

Selected Benchmarks for Institutions of the University of Louisiana System

Research Brief #25

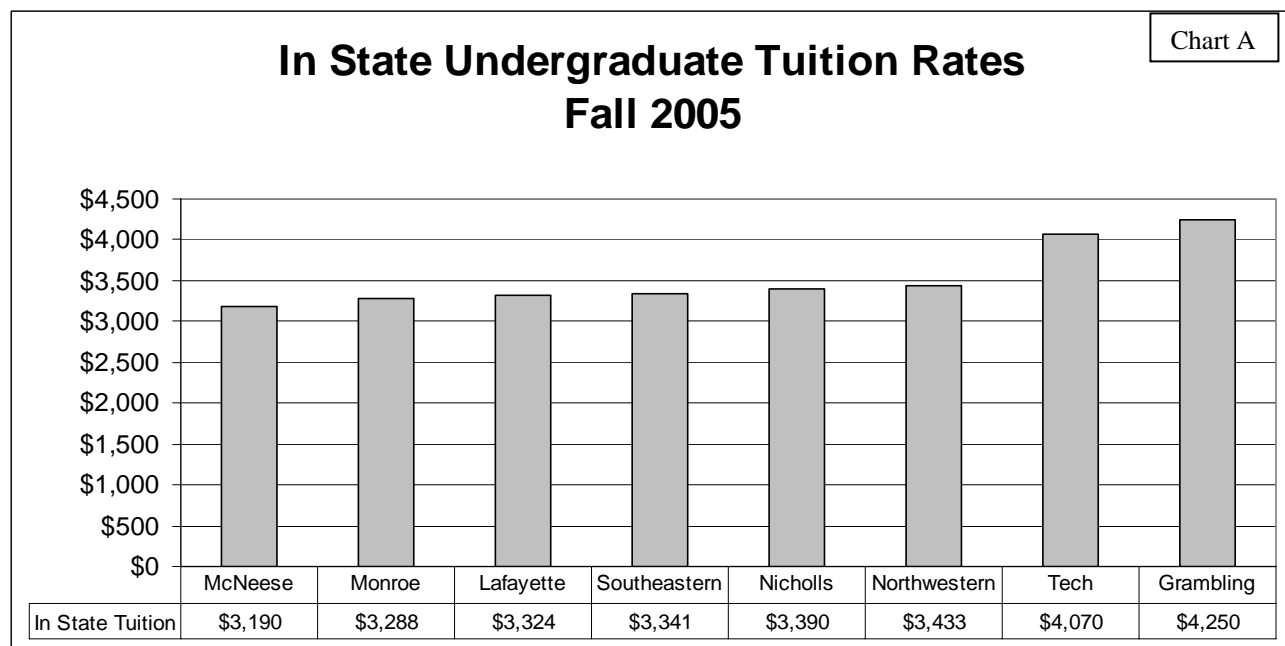
Spring 2007

The purpose of this report is to present several benchmarks for institutions of the University of Louisiana System. The institutions of the System are: Grambling State University, Louisiana Tech University, McNeese State University, Nicholls State University, Northwestern State University, Southeastern Louisiana University, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, and University of Louisiana at Monroe.

The data in the tables and graphs that follow have been taken from institutional reports filed with the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) which is part of the federal National Center for Education Statistics (NCES).

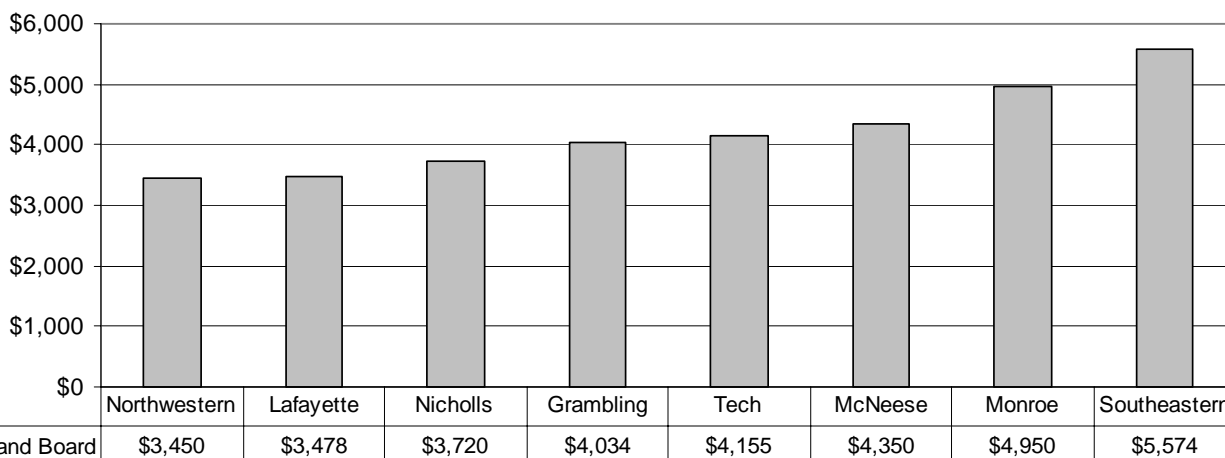
Table One and Charts A and B present data for academic year 2005-2006 tuition rates and room and board charges.

Table 1	Grambling State University	Louisiana Tech University	McNeese State University	Nicholls State University	Northwestern State University	Southeastern Louisiana University	University of Louisiana at Lafayette	University of Louisiana at Monroe
2005-2006 Undergraduate Tuition								
In State	\$4,250	\$4,070	\$3,190	\$3,390	\$3,433	\$3,341	\$3,324	\$3,288
Out of State	\$9,600	\$9,380	\$10,256	\$8,838	\$9,511	\$8,669	\$9,504	\$9,240
Room and Board	\$4,034	\$4,155	\$4,350	\$3,720	\$3,450	\$5,574	\$3,478	\$4,950



Fall 2005 Room and Board Charges

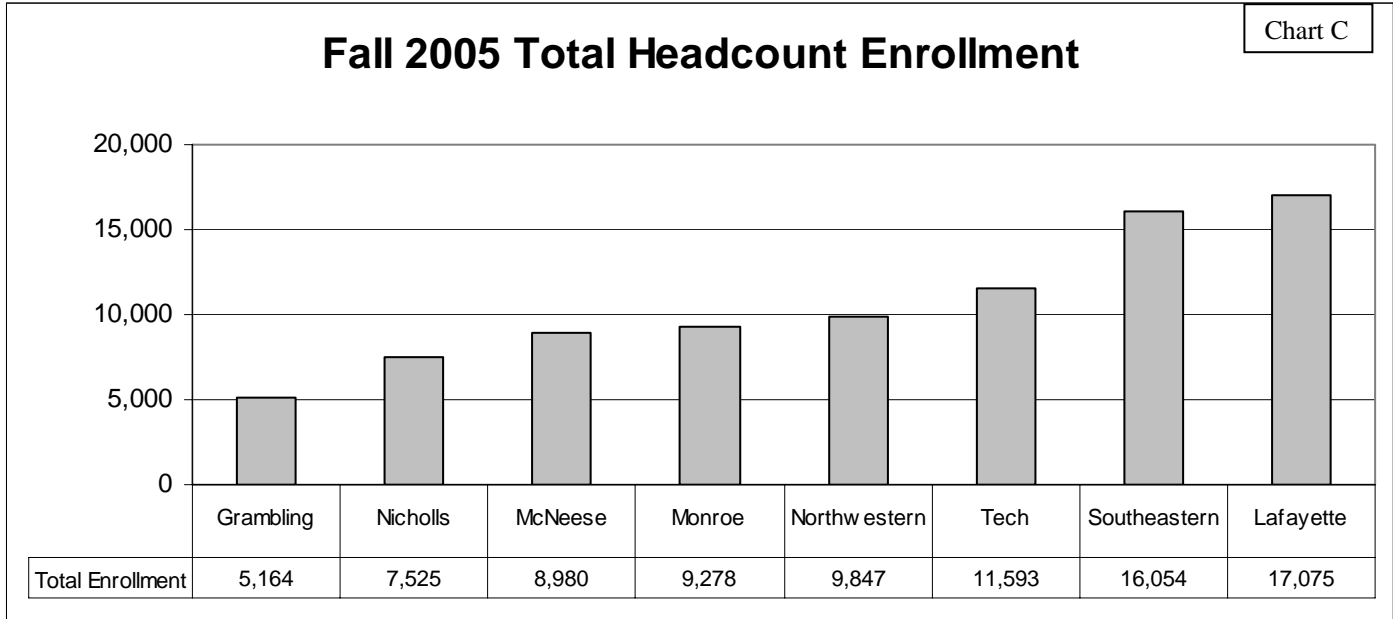
Chart B



- **Ranking tuition charges from lowest to highest, Southeastern ranks number four of eight while Southeastern has the highest room and board charge. Both tuition and room/board charges are for a full academic year.**

Table Two and Chart C below present enrollment data.

Table 2	Grambling State University	Louisiana Tech University	McNeese State University	Nicholls State University	Northwestern State University	Southeastern Louisiana University	University of Louisiana at Lafayette	University of Louisiana at Monroe
2005-2006 Full time								
Full-time first-time degree/certificate-seeking undergraduates	1,131	1,658	1,315	1,173	1,421	2,237	2,757	1,505
Total full-time degree/certificate-seeking undergraduates	4,157	7,456	6,325	5,500	6,441	11,630	12,411	6,413
Total full-time undergraduates	4,157	7,618	6,507	5,501	6,460	11,644	12,926	6,417
Full-time first professionals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	409
Full-time graduates	407	990	427	147	245	446	854	398
Total full-time	4,564	8,608	6,934	5,648	6,705	12,090	13,780	7,224
Part-time								
Part-time Undergraduate	416	1,658	1,337	1,385	2,328	2,711	2,638	1,644
Part-time Graduate (1st Prof)	184	1,327	709	492	814	1,253	657	410
Total Part-time	600	2,985	2,046	1,877	3,142	3,964	3,295	2,054
Total Headcount Enrollment	5,164	11,593	8,980	7,525	9,847	16,054	17,075	9,278
FTE = FT HC + 1/3 PT HC								
Total FTE Enrollment	4,764	9,602	7,615	6,273	7,751	13,410	14,877	7,908



- **Ranking headcount enrollment from lowest to highest we see that Southeastern is number seven of eight.** (Hurricanes Katrina and Rita could have influenced enrollments.)

In Tables Three and Four, which follow, one may find selected revenue and expense categories for the eight institutions of the system. Table three presents the data in dollar terms while Table four presents the data as a percent of total All Revenues and Other Additions or Total Expenses and Deductions respectively. Table five presents state appropriations per unduplicated student fte for the twelve month period 2004-2005.

Variable Descriptions

Tuition and fees are revenues from all tuition and fees assessed against students (net of refunds and discounts & allowances) for educational purposes. If tuition or fees are remitted to the state as an offset to the state appropriation, the total of such tuition or fees should be deducted from the total state appropriation and added to the total for tuition and fees. Tuition and fees excludes charges for room, board, and other services rendered by auxiliary enterprises.

Total operating revenues is the sum of all operating revenues. They result from providing services and producing and delivering goods.

State appropriations are amounts received by the institution through acts of a state legislative body, except grants and contracts and capital appropriations. Funds reported in this category are for meeting current operating expenses, not for specific projects or programs.

Investment Income - federal non-operating grants are amounts reported as nonoperating revenues from federal government agencies that are provided on a non-exchange basis. Pell grants are included here, however, revenues from the Federal Direct Student Loan Program are not. Capital grants and gifts are also not included here.

Total all revenues and other additions represents the sum of all revenues and other additions to net assets.

Instruction - total expenses is the sum of all operating expenses associated with the colleges, schools, departments, and other instructional divisions of the institution and for departmental research and public service that are not separately budgeted.

Academic support - total expenses is the sum of all operating expenses associated with activities and services that support the institution's primary missions of instruction, research, and public service.

Student services - total expenses is the sum of all operating expenses associated with admissions, registrar activities, and activities whose primary purpose is to contribute to students' emotional and physical well-being and to their intellectual, cultural, and social development outside the context of the formal instructional program.

Scholarships and fellowships - total expenses is the sum of all operating expenses associated with scholarships and fellowships treated as expenses because the institution incurs an incremental expense in the provision of a good or service. Thus, payments, made to students or third parties in support of the total cost of education are expenses if those payments are made for goods and services not provided by the institution. Examples include payments for services to third parties (including students) for off-campus housing or for the cost of board provided by institutional contract meal plans. The amount of expense in this function is the total of all institutional scholarships reduced by the amount that is classified as discounts and allowances.

Total operating expenses - total expenses is the sum of all operating expenses that result from providing goods and services. Operating transactions are incurred in the course of the operating activities of the institution.

Total expenses and deductions - total expense is the sum of operating and non- operating expenses and deductions.

Table 3

	Grambling State University	Louisiana Tech University	McNeese State University	Nicholls State University	Northwestern State University	Southeastern Louisiana University	University of Louisiana at Lafayette	University of Louisiana at Monroe
Fiscal Year 2004-2005								
Selected Operating Revenues								
Tuition & fees, after deducting discounts & allowances	\$13,953,121	\$34,544,721	\$21,391,008	\$19,734,879	\$28,209,573	\$41,869,109	\$42,205,972	\$23,576,396
Total operating revenues	\$47,839,006	\$77,928,473	\$45,082,846	\$32,060,419	\$55,588,254	\$83,471,828	\$107,672,612	\$50,551,674
State appropriations	\$25,994,591	\$43,633,634	\$26,784,528	\$24,542,567	\$29,528,746	\$45,635,214	\$61,097,183	\$43,837,272
Investment income	\$547,009	\$1,440,076	\$1,340,145	\$492,364	\$1,102,130	\$1,284,382	\$2,893,966	\$269,592
Total all revenues and other additions ^A	\$85,519,422	\$134,787,186	\$74,423,159	\$65,801,500	\$87,115,939	\$140,358,794	\$177,723,570	\$105,943,266
Selected Operating Expenses								
Instruction	\$21,931,667	\$37,112,622	\$25,565,672	\$24,145,967	\$30,686,603	\$47,598,273	\$45,179,136	\$31,995,808
Academic support	\$8,001,182	\$7,157,084	\$6,586,882	\$5,781,971	\$5,835,291	\$10,421,711	\$10,411,336	\$5,450,581
Student services	\$4,462,094	\$5,577,156	\$4,508,340	\$3,564,562	\$6,379,146	\$7,961,600	\$12,504,664	\$5,684,875
Institutional support	\$11,504,198	\$9,880,005	\$4,887,710	\$6,056,233	\$8,268,600	\$10,917,129	\$13,271,972	\$11,003,322
Scholarships and fellowships expenses, excluding discounts & allowances	\$7,652,650	\$5,217,867	\$5,896,887	\$4,635,089	\$10,853,412	\$12,262,528	\$3,166,985	\$8,725,457
Total operating expenses	\$75,524,186	\$125,906,368	\$70,935,451	\$64,725,675	\$85,870,270	\$129,858,181	\$165,706,133	\$103,821,627
Total expenses & deductions ^A	\$75,651,516	\$129,180,173	\$72,019,120	\$64,729,509	\$86,177,964	\$140,949,373	\$166,642,568	\$104,591,411
A - Used as divisors in Table 4								

Table 4

	Grambling State University	Louisiana Tech University	McNeese State University	Nicholls State University	Northwestern State University	Southeastern Louisiana University	University of Louisiana at Lafayette	University of Louisiana at Monroe
Fiscal Year 2004-2005								
Selected Operating Revenues								
Selected Revenues and Expenses as a Percent of Total Revenues or Expenses								
Tuition & fees, after deducting discounts & allowances	16.3%	25.6%	28.7%	30.0%	32.4%	29.8%	23.7%	22.3%
Total operating revenues	55.9%	57.8%	60.6%	48.7%	63.8%	59.5%	60.6%	47.7%
State appropriations	30.4%	32.4%	36.0%	37.3%	33.9%	32.5%	34.4%	41.4%
Investment income	0.6%	1.1%	1.8%	0.7%	1.3%	0.9%	1.6%	0.3%
Selected Operating Expenses								
Instruction	29.0%	28.7%	35.5%	37.3%	35.6%	33.8%	27.1%	30.6%
Academic support	10.6%	5.5%	9.1%	8.9%	6.8%	7.4%	6.2%	5.2%
Student services	5.9%	4.3%	6.3%	5.5%	7.4%	5.6%	7.5%	5.4%
Institutional support	15.2%	7.6%	6.8%	9.4%	9.6%	7.7%	8.0%	10.5%
Scholarships and fellowships expenses, excluding discounts & allowances	10.1%	4.0%	8.2%	7.2%	12.6%	8.7%	1.9%	8.3%
Total operating expenses	99.8%	97.5%	98.5%	100.0%	99.6%	92.1%	99.4%	99.3%

From Table Four above we see that, as a percentage of expenditures, there is considerable variability among the selected expense categories.

- Instruction as a percent of Total Operating Expenses ranges from 27.1% to 37.3%.
- Academic Support as a percent of Total Operating Expenses ranges from 5.2% to 10.6%.
- Student Services as a percent of Total Operating Expenses ranges from 4.3% to 7.5%.
- Scholarships etc. as a percent of Total Operating Expenses ranges from 1.9% to 12.6%.

Table 5

	Grambling State University	Louisiana Tech University	McNeese State University	Nicholls State University	Northwestern State University	Southeastern Louisiana University	University of Louisiana at Lafayette	University of Louisiana at Monroe
Fiscal Year 2004-2005								
Selected Operating Revenues Per Student FTE								
<i>Student FTEs are unduplicated and for the twelve month period 2004-2005.</i>								
Tuition & fees, after deducting discounts & allowances	\$2,772	\$3,342	\$2,670	\$2,997	\$3,007	\$3,090	\$2,887	\$2,729
Total operating revenues	\$9,505	\$7,540	\$5,626	\$4,869	\$5,926	\$6,160	\$7,364	\$5,852
State appropriations	\$5,165	\$4,222	\$3,343	\$3,727	\$3,148	\$3,368	\$4,179	\$5,074
Investment income	\$109	\$139	\$167	\$75	\$117	\$95	\$198	\$31
Total all revenues and other additions	\$16,992	\$13,041	\$9,288	\$9,993	\$9,287	\$10,359	\$12,155	\$12,263
Selected Operating Expenses								
Instruction	\$4,358	\$3,591	\$3,191	\$3,667	\$3,271	\$3,513	\$3,090	\$3,704
Academic support	\$1,590	\$692	\$822	\$878	\$622	\$769	\$712	\$631
Student services	\$887	\$540	\$563	\$541	\$680	\$588	\$855	\$658
Institutional support	\$2,286	\$956	\$610	\$920	\$882	\$806	\$908	\$1,274
Scholarships and fellowships expenses, excluding discounts & allowances	\$1,520	\$505	\$736	\$704	\$1,157	\$905	\$217	\$1,010
Total operating expenses	\$15,006	\$12,181	\$8,853	\$9,829	\$9,155	\$9,584	\$11,333	\$12,018
Total expenses & deductions	\$15,031	\$12,498	\$8,988	\$9,830	\$9,187	\$10,402	\$11,397	\$12,107

State Appropriation per Student FTE

Chart D

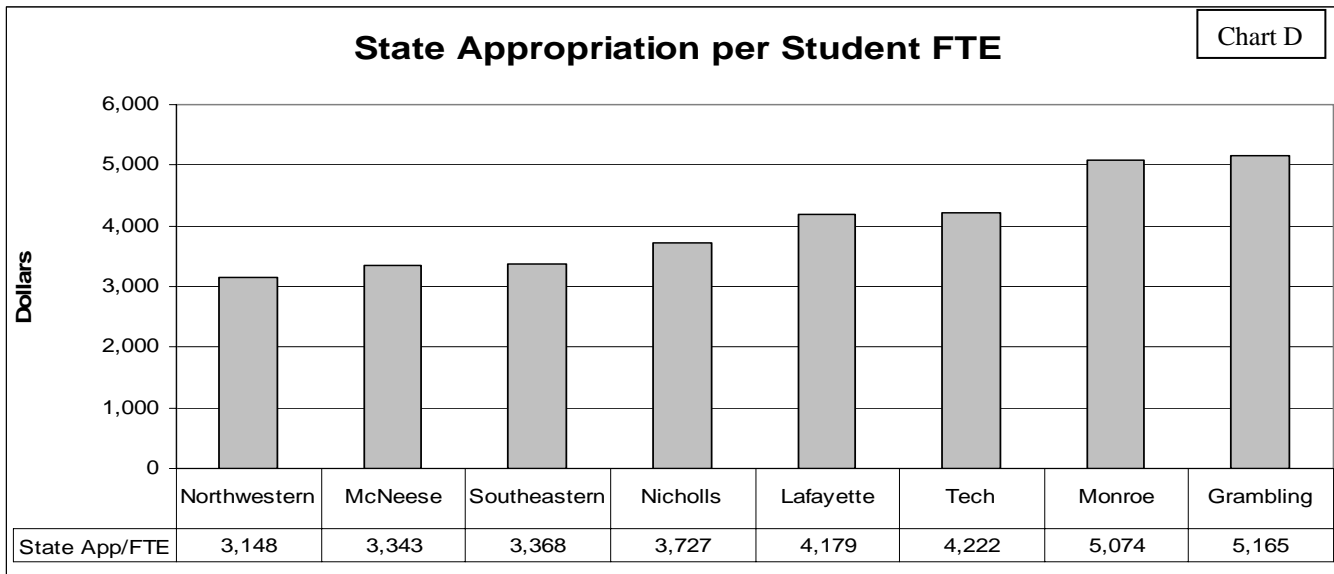
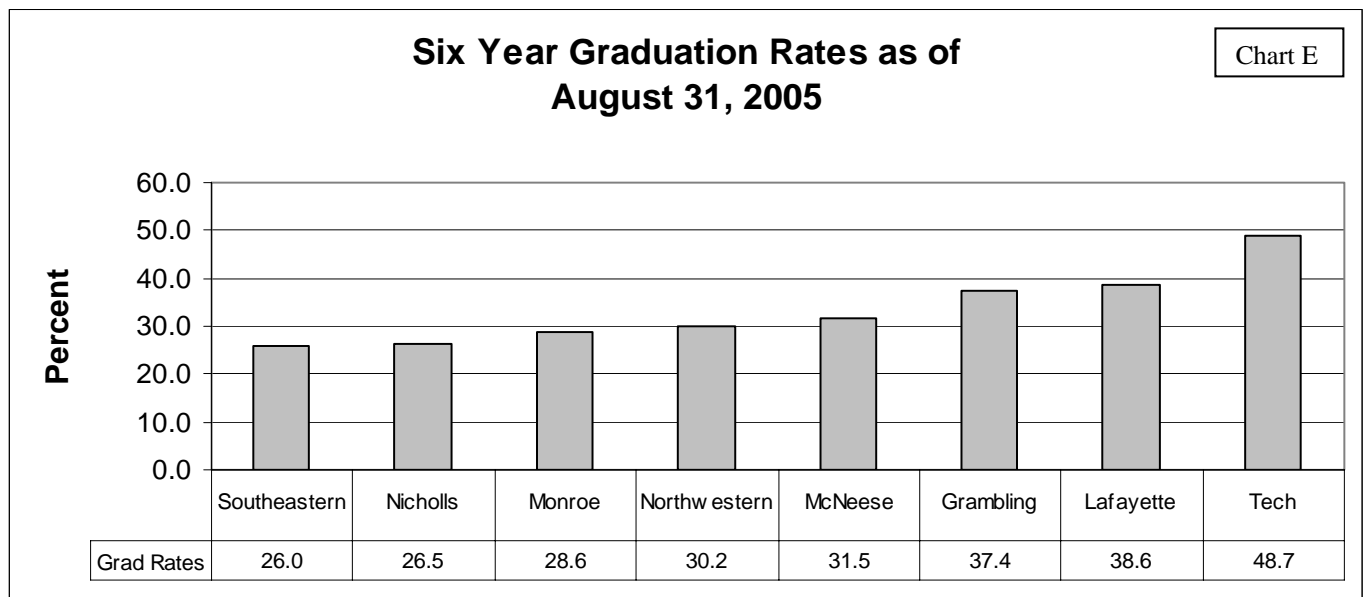


Table Six and Chart E present the undergraduate graduation rates for the eight schools of the system.

Table 6

Institution name	Cohort year	Adjusted cohort	Number of completers	Graduation rate (%)
Grambling State University	1999	690	258	37.4
Louisiana Tech University	1999	1,753	854	48.7
McNeese State University	1999	1,275	401	31.5
Nicholls State University	1999	1,445	383	26.5
Northwestern State University of Louisiana	1999	1,656	500	30.2
Southeastern Louisiana University	1999	2,315	601	26.0
University of Louisiana at Lafayette	1999	2,402	926	38.6
University of Louisiana at Monroe	1999	1,475	422	28.6



➤ **The graduation rates range from a low of 26.0% to a high of 48.7%.**

“From a recent IPEDS study¹, the enrollment weighted average 6-year graduation rate in 2004 was 57 percent. Graduation rates varied as would be expected by Carnegie classification and institutional selectivity, with the highest graduation rates reported by very selective doctoral and baccalaureate institutions (75 percent). Very selective master’s degree institutions reported graduation rates of 64 percent on average, while the lowest graduation rates were reported by minimally selective institutions. Regardless of Carnegie classification, just under 40 percent of students (36 to 39 percent) enrolled in minimally selective institutions graduated in 6 years.”

1- Placing College Graduation Rates in Context, NCES 2007-161, October 2006