

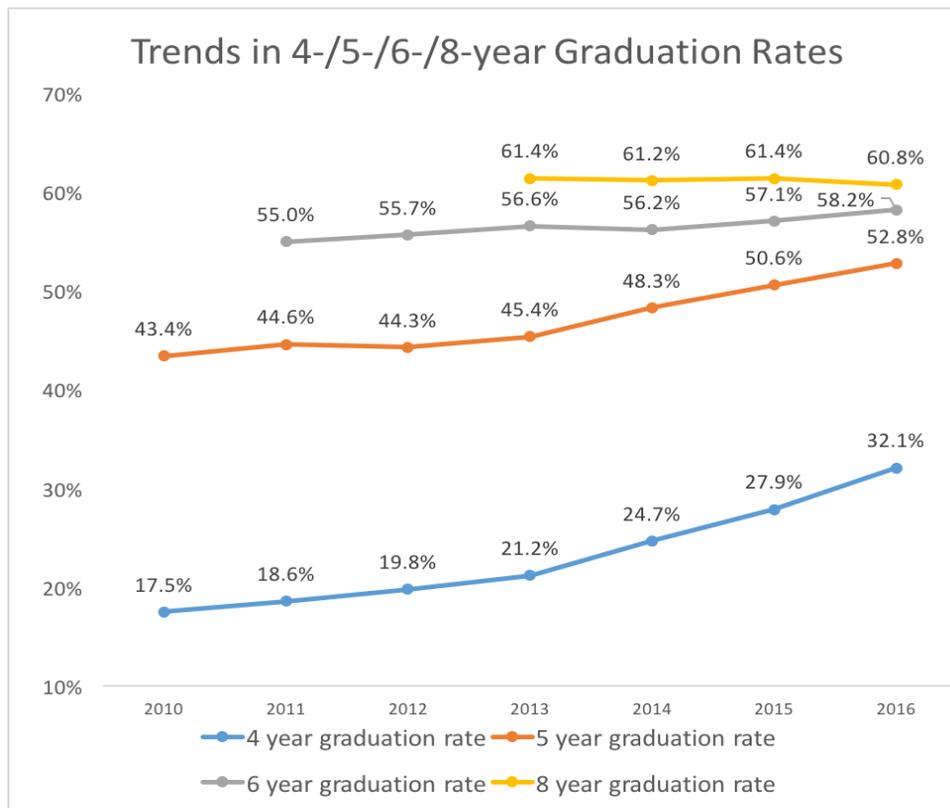


UH Mānoa Graduation Rates Analysis

The graduation rate is the percentage of students in a given cohort who graduate within a specified period of time. According to the federal government’s data collection system — the “Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System” (IPEDS), college students’ graduation rates are measured based on the first-time, full-time cohort, which is formed by incoming undergraduate students who attend college for the first time (no prior college experience) and have a full-time credit load during their first semester. In higher education, the 4-, 5-, 6-, and 8-year points are typically used to measure a first-time, full-time cohort’s graduation rate.

The following graph shows rapid growth in 4-year graduation rates among first-time, full-time cohort students at UH Mānoa. From years 2010 to 2016, UH Mānoa’s 4-year graduation rate increased almost 15 percentage point, going from 17.5% (cohort 2006) to 32.1% (cohort 2012), which accounts for an 83% increase. To be specific, 17.5% of first-time, full-time cohort students who entered UH Mānoa in 2006 earned a bachelor’s degree within 4 years, whereas 32.1% of first-time, full-time cohort students who entered UH Mānoa in 2011 earned a bachelor’s degree within 4 years. A significant higher graduation rate indicates a rapid rise in students graduating on time.

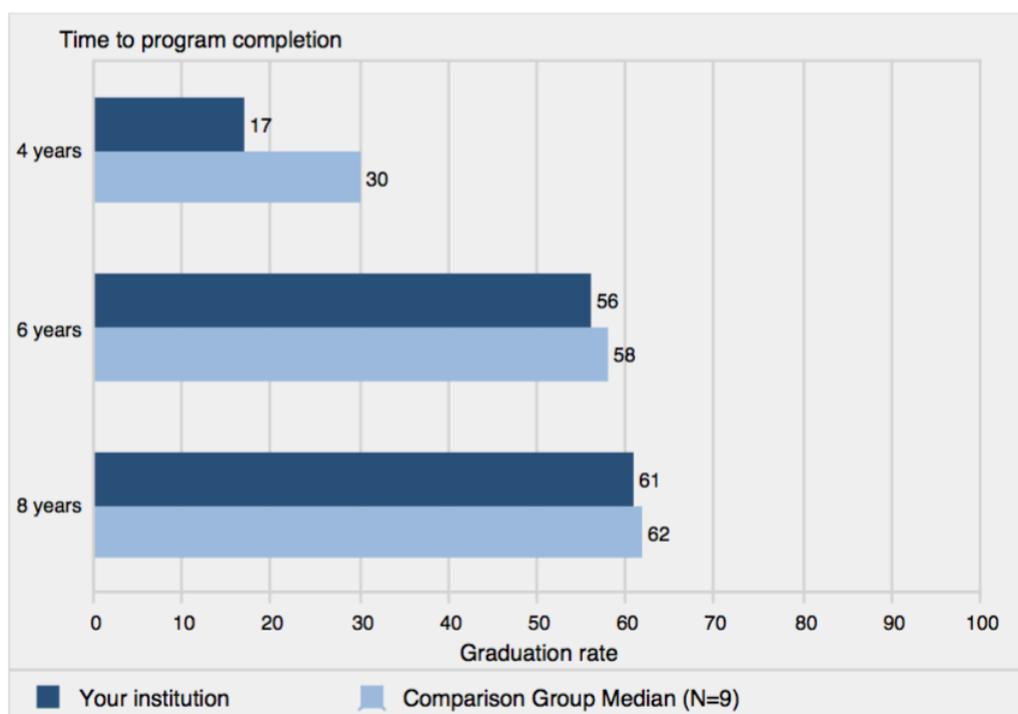
The 5-year graduation rate has risen from 44.6% in 2011 (cohort 2006) to 52.8% in 2016 (cohort 2011) - a total of 8.2 percentage points, or a 18% increase in 5 years. The 6-year graduation rate shows a slight increase of 2.5% from 2012 (cohort 2006) to 2016 (cohort 2010), and the most recent 3 years’ 8-year graduation rate has remained constant at around 61%.



To put UH Mānoa’s graduation rates in perspective, peer institutions’ graduation rates are provided using IPEDS’ 2015 Data Feedback Report (DFR). Figure 13 of the DFR report provides the median graduation rates (cohort 2006) of UH Mānoa’s 9 peer institutions. According to this report, the median of peer institutions’ 4-year graduation rates is 30%, the 6-year graduation rate is 58%, and the 8-year graduation rate is 62%. The following graph shows UH Mānoa’s 2006 cohort (same cohort as the peers’ data) as having an 17% 4-year graduation rate, a 56% 6-year graduation rate, and a 61% 8-year graduation rate. As shown earlier, UH Mānoa’s current graduation rates for 4-, 6-, and 8-years are **32%**, **58%**, and **61%** respectively.

For readers’ information, UH Mānoa’s peer list was created in 2012 and has been used in the IPEDS Data Feedback Report for peer analysis. MIRO’s analyst used cluster analysis and IPEDS data to identify 9 peer institutions. Click [here](#) to review the method used to identify peer institutions.

Figure 13. Bachelor's degree graduation rates of full-time, first-time degree/certificate-seeking undergraduates within 4 years, 6 years, and 8 years: 2006 cohort



NOTE: The 6-year graduation rate is the Student Right-to-Know (SRK) rate; the 4- and 8-year rates are calculated using the same methodology. For details, see the Methodological Notes. N is the number of institutions in the comparison group.
 SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS): Winter 2014-15, 200% Graduation Rates component.