

Initial Attrition – Retention – Completer Rates

The information contained in the data table is collected from all EPP’s within the state that has been submitted as part of the Title II reporting. The reporting year looks at candidates in a program from previous year’s submission.

	State	MU	State	MU	State	MU
Title II & 1388 Reporting YR	2025-2026		2024-2025		2023-2024	
Attrition-Retention-Completion Rates BY Academic Year*	AY 2024-2025		AY 2023-2024		AY 2022-2023	
Total Number of Education Candidates**	12,089	269	11,214	298	11,674	396
Total Number Completion/Graduation	3,180	92	3,128	126	3,304	129
Percentage Completion/Graduation	26.30%	34.20%	27.90%	42.30%	28.30%	32.60%
Total Number Retained in Education	8,096	163	7469	148	7579	240
Percentage Retained in Education	66.97%	60.60%	66.60%	49.70%	64.90%	60.60%
Total Number Program Attrition	379	2	314	4	311	2
Percentage Program Attrition	3.10%	0.70%	2.80%	1.30%	2.70%	0.50%
Total Number Institutional Attrition	600	12	428	20	510	25
Percentage Institution Attrition	5%	4.50%	3.80%	6.70%	4.40%	6.30%
<p>*Academic year is defined as September 1 - August 31</p> <p>**Education Candidates - includes all students who in a given academic year were formally admitted to, enrolled in, or completed the institution's education program</p> <p>***Percentage Total = Percentage Completion/Graduation + Percentage Retained in Education + Percentage Program Attrition + Percentage Institutional Attrition = 100%</p> <p>Percentage of Completion/Graduation = Completion/Graduation Number DIVIDED BY total number of candidates</p> <p>Percentage Retained in Education = Number Retained in Education DIVIDED BY total number of candidates</p> <p>Percentage of Attrition [Program Attrition] = Number of candidates who left education but remained at the institution DIVIDED BY total number of candidates</p> <p>Percentage of Attrition [Institutional Attrition] = Number of candidates who left the institution DIVIDED BY total number of candidates</p>						

Analysis:

- Marian University most recent year the graduation rate was notably higher than the state’s 34.2% to 26.3%
- Marian’s retention rate of 60.6% is still behind the state average of 66.97%, and has been consistently behind the state all three years

- Candidates leaving Marian continues to be high, but this year's data shows that the percentage was lower than the state rate

Interpretation:

Marian appears to be a high-completion institution. While it has a smaller total candidate pool (269 vs. 12,089 state-wide), a higher percentage of its students successfully graduate compared to the state average.

The primary area for focus is retention. While Marian is very successful at preventing "Program Attrition" (keeping students at the school even if they change majors), its overall retention within education programs has historically been lower than state levels. The recent jump from 49.70% to 60.60% suggests that new retention initiatives may be working.