For IPEDS* reporting, we track a cohort of students who are first-time, full-time degree-seeking (or certificate-seeking) students for a particular Fall semester.

This population represents about a third of our incoming Fall class; the others are enrolled part-time, are transfer-ins, and/or are not in degree or certificate programs.

IPEDS allows community colleges to report both Graduation and Transfer Rates (as both are central to our mission) over a relatively short period of time. The Graduation Rate has traditionally been calculated based on 150% time—three years for an associate degree and 18 months for a one-year certificate. The Transfer Rate is also reported at the three-year mark and is based on information gathered from NSC (National Student Clearinghouse) when we query subsequent enrollment/attendance at other colleges. We also report on persistence (Still Enrolled) at this point in time as well.

Massasoit’s Four-Year Average Graduation Rate: 18%; Transfer Rate: 19%

Community colleges complete a report on the Graduation Rate within 200% time (within four years for an associate degree) as well. Tracking the same initial cohorts, the graduation rates have increased significantly by allowing more time.

In our most recent submission to IPEDS, the Fall 2017 cohort (927 students) were tracked through 2020 graduation. A total of 177 (19%) graduated within 150% time. Another 170 (18%) transferred before completing their Massasoit program.

An additional 108 (12%) in the cohort are still enrolled (persisting) at Massasoit.

More than one tenth of the cohort group (118 or 13%) transferred after graduation, in addition to the 18% who transferred without completing their Massasoit program.