

Retention, Graduation and Persistence Rates 2010 – 2025

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
2010	382	72.3%	57.9%	54.7%	27.5%	40.3%	43.5%	47.9%	15.2%	63.1%	36.1%	0.8%
2011	305	66.9%	59.0%	54.4%	30.2%	43.9%	46.2%	48.9%	17.7%	66.6%	31.8%	1.6%
2012	447	71.4%	61.1%	58.4%	28.9%	43.4%	47.4%	51.0%	13.0%	64.0%	34.7%	1.3%
2013	331	75.8%	66.2%	59.8%	30.8%	44.1%	47.4%	50.5%	14.2%	64.7%	33.2%	2.1%
2014	301	77.4%	61.1%	53.8%	29.9%	42.5%	45.2%	46.8%	10.3%	57.1%	39.5%	3.3%
2015	453	72.6%	62.5%	54.5%	32.5%	45.7%	49.0%	50.8%	11.5%	62.3%	35.1%	2.6%
2016	517	68.1%	57.8%	51.3%	30.2%	41.2%	44.7%	46.2%	12.4%	58.6%	38.1%	3.3%
2017	660	78.3%	65.2%	57.7%	38.9%	49.4%	52.1%	53.2%	10.0%	63.2%	35.0%	1.8%
2018	535	71.4%	57.2%	51.4%	29.7%	40.2%	43.6%	44.3%	9.7%	54.0%	41.7%	4.3%
2019	443	70.9%	56.2%	51.9%	27.3%	41.3%	44.7%		6.8%	51.5%	41.8%	6.8%
2020	444	73.2%	60.6%	52.3%	32.9%	41.4%						
2021	474	78.9%	60.3%	51.5%	40.1%							
2022	397	70.5%	51.6%	45.6%								
2023	534	73.4%	59.7%									
2024	421	76.2%										
2025	340											

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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 remained enrolled 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 within a specified time frame. This *Graduation Rate* is calculated at multiple intervals: within 4 years, within 5 years, within 6 years, and 6 years or more after 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 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 are still enrolled at Lincoln University or at any other institution (as of August 31).
- The numbers for the “first-time full-time first-year students” have been updated to align with the **IPEDS Adjusted cohort** numbers as required.