



Additional Information About Student Success Charts

Fall Enrollment By Segment

SMC tracks enrollment by student segments:

- *Dual Enrolled/EMC*: Dual Enrollment is an umbrella term used to denote high school students who are taking college classes. For details, see <https://www.swmich.edu/admissions/admissions-process/dual-enrolled-student-admissions/>. Early Middle College (EMC) are high school students taking college courses and earning a high school diploma and associate degree in 5 years.
- *Recent High School grads*: Students who graduated high school in the most recent year.
- *New <21*: FTIACS who delayed college after high school or transferred who are less than 21.
- *New 21+*: FTIACS who delayed college after high school or transferred who are 21 or older.
- *Returning < 21*: Students who were previously enrolled at SMC after graduating high school and are less than 21.
- *Returning 21+*: Students who were previously enrolled at SMC after graduating high school and are 21 and older.

Overall Contact Hours

Contact hours determine tuition billing and may differ from credit hours. Metric includes all enrolled students.

Cass County Enrollment

Based on the student's permanent address, not high school. Segments include:

- *Dual Enrolled/EMC*: High school students taking college courses, including EMC students completing a fifth-year program.
- *June Graduates*: High school students who graduated in the most recent year.
- *Other*: Includes high school graduates outside of June, transfer students, and returning students.

Number of Entering June High School Graduates

June Grads: Count of High school students who have graduated in the most recent year.

Fall to Fall Full Time Degree Seeking FTIAC Retention Rate

Retention data is sourced from the IPEDS Fall Enrollment Survey. Michigan Community College data is accessed through the IPEDS Compare Institutions Report. An average rate is calculated from a cohort of 28 Michigan community colleges. Michigan benchmark data lags SMC data because of IPEDS processing. Fall enrollment determines inclusion in the cohort.

Measure of Student Satisfaction

Measured by Ruffalo Noel Levitz Student Satisfaction Inventory (SSI), administered every other Spring (except 2023). Students 18 and older receive an email for an online survey. The results are based on a convenience sample. Responses rates range from 30-40%. Benchmarks are based on other colleges that participate in the survey.

Full Time Degree-Seeking FTIAC Graduation Rate Compared with Michigan and National 2 Year Colleges Average Graduation Rate

Data source is IPEDS Graduation Rate Survey. This tracks graduation rates within 150% of program length (three years for an associate degree, 1.5 years for a certificate). Program is based on what the student declares in their first semester. Benchmarking is done through the IPEDS Compare Institutions Report. The Michigan community college cohort is a custom group of 28 community colleges while the national cohort is based on IPEDS EZ cohort option for Public 2-year community colleges.

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