This report is designed to provide a statewide systemic view of students’ educational pathways and to encourage a better understanding of student transition and success. The scorecard draws upon and analyzes data from the Adult Basic and Literacy Education (ABLE), Adult Workforce Education (AWE), and Higher Education Information (HEI) systems to provide institutions and regions with information against which they can compare their performance and develop strategies for improvement.

ABLE STUDENT TRANSITION METRICS

- The number of first time students served by Northeast Ohio’s ABLE programs increased steadily from 12,633 in the 2007 cohort to 13,899 in the 2009 cohort.
- The percentage of Northeast Ohio ABLE students completing a program was very similar to the statewide ABLE completion rate, ranging from 51.8% to 54.5% across these cohorts.
- Northeast Ohio ABLE completers from the first two cohorts were less likely to transition to postsecondary education than ABLE completers statewide.
- The region’s transition rate did steadily increase from 14.3% for the 2007 cohort to 20.0% for the 2009 cohort putting it almost on par with the statewide transition rate for that cohort.
- The percentage of Northeast Ohio ABLE completers who transitioned to AWE ranged only from 3.7% to 4.1% across these cohorts and was slightly lower than the statewide transition rate into AWE for the first two cohorts.
- The percentage of Northeast Ohio ABLE completers who transitioned to a USO college or university increased steadily, and more quickly than the statewide rate, going from 14.3% for the 2007 cohort to 20.0% for the 2009 cohort, whose transition rate was almost as high as the corresponding statewide rate.
- Of those Northeast Ohio ABLE completers from these three cohorts who transitioned to AWE, between 63.6% and 70.1% completed an AWE program. These percentages were very close to the statewide success rates for ABLE completers who transitioned to AWE.
- Between 52.6% and 54.4% of those Northeast Ohio ABLE completers from these cohorts who transitioned to a college or university completed a gateway course. This was lower than the statewide rates.
- Of the Northeast Ohio ABLE completers who transitioned to an AWE program, over 96% transitioned to a program in the Northeast Ohio region.
- Over 80% of Northeast Ohio ABLE completers who went on to USO colleges or universities transitioned to a community college or branch campus within the Northeast Ohio region.

AWE STUDENT TRANSITION METRICS

- The number of first time participants served by Northeast Ohio’s AWE programs increased from 3,094 in the 2007 cohort to 3,424 in the 2009 cohort.
- The program completion rate for these Northeast Ohio AWE students increased steadily but slightly from 74.0% to 74.8% across these cohorts. This is slightly lower than statewide AWE success rates.
- The percentage of Northeast Ohio AWE completers who transitioned to a USO college or university ranged from 18.1% to 23.1% across the three cohorts. This was close to the transition rate for AWE completers statewide.
• Of those AWE completers from these three cohorts who transitioned to a college or university, the percentage who completed a gateway course varied little, ranging from 52.9% to 54.1%. This was close to the course completion rate for statewide AWE completers who transitioned.

• Over 80% of the Northeast Ohio AWE completers from these cohorts who transitioned to a college or university transitioned to a community college or branch campus within the Northeast Ohio region.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND BRANCH CAMPUS STUDENT TRANSITION METRICS

• The number of first-time students served by Northeast Ohio’s public community colleges and branch campuses increased steadily from 12,446 in 2007 to 13,525 in 2009.

• The percentage of these college students who transitioned from ABLE or AWE increased steadily from 5.1% in the 2007 cohort to 6.8% in the 2009 cohort, while statewide this percentage increased from 5.2% to 7%.

• These Northeast Ohio college students are much more likely to have transitioned from ABLE than from AWE. This is also true statewide.

• First-time Northeast Ohio two-year college students in the 2008 and 2009 cohorts who transitioned from ABLE or AWE were less likely to have completed a gateway course compared to those who had not transitioned. About 58%-59% of non-transitioned new college students in each of these cohorts completed one of these courses compared to between 50% and 56% of those who transitioned from ABLE or AWE.

• Over 83% of the new two-year college students in this region who transitioned from ABLE came from a program within the Northeast Ohio region and over 93% of those who transitioned from an AWE program came from within the region.

Charts

Percent of ABLE Completers who Transitioned to Post-Secondary Education

Percent of AWE Completers who Transitioned to a USO College or University