



Graduation Rate Results

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This edition of **Chipola College Facts!** examines graduation rates for students entering Chipola College in the Fall 2019, Fall 2020, and Fall 2021 semesters, compared with the Florida College System (FCS) as a whole. Data are drawn from the FCS **Accountability Outcome Measure 1, Part 2 (M1P2)** — Retention and Success Report, and Accountability Years 2023, 2024, 2025. Tracking periods cover Fall 2019 through Spring/Winter 2023, Fall 2020 through Spring/Winter 2024, and Fall 2021 through Spring/Winter 2025, respectively — as submitted to the Florida Department of Education. Rates reflect graduates and students enrolled in good standing within the tracking window (approximately 150% of normal time to completion for degree programs). Results are reported for all students combined and by race/ethnicity and degree type.

Note: The M1P2 report does not disaggregate graduation rates by sex; a sex-based breakdown is therefore not included in this edition. Additionally, small cohort sizes for racial groups other than White and Black/African American at Chipola preclude meaningful multi-year comparisons for those groups and are noted where applicable.

Graduation Rates for All Students: Chipola College and Florida College System

The **Graduation Rate** (Percent Graduated) reflects the proportion of entering students who completed their program within the M1P2 tracking window. The **Success Rate** adds students still enrolled in good standing, providing a broader measure of positive outcomes. Chipola’s graduation rates have consistently exceeded the FCS average across all three cohorts.

Chipola Grad Rate — Fall 2021 Cohort	FCS Grad Rate — Fall 2021 Cohort	Chipola Advantage
54.4%	45.5%	+8.9%
All degrees combined (n=206)	All degrees combined (n=40,158)	Chipola exceeds FCS across all cohorts

Table: June 2026 graduation rate snapshot: Chipola 54.4% vs. FCS 45.5% for Fall 2021 cohort, all degrees combined..

All Degree Types Combined: Graduation Rate Trend, Fall 2019–Fall 2021

Institution	Cohort	Full-Time	Part-Time	All Students (Total)
Chipola College	Fall 2019 (n=270)	60.0%	41.1%	53.7%
FCS State	Fall 2019 (n=50,666)	56.0%	32.8%	46.3%
Chipola College	Fall 2020 (n=218)	62.0%	35.8%	52.3%
FCS State	Fall 2020 (n=39,956)	57.4%	33.9%	47.6%
Chipola College	Fall 2021 (n=206)	60.3%	42.9%	54.4%
FCS State	Fall 2021 (n=40,158)	54.6%	32.6%	45.5%

Table: Graduation rates (Percent Graduated) by full-time/part-time status, all degree types combined. Source: FDOE FCS M1P2 Accountability Report..



Figure: Graduation rate trend, all degrees combined, Fall 2019–Fall 2021. Chipola (most recent in gold) consistently exceeds FCS average.

Graduation Rates by Degree Type

The M1P2 report groups programs into two-degree categories: Associate in Arts (AA) and Associate in Science (AS). Chipola's strongest performance relative to the FCS is in the AS category.

Associate in Arts (AA)

Institution	Cohort (n)	Grad Rate	Success Rate
Chipola College	234	52.1%	88.0%
FCS State	41,536	46.0%	82.7%
Chipola College	184	52.2%	87.5%
FCS State	31,575	47.1%	81.8%
Chipola College	177	53.7%	85.9%
FCS State	31,598	44.3%	81.2%

Table: AA graduation and success rates, Chipola vs. FCS, Fall 2019–Fall 2021 entering cohorts..

Rows 1–2: Fall 2019 cohort | Rows 3–4: Fall 2020 cohort | Rows 5–6: Fall 2021 cohort.

Chipola's AA graduation rate has improved from 52.1% (Fall 2019) to **53.7% (Fall 2021)**, while the FCS rate declined from 46.0% to 44.3% over the same period. The Chipola advantage widened from +6.1 percentage points to **+9.4 percentage points**. Success rates remain high at Chipola (85.9–88.0%) versus the FCS (81.2–82.7%).

Associate in Science (AS)

Institution	Cohort (n)	Grad Rate	Success Rate
Chipola College	26	65.4%	96.2%
FCS State	6,217	29.9%	81.4%
Chipola College	29	48.3%	96.6%
FCS State	5,582	31.4%	78.2%
Chipola College	26	53.9%	100.0%
FCS State	5,717	32.1%	78.8%

Table: AS/AAS graduation and success rates, Chipola vs. FCS, Fall 2019–Fall 2021 entering cohorts. Rows 1–2: Fall 2019 | Rows 3–4: Fall 2020 | Rows 5–6: Fall 2021..

Rows 1–2: Fall 2019 cohort | Rows 3–4: Fall 2020 cohort | Rows 5–6: Fall 2021 cohort.

Chipola's AS/AAS graduation rate exceeded the FCS by a substantial margin in all three cohorts, ranging from **+16.5 to +35.5 percentage points**. The 100.0% success rate for the Fall 2021 cohort reflects the small cohort size (n=26) and should be interpreted cautiously. The FCS AS graduation rate has remained relatively flat in the low 30s, while Chipola's has ranged from 48–65%.

Graduation Rates by Race/Ethnicity: Associate in Arts

Race/ethnicity data are reported for AA students only, where cohort sizes permit meaningful comparison. Only White and Black/African American groups have sufficient Chipola cohort sizes for multi-year trend analysis. Hispanic/Latino cohort sizes at Chipola (6–12 students per cohort) are noted but should be interpreted cautiously.

White Students — AA Graduation Rate

Cohort	Chipola (n)	Chipola Grad Rate	FCS (n)	FCS Grad Rate	Chipola vs. FCS
Fall 2019	165	55.2%	13,656	47.9%	+7.3 pp
Fall 2020	132	58.3%	10,709	48.8%	+9.5 pp
Fall 2021	133	58.7%	10,231	47.4%	+11.3 pp

Table: AA graduation rates for White students, Chipola vs. FCS, Fall 2019–Fall 2021. pp = percentage points..



Figure: AA graduation rates, White students, Fall 2019–Fall 2021. Chipola most recent cohort in gold.

Chipola's AA graduation rate for White students has improved steadily, reaching **58.7%** for the Fall 2021 cohort compared with the FCS rate of 47.4% — a **+11.3 percentage point advantage**, the widest gap in the three-year series.

Black/African American Students — AA Graduation Rate

Cohort	Chipola (n)	Chipola Grad Rate	FCS (n)	FCS Grad Rate	Chipola vs. FCS
Fall 2019	37	37.8%	6,638	37.0%	+0.8 pp
Fall 2020	19	21.1%	4,518	37.3%	-16.2 pp
Fall 2021	23	34.8%	4,756	34.8%	0.0 pp

Table: AA graduation rates for Black/African American students, Chipola vs. FCS, Fall 2019–Fall 2021..



Figure: AA graduation rates, Black/African American students, Fall 2019–Fall 2021. Chipola most recent cohort in gold.

Chipola's AA graduation rate for Black/African American students declined sharply for the Fall 2020 cohort (21.1%), which entered during the COVID-19 pandemic. The rate recovered to 34.8% for the Fall 2021 cohort, matching the FCS average exactly. Small cohort sizes (19–37 students) mean year-to-year variation is high; a single student represents 2.6–5.3 percentage points. The racial gap between White and Black/African American Chipola students (58.7% vs. 34.8%) is an area of ongoing attention.

Hispanic/Latino Students — AA Graduation Rate (Small Cohort — Use with Caution)

Cohort	Chipola (n)	Chipola Grad Rate	FCS (n)	FCS Grad Rate
Fall 2019	12	50.0%	16,556	46.4%
Fall 2020	8*	37.5%	12,930	48.5%
Fall 2021	6*	33.3%	13,165	45.0%

Table: AA graduation rates for Hispanic/Latino students, Chipola vs. FCS. *Chipola cohorts of 6–8 are below the 10-student threshold for reliable reporting and should be interpreted cautiously..

Chipola's Hispanic/Latino AA cohort sizes fall below the FDOE's 10-student reliability threshold for Fall 2020 and Fall 2021. The apparent decline from 50.0% to 33.3% likely reflects small-sample variation rather than a genuine trend. Continued enrollment growth in this population will improve the reliability of future comparisons.

Summary and Key Findings

- 1. Chipola consistently outperforms the FCS on graduation rates.** Across all three entering cohorts and all full-time/part-time breakdowns, Chipola’s combined graduation rate (53–54%) exceeds the FCS average (45–48%). The advantage has been stable at roughly +7 to +9 percentage points for all students combined.
- 2. AS graduation rates are Chipola’s strongest area.** Chipola’s AS graduation rates (48–65%) exceed the FCS rate (30–32%) by 16–35 percentage points across all three cohorts. The Fall 2021 cohort achieved a 100% success rate (though cohort size of 26 limits generalizability).
- 3. White student AA graduation rates show steady improvement.** Chipola’s White AA graduation rate rose from 55.2% (Fall 2019) to 58.7% (Fall 2021), widening the Chipola-to-FCS gap from +7.3 to +11.3 percentage points.
- 4. Black/African American AA rates recovered from a COVID-impacted low.** The Fall 2020 cohort (entering during the pandemic) showed a significant drop to 21.1%, but the Fall 2021 cohort recovered to 34.8% — matching the FCS average exactly. The White-to-Black/African American gap at Chipola (58.7% vs. 34.8%) is 23.9 percentage points and warrants continued focus.

Degree Type	Cohort	Chipola Grad Rate	FCS Grad Rate	Chipola Advantage
AA (all students)	Fall 2021 (n=177)	53.7%	44.3%	+9.4 pp
AS/AAS (all students)	Fall 2021 (n=26)	53.9%	32.1%	+21.8 pp
All degrees combined	Fall 2021 (n=206)	54.4%	45.5%	+8.9 pp

Table: Summary: Fall 2021 cohort graduation rates, Chipola vs. FCS, by degree type. *PSVC/ATD Chipola cohort too small for reliable comparison..

Data Source

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