

Illinois Community College Board Frequently Asked Questions

HOW MANY STUDENTS GRADUATE FROM ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGES?

Historically, the fiscal year 2017 completion counts are at the fifth highest level ever recorded. In fiscal year 2017, 66,143 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 decreased 6.1 percent from the previous year. Compared to last year among the 48 colleges, 16 experienced increases in the number of degree and certificate awarded, while 28 exhibited decreases. Four colleges reported little or no change. Compared to fiscal year 2013, the total number of fiscal year 2017 completions decreased 4.2 percent.

Table 1 SUMMARY COMPARISON OF ANNUAL COMPLETIONS IN ILLINOIS PUBLIC COMMUNITY COLLEGES FISCAL YEARS 2013-2017					
	FY 13	FY 14	FY 15	FY 16	FY 17
Trans/Gen Assoc/ Gen Studies	21,760	23,239	23,769	24,458	25,010
% Change	7.4%	6.8%	2.3%	2.9%	2.3%
CTE	47,276	46,573	48,018	46,001	41,133
% Change	7.5%	-1.5%	3.1%	-4.2%	-10.6%
TOTALS	69,036	69,812	71,787	70,459	66,143
% Change	7.5%	1.1%	2.8%	-1.8%	-6.1%

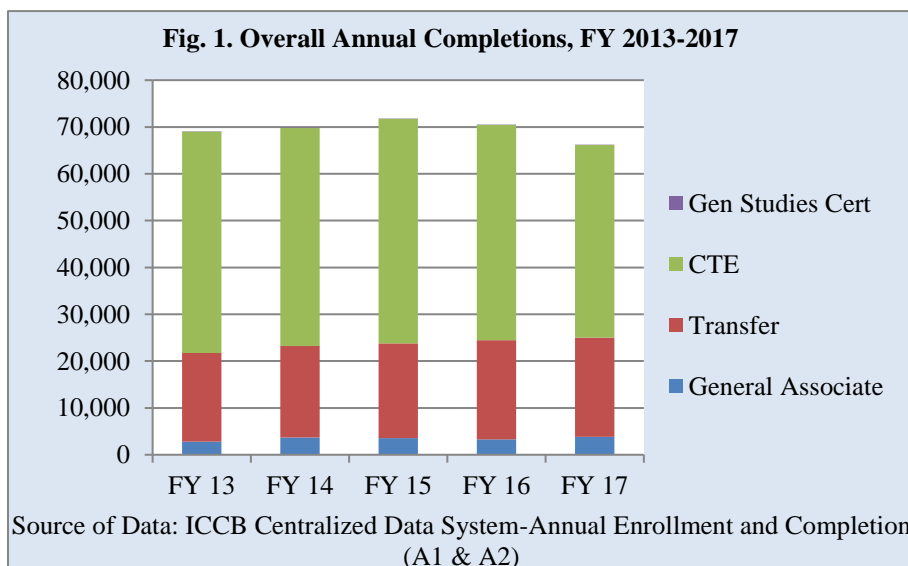
Source of Data: ICCB Centralized Data System-Annual Enrollment and Completion (A1 & A2)

As depicted in Figure 1, nearly two-thirds of the 66,143 completers during fiscal year 2017 received Career and Technical Education (CTE) degrees or certificates (62.2 percent). Transfer degrees were the second most frequently awarded and accounted for 32.0 percent of all the collegiate-level completions.

Looking at the trends over time, overall CTE completions decreased 10.6 percent compared to last year and decreased 13.0 percent compared to five years earlier. A closer examination of the categories of

formal awards issued within CTE in fiscal year 2017 shows that more than one-half (57.9 percent) of the completions was CTE Career Certificates of Less than One Year.

The total number of Transfer degrees awarded in fiscal year 2017 increased 0.1 percent compared to the last fiscal year and increased 11.7 percent from fiscal year 2013. Among Transfer degrees granted, the Associate in Arts (A.A.) degree was the most frequently awarded (58.6 percent).



For more information, see [Student Enrollments and Completions in the Illinois Community College System](#), fiscal year 2017, or [Data and Characteristics of the Illinois Public Community College System](#).

To locate a community college near you, visit <https://www.iccb.org/students/your-college-plan/finding-a-college/>. For a map of district boundaries, visit <https://www.iccb.org/iccb/system-information/college-district-maps/>.

