

## Key Facts and Figures

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### Getting Through and Getting Out

- 1** Only **40 percent** of students complete a bachelor's degree within four years and only **60 percent** graduate from the college at which they started within six years of entry.
- 2** Only **29 percent** of students who start a certificate or associate degree at a two-year college earn a credential within 150 percent of the time required to do so.
- 3** While graduation rate gaps across race and ethnicity are narrowing, gaps based upon gender and income are increasing.
- 4** About **one-third** of undergraduate students transfer or attend two colleges at the same time at some point during their college career.
- 5** **Fourteen percent** of students starting in community colleges transfer to four-year schools and earn a bachelor's degree within six years.
- 6** It takes students an average of **five years and ten months** to earn a bachelor's degree.
- 7** Of recently awarded undergraduate credentials, less than half—**48 percent**—were bachelor's degrees, while **26 percent** were associate degrees and **25 percent** were certificates.
- 8** Over the past decade, the number of all credentials awarded by colleges and universities has increased; the fastest growing college credentials are associate degrees (**51 percent** increase) and certificates (**41 percent** increase), followed by baccalaureate degrees (**34 percent** increase).