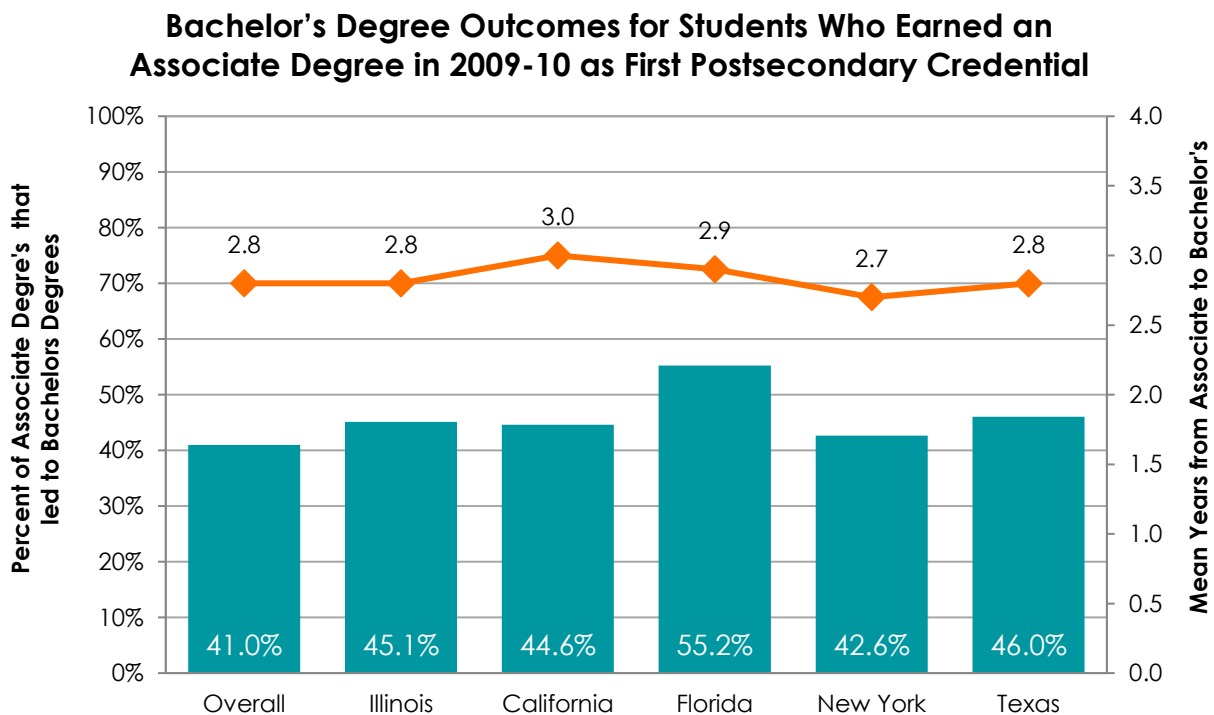


## NATIONAL STUDENT CLEARINGHOUSE SNAPSHOT REPORT – CERTIFICATE AND ASSOCIATE DEGREE PATHWAYS

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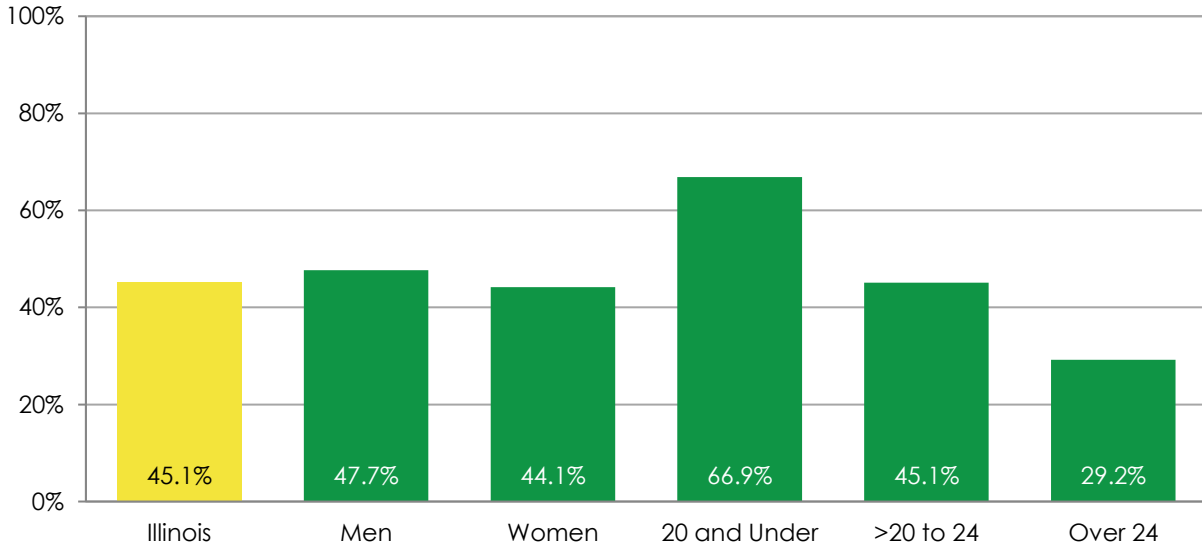
### Associate-to-Bachelor's Degree

Of all associate degrees reported to the National Student Clearinghouse for the 2009-10 academic year, 19,779 were from Illinois. Of those students 45.1% continued on and completed a bachelor's degree. This rate is higher than the overall average and is the 10th highest in the U.S. and compared to four large states with community college systems, Illinois is in the middle of the five states. Of the 2009-10 associate degree earners who went on to earn a bachelor's degree, the average time to do so was 2.8 years. Illinois students took 2.8 years also on average to complete a bachelor's after obtaining an associate's degree.



The associate-to-bachelor's pathway was completed at a higher rate by male students than female students, with males at 47.7% and females at 44.1%. The 20 and under age group, completed the associate's-to-bachelor's pathway more than any other age group, with 66.9% completing.

**Illinois' Bachelor's Degree Outcomes for Students Who Earned an Associate Degree in 2009-10 as First Postsecondary Credential**



**Certificate-to-Associate's degree or Bachelor's degree.**

Of all certificates reported to the Clearinghouse for the 2009-10 academic year, Illinois awarded 15,881 certificates. Of those students 22.4% continued on and completed an associate's or bachelor's degree. This is low compared to the overall US average of 26.2%. For this pathway, women had a higher percentage of completion, with 26.2% completing, while men had 18.9% completing. As with the associate-to-bachelor's, student's in the 20 and under age group completed at a higher rate, 66.9%, than the other age groups.

**Illinois' Associate and Bachelor's Degree Outcomes for Students Who Earned a Certificate in 2009-10 as First Postsecondary Credential**

