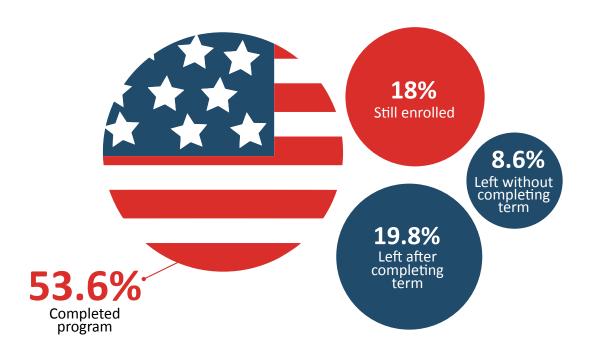


Veterans benefits help students succeed

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Academic outcomes of student veterans using Post 9/11 GI Bill benefits



Source: Student Veterans of America, "National Veteran Education Success Tracker: A Report on the Academic Success of Student Veterans Using the Post 9/11 GI Bill," 2017.



In August 2009, student veterans started using Post 9/11 GI benefits toward their postsecondary education. To gauge how well these students do, data from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs was matched to National Student Clearinghouse enrollment and completion data. The results show that about seven out of 10 student veterans using the benefits (71.6 percent) completed or were progressing in their programs between August 2009 and December 2013. More than half (53.6 percent) finished their program, while 18 percent were still enrolled. Of the veterans still enrolled, more than one-third attended public two-year institutions; slightly more than a quarter were in for-profit institutions.

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