



Student Outcomes

This *Student Outcomes* document offers information regarding Graduation/Completion and Retention Rates, as McKendree University is pleased to provide in accordance with the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended by the Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA) of 2008.

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Exclusions

In certain circumstances, students may be excluded (removed) from a cohort for the purposes of reporting. The US Department of Education allows for a student to be excluded from a cohort if they left the institution for one of the following reasons:

- The student is deceased or is totally and permanently disabled and thus unable to return to school.
- The student left school to serve in the armed forces or was called up to active duty.
- The student left school to serve with a foreign aid service of the Federal Government, such as the Peace Corps.
- The student left school to serve on an official church mission.

Retention Rates

Retention Rates are calculated based on parameters defined by the US Department of Education and must be reported annually to the National Center for Educational Statistics (IPEDS). Each fall, all first-time, full-time, degree/certificate-seeking undergraduates form a cohort. The following Fall, the cohort is examined to determine the number of students that have returned. This is also known as Fall-to-Fall retention.

Cohort	Number of students in cohort	Number of exclusions	Number of students in adjusted cohort	Adjusted cohort students still enrolled the following Fall term	Retention Rate
Fall 2020	374	35	339	246	73%
Fall 2019	332	22	310	235	76%
Fall 2018	362	37	325	244	75%
Fall 2017	364	12	352	277	79%
Fall 2016	458	17	441	332	75%

Graduation Rates

Graduation Rates are calculated based on parameters defined by the US Department of Education and must be reported annually to the National Center for Educational Statistics (IPEDS). Each fall, all first-time, full-time, degree/certificate-seeking undergraduates are established in a cohort. Students in the cohort are tracked for 150% of the normal time of their program (6-years) to see how many complete their degree.

Overall Graduation Rates

Cohort	Number of students in cohort	Number of exclusions	Number of students in adjusted cohort	Number of students in cohort who completed Bachelor's degree in 6 years or less	Graduation Rate
4-year Average					56%
Fall 2015	362	20	342	190	56%
Fall 2014	421	11	410	220	54%
Fall 2013	387	7	380	228	60%
Fall 2012	297	3	294	160	54%

Graduation Rates Details for most recent cohort

Fall 2015 Cohort	Number of students in adjusted cohort	Graduation Rate
Total	362	56%
Gender		
Male	203	47%
Female	159	67%
Race/Ethnicity		
Nonresident Alien	11	45%
Hispanic	14	54%
American Indian/Alaska Native	**	0%
Asian	**	n/a
Black or African American	49	51%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	**	n/a
White	235	59%
Two or more races	17	60%
Race and Ethnicity unknown	34	41%
Financial Aid Status (within entering year)		
Recipients of a Pell Grant	160	44%
Recipients of a Direct Subsidized Loan that did not receive a Pell Grant	88	53%
Did not receive either a Pell Grant or Direct Subsidized Loan	114	63%

** notes that the number of students is less than 10

Outcome Measures

Recently, the US Department of Education added a new component to IPEDS reporting: Outcome Measures. Like the Graduation Rates, cohorts are established based on entering undergraduate students in a given year, and these students are then tracked to see how many complete their degree. However, Outcome Measures numbers are derived using criteria that differ significantly from Graduation Rates:

- Cohorts are established based on entering students over a 12-month period rather than a single Fall census date
- Four cohorts are established instead of just one first-time, full-time cohort:
 - First-time, full-time entering (FTFT)
 - First-time, part-time entering (FTPT)
 - Non-first-time, full-time entering (NFTFT) i.e. full-time transfer students
 - Non-first-time, part-time entering (NFTPT) i.e. part-time transfer students
- Cohort students are tracked to a maximum 200% of the normal time of their program (8-years) instead of 150% (6-years)

2013-2014 12-month Cohort	Number of students in cohort	Number of exclusions	Number of students in adjusted cohort	Number of students in cohort who earned an award in 8 years or less	Graduation Rate
Total	985	8	977	570	58%
Pell Grant Recipients	358	4	354	188	53%
Non-Pell Grant Recipients	627	4	623	382	61%
First-time entering					
Full-time	403	7	396	237	60%
Pell Grant Recipients	169	4	165	82	50%
Non-Pell Grant Recipients	234	3	231	155	67%
Part-time	22	0	22	3	14%
Pell Grant Recipients	4	0	4	1	25%
Non-Pell Grant Recipients	18	0	18	2	11%
Non-First-time entering					
Full-time	267	1	266	173	65%
Pell Grant Recipients	118	0	118	65	55%
Non-Pell Grant Recipients	149	1	148	108	73%
Part-time	293	0	293	157	54%
Pell Grant Recipients	67	0	67	40	60%
Non-Pell Grant Recipients	226	0	226	117	52%