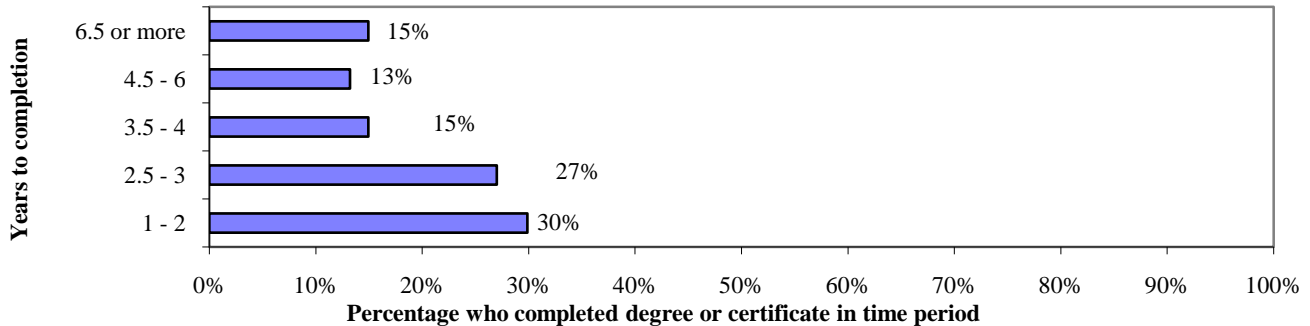


Chabot College

Survey of Spring 2009 Degree and Certificate Graduates

This survey was given to 2008-09 degree and certificate graduates who attended the graduation ceremony in May 2009. It was filled out by 189 of the 300 graduates while they came to pick up their name cards, so it is more representative of those who attended graduation than of all 991 2008-09 graduates. However, it gives us a glimpse of the completion time, attendance patterns, and immediate plans of successful graduates. The bar chart below shows that 57 percent of these students completed their program within three years, although only 30 percent completed it within two years. The majority persevered to graduation by attending every term and attending mostly full-time, whether or not they were working. Half of these graduates planned to work in Fall 2009, and nearly half planned to transfer to a 4-year college.



Degree, completion time, and attendance patterns

What degree or certificate are you receiving tonight?		Did you attend mostly full-time or part-time?	
A.A.	73%	Full-time (12+ units) every term	47%
A.S.	15%	Mix of full-time and part-time	32%
Certificate of Completion/Achievement	12%	Part-time every term	21%
Did you attend every term or did you skip some terms?		How much paid work did you usually do?	
Attend every term (not counting summers)	64%	No paid work	21%
Skipped 1-3 terms	24%	Mostly part-time work	39%
Skipped more than one year	12%	Mostly full-time work (35+ hrs/wk)	40%
How many years did it take you to complete this program?		Did you attend any other colleges during this degree or certificate program?	
1 - 2 years	30%	No	77%
2.5 - 3 years	27%	Yes, Las Positas College	6%
3.5 - 4 years	15%	Yes, attended other college(s)	18%
4.5 - 6 years	13%		
6.5 or more years	15%		

Plans for Fall 2009

What do you plan to do this Fall? (more than one answer possible so adds to over 100%)		If working, are you planning to:	
Work: I have a job	30%	Work in a new career	39%
Work: I am looking for employment	20%	Work in same career: new/advanced job	39%
Transfer to a 4-year college or university	47%	Use new knowledge in present job	22%
Continue at Chabot			
or attend a different community college	31%		
Other education or training	7%		
Work at home caring for home/family	1%		
No specific plans	2%		

Background information

Are you (more than one answer possible):		Gender	
a parent	25%	Female	72%
a single parent	14%	Male	28%
a disabled person	5%		
the first in your family to attend college	22%	Race-ethnicity	
the first in your family to earn a college deg./cert.	28%	African American	15%
Age		Asian or Pacific Islander	12%
21 or younger	15%	Filipino	7%
22 to 29	44%	Latino/Hispanic	28%
30 to 39	21%	White/European American	21%
40 or older	20%	Other or mixed race	17%