

GRADUATION RATES



Institutional Method

Students often come to Purdue University Global with a host of life circumstances that can make persistence and completion difficult. Many are the first in their family to attend college, most are caring for others in their household, and most are Pell eligible.

Conventional graduation rate methodologies focus on traditional first-time, full-time students. By contrast, Purdue Global's student population consists chiefly of adult learners, many of whom have prior college experience and are enrolled part time. Thus, we calculate graduation rates using a period equal to 150% of normal time to completion for all students—for example, 6 years for a 4-year degree. We believe this is the most appropriate and transparent way to show how students are progressing toward their educational goals.

Cohort Period

Variable, Depending on Degree

Cohorts Maturing to 150% Timeframe in the 2024-2025 Academic Year				
Entering Cohort Year	Degree	Graduates	Students	Graduation Rate
2021-2022	Associate's	1,680	5,621	30%
2018-2019	Bachelor's	4,745	15,817	30%
2021-2022	Master's	2,838	5,245	54%
Various	Doctoral	96	366	26%
Various	Certificate/Diploma—Undergraduate	654	1,869	35%
Various	Certificate/Diploma—Graduate	370	759	49%

Purdue University Global's institutional graduation rate looks at all matriculated¹ students who reached degree-level maturity² in the most recently completed academic year. Students are considered graduated when they have completed at the degree level at which they started. The above figures outline graduation rates by degree level. The entering year cohorts displayed include all students who matured to 150% of their expected time to completion³ in the 2024-2025

academic year; the ones considered graduates in the graduation rate calculation completed at the outlined degree levels between July 1, 2024, and June 30, 2025.

¹ Matriculated students are included in an entering year cohort when they began their enrollment in that academic year and when that enrollment was their first at that degree level at Purdue University Global. Students included in our entering year cohorts may have attended another college or university prior to enrolling with Purdue Global.

² Degree-level maturity is achieved at 150% of the degree level's expected time to completion.

³ Time to completion follows a standard convention for the Juris Doctor (4 years), Executive Juris Doctor (3 years), Doctor of Education in Leadership and Innovation (2 years), Doctor of Health Science (2 years), and Doctor of Nursing Practice (2 years) programs as well as the Associate (2 years), Bachelor (4 years), and Master (2 years) degree levels. Certificate/Diploma time to completion is based on total program weeks as specified on the federal Eligibility and Certification Approval Report (ECAR).

Student Right to Know

The federal government requires postsecondary institutions to report their IPEDS Overall Graduation Rate as part of compliance with the Student Right-To-Know and Campus Security Act. This information is limited to first-time, full-time degree- or certificate-seeking students. The IPEDS approach is based on institutions that support a more traditional student population—specifically one that is entering their postsecondary institution directly from high school. For institutions like Purdue University Global, which serve a non-traditional student population, the IPEDS Overall Graduation Rate is incomplete. Our Institutional Method offers a more comprehensive view of student graduation and completion.

Cohort Period 09/01/2018 to 08/31/2019			
	Students in the Cohort	Total Graduates	Graduation Rate
Total	30	15	50%
Men	7	3	43%
Women	23	12	52%
U.S. Nonresident	1	1	100%
Hispanic/Latino	3	2	67%
American Indian or Alaska Native	1	0	0%
Asian	1	0	0%
Black or African American	2	1	50%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1	0	0%
White	18	11	61%
Two or more races	1	0	0%
Race and ethnicity unknown	2	0	0%
Recipients of Pell Grant	13	4	31%
Recipients of Subsidized Loan (No Pell Grant)	0	0	0%
Non-Recipients of Pell Grant or Subsidized Loan	17	11	65%

The IPEDS Overall Graduation Rate calculation is based on a group of full-time students who did not attend another college or university prior to attending Purdue University Global. These students enrolled between September 1, 2018, and August 31, 2019, and the ones considered graduates in the graduation rate calculation completed their program within 150% of the program's length.¹ Students meeting certain criteria are excluded from the calculation in accordance with National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) guidelines.

¹For example: A student enrolled in a 24-month associate's degree program who graduated within 36 months.

Note: Interpret data with caution. Students who enroll in the University are not typically first-time, full-time students, as most are adult learners. Therefore, the number of first-time, full-time students is traditionally low.