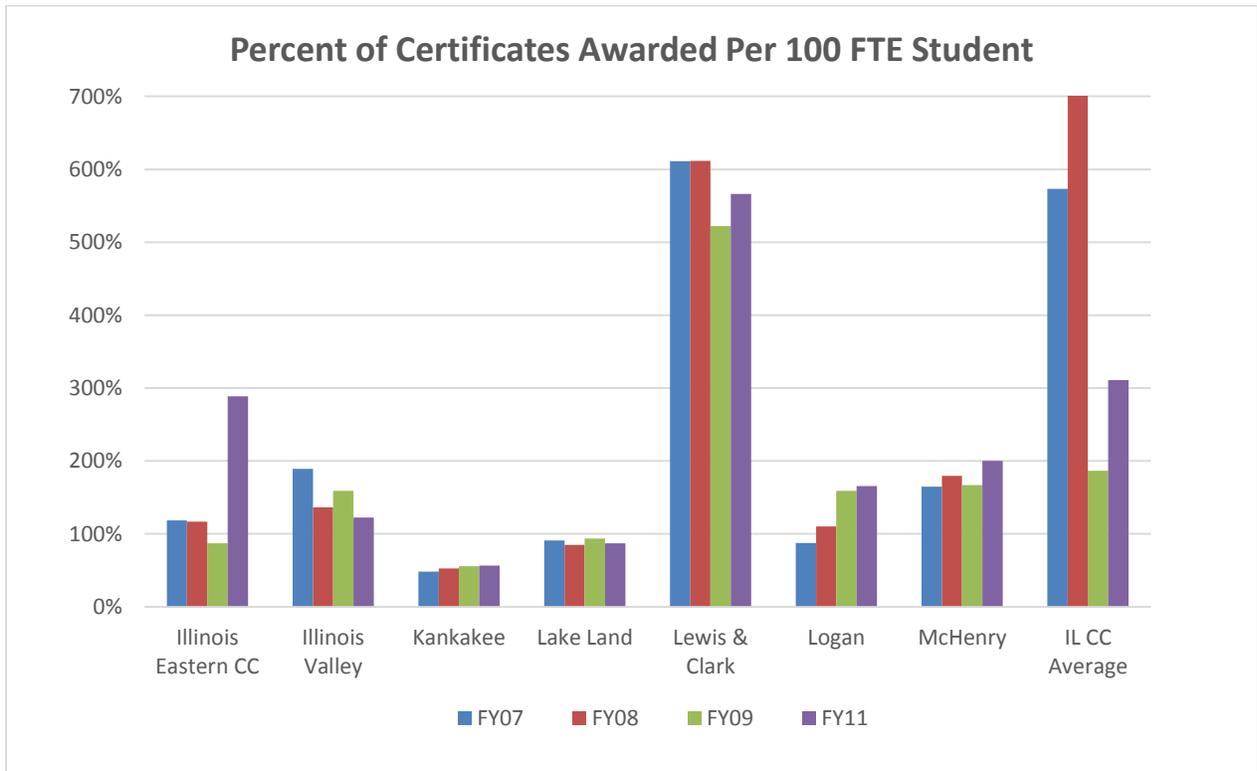


LLC FACT SHEET: Complete College America: Certificate Degree Completion

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Complete College America defines “Completion” as the proportion of community college students who complete degrees and certificates in relation to student enrollment at community colleges. 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. ICCB calculated certificate completion ratios based on total number of certificates awarded divided by the FTE of certificate seeking students.



- ❖ On average, the state has the highest percent of certificate completions followed by Lewis and Clark, McHenry, Illinois Eastern, and Illinois Valley.
- ❖ Kankakee has the lowest average completion ratio for certificates followed by Lake Land.
- ❖ Many of these completion ratios are above 100%. This can be due to several factors.
 - Certificate students can receive multiple certificates within an academic year.
 - Many associate degree seeking students receive certificates as well and sometimes receive multiple certificates along with their associate degree.
- ❖ The certificate ratios may be overinflated because the denominator used to calculate this ratio is based on the FTE of certificate seeking students. So, those students who receive a certificate but whose major is an associate degree program would not be included in the FTE of certificate seeking students. In addition, the FTE of students who receive multiple certificates within an academic year is only counted once.
- ❖ In all likelihood, the large number of DOC students, most of whom are certificate seeking students, keep the completion ratio for certificates slightly below 100% for Lake Land.