

## 8.1 Data Dictionary and Key Definitions

<b>Term / Metric</b>	<b>Definition</b>
Student Course Enrollment	Total course enrollments for the academic year.
Successful Student Course Completion	Number of course enrollments completed successfully based on institutional passing criteria.
KSU Outcome	$\text{Successful Student Course Completion} \div \text{Student Course Enrollment} \times 100$ .
Cohort Size	The number of first-time, full-time, degree-seeking undergraduate students entering in the fall term, consistent with IPEDS definitions.
Adjusted Cohort	Cohort size after removing allowable IPEDS exclusions (e.g., death, disability, military service).
Retention Rate	The percentage of first-time, full-time, bachelor's-seeking students who return the following fall, consistent with IPEDS definitions.
Graduation Rate (150%)	The percentage of the adjusted cohort completing within 150% of normal time (six years for bachelor's programs), as defined by IPEDS.
Median (Peer Comparison)	The midpoint value of selected peer institutions for the given metric and year.
Census Enrollment	Official fall enrollment count reported at census date.
Goal Attainment (%)	$\text{Census Enrollment} \div \text{Enrollment Goal} \times 100$ .
Threshold of Acceptability	The minimum performance level established by the institution or benchmark (e.g., peer median or target goal).

**TABLE 1: Student Course Completion Rates**

<b>Academic Year</b>	<b>Student Course Enrollment</b>	<b>Successful Student Course Completion</b>	<b>KSU Outcome</b>
2024–2025*	16,539	14,321	87%
2023–2024	14,190	12,625	89%
2022–2023	13,996	12,121	87%
2021–2022	16,214	13,171	81%
2020–2021	16,819	12,998	77%
2019–2020	15,518	13,178	85%

**TABLE 2: Student Retention (First-Time, Full-Time Cohort)**

<b>Academic Year</b>	<b>Cohort Size</b>	<b># Retained</b>	<b>Retention Rate %</b>	<b>Comparison Median Retention Rate</b>
2023–2024	266	168	63%	53%
2022–2023	227	138	61%	56%
2021–2022	361	191	53%	61%
2020–2021	437	307	70%	59%
2019-2020	386	303	78%	56%

**TABLE 3: Peer Comparison of First-Time, Full-Time Retention Rates**

<b>Institution</b>	<b>2023–2024 (Fall 2023)</b>	<b>2022–2023 (Fall 2022)</b>	<b>2021–2022 (Fall 2021)</b>	<b>2020–2021 (Fall 2020)</b>	<b>2019-2020 (Fall 2019)</b>
Allen University	45%	90%	58%	62%	50%
Elizabeth City State University	77%	74%	76%	73%	76%
Huston-Tillotson University	58%	51%	69%	54%	54%
Lane College	44%	45%	61%	56%	55%
Livingstone College	71%	78%	70%	58%	47%
Miles College	56%	56%	57%	60%	55%
Mississippi Valley State University	70%	58%	62%	59%	62%
Paine College	54%	54%	61%	63%	18%
Shaw University	52%	56%	57%	58%	67%
Southern University at New Orleans	52%	48%	46%	32%	42%
Stillman College	53%	79%	63%	64%	56%
Virginia University of Lynchburg	75%	75%	75%	70%	75%
Wiley University	50%	32%	54%	34%	70%
<b>Median</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>56%</b>

**TABLE 4: Graduation Rates (150% of Normal Time)**

<b>Academic Year (Cohort)</b>	<b>Adjusted Cohort</b>	<b>Completers in 150% of Normal Time</b>	<b>Graduation Rate</b>	<b>IPEDS Peer Comparison Median Graduation Rate</b>
2021–2022 (2018 Cohort)	279	89	32%	25%
2020–2021 (2017 Cohort)	280	76	27%	23%
2019–2020 (2016 Cohort)	192	62	32%	26%
2018–2019 (2015 Cohort)	199	74	37%	24%
2017–2018 (2014 Cohort)	280	84	30%	25%

**TABLE 5: Peer Comparison of Graduation Rates (150% of Normal Time)**

<b>Institution</b>	<b>2020–2021 (2017 Cohort)</b>	<b>2021–2022 (2018 Cohort)</b>	<b>2019–2020 (2016 Cohort)</b>	<b>2018–2019 (2015 Cohort)</b>	<b>2017–2018 (2014 Cohort)</b>
Allen University	13%	13%	8%	23%	19%
Elizabeth City State University	48%	44%	42%	40%	43%
Huston-Tillotson University	36%	34%	32%	33%	31%
Kentucky State University	27%	32%	32%	37%	30%
Lane College	17%	18%	18%	24%	23%
Livingstone College	24%	28%	26%	23%	28%
Miles College	26%	16%	26%	24%	24%
Mississippi Valley State University	22%	27%	26%	27%	27%
Paine College	22%	14%	18%	8%	8%
Shaw University	20%	22%	14%	16%	19%
Southern University at New Orleans	18%	13%	17%	19%	19%
Stillman College	41%	25%	25%	15%	22%
Virginia University of Lynchburg	26%	38%	87%	11%	27%
Wiley University	20%	24%	24%	27%	31%
<b>Median</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>25%</b>