

**TABLE 21
GRADUATION RATES OF PEER UNIVERSITIES ***

All students in freshmen cohort who entered in the fall of:	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Western Michigan University	53%	56%	55%	54%	54%
Florida International University	44%	47%	47%	48%	48%
New Mexico State University	46%	43%	43%	42%	37%
Texas Tech University	52%	54%	54%	55%	56%
University of Akron	41%	47%	35%	35%	37%
University of Alabama - Tuscaloosa	63%	62%	61%	63%	63%
University of Central Florida	50%	54%	55%	57%	58%
University of Houston	37%	40%	39%	40%	42%
University of Memphis	34%	33%	36%	33%	34%
University of North Texas	38%	39%	40%	43%	45%
University of Oregon	58%	60%	62%	63%	63%
University of Puerto Rico - Rio Piedras	51%	51%	50%	48%	49%
University of Texas - Arlington	36%	37%	38%	40%	42%
University of Toledo	41%	40%	45%	42%	44%
University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee	40%	39%	37%	42%	43%

* The 14 peer universities were selected based on the Carnegie classification system.