

Graduation Rates (GR) Students Switching Programs 2024-25 Data Collection

This tutorial discusses how to report students on the graduation rates components if they change programs within the same institution and the lengths of the programs are different.

We will use an example to illustrate this. John is enrolled in a 2-year program at IPEDS Institute. Recently, John switched to a 4-year program. Because John is now enrolled in a 4-year program, 150% of normal time changes from 3 years to 6 years. Although the normal time to completion has changed, the timeline is still based off of John's original enrollment date at IPEDS Institute, not the date he changed programs.

If John switched from a 4-year program to a 2-year program, 150% of normal time to completion would change from 6 to 3 years.

In both cases, because John is still part of the original graduation rate cohort from when he first enrolled at IPEDS Institute, the new 150% of normal time to completion also counts if identifying John as a transfer student, graduate, or exclusion.

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