Complete College America defines “Transfer Out” as the percent of first time degree seeking community college students who transfer to a four year institution within four years after entry to a community college. For these analyses, dual credit high school graduates are considered continuing students when they reach the college level. 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. The average transfer out rate for the state is also included.

- Transfer out rates for community college students in the Lake Land College comparison group remain fairly consistent for the fall 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2008 first time student cohorts.
- On average, McHenry Community College has the highest transfer out rate of the comparison group across the four cohorts.
- The average transfer out rate for all community colleges across the three fall cohorts is 26%.
- On average, Lake Land’s transfer out rate, around 20% of its first time student cohorts, is the lowest transfer rate for the colleges in its comparison group.
  - Lake Land College has a high population of Department of Correction (DOC) students. The vast majority of these students are part time certificate seeking students who do not plan to acquire a four year degree.
- Lake Land’s transfer out rate for FULL TIME students ONLY across these three cohorts is 28% which is the same as the transfer out rate for Lewis and Clark but below the state average of 31.4%.
  - Since the vast majority of DOC students are part time, they would be excluded from this analysis. Given the continued low transfer out rates for full time only students, the impact of DOC students being included in the total transfer out rates may not be as big as first indicated.