

Education Data System (IPEDS)

Four-Year Cohorts, Fall 2007 through 2012

April 2017

Every fall semester, IPED

The amount of time to completion is measured in three intervals based on the expected time to completion. For community colleges, the normal expected time of two years represents 100% time. Completion within three years represents 150% time, and completion within four years represents

Table 1 reports the number of first-time, full-time, degree or certificate-seeking students included in Napa Valley College cohort each year. The proportion of each cohort to graduate within 100%, 150% and 200% of the expected time is reported.

Figure 1 reflects the data contained in Table 1. In all cohorts examined, there is a considerable difference in the proportion of students successfully completing a degree or certificate within 100% time and those requiring 150% time. The difference in graduation rates between Year 2 and Year 3 is illustrated by the vertical distance (gap) between the line representing 100% time and the line representing 150% time. The additional year yielded a 22% increase in the graduation rate, on average over the six-year period examined. Graduation rates increased an average 10% between Year 3 and Year 4 over the same period. Over the last six cohorts, an average of 42% of first-time, full-time, degree/certificate-seeking students graduated from Napa Valley College within four years.