

Retention, Graduation and Persistence Rates 2007 – 2023

Entering Fall	Entering Cohort	Retention Rates			Graduation Rates				Persistence Rates			
		After 1 Year	After 2 Years	After 3 Years	4 Year	5 Year	6 Year	> 6 Year	Persistence Rate	Persistence & Total Graduation Rate	Stop-out Rate	Still Enrolled Rate
2007	630	69.7%	52.9%	45.6%	22.9%	37.5%	39.8%	41.6%	17.0%	58.6%	38.9%	2.5%
2008	533	74.3%	59.1%	53.1%	23.5%	38.1%	41.5%	46.2%	17.4%	63.6%	35.5%	0.9%
2009	579	69.3%	56.1%	47.3%	24.4%	42.3%	42.3%	45.6%	14.5%	60.1%	38.9%	1.0%
2010	382	72.3%	57.9%	54.7%	27.5%	40.3%	43.5%	47.6%	14.1%	61.8%	36.9%	1.3%
2011	305	66.9%	59.0%	54.4%	30.2%	43.9%	46.2%	48.9%	16.7%	65.6%	32.5%	2.0%
2012	447	71.4%	61.1%	58.4%	28.9%	43.4%	47.4%	50.6%	11.9%	62.4%	36.2%	1.3%
2013	331	75.8%	66.2%	59.8%	30.8%	44.1%	47.4%	49.2%	12.1%	61.3%	36.0%	2.7%
2014	301	77.4%	61.1%	53.8%	29.9%	42.5%	45.2%	46.5%	9.3%	55.8%	42.5%	1.7%
2015	453	72.6%	62.5%	54.5%	32.5%	45.7%	49.0%	50.3%	10.8%	61.1%	36.6%	2.2%
2016	517	68.1%	57.8%	51.3%	30.2%	41.2%	44.7%	45.8%	10.8%	56.7%	40.4%	2.9%
2017	660	78.3%	65.2%	57.7%	38.9%	49.4%	52.1%		8.3%	60.5%	36.2%	3.3%
2018	536	71.3%	57.1%	51.3%	29.7%	40.1%						
2019	443	70.9%	56.2%	51.9%	27.3%							
2020	444	73.2%	60.6%	52.3%								
2021	474	78.9%	60.3%									
2022	397	70.5%										
2023	534											

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- The **Retention Rate**, for any given Fall cohort, is the proportion of “first-time full-time first-year students” in that cohort who continued at Lincoln University in subsequent years. This **Retention Rate** is calculated multiple times: 1 year out, 2 years out, and 3 years out from a given fall term.
- The **Graduation Rate**, for any given Fall cohort, is the proportion of “first-time full-time first-year students” in that cohort who graduated from Lincoln University in subsequent years. This **Graduation Rate** is calculated multiple times: 4 years later, 5 years later, 6 years later and 6 years or more later from a given fall term (a “year” here denotes the period from September 1st to August 31st).

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- The **Persistence Rate**, for any given Fall cohort, is the proportion of “first-time full-time first-year students” in that cohort who left Lincoln University and graduated from any other institution (as of August 31).
- The **Persistence & Total Graduation Rate**, for any given Fall cohort, is the proportion of “first-time full-time first-year students” in that cohort who either graduated from Lincoln University or left Lincoln University and graduated from any other institution (as of August 31).
- The **Stop-out Rate**, for any given Fall cohort, is the proportion of “first-time full-time first-year students” in that cohort who neither graduated from Lincoln University nor graduated from any other institution (as of August 31).
- The **Still Enrolled Rate**, for any given Fall cohort, is the proportion of “first-time full-time first-year students” in that cohort who enrolled at Lincoln University or any other institution as of August 31.