

sam offers a comprehensive and realistic picture of student progress and completion within the higher education system.

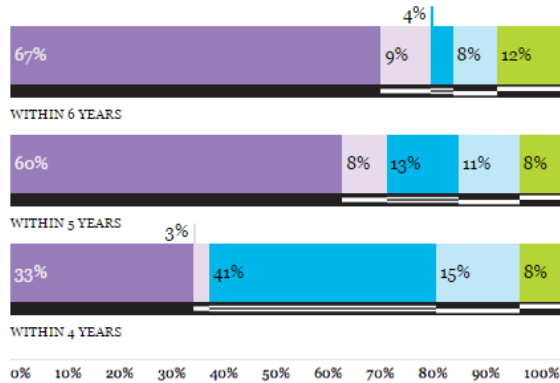
sam is an alternative to the federal graduation rate, which is limited to reporting the completion of first-time, full-time students at one institution and underreports student achievement.






sam is a voluntary, collaborative effort – public and private colleges, universities, and community colleges are invited to participate.

sam includes transfer students, part-time students, full-time students and the outcomes of students who enroll in multiple institutions.

First-time, Full-time Students Starting Fall 2007

Number of students: 3,784
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-  Graduated: Reporting institution
-  Transferred & Graduated: Other Institution
-  Enrolled: Reporting institution
-  Transferred & Enrolled: Other Institution
-  Current Status Unknown

Two Required Cohorts

- Full-time bachelor's seeking students, first-time in higher education
- Full-time, transfer-in students, first time at institution
- OPTIONAL Part-time cohorts added in 2014

Three Time Periods

- FTFT: After 4, 5, 6 years
- FT Transfer: After 2, 4, 6 yrs
- Part-time: After 6, 8, 10 yrs

Five Outcomes

- Graduated: Reporting
- Transferred & Graduated: Other
- Enrolled: Reporting
- Transferred & Enrolled: Other
- Unknown Status

One Cohort, Disaggregated:

- Associate or certificate seeking students, first-time at institution
 - Complete cohort (all students)
 - Full-time students
 - Part-time students

One Time Period

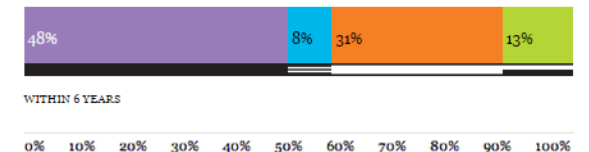
- After 6 years





Four Outcomes

- Graduated: Reporting
- Enrolled: Reporting
- Transferred: Other
- Unknown Status

First-time-at-Institution, Complete Cohort Starting Fall 2008

Number of students: 640
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-  Graduated: Reporting institution
-  Enrolled: Reporting institution
-  Transferred: Other Institution
-  Current Status Unknown

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Sign up at: www.studentachievementmeasure.org

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