An analysis of 2014-15 degree earners reveals that the majority of students no longer follow the traditional path taking 2 years for an associate degree or 4 years for a bachelor’s degree. Average times to degree are longer because students are starting later, enrolling part-time, changing institutions, or taking stop-outs, often in response to family and work obligations.

Average academic years enrolled: Associate Degree = 3.4 yrs, Bachelor’s Degree = 3.3 yrs

Average calendar years to degree: Associate Degree = 5.6 yrs, Bachelor’s Degree = 5.2 yrs

Dual Enrollment
- Average academic years enrolled: With = 6.9, Without = 7.5
- Average calendar years to degree: With = 8.4, Without = 8.2

Number of Stop-Outs
- 0 Stop-outs: 65.9%, 28.5%
- 1 Stop-out: 24.4%, 38.4%
- 2 Stop-outs: 9.9%, 12.3%
- 3 or more Stop-outs: 0.5%, 0.8%

Number of Institutions Attended
- 1 School: Associate = 3.0 yrs, Bachelor’s = 4.4 yrs
- 2 or more Schools: Associate = 4.3 yrs, Bachelor’s = 8.6 yrs

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