

# Spoon River College

## Retention Rate

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### Background

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#### Key Performance Indicators (KPI)

Spoon River College (SRC) has identified KPI to inform the college community about institutional health and development. The College KPI are presented in five categories aligned to Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) Public Agenda Goals. College KPI categories include Educational Attainment, Access, and Success; Affordability; Educational Quality; Accountability; and Addressing Regional Economic Needs.

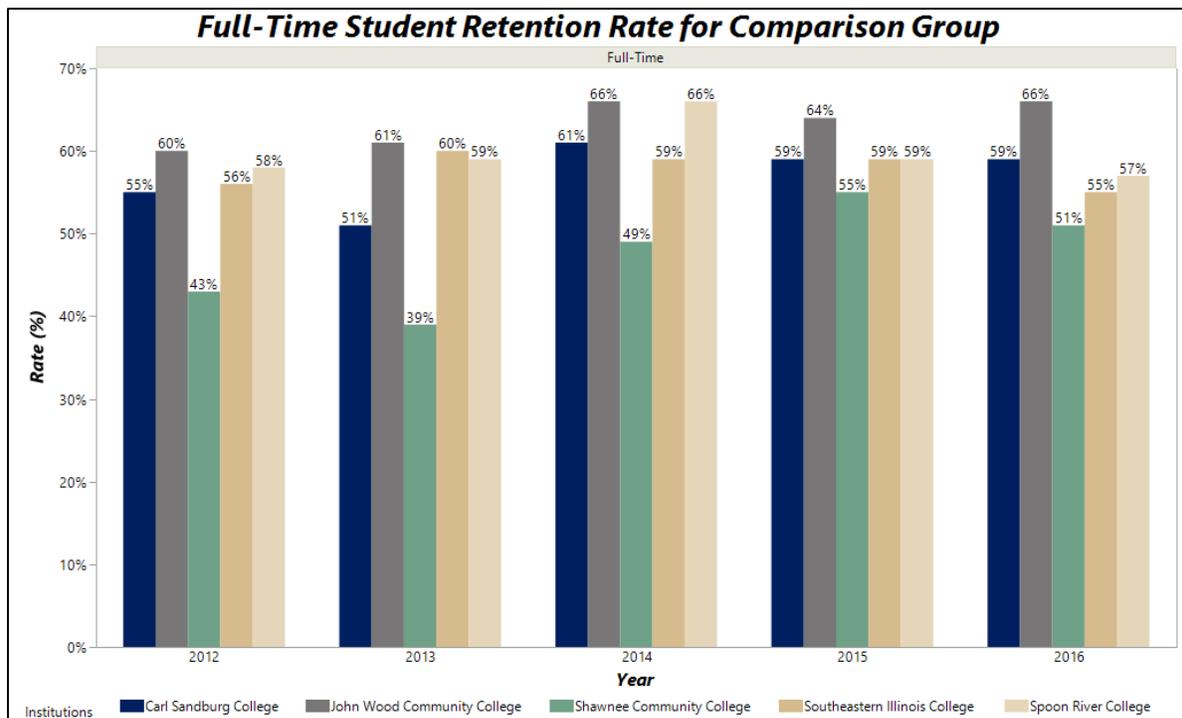
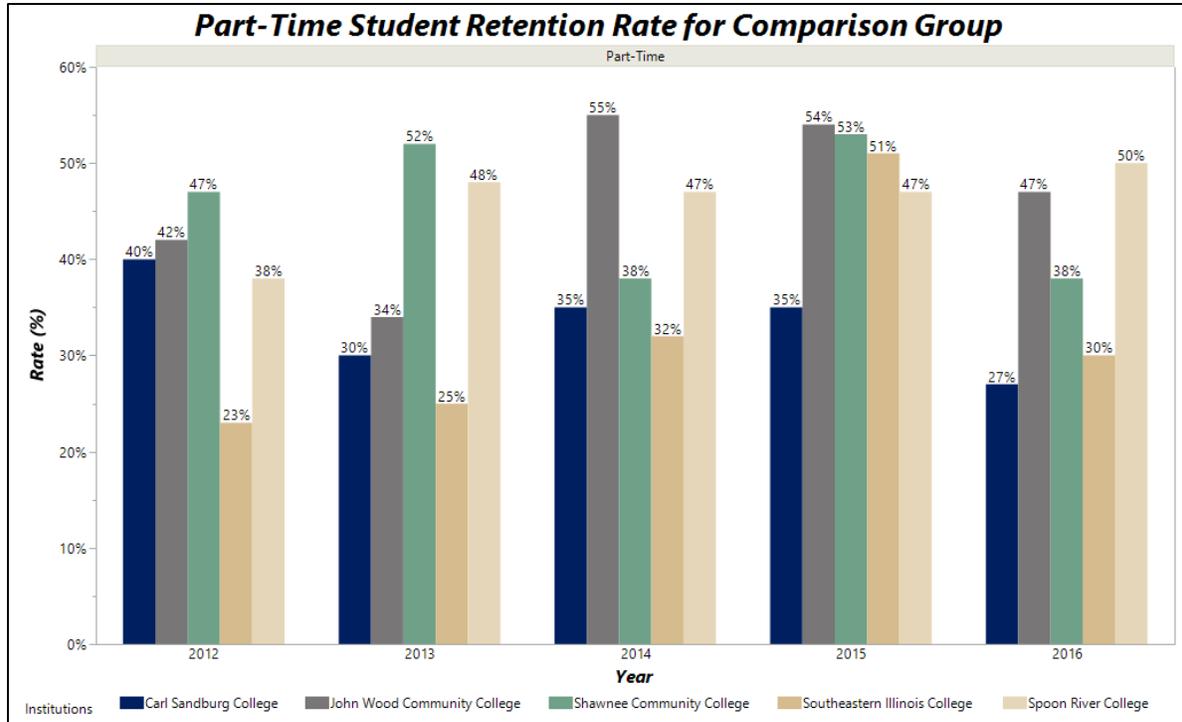
Persistence and Retention rates are KPI aligned to the College category of Educational Attainment, Access, and Success, as well as the category of Educational Quality. As a measure of Educational Attainment, this category is aligned to the IBHE Public Agenda Goal to raise the number of people with postsecondary credentials and improve transitions along the educational pipeline. As a measure of Educational Quality, this category is also aligned to the IBHE Public agenda goal to improve transitions along the educational pipeline.

#### Persistence and Retention Rate Data

Persistence Rate is defined as the percent of students enrolling in consecutive fall and spring terms (e.g. Fall 2015 and Spring 2016). Retention Rate is defined as the percent of students enrolling in consecutive fall terms (e.g. Fall 2015 and Fall 2016). Both rates are calculated by dividing the number of students enrolled in both terms by the number of students enrolled in term one, less completers who subsequently left the college. These completers are not included in the calculation because they have achieved their community college goal and are not expected to return for subsequent terms. Data to inform this report were pulled from the Colleges student database and are based on enrollment as of the 10th day of each term. Comparison data are from the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS).

# Persistence and Retention Rate Results

## Graduation Rate by Completion Time Data



## Findings and Conclusions

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### Part-Time

Spoon River College has had one of the top retention rates in the past few years. In 2016, Spoon River College was leading the comparison group in retention rate.

### Full-Time

In the past several years, Spoon River College has performed near the best. However, in the past 2 years, Spoon River College has been performing average amongst the other institutions in the comparison group.