Complete College America defines “Credit Hour Completion” as the percent of first time full time degree or certificate seeking community college students who complete at least 24 credit hours in their first academic year. For these analyses, dual credit high school graduates are considered continuing students when they reach the college level. In addition, developmental or remedial credits are included in the completed number of credit hours. ICCB provides data to the CCA for all community colleges in Illinois and provides an Illinois comparison group of community colleges. Lake Land’s comparison group includes IL Eastern CC, Illinois Valley, Kankakee, Lewis and Clark, John Logan, and McHenry.

On average over the five reporting years, Illinois Eastern CC (69%) have the highest percent of first time full time students completing at least 24 credit hours in their first academic year followed by Lake Land (57%).

McHenry (44%) and Lewis and Clark (44%) have the lowest percent of first time full time students completing at least 24 credit hours in their first academic year. However, it appears that Lewis and Clark has steadily increased the percent of students completing at least 24 credit hours over time.

Lake Land’s (57%) percent of first time full time students completing at least 24 credit hours in their first academic year is well above the state’s average (46%).