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SAM reports on the percentage of students who:
- Graduated from the reporting institution
- Transferred and graduated from another institution
- Are still enrolled at the reporting institution
- Transferred and are still enrolled at another institution
- Have an unknown status

Outcomes are reported for three time periods for each cohort.
- For full-time cohorts:
    o At the end of 4 years
    o At the end of 5 years
    o At the end of 6 years
- For part-time cohorts:
    o At the end of 6 years
    o At the end of 8 years
    o At the end of 10 years

- The denominator used in calculating the graduation rate includes only the students from the cohort who have a matching record at the Clearinghouse. For most institutions about 95% of the cohort that can be matched. However, institutions are not "penalized" for unmatched records.
- SAM counts both 2-year and 4-year degrees as a completion.
- Students who graduate with a 2-year degree and re-enroll will be counted as enrolled until graduation with a 4-year degree.