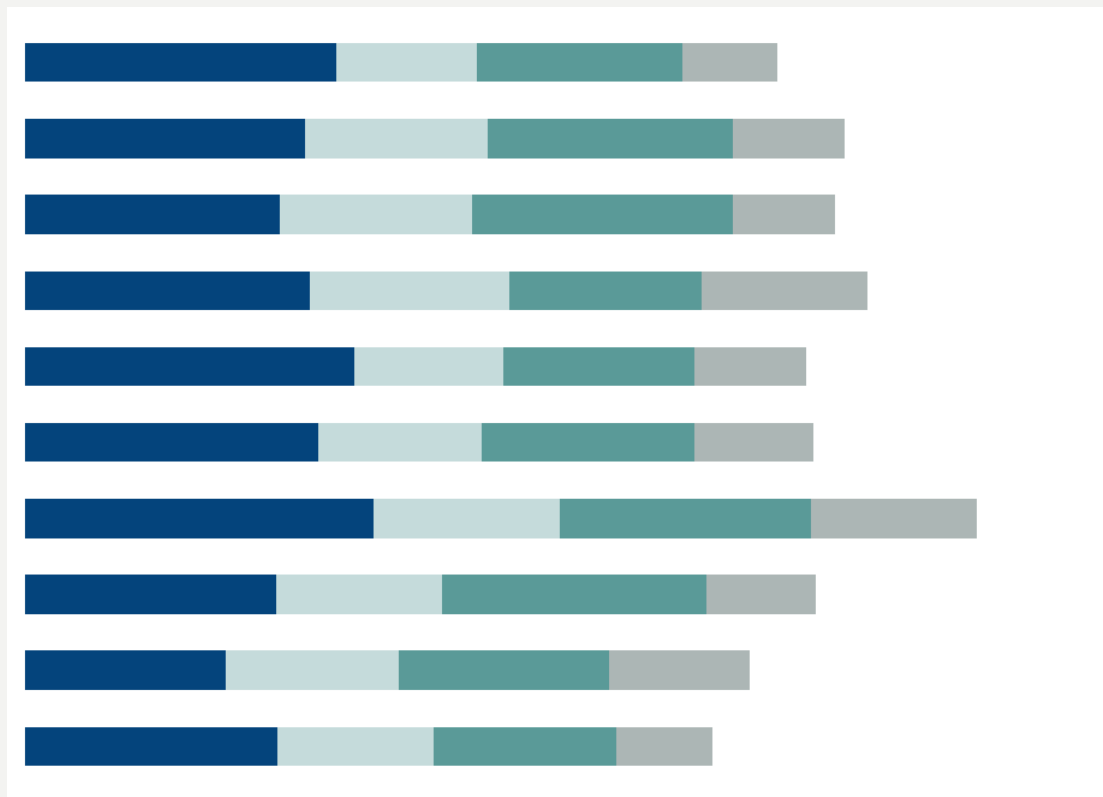


Osteopathic Medical School Attrition Summary 2009-10 - 2018-19



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Attrition Summary Report

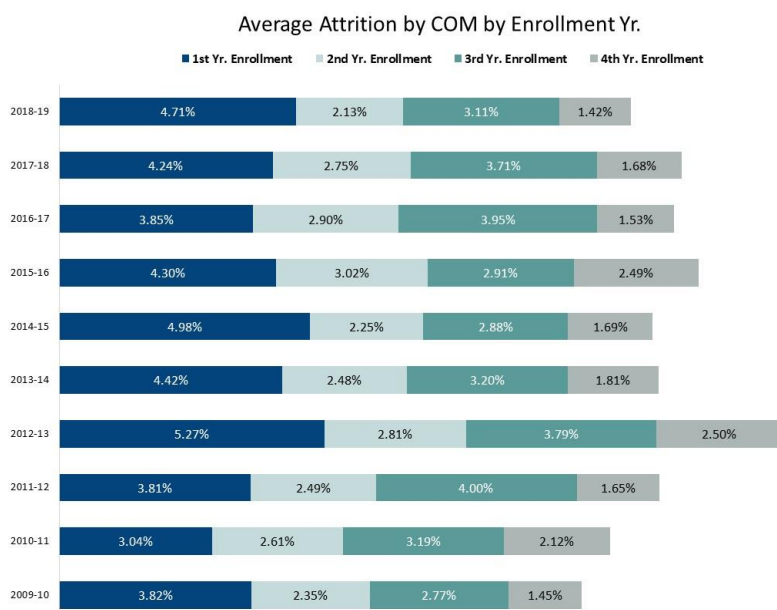
2009-10 through 2018-19

Background: The attrition summary report provides data on the percentage of first- through fourth-year osteopathic medical students who take a leave of absence or withdraw from their medical school as reported in the Annual Osteopathic Medical School Questionnaire (Annual Survey). Attrition rate is calculated by dividing the sum of students who withdrew or took a leave of absence by total enrollment. Withdrawals and dismissals are types of permanent attrition from the COM, while leave of absences are types of temporary attrition that may become a withdrawal or dismissal after a period of time. Reasons for students' withdrawals/dismissals include academic failure or school policy violation; poor academic standing; transferring to another medical school; medical or personal reasons; changes in career plans; and failure to take or pass COMLEX (per COM policy). Reasons for leaves of absence include poor academic performance/remediation; academic enrichment/research/study for another degree; medical or personal reasons; and failure to take or pass COMLEX (per COM policy). The attrition rates in this report includes only those schools with a full four-year enrollment.

Key Findings: Attrition rate for all COMs ranged from a low of 2.63 percent (2009-10) to a high of 3.59 percent (2012-13), with an average of 3.03 percent attrition rate from 2009-10 through 2018-19. As depicted in the chart, first- and third-year student had a higher rate of attrition than their second- and fourth-year counterparts, which is expected given the struggles first-year students experience when dealing with the rigor of medical school and the COMLEX being administered to third-year students.

Schools sometimes reported an attrition rate that is an outlier (for example 31.65 percent in 2012-13). This is generally due to changes in curriculum, changes to COMLEX progression strategies, etc. The schools may report reasons for high attrition in the Annual Survey when they submit their responses.

Additional details on attrition rates by COM, who are deidentified, are shown in the tables below.



Enrollment information has been concealed to protect COM identities. The deans of an osteopathic medical school may request their school's number in the tables by submitting a request by [clicking this link](#) or emailing research@acom.org. All request made by staff other than the dean will be rejected, including requests made by executive/administrative assistants, institutional researchers, etc.

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Total Attrition - 2009-10

COM	1st Yr. Enrollment	2nd Yr. Enrollment	3rd Yr. Enrollment	4th Yr. Enrollment	Total Enrollment
1	3.81%	1.91%	0.00%	1.79%	1.95%
2	1.80%	0.89%	4.29%	0.94%	1.96%
3	3.55%	0.64%	1.34%	0.00%	1.44%
4	3.37%	3.78%	8.00%	6.25%	4.88%
5	4.46%	1.73%	0.00%	0.00%	1.66%
6	4.01%	2.71%	0.84%	0.45%	2.29%
7	13.25%	3.80%	5.97%	4.11%	6.95%
8	4.44%	2.03%	1.59%	0.71%	2.18%
9	2.92%	5.22%	0.00%	0.00%	2.10%
10	4.38%	0.76%	2.03%	0.40%	1.88%
11	4.08%	4.71%	6.67%	1.19%	4.20%
12	2.21%	1.39%	2.23%	2.42%	2.06%
13	3.68%	1.14%	1.21%	0.65%	1.75%
14	2.82%	0.60%	0.53%	0.00%	1.00%
15	2.75%	0.94%	1.43%	0.48%	1.56%
16	2.99%	1.87%	0.00%	2.70%	1.94%
17	5.00%	3.33%	7.21%	1.79%	4.32%
18	2.21%	0.73%	0.00%	1.49%	1.11%
19	4.15%	2.52%	4.27%	0.00%	2.80%
20	2.58%	0.53%	5.10%	0.00%	1.98%
21	2.27%	4.55%	3.45%	0.00%	2.65%
22	4.69%	5.22%	0.81%	1.82%	3.23%
23	2.33%	3.16%	6.67%	6.18%	4.50%
All	3.82%	2.35%	2.77%	1.45%	2.63%

Total Attrition - 2010-11

COM	1st Yr. Enrollment	2nd Yr. Enrollment	3rd Yr. Enrollment	4th Yr. Enrollment	Total Enrollment
1	3.25%	0.76%	0.93%	0.85%	1.57%
2	1.48%	2.19%	3.45%	1.49%	2.18%
3	3.04%	2.79%	5.36%	2.97%	3.56%
4	4.57%	5.65%	1.78%	0.61%	3.30%
5	1.53%	2.68%	5.13%	5.10%	3.40%
6	2.65%	1.96%	1.03%	0.00%	1.47%
7	0.00%	1.26%	1.34%	1.34%	0.96%
8	0.73%	1.09%	1.49%	3.19%	1.64%
9	4.49%	5.81%	2.50%	3.41%	4.08%
10	2.11%	1.57%	3.26%	0.65%	1.95%
11	1.99%	0.64%	15.88%	3.35%	5.43%
12	5.26%	1.11%	3.41%	0.00%	2.51%
13	1.69%	0.00%	0.00%	0.56%	0.57%
14	3.86%	0.00%	2.92%	3.31%	2.52%
15	6.56%	2.97%	1.52%	0.00%	2.74%
16	3.61%	8.54%	0.00%	0.00%	3.29%
17	5.48%	2.55%	1.07%	0.96%	2.59%
18	1.55%	0.00%	0.75%	0.84%	0.79%
19	5.59%	1.56%	0.76%	7.03%	3.77%
20	3.08%	1.71%	5.71%	2.00%	2.99%
21	3.51%	1.36%	2.79%	0.47%	2.06%
22	3.31%	0.88%	0.00%	1.85%	1.51%
23	1.79%	8.33%	0.64%	5.71%	4.03%
24	1.97%	5.44%	6.96%	0.00%	3.56%
25	0.88%	4.58%	8.61%	0.00%	3.28%
26	4.96%	2.31%	5.69%	9.48%	5.49%
All	3.04%	2.61%	3.19%	2.12%	2.74%

Total Attrition - 2011-12

COM	1st Yr. Enrollment	2nd Yr. Enrollment	3rd Yr. Enrollment	4th Yr. Enrollment	Total Enrollment
1	2.60%	1.41%	3.95%	0.00%	2.04%
2	6.67%	2.60%	11.58%	1.71%	5.56%
3	9.64%	7.50%	1.23%	0.00%	4.85%
4	0.99%	0.62%	0.64%	0.00%	0.60%
5	4.76%	3.49%	1.15%	1.15%	2.74%
6	2.72%	0.00%	2.67%	2.53%	2.02%
7	4.51%	2.96%	6.15%	3.08%	4.17%
8	3.57%	2.54%	1.77%	0.00%	2.03%
9	4.81%	1.52%	5.70%	7.02%	4.68%
10	1.57%	0.00%	0.79%	0.00%	0.59%
11	2.27%	0.79%	12.02%	5.13%	5.05%
12	1.67%	0.95%	1.62%	0.00%	1.13%
13	0.45%	1.31%	6.42%	0.46%	2.14%
14	5.71%	1.82%	7.17%	2.23%	4.31%
15	1.97%	0.39%	2.67%	0.42%	1.34%
16	1.30%	0.67%	0.00%	1.74%	0.91%
17	5.07%	2.92%	2.48%	2.82%	3.35%
18	3.73%	9.93%	13.57%	0.00%	6.76%
19	4.50%	0.96%	1.92%	0.00%	1.91%
20	3.60%	1.46%	2.48%	1.09%	2.21%
21	2.37%	4.05%	3.96%	1.16%	2.84%
22	2.78%	2.30%	0.00%	3.80%	2.31%
23	5.95%	3.11%	2.00%	0.00%	2.96%
24	2.06%	3.20%	6.36%	4.83%	3.85%
25	14.46%	12.34%	5.59%	3.90%	9.24%
26	0.73%	0.00%	2.29%	1.50%	1.10%
27	3.70%	0.00%	4.19%	0.54%	2.14%
28	2.41%	0.80%	1.49%	1.15%	1.49%
All	3.81%	2.49%	4.00%	1.65%	3.01%

Total Attrition - 2012-13

COM	1st Yr. Enrollment	2nd Yr. Enrollment	3rd Yr. Enrollment	4th Yr. Enrollment	Total Enrollment
1	3.52%	1.15%	1.57%	1.97%	2.05%
2	4.37%	0.49%	0.52%	0.00%	1.38%
3	4.17%	0.50%	1.52%	0.90%	1.79%
4	1.52%	1.01%	13.83%	11.62%	6.72%
5	0.93%	0.93%	7.62%	1.90%	2.82%
6	4.32%	1.22%	0.00%	1.30%	2.14%
7	2.68%	1.39%	5.19%	2.71%	3.03%
8	5.46%	1.20%	0.59%	1.70%	2.30%
9	18.52%	18.57%	6.85%	3.95%	12.00%
10	0.00%	3.95%	0.67%	8.27%	3.02%
11	5.63%	4.35%	2.16%	1.43%	3.40%
12	1.98%	2.06%	3.21%	0.64%	1.98%
13	0.30%	0.00%	1.37%	0.45%	0.45%
14	2.32%	1.23%	0.81%	0.90%	1.34%
15	2.57%	3.65%	0.54%	0.00%	1.72%
16	3.77%	0.87%	0.49%	1.14%	1.65%
17	4.96%	2.27%	0.00%	0.00%	1.85%
18	0.00%	1.10%	0.00%	0.00%	0.26%
19	4.69%	0.75%	4.64%	1.87%	3.02%
20	17.86%	5.15%	31.65%	10.00%	14.94%
21	5.07%	3.62%	3.91%	0.00%	3.17%
22	3.15%	1.98%	1.22%	3.57%	2.46%
23	4.27%	0.00%	0.66%	0.00%	1.58%
24	2.63%	2.11%	1.14%	2.27%	2.08%
25	4.05%	1.58%	2.57%	1.63%	2.47%
26	13.01%	10.69%	2.56%	5.04%	8.19%
27	19.53%	4.55%	5.03%	2.68%	8.24%
28	6.35%	2.34%	5.74%	4.03%	4.60%
All	5.27%	2.81%	3.79%	2.50%	3.59%

Total Attrition - 2013-14

COM	1st Yr. Enrollment	2nd Yr. Enrollment	3rd Yr. Enrollment	4th Yr. Enrollment	Total Enrollment
1	0.87%	0.89%	1.04%	1.14%	0.97%
2	7.39%	2.58%	0.53%	0.00%	2.82%
3	9.41%	8.55%	4.64%	0.00%	5.77%
4	6.29%	8.05%	8.03%	1.45%	6.00%
5	0.88%	0.00%	3.72%	0.88%	1.36%
6	7.01%	2.45%	3.70%	0.83%	3.60%
7	1.38%	1.54%	0.81%	0.88%	1.17%
8	2.23%	1.56%	0.83%	1.67%	1.65%
9	9.01%	4.00%	7.14%	0.00%	5.20%
10	3.62%	2.19%	2.27%	0.00%	2.01%
11	2.12%	0.55%	2.17%	2.58%	1.87%
12	9.22%	2.33%	1.54%	1.37%	4.02%
13	1.45%	2.88%	2.17%	3.88%	2.57%
14	0.70%	0.00%	2.82%	1.39%	1.10%
15	4.33%	0.32%	2.41%	0.00%	1.83%
16	6.23%	0.66%	5.00%	0.00%	2.92%
17	5.51%	3.67%	3.32%	1.64%	3.56%
18	4.32%	1.48%	5.38%	2.16%	3.31%
19	2.42%	1.23%	2.62%	4.33%	2.48%
20	0.78%	1.56%	9.40%	14.86%	6.62%
21	3.83%	1.76%	1.14%	0.64%	1.90%
22	10.60%	3.78%	1.99%	3.74%	5.14%
23	1.94%	1.99%	5.94%	1.03%	2.74%
24	4.04%	2.43%	1.78%	1.05%	2.36%
25	0.93%	2.83%	1.82%	2.80%	2.09%
26	11.20%	5.42%	4.32%	0.00%	6.03%
27	2.44%	3.11%	2.04%	1.23%	2.21%
28	4.62%	1.32%	1.71%	1.45%	2.32%
29	3.55%	2.90%	2.50%	1.37%	2.78%
All	4.42%	2.48%	3.20%	1.81%	3.05%

Total Attrition - 2014-15

COM	1st Yr. Enrollment	2nd Yr. Enrollment	3rd Yr. Enrollment	4th Yr. Enrollment	Total Enrollment
1	4.60%	0.32%	1.03%	0.00%	1.56%
2	2.82%	0.51%	1.06%	4.15%	2.21%
3	2.96%	2.82%	1.53%	0.00%	2.06%
4	2.07%	2.14%	0.00%	0.74%	1.31%
5	4.62%	5.18%	2.53%	0.92%	3.35%
6	2.27%	2.44%	11.16%	10.69%	6.65%
7	1.35%	3.11%	3.35%	0.92%	2.17%
8	4.64%	2.16%	2.59%	1.32%	2.70%
9	0.91%	2.83%	1.90%	0.87%	1.61%
10	3.07%	0.00%	6.96%	0.00%	2.52%
11	5.95%	0.65%	3.07%	3.18%	3.27%
12	10.34%	3.01%	4.00%	0.00%	4.55%
13	2.61%	0.00%	0.00%	1.06%	0.93%
14	7.69%	0.75%	0.37%	0.38%	2.39%
15	2.90%	0.51%	2.49%	0.98%	1.73%
16	5.81%	2.71%	1.70%	4.13%	3.63%
17	9.03%	4.35%	7.59%	11.97%	8.26%
18	2.96%	5.15%	0.00%	0.00%	2.05%
19	13.16%	6.67%	4.85%	0.00%	6.47%
20	2.07%	0.00%	0.00%	2.78%	1.16%
21	16.34%	3.86%	1.54%	0.00%	6.45%
22	3.30%	0.57%	6.03%	0.00%	2.36%
23	6.72%	1.88%	1.93%	0.29%	2.80%
24	1.60%	1.60%	3.33%	0.52%	1.74%
25	2.59%	1.14%	2.78%	0.00%	1.66%
26	4.55%	1.02%	2.07%	1.05%	2.19%
27	11.91%	4.17%	8.17%	3.36%	6.96%
28	4.82%	3.21%	1.32%	0.00%	2.41%
29	3.57%	3.65%	1.47%	0.00%	2.49%
30	2.23%	1.15%	1.65%	1.27%	1.59%
All	4.98%	2.25%	2.88%	1.69%	3.04%

Total Attrition - 2015-16

COM	1st Yr. Enrollment	2nd Yr. Enrollment	3rd Yr. Enrollment	4th Yr. Enrollment	Total Enrollment
1	0.83%	1.06%	2.26%	0.65%	1.12%
2	0.73%	0.74%	1.43%	1.50%	1.10%
3	1.06%	2.70%	2.65%	1.09%	1.88%
4	3.40%	0.32%	1.01%	0.34%	1.30%
5	8.45%	2.94%	0.81%	1.60%	3.61%
6	2.67%	3.23%	2.74%	3.24%	2.96%
7	1.11%	0.00%	2.10%	1.54%	0.99%
8	7.42%	1.85%	2.28%	0.00%	2.97%
9	5.49%	3.51%	2.19%	2.65%	3.48%
10	3.60%	1.06%	0.54%	0.58%	1.49%
11	11.97%	10.77%	2.19%	0.00%	6.39%
12	7.74%	3.23%	0.00%	0.00%	2.85%
13	3.57%	0.00%	0.00%	1.35%	1.21%
14	2.82%	3.78%	3.03%	0.82%	2.77%
15	0.00%	2.00%	1.55%	0.52%	1.02%
16	1.77%	0.00%	1.80%	1.87%	1.36%
17	8.09%	2.94%	6.82%	4.93%	5.68%
18	4.28%	1.56%	2.86%	1.28%	2.52%
19	2.45%	0.00%	9.43%	1.25%	3.27%
20	4.60%	3.27%	1.89%	3.11%	3.25%
21	0.78%	1.54%	10.20%	7.35%	4.88%
22	2.40%	2.01%	2.02%	2.48%	2.23%
23	0.93%	2.73%	2.94%	0.92%	1.86%
24	0.00%	2.89%	0.53%	1.19%	1.14%
25	11.59%	4.08%	4.06%	1.65%	5.46%
26	10.67%	20.49%	0.00%	2.09%	8.88%
27	1.87%	1.90%	3.07%	2.86%	2.41%
28	12.50%	5.05%	12.38%	22.73%	12.87%
29	3.47%	3.02%	2.40%	0.93%	2.48%
30	2.78%	1.90%	2.04%	4.33%	2.77%
All	4.30%	3.02%	2.91%	2.49%	3.21%

Total Attrition - 2016-17

COM	1st Yr. Enrollment	2nd Yr. Enrollment	3rd Yr. Enrollment	4th Yr. Enrollment	Total Enrollment
1	1.20%	0.00%	1.06%	0.70%	0.74%
2	11.04%	6.05%	3.13%	3.85%	6.02%
3	6.07%	5.86%	2.99%	0.00%	3.79%
4	1.45%	0.49%	1.50%	0.51%	0.99%
5	2.33%	2.82%	52.31%	5.11%	16.10%
6	2.49%	0.31%	1.70%	0.00%	1.26%
7	1.67%	1.83%	4.35%	0.00%	2.02%
8	1.33%	2.20%	5.09%	1.83%	2.60%
9	8.10%	2.81%	0.00%	0.91%	3.06%
10	3.31%	0.00%	8.02%	0.60%	2.90%
11	2.86%	3.08%	0.75%	4.90%	2.93%
12	4.63%	4.76%	2.78%	1.90%	3.52%
13	3.57%	6.54%	5.88%	2.30%	4.66%
14	2.38%	4.40%	2.00%	0.00%	2.31%
15	11.35%	9.92%	0.74%	1.68%	6.07%
16	1.51%	1.51%	0.51%	1.05%	1.15%
17	4.64%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	1.23%
18	3.58%	0.27%	0.56%	0.53%	1.27%
19	1.85%	6.33%	5.77%	7.14%	5.24%
20	2.40%	2.62%	0.77%	2.08%	1.98%
21	5.00%	3.05%	2.86%	0.00%	2.75%
22	2.33%	1.20%	1.64%	0.63%	1.46%
23	3.35%	3.48%	3.96%	0.91%	2.95%
24	4.71%	3.85%	1.90%	0.00%	2.74%
25	3.17%	2.17%	1.09%	1.05%	1.87%
26	5.36%	1.10%	4.14%	1.13%	2.95%
27	3.70%	3.53%	2.55%	0.63%	2.66%
28	3.68%	1.27%	4.38%	3.68%	3.26%
29	4.76%	1.90%	0.00%	0.00%	1.73%
30	7.86%	4.55%	3.01%	3.10%	4.68%
31	2.31%	4.31%	1.60%	2.87%	2.78%
32	1.68%	0.60%	0.53%	0.00%	0.71%
33	1.40%	2.79%	2.71%	1.52%	2.13%
All	3.85%	2.90%	3.95%	1.53%	3.11%

Total Attrition - 2017-18

COM	1st Yr. Enrollment	2nd Yr. Enrollment	3rd Yr. Enrollment	4th Yr. Enrollment	Total Enrollment
1	4.38%	2.88%	1.55%	2.99%	2.97%
2	3.49%	5.49%	21.07%	10.19%	9.90%
3	5.40%	2.18%	1.51%	1.50%	2.68%
4	4.79%	0.00%	0.00%	1.35%	1.57%
5	5.67%	11.34%	17.65%	2.60%	9.33%
6	4.64%	0.26%	1.99%	1.58%	2.14%
7	3.14%	2.27%	7.02%	0.47%	3.28%
8	3.59%	2.08%	1.53%	1.18%	2.08%
9	1.44%	2.44%	1.49%	1.02%	1.60%
10	2.44%	2.59%	3.51%	0.95%	2.40%
11	2.71%	1.89%	5.47%	0.81%	2.73%
12	4.44%	1.65%	2.86%	3.31%	3.06%
13	2.89%	3.77%	1.23%	1.38%	0.47%
14	4.00%	0.60%	0.61%	0.00%	1.26%
15	1.78%	1.82%	1.72%	1.49%	1.70%
16	1.58%	0.23%	0.92%	0.35%	0.81%
17	8.33%	5.13%	5.59%	0.00%	5.00%
18	6.44%	2.17%	4.06%	1.55%	3.60%
19	1.98%	0.41%	0.43%	0.51%	0.87%
20	6.99%	3.70%	0.00%	4.17%	3.79%
21	2.79%	0.00%	0.56%	0.00%	0.85%
22	17.72%	3.36%	5.72%	1.06%	7.20%
23	2.47%	0.63%	4.22%	3.38%	2.68%
24	2.11%	5.10%	1.85%	0.00%	2.25%
25	4.26%	1.07%	3.49%	0.00%	2.30%
26	2.75%	0.00%	0.93%	0.92%	1.17%
27	3.17%	5.73%	1.19%	1.59%	3.02%
28	0.70%	8.40%	3.03%	2.76%	3.64%
29	1.65%	2.70%	1.75%	0.90%	1.75%
30	1.61%	1.59%	2.20%	0.54%	1.48%
31	2.33%	2.50%	6.29%	0.00%	2.78%
32	6.42%	0.91%	3.77%	2.30%	3.40%
33	6.07%	1.97%	5.50%	1.42%	3.78%
34	9.86%	6.57%	5.34%	4.84%	6.74%
All	4.24%	2.75%	3.71%	1.68%	3.07%

Total Attrition - 2018-19

COM	1st Yr. Enrollment	2nd Yr. Enrollment	3rd Yr. Enrollment	4th Yr. Enrollment	Total Enrollment
1	3.43%	1.47%	2.97%	1.97%	1.60%
2	4.85%	1.92%	4.43%	0.00%	2.81%
3	3.74%	0.77%	2.14%	0.77%	2.04%
4	2.58%	2.44%	2.44%	3.75%	2.80%
5	1.38%	1.55%	0.48%	2.95%	1.49%
6	2.38%	0.88%	1.68%	0.00%	1.28%
7	6.10%	1.92%	0.00%	0.00%	2.04%
8	6.50%	1.57%	3.31%	0.50%	2.98%
9	4.69%	4.03%	9.38%	3.70%	5.48%
10	2.68%	1.83%	1.83%	0.00%	1.58%
11	0.00%	5.16%	1.24%	0.66%	1.74%
12	7.09%	4.41%	2.11%	0.83%	3.70%
13	4.14%	1.42%	0.00%	0.00%	1.39%
14	7.17%	8.12%	5.56%	0.83%	5.41%
15	4.32%	1.14%	2.65%	2.19%	2.59%
16	7.44%	4.15%	6.76%	1.33%	4.88%
17	2.03%	1.73%	0.47%	0.87%	1.30%
18	3.67%	1.89%	0.00%	0.00%	1.40%
19	2.37%	0.00%	3.70%	2.42%	2.15%
20	5.91%	2.72%	0.00%	2.16%	2.76%
21	10.23%	1.92%	3.16%	3.13%	4.77%
22	2.89%	0.63%	0.00%	0.00%	0.92%
23	7.51%	1.96%	3.99%	3.81%	4.51%
24	6.38%	2.21%	3.97%	2.19%	3.70%
25	2.67%	0.61%	2.01%	2.97%	2.07%
26	1.56%	3.13%	10.16%	3.38%	4.58%
27	12.15%	0.70%	14.55%	1.33%	7.47%
28	3.62%	0.74%	4.58%	2.13%	2.75%
29	3.25%	0.74%	5.04%	0.00%	2.29%
30	6.11%	1.45%	1.76%	2.24%	3.25%
31	2.17%	0.60%	0.55%	0.00%	0.85%
32	2.26%	0.00%	2.47%	0.41%	1.32%
33	7.34%	2.04%	0.00%	2.15%	2.90%
34	11.18%	6.34%	5.16%	0.00%	5.82%
35	1.69%	1.62%	0.00%	1.70%	1.27%
All	4.71%	2.13%	3.11%	1.42%	2.89%