



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT STATISTICS, SUMMER 2025

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. The rates in the graph are presented by the entering cohort rate.

Threshold: 67%

Target: 71%

Current Rate (AY 2024 – 2025): 76%

Six-year Graduation Rate Comparison													
Year	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
VMI	70.5%	75.6%	70.7%	74.2%	77.7%	76.4%	77.9%	79.5%	85.4%	73.5%	76.9%	81.8%	76.2%
Peer	69.8%	69.9%	70.0%	71.1%	71.6%	72.2%	72.0%	73.1%	73.6%	73.9%	73.5%	71.9%	70.5%

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 2024 – 2025): 81%

Year	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
VMI	82.6%	84.3%	88.5%	92.0%	84.3%	87.2%	88.9%	82.8%	80.3%	86.6%	81.7%	84.4%	81.0%
Peer	86.4%	86.4%	86.7%	87.6%	87.3%	86.6%	86.3%	85.7%	85.7%	85.2%	85.7%	86.6%	87.0%



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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: 20%

Target: 70%

Current Rate (AY 2024 – 2025): 50%

Commissioning Rate																
Year	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2029	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
VMI	40.2%	49.9%	42.5%	46.7%	41.5%	45.7%	47.7%	49.2%	56.1%	48.5%	56.2%	52.6%	55.8%	55.1%	47.2%	50.5%