

Fall 2011 Cohort Lower-Division Completion Performance

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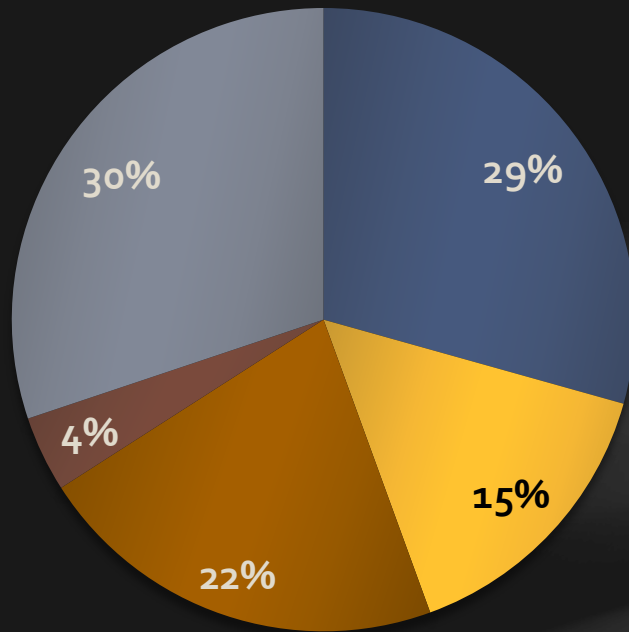
Full-time FTIC students

150% of program length

Who is in the cohort?

- First-time-in-college (FTIC) students
- Full-time in the cohort term
- Award-seeking (degree or certificate)
- Includes formerly dual-enrolled students
- Students who could not be matched to the data warehouse by student ID were removed from the analysis.

Summary of outcomes



■ Completed a program ■ Transferred
■ Continuously enrolled ■ Stopped out and re-enrolled
■ Dropped out or failed out

Points to consider:

- *Students who transfer do not count against us.*
- *When transfers are removed, the 150% completion rate for the Fall 2011 cohort was **34.6%**.*

Program completers

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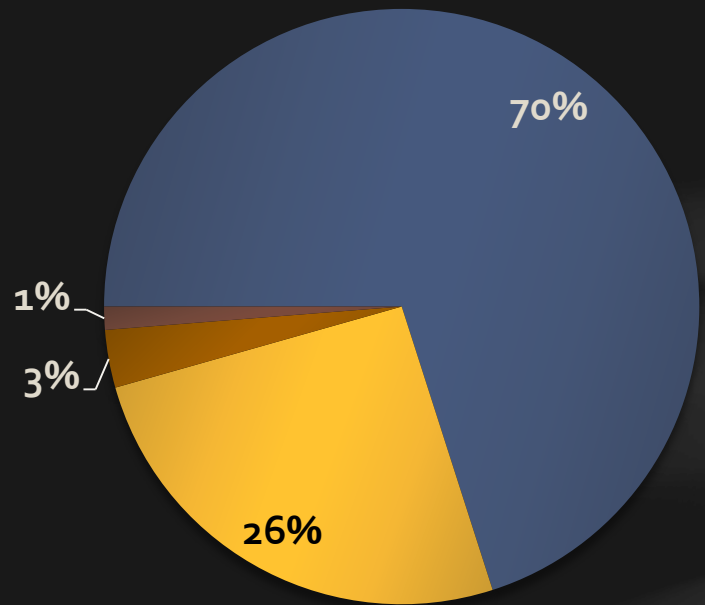
Lower-Division Completion, 150% of program length

What is a completer?

A completer is a student who completed any state-recognized program within 150% of the program length of their initial program.

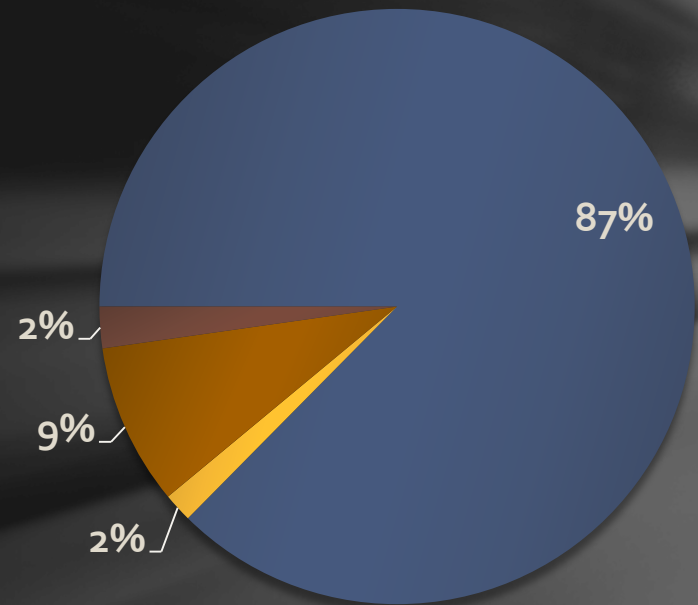
Comparison of program type

Total cohort



■ Associate in Arts ■ Associate in Science
■ PSAV/Apprenticeship ■ All other

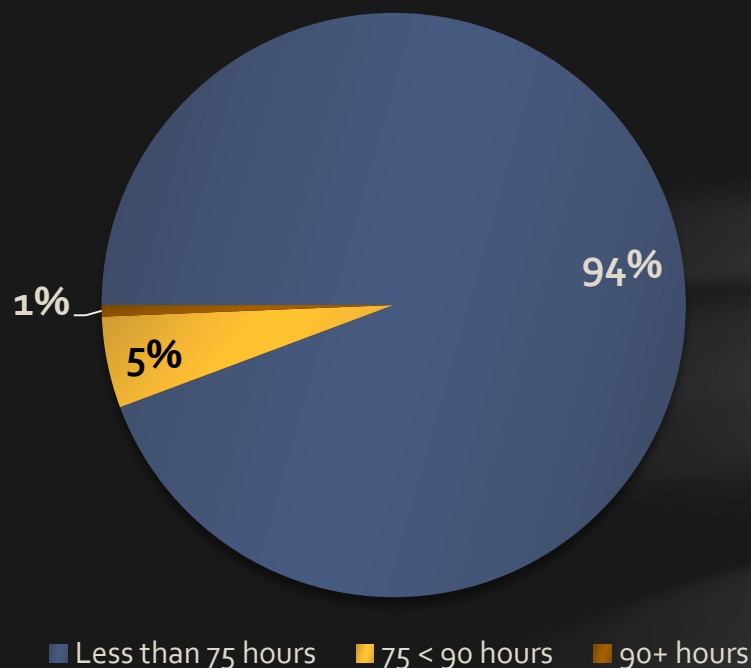
Completers



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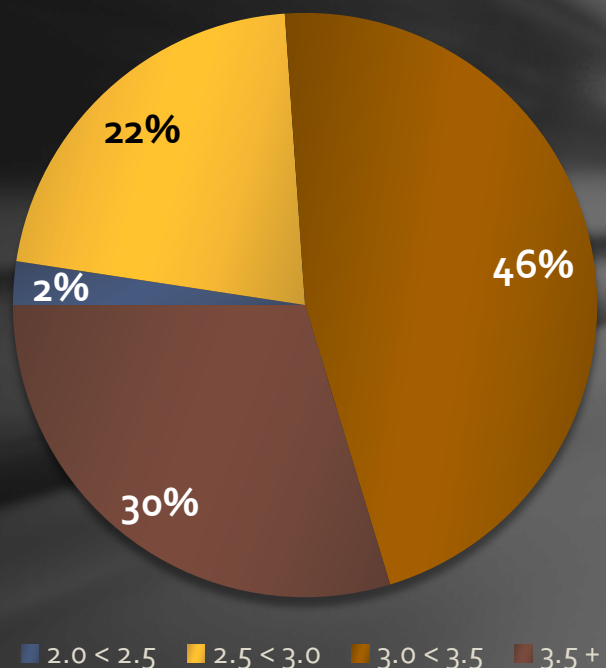
Who are the completers? (degree programs)

Credit earned



Average credit earned: 63.6

GPA



Average GPA: 3.26

Non-completers

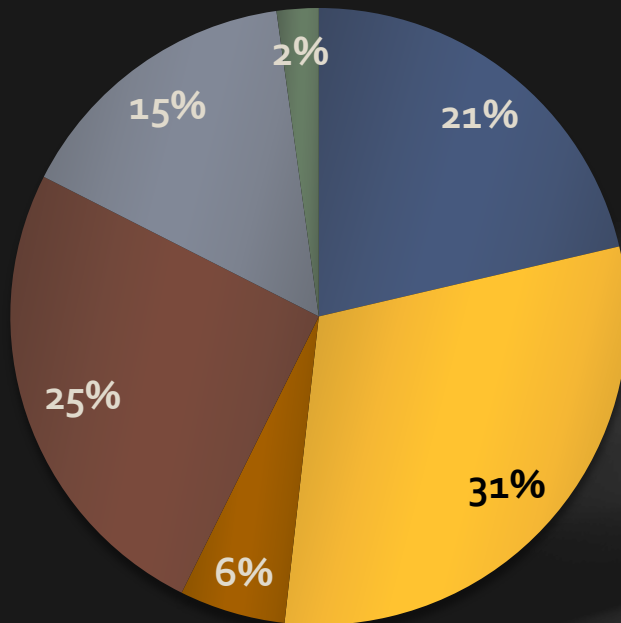
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Who are the non-completers?



■ Transferred
■ Continuously enrolled
■ Stopped out and re-enrolled
■ Dropouts, good standing
■ Dropouts, probation/suspended
■ Dropouts not in degree programs

Points to consider:

- *Students who transfer do not count against us.*
- *However, transfers we keep and complete will count for us.*
- *About a quarter of non-completers are dropouts who are in good academic standing.*

Transfer students

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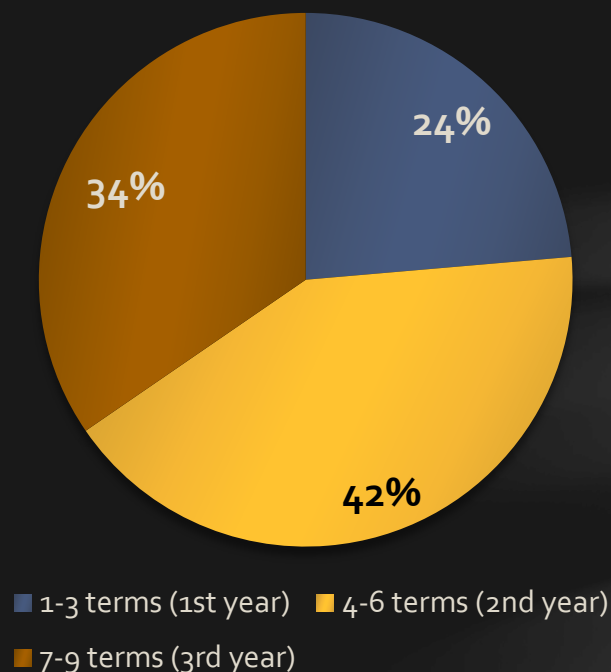
What is a transfer?

A transfer is a student who did not complete a program, but was found by National Student Clearinghouse to be enrolled at another educational institution at any time before the end of the tracking period.

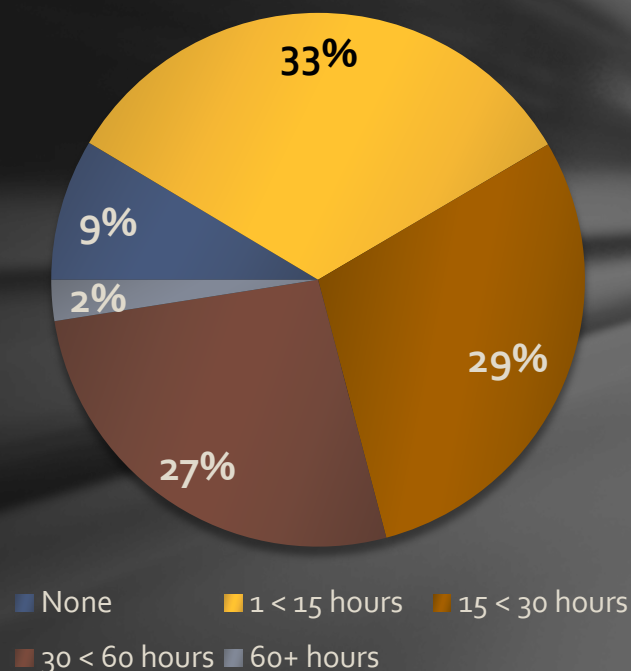
These students are removed from the cohort before the completion rate is calculated.

Who are the transfers?

When transferred



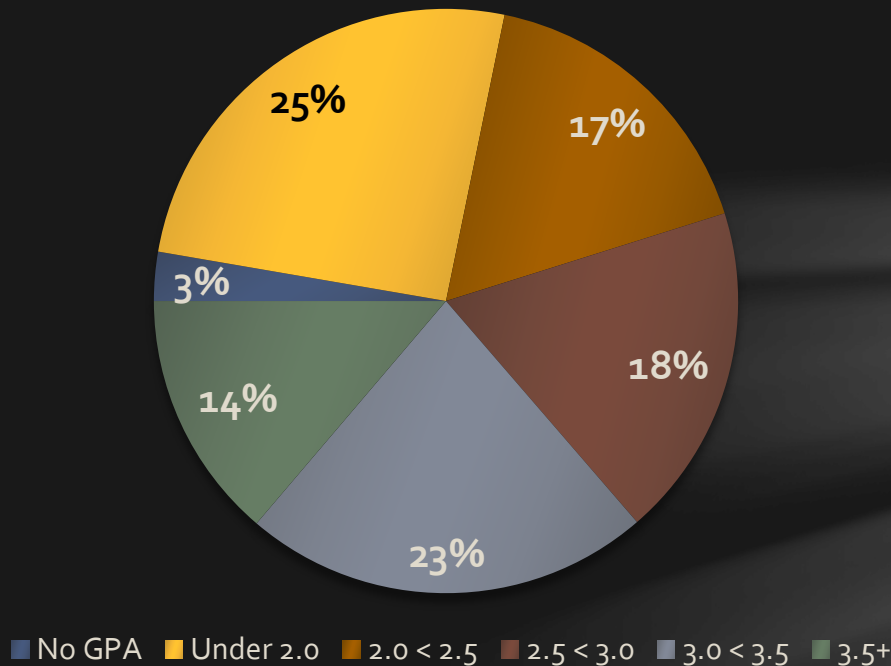
Credits earned (degree programs)



Average credit earned: 21.4

Who are transfers?

GPA when transferred (degree students)

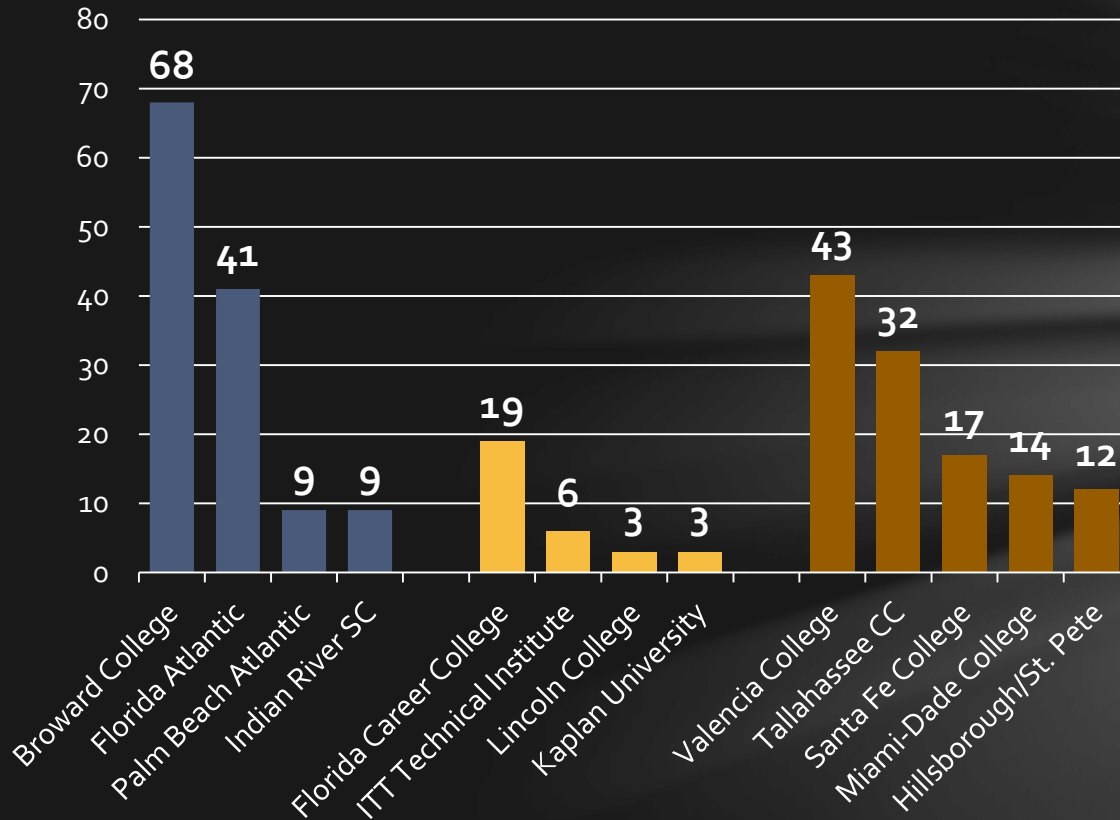


Average GPA: 2.40

Points to consider:

- *More than half (53%) of transfer students have a GPA of 2.5 or higher.*
- *These students represent 8% of the total cohort.*
- *A transfer student that stays and graduates would count for us on performance.*

Where did the transfers go?



Points to consider:

- *Students at Broward and/or FAU may live close enough to those institutions to have a choice.*
- *Why are students leaving us to go to feeder colleges close to major universities?*

Stop-out students

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What is a stop-out?

A student who leaves Palm Beach State for three or more consecutive terms without transferring or completing, then returns but has not completed a degree or certificate before the end of the tracking period.

Who are the stop-outs

- Only 4% of the total cohort.
- Three-quarters stop-out in their first two terms.
- When they stopped...
 - Among degree students, seven out of ten (70%) had earned fewer than 15 credits.
 - More than half (57%) of degree students had a GPA below 2.0.
 - Average GPA was 1.72.

Drop/fail-out students

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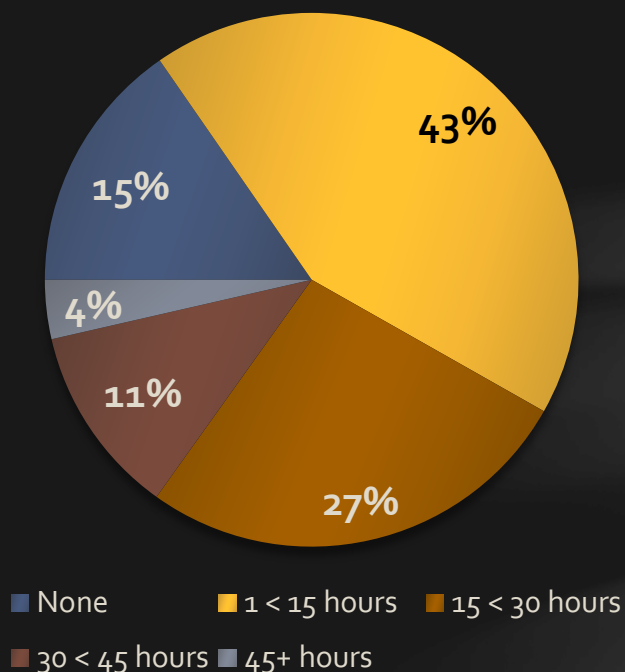
What is a drop/fail-out?

A student who leaves Palm Beach State for three or more consecutive terms without transferring or completing and does not return.

For this report, students who left with only two terms remaining in the tracking period also are considered dropouts.

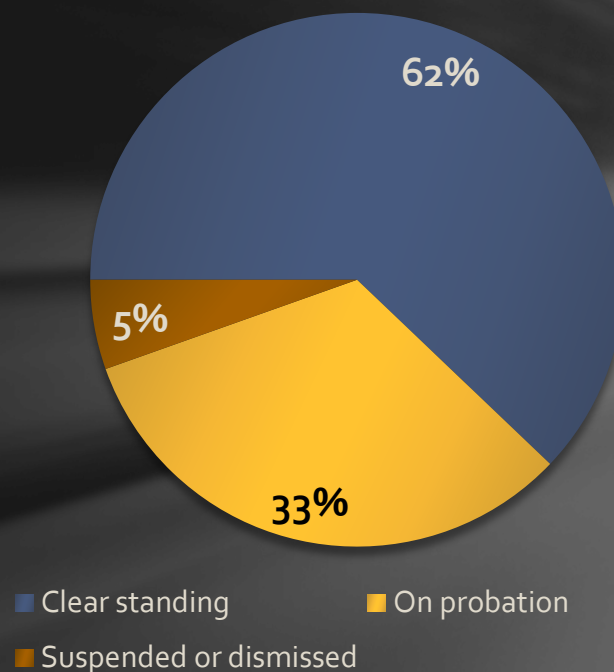
Who are the dropouts/fail-outs? (degree programs)

Credits earned

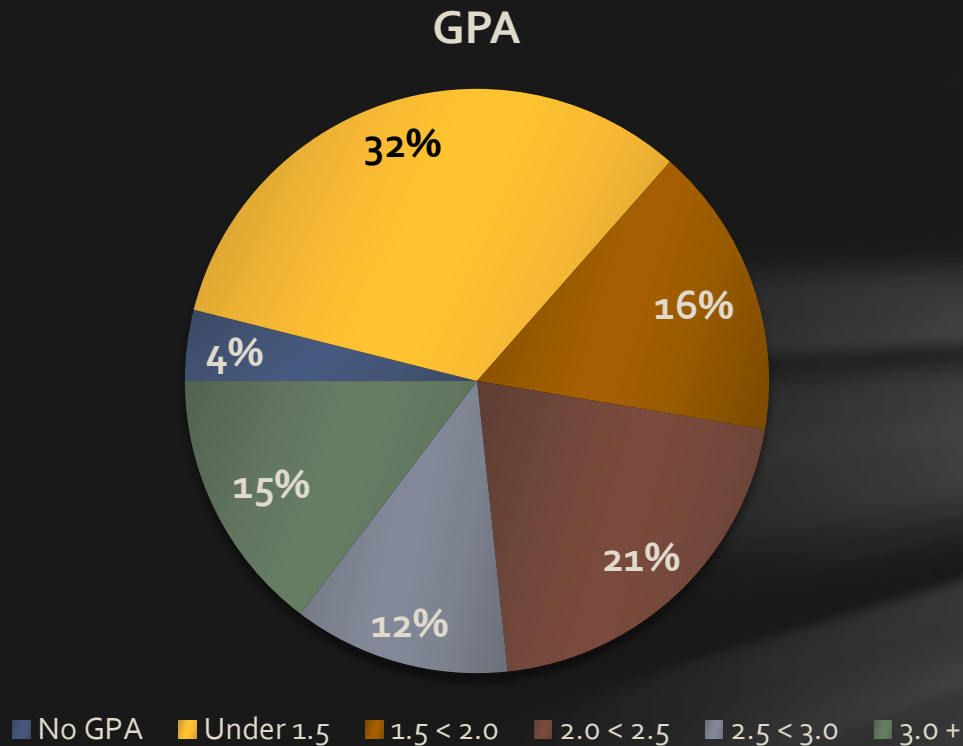


Average credit earned: 14.4

Academic status



Who are the dropouts/fail-outs? (degree students)



Average GPA: 1.80

Points to consider:

- *More than one-quarter of this group consists of students with a 2.5 GPA or higher.*
- *Students with a 2.5+ GPA represent about 8% of the total cohort.*

Continuously enrolled

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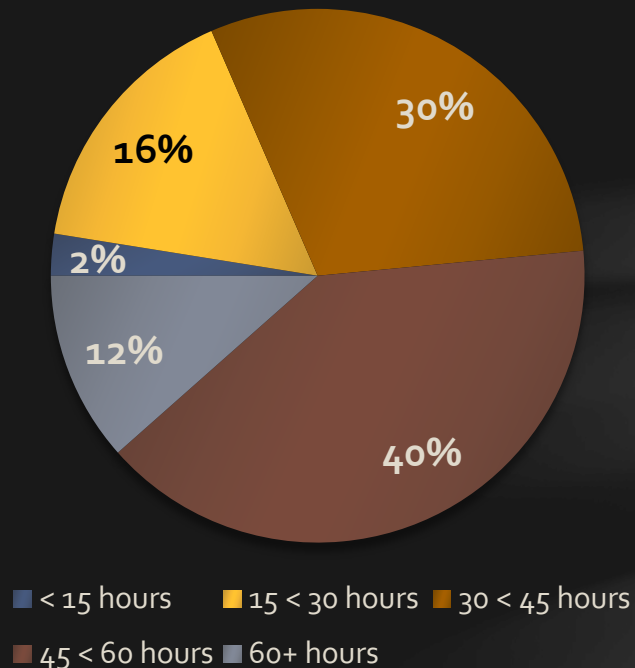
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What is a continuously enrolled student?

A continuously enrolled student is defined as one who has not left Palm Beach State for three or more consecutive terms, but has not completed or transferred.

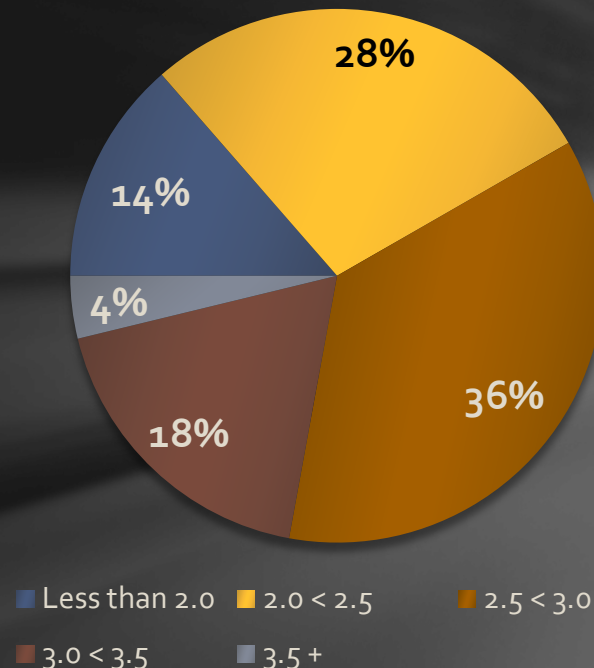
Who are the continuous students? (degree programs)

Credit earned (end of tracking period)



Average credit earned: 43.7

GPA



Average GPA: 2.57

For more information...

- Florida Performance-Based Funding data
<http://www.palmbeachstate.edu/ire/FL-PBF.aspx>