Chafee Graduation Rates

The Oregon Student Access Commission (OSAC) does data matches to determine graduation rates of Oregon Opportunity Grant recipients as part of the legislatively required Key Performance Measures. At the request of the Oregon Department of Human Services Independent Living Program, as of fall, 2011, similar data will be collected regarding Chafee Education and Training Grant recipients.

Methodology:
In keeping with the same methodology as OSAC uses for KPM data collection, graduation rates will be determined using:

- Four Year Institutions—a standard of six years
- Two Year (Community College) Institutions—a standard of three years
- The US Department of Education requires Title IV schools to report graduation rates for all full-time students who complete their undergraduate program of study within 150 percent of the programs published length (i.e. six years for four year institutions, 3 years for two year institutions). Proprietary (for-profit) institutions often offer accelerated programs ranging from approximately 9 to 22 or more months, or, may offer a four year degree. Because each institution is different and varying programs within each institution may have different completion times, data was pulled for proprietary institutions for the same years as two-year institutions.
- For this first report, prepared in November, 2011, graduation rates are checked for those receiving a degree during the 2010-11 academic year.
- For this first year of data match, the base year for four-year institutions, both public and private is the 2005-06 academic year. For purposes of OSAC’s KPM reports, a base year of 2008-09 was used for two-year institutions. However, for the sake of complete information, data matches were pulled for the 2005-06, 2006-07, and 2007-08 academic years as well and are included in this report. The same years were also used for proprietary institutions.
- Going forward, data will be matched in one year increments for both four-year and two-year institutions from the base year of 2005-06 for four-year institutions and 2008-09 for two-year and proprietary institutions.

Criteria:

- Institution type—four year public, four-year private, community college or proprietary
- First time Chafee recipient during the base year
Results:

Graduation Rates of First Time Chafee Recipients by Academic Year

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Conclusions:

- The graduation rate for community colleges has ranged from a low of 4.73% to a high of 12.31%.
- Of the four years of cohorts submitted to the Clearing House of first time Chafee recipients attending a proprietary school, only one record returned a degree earned.
- The graduation rate for the one cohort group we can measure at this point in time for four year institutions is significantly higher at four-year private schools than at four-year public schools (37.5% versus 21.43%). Whether this remains true as future year data is gathered is yet to be seen.
- There isn’t enough data at this point in time to draw conclusions regarding positive or negative trends in the graduation rates.