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| **Measure Type** | **Definition** |
| Retention Rate (Students Who Return After Their First Year) | Measures full-time and part-time Post-9/11 GI Bill student's attendance at the same institution over time. |
| ~~Persistence Rate~~ | ~~Measures full-time and part-time Post-9/11 GI Bill student's attendance at multiple schools over time.~~ |
| ~~Transfer-Out Rate~~ | ~~Measures full-time and part-time Post-9/11 GI Bill students who transfer within 150% (3 years) and 200% (4 years) of normal program length.~~ |
| Graduation Rate (GRADUATION RATE) | Measures full-time and part-time Post-9/11 GI Bill student's graduation reported within the VA system while the student is using benefits. |
| ~~Certificate of Completion~~ | ~~Measures full-time and part-time Post-9/11 GI Bill Student Veterans’ certificate of completion at an approved school (which is not an Institution of Higher Learning) that is reported within the VA system while the student is using benefits.~~ |
| (Average Salaries) | The median earnings of former students who received federal financial aid, at 10 years after entering school. |
| (Loan Repayment Rate) | The share of students who have repaid at least $1 of the principal balance on their federal loads within 3 years of leaving school. |

Outcome Measure Tool – Definitions and What You Should Know

What You Should Know

* The Outcome Measure Tool data is based on first-time Post-9/11 GI Bill Servicemembers/Veterans who have not used prior Education benefits. Enrollments at flight/correspondence facilities were not included.
* Data consists of only Post-9/11 GI Bill enrollments beginning August 2009 through September 2015.
* All metrics are reported by the school and academic year (AY). AY is defined as beginning on August 1 and ending July 31 of the next year.
* The 2009 - 2010 academic year is shown as 2009 Cohort in the data, the 2010 - 2011 academic year as 2010 Cohort, etc.
* For students with multiple Degree/Certificate records, the first reported Degree/Certificate is used to calculate metrics.
* The Graduation Rate metrics for 4-year Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL) will not be published until 6-year, 150% (September 2016) and 8-year, 200% (September 2018) time frames are met.
* Transfer-Out Rate only applies to 2-year IHL schools.
* The data will be updated annually in September.
* “No Data” will display when no students were identified that met the established data collection rules within that year.