COLLEGE MILESTONES
FIVE-YEAR COMPLETION OF 30 OR MORE CREDITS: WASHINGTON

What Is Measured?
Percentage of students who completed 30 or more college credits within five years

Who Is Counted?
First-time community and technical college students enrolled in Washington Community and Technical Colleges in 2001-02 in college-level students

What It Tells Us
Some 29 percent of all college-level students completed 30 or more credits in five years, including just over one-half (52 percent) of students enrolled with the intent to transfer.

Why It’s Important
Students who intend to complete a program and obtain a credential or transfer to a four-year college must complete a required number of course credits. Even after the first year, earning a specific number of credits is a milestone that is associated with future success (Calgano et al., 2006, table 4; Offenstein, Moore, & Shulock, 2010, figure 12). For students who do not intend to graduate or transfer but may be more interested in improving their workforce skills or cultivating personal interests, earning a certain number of college-level credits may constitute a goal in and of itself.

ABOUT THE DATA
Transfer students are a subset of college-level students.
College-level includes only those students who took college-level courses.
Transfer: Includes students enrolled with the intent to transfer.

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