**Graduation**

The outcomes report includes two different graduation rates, and it is important to understand the distinction- especially when it comes to reporting programmatic outcomes to external audiences:

* [**Historic Graduation Rate**](https://tbl500amory.sharepoint.com/sites/ReportingDocumentation/SitePages/Graduation.aspx#historic-graduation-rates)
* [**​​​​​​​Overall Graduation Rate**](https://tbl500amory.sharepoint.com/sites/ReportingDocumentation/SitePages/Graduation.aspx#overall-graduation-rates)

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Historic Graduation Rates are Bottom Line's Official Graduation Rates- This is what we use for external reporting.

Overall Graduation Rates are meant to be used as internal measures, or should only be used for reporting alongside with [**Projections**](https://tbl500amory.sharepoint.com/sites/ReportingDocumentation/SitePages/Graduation.aspx#projected-graduation-timelines)for cohorts who have not yet completed a full 6 years of Success programming at Bottom Line.

**Historic Graduation Rates**

* **Definition**: The historic graduation rate at Bottom Line is calculated using a “Denominator,” which is defined as the sum of the total count of students in each cohort, and a “Numerator,” defined as the number of students who graduate from a four-year institution in 6 years or less. This calculation excludes students who graduate after the 6-year mark, and students in a current cohort (i.e., cohorts that have yet to complete the full 6 years of services offered by Bottom Line.
* **Report Views:**
  + ​​​​​​​​​​​​​​Historic Graduation Rates:
    - ​​​​​​​Table shows cohort sizes as well as the number of students who graduated in 4 years or less, 5 years, and 6 years. These numbers reflect the denominator for historic graduation rate
    - Table also shows number of students who graduated more than 6 years and who did not graduate (these students do NOT count in the denominator)
    - Table shows total graduates considered in the Historic Grad Rates as well as the total graduates overall- both represented as a number and as a percentage
    - Historic Graduation Rates are shown in Gold to highlight this as the official rate to be used for external reporting
    - Table does not include any cohort that has yet to go through 6 full years of Success Programming
* ​​​​​​​**Note:**for anyone looking for the "Official Graduation Rate" at Bottom Line, the blue card showing the Historic Graduation Rate is the best reference.

**Overall Graduation Rates**

* **Definition**: The Overall Graduation Rate at Bottom Line is calculated in the same way as the Historic Graduation Rate, except it includes ALL graduating students -even those that graduate beyond the 6-year program mark.
* **Report Views:**
  + Overall Graduation Rates:
    - Table shows cohort sizes as well as the number of students who graduated in 6 years or less, students who graduated in more than 6 years, and students who did not graduate
    - Table shows Total grads both as a number and as a percentage
    - Table shows all Success cohorts -and all their graduating students- up to present day
* **Note:**the blue card showing the Overall Graduation Rate (75%) is only showing the overall graduation rate for cohorts that have completed 6 year of programming. The reason for this is to provide a quick comparison between the official [Historic] rate (that which does NOT count students who took longer than 6 years to graduate) and the Overall rate (which counts students who took 6+ years to graduate).

**Projected Graduation Timelines**

* **Definition**: The projected graduation timelines speak to the progress that our Success students are making throughout their time at Bottom Line.
  + Projected timelines are calculated using the student’s most recent credit accumulation and based on their Bottom Line program year[[5]](https://tbl500amory.sharepoint.com/sites/ReportingDocumentation/SitePages/Graduation.aspx#5-the-logic-for-these-projections-are-as-follows)
  + Students projected to graduate within 6 years or less are considered “On Track”, while students projected to graduate in more than 6 years are “Off Track”

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* **Report Views:**
  + Projected Graduation Timeline:
    - Table shows cohort sizes as well as the number of students projected to graduate in 4 years or less, 5 years, 6 years, and more than 6 years
    - Table excludes all students for which there is a recorded graduation year
  + Projected On/Off Track:
    - Table shows cohort sizes as well as the number of students projected to graduate on time vs. not
    - "Graduate on time" means within the 6 year mark
* **Note:**the blue card showing the Overall Graduation Rate (75%) is only showing the overall graduation rate for cohorts that have completed 6 year of programming. The reason for this is to provide a quick comparison between the official [Historic] rate (that which does NOT count students who took longer than 6 years to graduate) and the Overall rate (which counts students who took 6+ years to graduate).

**[5] The logic for these projections are as follows:**

* For Year 1:
  + 25% or more credits earned will likely graduate in 4 years
  + at least 20% credits earned will likely graduate in 5 years
  + 16% credits earned will likely graduate in 6 years
  + less than 16% credits earned will be off track
* For Year 2:
  + +50%-4 years
  + 40%-5 years
  + 33%-6 years
  + less than 33%-off track
* For Year 3:
  + +75%-4
  + 60%-5
  + 50%-6
  + less than 60%-off track
* For Year 4:
  + +95%-4
  + 80%-5
  + 66%-6
  + less than 66%-off track
* For Year 5:
  + +95%-5
  + 83%-6
  + less than 83%-off track
* For Year 6:
  + +95%-6
  + less than 95%-off track