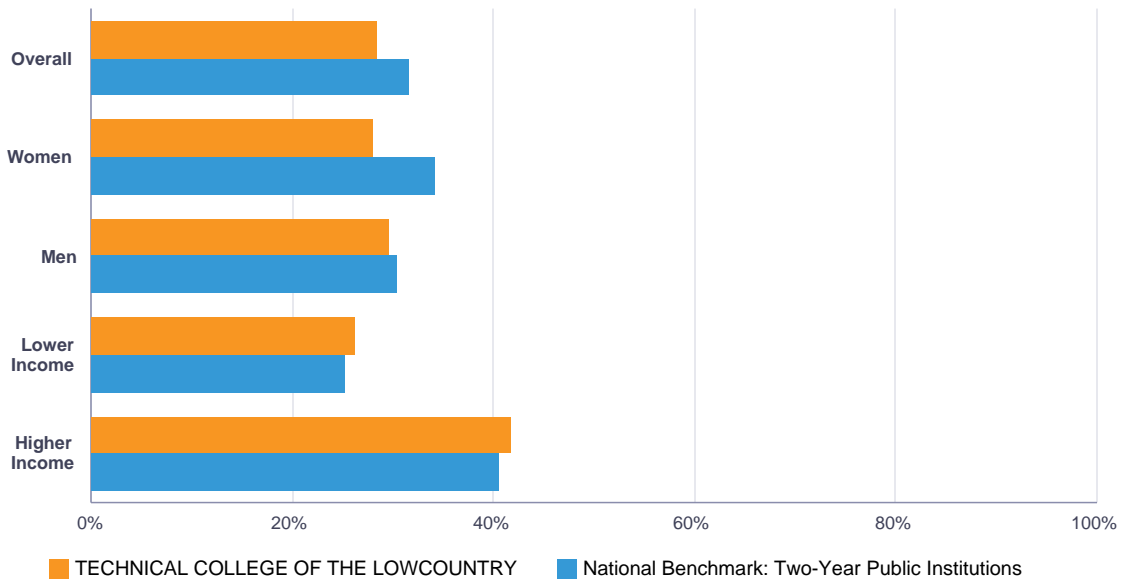
Institution Characteristics		Transfer-Out	Transfer-Out Bachelor's Completion		
		N of students	N of students	Rate	
TECHNICAL COLLEGE OF THE LOWCOUNTRY	Overall	62	22	35.48%	
National Benchmark: Two-Year Public Institutions	Overall	199,913	98,123	49.08%	
	Program Mix	Primarily Academic	126,062	64,039	50.8%
		Primarily Occupational	73,849	34,084	46.15%
	Urbanicity	Rural	21,970	10,959	49.88%
		Suburban/Town	84,124	42,480	50.5%
		Urban	93,818	44,684	47.63%
	Average Student SES	Lower Quintiles	36,022	15,395	42.74%
Middle Quintile		30,728	14,123	45.96%	
Top Quintiles		133,163	68,605	51.52%	

COMMUNITY COLLEGE COHORT BACHELOR'S COMPLETION RATES BY INSTITUTION CHARACTERISTICS



Institution Characteristics		Entire Cohort	Community College Cohort Bachelor's Completion		
		N of students	N of students	Rate	
TECHNICAL COLLEGE OF THE LOWCOUNTRY	Overall	218	22	10.09%	
	Overall	632,051	98,123	15.52%	
National Benchmark: Two-Year Public Institutions	Program Mix	Primarily Academic	373,597	64,039	17.14%
		Primarily Occupational	258,383	34,084	13.19%
	Urbanicity	Rural	70,746	10,959	15.49%
		Suburban/Town	256,011	42,480	16.59%
		Urban	305,244	44,684	14.64%
	Average Student SES	Lower Quintiles	140,792	15,395	10.93%
		Middle Quintile	111,453	14,123	12.67%
		Top Quintiles	379,805	68,605	18.06%

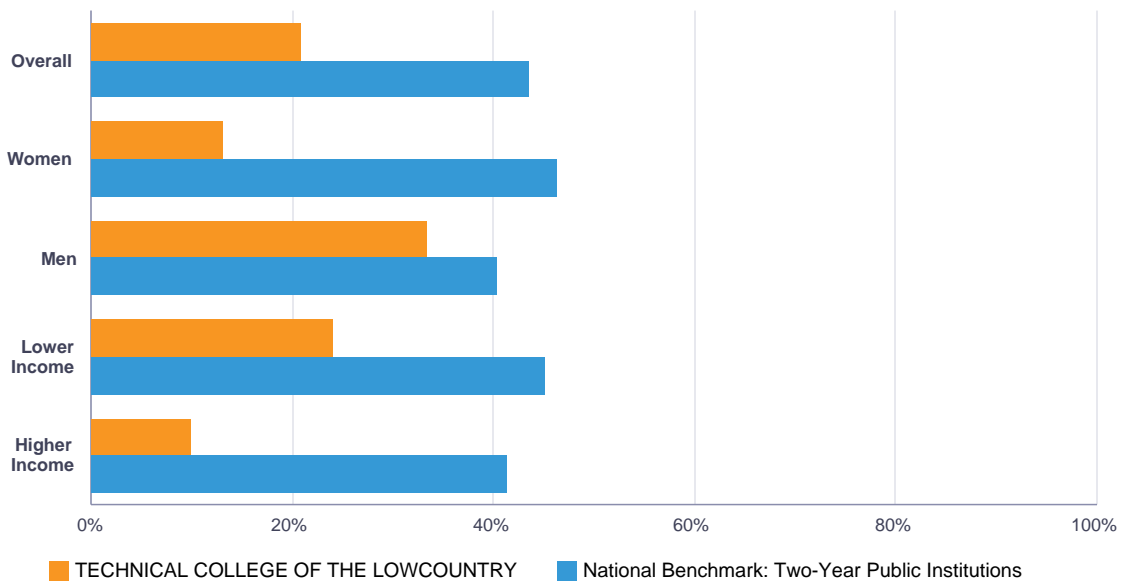
TRANSFER-OUT RATES BY STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS



Student Level Demographics	TECHNICAL COLLEGE OF THE LOWCOUNTRY			National Benchmark: Two-Year Public Institutions			
	Entire Cohort	Transfer-outs		Entire Cohort	Transfer-Outs		
	N of Students	N of Students	Rate	N of Students	N of Students	Rate	
Overall	218	62	28.44%	632,051	199,913	31.63%	
Gender	Female	136	38	27.94%	307,302	105,114	34.21%
	Male	81	24	29.63%	296,787	90,104	30.36%
Income	Lower Income	95	25	26.32%	198,354	49,929	25.17%
	Higher Income	48	20	41.67%	193,325	78,324	40.51%

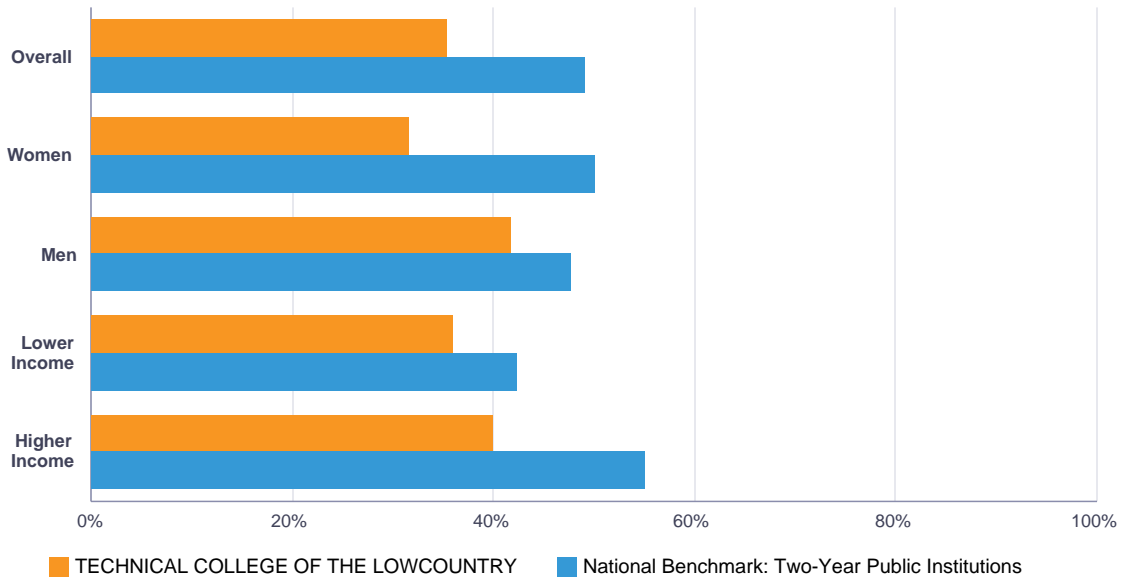
* Note: The middle income group has been excluded from the income graphs and tables throughout this report. Therefore, the student count and percentage sums for the higher and lower income groups will be less than the totals for the entire cohort.

TRANSFER-WITH-AWARD BY STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS



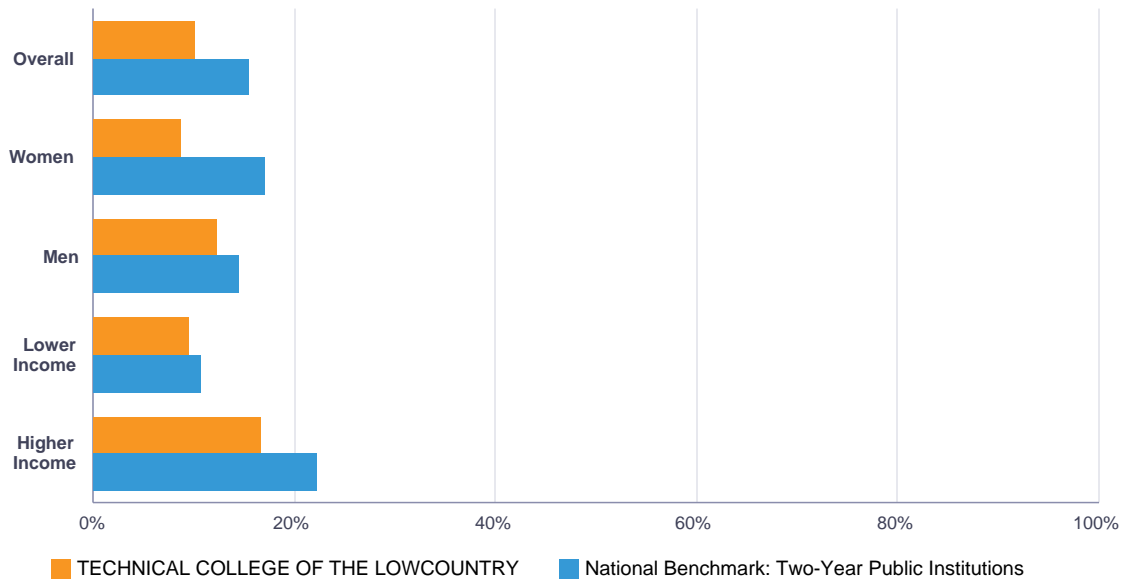
Student Level Demographics		TECHNICAL COLLEGE OF THE LOWCOUNTRY				National Benchmark: Two-Year Public Institutions					
		Entire Cohort	Transfer-Outs		Transfer-Out with Award		Entire Cohort	Transfer-Outs		Transfer-Out with award	
		N of Students	N of Students	Rate	N of Students	Rate	N of Students	N of Students	Rate	N of Students	Rate
Overall		218	62	28.44%	13	20.97%	632,051	199,913	31.63%	87,188	43.61%
Gender	Female	136	38	27.94%	5	13.16%	307,302	105,114	34.21%	48,646	46.28%
	Male	81	24	29.63%	8	33.33%	296,787	90,104	30.36%	36,311	40.3%
Income	Lower Income	95	25	26.32%	6	24%	198,354	49,929	25.17%	22,529	45.12%
	Higher Income	48	20	41.67%	2	10%	193,325	78,324	40.51%	32,381	41.34%

TRANSFER OUT BACHELOR'S COMPLETION RATES BY STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS



Student Level Demographics		TECHNICAL COLLEGE OF THE LOWCOUNTRY				National Benchmark: Two-Year Public Institutions					
		Cohort	Transfer-Outs		Transfer-Out Bachelor's Completion Rates		Entire Cohort	Transfer-Outs		Transfer-Out Bachelor's Completion Rates	
		N of Students	N of Students	Rate	N of Students	Rate	N of Students	N of Students	Rate	N of Students	Rate Entire
Overall		218	62	28.44%	22	35.48%	632,051	199,913	31.63%	98,123	49.08%
Gender	Female	136	38	27.94%	12	31.58%	307,302	105,114	34.21%	52,677	50.11%
	Male	81	24	29.63%	10	41.67%	296,787	90,104	30.36%	42,997	47.72%
Income	Lower Income	95	25	26.32%	9	36%	198,354	49,929	25.17%	21,185	42.43%
	Higher Income	48	20	41.67%	8	40%	193,325	78,324	40.51%	43,148	55.09%

COMMUNITY COLLEGE COHORT BACHELOR'S COMPLETION RATES BY STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS



Student Level Demographics		TECHNICAL COLLEGE OF THE LOWCOUNTRY			National Benchmark: Two-Year Public Institutions		
		Entire Cohort	Cohort Bachelor's		Entire Cohort	Cohort Bachelor's Completion	
		N of Students	N of Students	Rate	N of Students	N of Students	Rate
Overall		218	22	10.09%	632,051	98,123	15.52%
Gender	Female	136	12	8.82%	307,302	52,677	17.14%
	Male	81	10	12.35%	296,787	42,997	14.49%
Income	Lower Income	95	9	9.47%	198,354	21,185	10.68%
	Higher Income	48	8	16.67%	193,325	43,148	22.32%