

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT STATISTICS, FALL 2021

Graduation Rate

The graduation rate is based on those cadets who were enrolled as first-time, full-time cadets and completed their degree requirements within 150% of the 4-year time frame.

Threshold: 67% Target: 71% Current Rate (AY 2020 – 2021): 85%

Six-year Graduation Rate Comparison											
Year	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
VMI	70.0%	69.4%	70.5%	75.6%	70.7%	74.2%	77.7%	76.4%	77.9%	79.5%	85.4%
Peer	68.0%	67.0%	69.8%	69.9%	70.0%	71.1%	71.6%	72.2%	72.0%	73.1%	73.6%

Retention Rate

The retention rate is based on those cadets who remain at the Institute from their Fourth to Third class year. For reference, Fourth class cadets are first-year students, while Third class cadets are second-year students at the Institute.

Threshold: 76% Target: 80% Current Rate (AY 2020 – 2021): 80%

Retention Rate Comparison											
Year	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
VMI	83.9%	82.8%	86.8%	82.6%	84.3%	88.5%	92.0%	84.3%	87.2%	88.9%	82.8%
Peer	85.5%	85.9%	86.5%	86.4%	86.4%	86.7%	87.6%	87.3%	86.6^	86.3%	85.7%

Commissioning Rate

The commissioning rate is based on those cadets who commission into military service following graduation. Cadets commission based on their participation in the military branch activities offered at VMI during their cadetship (i.e., ROTC, training, etc.).

Threshold: 50% Target: 70% Current Rate (AY 2020 – 2021): 56%

Commissioning Rate											
Year	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
VMI	40.6%	50.3%	42.5%	47.5%	44.4%	45.8%	47.8%	49.2%	23.9%	52.5%	56.2%