## **UPCEA SURVEY**

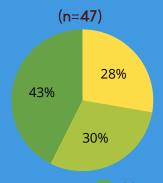
# Persistence & Retention

In June 2021, 66 individuals took a brief survey on persistence and retention for fully online degree students within their professional, continuing, and/or online education (PCO) units. Invitations were sent out via UPCEA's Membership Matters newsletter and links were posted on the UPCEA CORe discussion site.



Has your institution developed a formal definition of retention for fully online degree-seeking students?

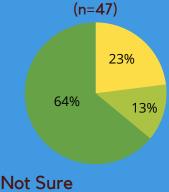
Do Not Offer Online Degrees



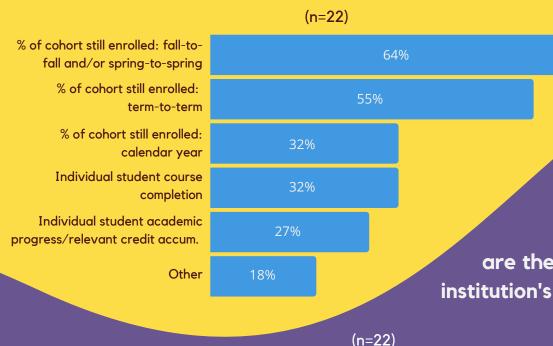
Yes

and track persistence/
retention for fully online
degree-seeking students?

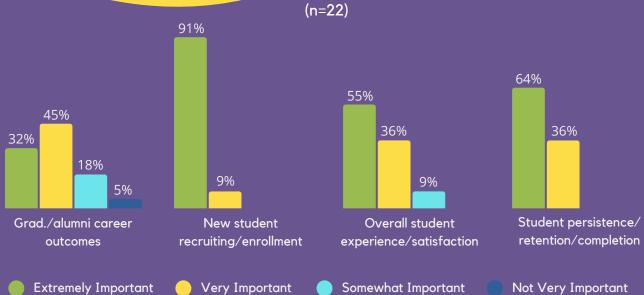
Does your institution measure



How does your institution measure and track persistence/retention for fully online degree-seeking students?



How important are the following to your institution's leadership team?



No

## Which of the following is the most important to your institution's leadership team?

(n=22)



Grad./alumni career outcomes



New student recruiting/enrollment

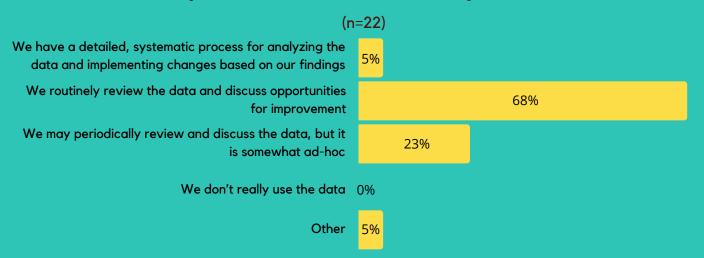


Overall student experience/satisfaction



Student persistence/retention/completion

# Which of the following best characterizes your approach to utilizing the persistence/retention data you collect?



#### Reasons for those who don't track persistence/retention include:

- Lack of data resources
- Greater focus on traditional online students
- Issues surrounding data, such as defining data metrics





#### **Institution Type**

(n=44)

4-year Public 70%

23%

Community College 0%

4-year Private

For-profit 0%

Other 7%



#### **Institution Size**

(n=44)

 Small (fewer than 5,000 students)
 23%

 Medium (5,000 to 15,000 students)
 23%

Large (more than 15,000 students)

55%

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