

# INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY 

## Withdrawing Students

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## Summary

Student retention continues to be a focal point for Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology (OSUIT). The OSUIT Retention Task Force promoted efforts to determine why students leave the university without completing their programs of study; as we identify actionable reasons for these withdrawals, resources are focused on correcting conditions leading to these withdrawals. By minimizing deterrents, retention of our student population should improve. Work continues to determine the forces that influence students leading them to decide to withdraw from school. The Withdrawal Survey continues to play a part in these efforts.

## Survey Design

The Institutional Research Office received 288 completed Student Withdrawal Request Forms that include Withdrawal Survey data for academic year 2022-2023. Please note that the Student Withdrawal Request Form has two parts: The front page, the Student Withdrawal Request Form, provides the Registrar's Office with essential contact information, an explanation of reasons for withdrawal, and signatures of required contacts prior to withdrawal. On the back of the form is the Withdrawal Survey, used by the Office of Institutional Research, to collect additional information such as intent to return, access to and use of services, and feedback on ways to help students stay in school. Although some of the information from the Student Withdrawal Request Form (front page) is useful for institutional research purposes, most of the information reported herein is based on responses to the Withdrawal Survey on the back of the form.

## Withdrawal Survey Findings (Institutional Research Office)

This report contains data in the form of tables and visualizations that covers the overall results (appendix A), disaggregated results by students who canceled and those who withdrew (appendix B). A six-year comparison analysis is also provided (appendix C).

The census date refers to the day after the deadline when a student in full-term classes can withdraw with a full refund of tuition and fees. Census day also marks the day when institutions take an official preliminary headcount for the term. Most cancellations and withdrawals occurred during the fall 2022 semester ( $48.26 \%$ ). Side-by-side comparison of the respondents by semester generally reflect enrollment patterns with more students canceling/withdrawing during semesters with the largest enrollment. The number of students who canceled before census (57.29\%) was higher than those who withdrew after census (42.71\%).

The Withdrawal Survey provides respondents with a checklist of potential student issues that help to identify the factors that led to their withdrawal from school. The majority of responses to potential re-enrollment were made up of Yes, next term (30.56\%), Unknown (29.86\%), and No (21.53\%). Overall, (46.88\%) of respondents reported they intended to re-enroll at OSUIT at some point. Initially, (87.15\%) came to OSUIT with the intention of graduating.

The most cited checklist reasons for leaving included Personal reasons (128 responses), Work/jobrelated (102 responses), Financial reasons (88 responses), Family reasons ( 76 responses), and Health Reasons (53). The survey also asks about students' thier access and usage of support services during their time at OSUIT. The response options were changed slightly on the most recently revised survey form to provide more response options; see Appendix A for a complete listing of responses and refer to Appendix C for the previous response options.

## Canceled vs. Withdrawn Students

Students who canceled were a slightly less engaged in some of the processes thought to affect retention, particularly when seeking tutoring or the advice of an academic advisor. On the other hand, since cancelling classes occurs before or early in the term, some may have less opportunity to engage in these services. The three most prevalent Major reasons for withdrawal are (in order of frequency)

- Personal
- Work/job-related
- Financial

The three most prevalent Major reasons for cancelation are (in order of frequency)

- Personal
- Work/job-related
- Financial

Upon deciding to leave school:

- $3.06 \%$ of canceled students vs. $8.06 \%$ of withdrawn students engaged in tutoring services.
- $5.29 \%$ of canceled students vs. $3.88 \%$ of withdrawn students sought counseling.
- $41.21 \%$ of canceled students vs. $48.82 \%$ of withdrawn students talked to their academic advisor.
- $27.49 \%$ of canceled students vs. $25.40 \%$ of withdrawn students talked to a financial aid counselor.

When asked how we could have helped them stay in school:

- $7.48 \%$ of canceled students and $6.25 \%$ of withdrawn students suggested more scholarships/grants.
- $5.44 \%$ of canceled students and $1.79 \%$ of withdrawn students suggested more online courses.
- $5.44 \%$ of canceled students and $6.25 \%$ withdrawn students suggested more flexible schedule.
- The largest portions, $80.27 \%$ of canceled students and $82.14 \%$ of withdrawn students reported that nothing could be done, they could not be helped to stay in school.


## Multi-Year Trend Analysis

Appendix C contains a six-year data comparison which covers academic years 2017-2018 through 2022-2023. Adjustments to the Withdrawal Survey items, are noted above and below affected tables. Due to a lack of standardization of response options year-over-year, longitudinal data analysis has become less informative on some questions.

## Key Points

- Over the past six years, the Fall term has consistently had the largest number of cancels and withdrawals, which seems to be proportionate due to traditionally higher enrollment for the term.
- Every year cancels made up the largest type of withdrawal by response percentage.
- Most students who choose to withdraw or cancel state they intend to return to OSUIT at some point. In the past three years, the percent of students who say they will not return has steadily declined.
- However, since the addition of the Undecided response to the survey in 2021, its percentage of selection has either met or been higher than the No response.
- Financial reasons generally has remained one of the primary reasons for withdrawal over the past six years.
- However, over the past three years, conflict between job and school and family reasons have experienced a dramatic increases, almost meeting or surpassing financial reasons in the 2022 and 2023 surveys.
- Every year student support resources are consistently underutilized by students who choose to withdraw.

For open-ended comments and Other responses from prior years, please refer to the previous reports on the OSUIT Institutional Research website under the "Withdrawing Student Survey" tab.

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## Appendix A <br> Overall Results

Withdrawal Term

| Term | Count | Percent |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Summer 2022 | 51 | $17.71 \%$ |
| Fall 2022 | 138 | $47.92 \%$ |
| Spring 2023 | 99 | $34.38 \%$ |
| Total | 288 | $100.00 \%$ |



Cancel vs. Withdraw

| Type | Count | Percent |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Cancel (before census or | 165 | $57.29 \%$ |
| never attended) | 123 | $42.71 \%$ |
| Withdrawal (after census) | 288 | $100.00 \%$ |
| Total |  |  |



Do you plan to re-enroll at OSUIT?

| Response | Count | Percent |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| No | 5 | $1.74 \%$ |
| Unknown/Undecided | 62 | $21.53 \%$ |
| Yes, next term | 86 | $29.86 \%$ |
| Yes, within 2 or more years | 88 | $30.56 \%$ |
| Yes, within the next year | 12 | $4.17 \%$ |
| No Response | 35 | $12.15 \%$ |
| Total | 288 | $100.00 \%$ |



When you first came to OSUIT, were you planning to graduate?

| Response | Count | Percent |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| No Answer | 17 | $5.90 \%$ |
| No | 20 | $6.94 \%$ |
| Yes | 251 | $87.15 \%$ |
| Total | 288 | $100.00 \%$ |



Reasons for Withdrawal: Major and minor reasons shown as stacked bars "No Answer" was not included in the response calculations.



Did you use any of the Tutoring Services at the LASSO Center?
(Select one)

| Response | Count | Percent |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| No Answer | 14 | $4.86 \%$ |
| Could not meet with tutor during available <br> times | 5 | $1.74 \%$ |
| Did not attend | 126 | $43.75 \%$ |
| Did not know/forgot about tutoring | 11 | $3.82 \%$ |
| Did not need tutoring | 100 | $34.72 \%$ |
| Tutoring not available online or in area <br> needed | 12 | $4.17 \%$ |
| Yes | 20 | $6.94 \%$ |
| Total | 288 | $100.00 \%$ |



Did you use any of the Counseling Services?
(Select one)

| Response | Count | Percent |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| No Answer | 14 | $4.86 \%$ |
| Could not meet with counselor during <br> available times | 4 | $1.39 \%$ |
| Did not attend | 126 | $43.75 \%$ |
| Did not know/forgot about counseling | 11 | $3.82 \%$ |
| Did not need counseling | 117 | $40.63 \%$ |
| Online counseling not available | 3 | $1.04 \%$ |
| Yes | 13 | $4.51 \%$ |
| Total | 288 | $100.00 \%$ |


0.00\% 10.00\% 20.00\% 30.00\% 40.00\% 50.00\%

Did you talk to a Financial Aid Counselor?
(Select one)

| Response | Count | Percent |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| No Answer | 18 | $6.25 \%$ |
| Could not meet with FA counselor during <br> available times | 9 | $3.13 \%$ |
| Did not attend | 97 | $33.68 \%$ |
| Did not know/forgot about financial aid | 14 | $4.86 \%$ |
| Did not receive financial aid | 5 | $1.74 \%$ |
| Did not need financial aid | 60 | $20.83 \%$ |
| Financial Aid did not respond to phone | 5 | $1.74 \%$ |
| calls or emails | 80 | $27.78 \%$ |
| Yes | 288 | $100.00 \%$ |
| Total |  |  |

## How could we have helped you stay in school?



The response of "Other" was removed from the most recent version of the survey.
Due to multiple responses on paper forms the Total Count may differ from the total number of survey respondents.

| Response | Count | Percent |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| No Answer | 37 | $12.63 \%$ |
| More flexible schedules | 15 | $5.12 \%$ |
| Increase tutoring hours | 3 | $1.02 \%$ |
| More scholarships/grants | 18 | $6.14 \%$ |
| More online courses | 8 | $2.73 \%$ |
| More counseling services | 4 | $1.37 \%$ |
| Nothing/Could not be helped | 208 | $70.99 \%$ |
| Total Responses | 293 | $100.00 \%$ |




Any comments or suggestions?

Thematic Analysis of Responses
Any comments or suggestions?


Appendix B
Cancel vs. Withdraw Analysis 2022-2023

Withdrawal Term

| Term | Cancel Count | Percent | Withdrawal Count | Percent |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Summer 2022 | 26 | $15.76 \%$ | 25 | $20.33 \%$ |
| Fall 2022 | 89 | $53.94 \%$ | 49 | $39.84 \%$ |
| Spring 2023 | 50 | $30.30 \%$ | 49 | $39.84 \%$ |
| Total | 165 | $100.00 \%$ | 123 | $100.00 \%$ |



Do you plan to re-enroll at OSUIT?

| Response | Cancel Count | Cancel Percent | Withdrawal Count | Withdrawal Percent |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| No Answer | 4 | $2.42 \%$ | 1 | $0.81 \%$ |
| No | 39 | $23.64 \%$ | 23 | $18.70 \%$ |
| Unknown/Undecided | 49 | $29.70 \%$ | 37 | $30.08 \%$ |
| Yes, next term | 48 | $29.09 \%$ | 40 | $32.52 \%$ |


| Response | Cancel Count | Cancel Percent | Withdrawal Count | Withdrawal Percent |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Yes, within 2 or more years | 5 | $3.03 \%$ | 7 | $5.69 \%$ |
| Yes, within the next year | 20 | $12.12 \%$ | 15 | $12.20 \%$ |
| Grand Total | 165 | $100.00 \%$ | 123 | $100.00 \%$ |



When you first came to OSUIT, were you planning to graduate?

| Response | Cancel Count | Cancel Percent | Withdrawal Count | Withdrawal Percent |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| No Answer | 11 | $6.67 \%$ | 6 | $4.88 \%$ |
| No | 10 | $6.06 \%$ | 10 | $8.13 \%$ |
| Yes | 144 | $87.27 \%$ | 107 | $86.99 \%$ |
| Total | 165 | $100.00 \%$ | 123 | $100.00 \%$ |



Reasons for withdrawal (select ALL that apply)
*Due to multiple responses on paper forms the Total Count may differ from the total number of survey respondents. "No Answer" was not included in the response calculations.

## Major Reasons: Cancel vs. Withdraw

| Response | Cancel Major Reasons Count | Withdraw Major Reason Count | Cancel Major Reason Percent | Withdraw Major Reason Percent |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Academic suspension | 2 | 4 | 0.72\% | 2.05\% |
| Changing major/major not offered | 14 | 16 | 5.02\% | 8.21\% |
| Coursework was not challenging | 2 | 2 | 0.72\% | 1.03\% |
| Coursework was too difficult | 2 | 7 | 0.72\% | 3.59\% |
| Lack of quality instruction | 6 | 3 | 2.15\% | 1.54\% |
| Class scheduling issues | 19 | 7 | 6.81\% | 3.59\% |
| Unhelpful/unfriendly faculty | 7 | 2 | 2.51\% | 1.03\% |
| Transferring | 21 | 5 | 7.53\% | 2.56\% |
| Financial reasons | 38 | 24 | 13.62\% | 12.31\% |
| Health reasons | 17 | 18 | 6.09\% | 9.23\% |
| Housing/roommate issues | 5 | 3 | 1.79\% | 1.54\% |
| Family reasons | 28 | 23 | 10.04\% | 11.79\% |
| Work/job-related | 46 | 24 | 16.49\% | 12.31\% |
| Moving/relocation | 16 | 9 | 5.73\% | 4.62\% |
| Personal reasons | 51 | 47 | 18.28\% | 24.10\% |
| Unhelpful/unfriendly staff | 5 | 1 | 1.79\% | 0.51\% |
| Total | 279 | 195 | 100.00\% | 100.00\% |




Minor Reasons: Cancel vs. Withdraw

| Response | Cancel minor Reason Count | Withdraw minor Reason Count | Cancel minor Reason Percent | Withdraw minor Reason Percent |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Academic suspension | 2 | 1 | 1.69\% | 1.10\% |
| Changing major/major not offered | 6 | 1 | 5.08\% | 1.10\% |
| Coursework was not challenging | 3 | 2 | 2.54\% | 2.20\% |
| Coursework was too difficult | 5 | 6 | 4.24\% | 6.59\% |
| Lack of quality instruction | 4 | 5 | 3.39\% | 5.49\% |
| Class scheduling issues | 6 | 5 | 5.08\% | 5.49\% |
| Unhelpful/unfriendly faculty | 2 | 3 | 1.69\% | 3.30\% |
| Transferring | 4 | 1 | 3.39\% | 1.10\% |
| Financial reasons | 16 | 10 | 13.56\% | 10.99\% |
| Health reasons | 6 | 12 | 5.08\% | 13.19\% |
| Housing/roommate issues | 4 | 1 | 3.39\% | 1.10\% |
| Family reasons | 15 | 10 | 12.71\% | 10.99\% |
| Work/job-related | 19 | 13 | 16.10\% | 14.29\% |
| Moving/relocation | 6 | 6 | 5.08\% | 6.59\% |
| Personal reasons | 18 | 12 | 15.25\% | 13.19\% |
| Unhelpful/unfriendly staff | 2 | 3 | 1.69\% | 3.30\% |
| Total | 118 | 91 | 100.00\% | 100.00\% |



## Usage of Student Support Resources

Due to multiple responses on paper forms, the Total Count may differ from the total number of survey respondents.
Did you use any of the Tutoring Services at the LASSO Center? (Select one)

| Response | Cancel <br> Count | Cancel <br> Percent | Withdraw <br> Count | Withdraw <br> Percent |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes | 10 | $6.06 \%$ | 10 | $8.06 \%$ |
| Tutoring not available online or in area needed | 3 | $1.82 \%$ | 9 | $7.26 \%$ |
| No Answer | 5 | $3.03 \%$ | 9 | $7.26 \%$ |
| Did not need tutoring | 61 | $36.97 \%$ | 39 | $31.45 \%$ |
| Did not know/forgot about tutoring | 3 | $1.82 \%$ | 8 | $6.45 \%$ |
| Did not attend | 80 | $48.48 \%$ | 47 | $37.90 \%$ |
| Could not meet with tutor during available times | 3 | $1.82 \%$ | 2 | $1.61 \%$ |
| Total | 165 | $100.00 \%$ | 124 | $100.00 \%$ |



Did you use any of the Counseling Services? (Select one)

| Response | Cancel <br> Count | Cancel <br> Percent | Withdraw <br> Count | Withdraw <br> Percent |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes | 9 | $5.29 \%$ | 5 | $3.88 \%$ |
| Online counseling not available | 1 | $0.59 \%$ | 2 | $1.55 \%$ |
| No Answer | 6 | $3.53 \%$ | 8 | $6.20 \%$ |
| Did not need counseling | 69 | $40.59 \%$ | 48 | $37.21 \%$ |
| Did not know/forgot about counseling | 3 | $1.76 \%$ | 8 | $6.20 \%$ |
| Did not attend | 76 | $44.71 \%$ | 50 | $38.76 \%$ |
| Could not meet with counselor during available times | 6 | $3.53 \%$ | 8 | $6.20 \%$ |
| Total | 170 | $100.00 \%$ | 129 | $100.00 \%$ |



Did you talk to your Academic Advisor about withdrawing? (Select one)

| Response | Cancel <br> Count | Cancel <br> Percent | Withdraw <br> Count | Withdraw <br> Percent |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes | 68 | $41.21 \%$ | 62 | $48.82 \%$ |
| No Answer | 11 | $6.67 \%$ | 10 | $7.87 \%$ |
| Did not need advising | 39 | $23.64 \%$ | 27 | $21.26 \%$ |
| Did not know/forgot about advising | 3 | $1.82 \%$ | 4 | $3.15 \%$ |
| Did not attend | 38 | $23.03 \%$ | 23 | $18.11 \%$ |
| Could not meet with advisor during available hours | 3 | $1.82 \%$ | 1 | $0.79 \%$ |
| Advisor did not respond to phone calls or emails | 3 | $1.82 \%$ | 0 | $0.00 \%$ |
| Total | 165 | $100.00 \%$ | 127 | $100.00 \%$ |



Did you talk to a Financial Aid Counselor? (Select one)

| Response | Cancel <br> Count | Cancel <br> Percent | Withdraw <br> Count | Withdraw <br> Percent |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes | 47 | $27.49 \%$ | 32 | $25.40 \%$ |
| No Answer | 8 | $4.68 \%$ | 10 | $7.94 \%$ |
| Financial Aid did not respond to phone calls or emails | 5 | $2.92 \%$ | 0 | $0.00 \%$ |
| Did not receive financial aid | 1 | $0.58 \%$ | 4 | $3.17 \%$ |
| Did not know/forgot about financial aid | 9 | $5.26 \%$ | 6 | $4.76 \%$ |
| Did not attend | 57 | $33.33 \%$ | 40 | $31.75 \%$ |
| Could not meet with FA counselor during available times | 8 | $4.68 \%$ | 10 | $7.94 \%$ |
| Did not need financial aid | 36 | $21.05 \%$ | 24 | $19.05 \%$ |



How could we have helped you stay in school?
*Due to multiple responses on paper forms the Total Count may differ from the total number of survey respondents. The answer of "Other" was eliminated as response selection on the most recent survey version.

| Response | Cancel <br> Count | Cancel <br> Percent | Withdraw <br> Count | Withdraw <br> Percent |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| More flexible schedule | 8 | $5.44 \%$ | 7 | $6.25 \%$ |
| Increase tutoring hours | 2 | $1.36 \%$ | 1 | $0.89 \%$ |
| More online courses | 8 | $5.44 \%$ | 2 | $1.79 \%$ |
| More counseling services | 0 | $0.00 \%$ | 3 | $2.68 \%$ |
| More scholarships/grants | 11 | $7.48 \%$ | 7 | $6.25 \%$ |
| Nothing/Could not be helped | 118 | $80.27 \%$ | 92 | $82.14 \%$ |
| Total | 147 | $100.00 \%$ | 112 | $100.00 \%$ |



## Any comments or suggestions?

Thematic Analysis with Cancel vs. Withdraw Side-by-Side Comparison Any comments or suggestions?

- Withdrawal (after census) Cancel (before census or never attended)



## Appendix C

Six-year comparisons

Withdrawal Term

| Responses | $\mathbf{1 7 - 1 8}$ | $\mathbf{1 8 - 1 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 9 - 2 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 - 2 1}$ | $\mathbf{2 1 - 2 2}$ | $\mathbf{2 2 - 2 3}$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Summer | $26.02 \%$ | $14.81 \%$ | $25.63 \%$ | $25.52 \%$ | $26.14 \%$ | $\mathbf{1 7 . 7 1 \%}$ |
| Fall | $54.47 \%$ | $52.47 \%$ | $47.81 \%$ | $44.48 \%$ | $48.02 \%$ | $47.92 \%$ |
| Spring | $19.51 \%$ | $32.72 \%$ | $26.56 \%$ | $30.00 \%$ | $25.83 \%$ | $34.38 \%$ |
| (Did not answer) | $0.00 \%$ | $0.00 \%$ | $0.00 \%$ | $0.00 \%$ | $0.00 \%$ | $0.00 \%$ |
| Total Responses | $\mathbf{2 4 6}$ | $\mathbf{3 2 4}$ | $\mathbf{3 2 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 9 0}$ | $\mathbf{3 2 9}$ | $\mathbf{2 8 8}$ |

WITHDRAWALS BY TERM YEAR-OVER-YEAR TREND


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| Responses | $\mathbf{1 7 - 1 8}$ | $\mathbf{1 8 - 1 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 9 - 2 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 - 2 1}$ | $\mathbf{2 1 - 2 2}$ | $\mathbf{2 2 - 2 3}$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Cancel | $58.54 \%$ | $58.02 \%$ | $56.88 \%$ | $62.41 \%$ | $51.67 \%$ | $57.29 \%$ |
| Withdrawal | $36.99 \%$ | $41.98 \%$ | $43.13 \%$ | $37.59 \%$ | $48.33 \%$ | $42.71 \%$ |
| (Did not answer) | $4.47 \%$ | $0.00 \%$ | $0.00 \%$ | $0.00 \%$ | $0.00 \%$ | $0.00 \%$ |
| Total Responses | $\mathbf{2 4 6}$ | $\mathbf{3 2 4}$ | $\mathbf{3 2 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 9 0}$ | $\mathbf{3 2 9}$ | $\mathbf{2 8 8}$ |



Do you plan to return to OSUIT? (Starting 21-22; Do you plan to re-enroll at OSUIT?)
*This question was re-worded and additional response options were added to the 21-22 survey. Percentages are a consolidation of responses.

| Responses | $\mathbf{1 7 - 1 8}$ | $\mathbf{1 8 - 1 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 9 - 2 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 - 2 1}$ | $\mathbf{2 1 - 2 2}$ | $\mathbf{2 2 - 2 3}$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Yes | $48.37 \%$ | $62.04 \%$ | $54.38 \%$ | $46.55 \%$ | $50.76 \%$ | $64.57 \%$ |
| No | $46.75 \%$ | $35.49 \%$ | $42.50 \%$ | $29.31 \%$ | $23.40 \%$ | $1.74 \%$ |
| (Did not answer) | $0.00 \%$ | $0.00 \%$ | $0.00 \%$ | $0.00 \%$ | $24.32 \%$ | $\mathbf{2 1 . 5 3} \%$ |
| Unknown/Undecided | $4.88 \%$ | $2.47 \%$ | $3.13 \%$ | $24.14 \%$ | $1.52 \%$ | $\mathbf{1 2 . 1 5} \%$ |
| Total Responses | $\mathbf{2 4 6}$ | $\mathbf{3 2 4}$ | $\mathbf{3 2 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 9 0}$ | $\mathbf{3 2 9}$ | $\mathbf{2 8 8}$ |

DO YOU PLAN TO RETURN TO OSUIT? YEAR-OVER-YEAR


When you first came to OSUIT, were you planning to graduate?
*This question did not include "Undecided" as a response option on the 21-22 survey.

| Responses | $\mathbf{1 7 - 1 8}$ | $\mathbf{1 8 - 1 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 9 - 2 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 - 2 1}$ | $\mathbf{2 1 - 2 2}$ | $\mathbf{2 2 - 2 3}$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Yes | $84.96 \%$ | $87.04 \%$ | $84.69 \%$ | $72.07 \%$ | $87.84 \%$ | $87.15 \%$ |
| No | $4.88 \%$ | $5.86 \%$ | $4.38 \%$ | $6.90 \%$ | $5.47 \%$ | $6.94 \%$ |
| Undecided | $8.94 \%$ | $4.94 \%$ | $8.75 \%$ | $7.93 \%$ | $0.00 \%$ | $5.90 \%$ |
| (Did not answer) | $1.22 \%$ | $2.16 \%$ | $\mathbf{2 . 1 9} \%$ | $13.10 \%$ | $6.69 \%$ | $0.00 \%$ |
| Total Responses | $\mathbf{2 4 6}$ | $\mathbf{3 2 4}$ | $\mathbf{3 2 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 9 0}$ | $\mathbf{3 2 9}$ | $\mathbf{2 8 8}$ |



## Reasons for Withdrawal (Mark all that apply.)

Many of the response options were changed for this question between the 19-20 and 21-22 surveys, making it increasingly difficult to chart with consistency. Therefore, a visualization is not included for this table.
Multiple answers per participant possible. Percentages based on number of responses, not respondents.
"No Answer" was not included in the response calculations for 21-22 or 22-23.

| Responses | $\mathbf{1 7 - 1 8}$ | $\mathbf{1 8 - 1 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 9 - 2 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 - 2 1}$ | $\mathbf{2 1 - 2 2}$ | $\mathbf{2 2 - 2 3}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| (Did not answer) | $0.00 \%$ | $0.00 \%$ | $0.00 \%$ | $20.34 \%$ |  |  |
| Academic suspension | $0.45 \%$ | $0.28 \%$ | $0.50 \%$ | $1.00 \%$ | $1.66 \%$ | $1.32 \%$ |
| Accepted full-time job | $8.64 \%$ | $5.77 \%$ | $4.79 \%$ | $0.00 \%$ |  |  |
| Conflict between job and school | $10.45 \%$ | $4.65 \%$ | $6.27 \%$ | $\mathbf{2 6 . 7 0} \%$ | $18.22 \%$ | $\mathbf{1 4 . 9 1 \%}$ |
| Could not find a job on campus | $0.00 \%$ | $0.28 \%$ | $0.50 \%$ | $0.00 \%$ |  |  |


| Responses | $\mathbf{1 7 - 1 8}$ | $\mathbf{1 8 - 1 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 9 - 2 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 - 2 1}$ | $\mathbf{2 1 - 2 2}$ | $\mathbf{2 2 - 2 3}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Coursework was not challenging | $0.45 \%$ | $0.56 \%$ | $0.00 \%$ | $0.70 \%$ | $0.89 \%$ | $1.32 \%$ |
| Coursework was too difficult | $6.36 \%$ | $1.83 \%$ | $2.31 \%$ | $17.60 \%$ | $3.69 \%$ | $2.92 \%$ |
| Did not budget correctly | $7.27 \%$ | $2.54 \%$ | $2.31 \%$ | $0.00 \%$ |  |  |
| Family reasons | $17.73 \%$ | $10.14 \%$ | $8.75 \%$ | $20.30 \%$ | $10.96 \%$ | $11.11 \%$ |
| Financial reasons | $19.09 \%$ | $8.17 \%$ | $10.73 \%$ | $29.00 \%$ | $11.97 \%$ | $12.87 \%$ |
| Financial suspension | $5.91 \%$ | $1.41 \%$ | $1.16 \%$ | $0.00 \%$ |  |  |
| Health reasons | $9.09 \%$ | $5.77 \%$ | $4.62 \%$ | $14.80 \%$ | $8.28 \%$ | $7.75 \%$ |
| Home sick | $4.55 \%$ | $1.13 \%$ | $0.66 \%$ | $0.00 \%$ |  |  |
| Housing/roommate issues | $0.91 \%$ | $0.85 \%$ | $0.83 \%$ | $1.70 \%$ | $1.27 \%$ | $1.90 \%$ |
| Lack of financial aid | $8.18 \%$ | $4.51 \%$ | $4.13 \%$ | $0.00 \%$ |  |  |
| Lack of quality of instruction | $0.91 \%$ | $1.55 \%$ | $2.31 \%$ | $7.60 \%$ | $3.95 \%$ | $2.63 \%$ |
| Lack of study skills needed | $2.73 \%$ | $0.85 \%$ | $1.49 \%$ | $0.00 \%$ |  |  |
| Learned all I wanted at this time | $2.27 \%$ | $0.70 \%$ | $0.66 \%$ | $0.00 \%$ |  |  |
| Major not offered at OSUIT | $1.36 \%$ | $1.69 \%$ | $1.82 \%$ | $3.10 \%$ | $3.69 \%$ | $5.41 \%$ |
| Moving/relocation | $9.09 \%$ | $3.52 \%$ | $2.97 \%$ | $6.90 \%$ | $3.95 \%$ | $5.41 \%$ |
| My job does not require more college | $0.91 \%$ | $0.42 \%$ | $1.49 \%$ | $0.00 \%$ |  |  |
| Other (please specify) | $20.45 \%$ | $9.15 \%$ | $10.56 \%$ | $0.00 \%$ |  |  |
| Scheduling issues | $13.18 \%$ | $3.94 \%$ | $3.30 \%$ | $12.80 \%$ | $5.73 \%$ | $5.41 \%$ |
| Taking a break from school | $13.18 \%$ | $7.32 \%$ | $6.93 \%$ | $0.00 \%$ |  |  |
| Too many requirements | $0.91 \%$ | $0.70 \%$ | $0.83 \%$ | $0.00 \%$ |  |  |
| Personal reasons* |  |  |  | $28.60 \%$ | $18.22 \%$ | $18.71 \%$ |
| Unhelpful/unfriendly faculty* |  |  |  | $3.10 \%$ | $1.78 \%$ | $2.05 \%$ |
| Unhelpful/unfriendly staff |  |  |  |  | $2.80 \%$ | $1.40 \%$ |
| Transferring |  |  |  |  | $4.33 \%$ | $4.53 \%$ |

*New or expanded category as of 2021 and 2022 surveys.
Additional response changes between the 19-20 survey and the 20-21 and 21-22 surveys

- Conflict between job and school -> Work/job-related
- Major not offered at OSUIT -> Changing major/major not offered
- Scheduling issues -> Class scheduling issues


## Usage of Student Support Resources

Multiple answers per participant possible. Percentages added may exceed 100 since a participant may select more than one answer for this question. 21-22 total percentage calculated against total number of selected responses, not total number of participants.

The 20-21 and 21-22 surveys provided a larger number of response options than previous years. Percentages listed here are consolidated and generalized from multiple responses.

Did you use any of the Tutoring Services at the LASSO Center?

| Responses | $\mathbf{1 7 - 1 8}$ | $\mathbf{1 8 - 1 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 9 - 2 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 - 2 1}$ | $\mathbf{2 1 - 2 2}$ | $\mathbf{2 2 - 2 3}$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Yes | $12.20 \%$ | $11.11 \%$ | $11.88 \%$ | $13.10 \%$ | $9.12 \%$ | $6.94 \%$ |
| No | $85.37 \%$ | $87.35 \%$ | $86.56 \%$ | $83.79 \%$ | $86.93 \%$ | $88.19 \%$ |
| (Did not answer) | $2.44 \%$ | $1.54 \%$ | $1.56 \%$ | $3.10 \%$ | $3.95 \%$ | $4.86 \%$ |
| Total Responses | $\mathbf{2 4 6}$ | $\mathbf{3 2 4}$ | $\mathbf{3 2 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 9 0}$ | $\mathbf{3 2 9}$ | $\mathbf{2 8 8}$ |

DID YOU USE ANY OF THE TUTORING SERVICES AT THE LASSO CENTER? YEAR-OVER-YEAR


Did you use any of the Counseling Services?

| Responses | $\mathbf{1 7 - 1 8}$ | $\mathbf{1 8 - 1 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 9 - 2 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 - 2 1}$ | $\mathbf{2 1 - 2 2}$ | $\mathbf{2 2 - 2 3}$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Yes | $7.32 \%$ | $8.02 \%$ | $7.19 \%$ | $6.21 \%$ | $7.55 \%$ | $4.51 \%$ |
| No | $89.43 \%$ | $90.74 \%$ | $91.25 \%$ | $90.34 \%$ | $85.50 \%$ | $90.63 \%$ |
| (Did not answer) | $3.25 \%$ | $1.23 \%$ | $1.56 \%$ | $3.40 \%$ | $6.95 \%$ | $4.86 \%$ |
| Total Responses | $\mathbf{2 4 6}$ | $\mathbf{3 2 4}$ | $\mathbf{3 2 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 9 0}$ | $\mathbf{3 2 9}$ | $\mathbf{2 8 8}$ |



Did you talk to your Academic Advisor about withdrawing?

| Responses | $\mathbf{1 7 - 1 8}$ | $\mathbf{1 8 - 1 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 9 - 2 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 - 2 1}$ |  | $\mathbf{2 1 - 2 2}$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $\mathbf{2 2 - 2 3}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yes | $34.96 \%$ | $33.33 \%$ | $37.19 \%$ | $44.83 \%$ | $38.79 \%$ | $45.14 \%$ |
| No | $58.13 \%$ | $64.20 \%$ | $59.06 \%$ | $51.38 \%$ | $54.24 \%$ | $47.57 \%$ |
| (Did not answer) | $6.91 \%$ | $2.47 \%$ | $3.75 \%$ | $5.17 \%$ | $6.97 \%$ | $7.29 \%$ |
| Total Responses | $\mathbf{2 4 6}$ | $\mathbf{3 2 4}$ | $\mathbf{3 2 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 9 0}$ | $\mathbf{3 2 9}$ | $\mathbf{2 8 8}$ |



Did you talk to a Financial Aid Counselor?

| Responses | $\mathbf{1 7 - 1 8}$ | $\mathbf{1 8 - 1 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 9 - 2 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 - 2 1}$ | $\mathbf{2 1 - 2 2}$ | $\mathbf{2 2 - 2 3}$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Yes | $29.27 \%$ | $28.09 \%$ | $25.31 \%$ | $23.79 \%$ | $\mathbf{2 4 . 0 1} \%$ | $27.78 \%$ |
| No | $64.23 \%$ | $66.05 \%$ | $71.25 \%$ | $67.93 \%$ | $65.96 \%$ | $65.97 \%$ |
| (Did not answer) | $6.50 \%$ | $5.86 \%$ | $3.44 \%$ | $8.62 \%$ | $10.03 \%$ | $6.25 \%$ |
| Total Responses | $\mathbf{2 4 6}$ | $\mathbf{3 2 4}$ | $\mathbf{3 2 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 9 0}$ | $\mathbf{3 2 9}$ | $\mathbf{2 8 8}$ |



How could we have helped you stay in school?
Many of the response options were changed for this question between the 19-20 and 21-22 surveys, making it increasingly difficult to chart with consistency. Therefore, a visualization is not included for this table.

| Responses | $\mathbf{1 7 - 1 8}$ | $\mathbf{1 8 - 1 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 9 - 2 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 - 2 1}$ | $\mathbf{2 1 - 2 2}$ | $\mathbf{2 2 - 2 3}$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| More scholarships/grants | $9.35 \%$ | $9.57 \%$ | $10.00 \%$ | $8.86 \%$ | $6.09 \%$ | $6.14 \%$ |
| Increase tutoring hours | $8.54 \%$ | $8.95 \%$ | $1.25 \%$ | $1.52 \%$ | $0.87 \%$ | $1.02 \%$ |
| More online courses | $1.22 \%$ | $0.93 \%$ | $0.63 \%$ | $4.56 \%$ | $4.06 \%$ | $2.73 \%$ |
| More flexible schedules | $0.41 \%$ | $1.54 \%$ | $13.75 \%$ | $6.84 \%$ | $6.09 \%$ | $5.12 \%$ |
| More counseling services | $13.41 \%$ | $12.65 \%$ | $11.25 \%$ | $1.52 \%$ | $0.58 \%$ | $1.37 \%$ |
| Other (please specify) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nothing/Could not be helped |  | $35.77 \%$ | $42.59 \%$ | $23.75 \%$ | $10.38 \%$ | $0.00 \%$ |
| (Did not answer) $^{\text {Cumulative Percent }}$ | $0.00 \%$ | $0.00 \%$ | $0.00 \%$ | $32.66 \%$ | $69.57 \%$ | $70.00 \%$ |

*New category as of the 20-21 survey; previously, most often cited as "other" response.
**Response removed from the 21-22 survey.
***Percentage calculated against total number of selected responses, not total number of participants.

## Appendix D

Copy of revised Student Withdrawal Request form with the Withdrawal Survey

## Student Withdrawal Request

Print or Type All Information
The official date of withdrawal is the last date of class attendance.
Refunds and grades will be determind by this date in accordance with OSUIT withdrawal policy.
NOTE: A withdrawal may require returning Financial Aid, thus creating a student account bill.


## Forwarding Information:

Address $\qquad$ City $\qquad$ State/Zip $\qquad$

County $\qquad$ Phone Number $\qquad$ Alt Phone Number $\qquad$

Date of Birth $\qquad$ Email Address $\qquad$
Do you plan to return to OSUIT? $\square$ Yes $\square$ No IF YES, when? $\qquad$
It is advised that all students contact the following department(s) prior to withdrawal from school.

| Academic Department / Advisor | Comments / Signatures from Advisors: |
| :--- | :--- |
| Bursar's Office / Cashier's Office |  |
| Student Financial Services |  |
| Residential Life <br> (on-campus students only) |  |

Have you contacted the above departments? $\quad$ Yes $\square$ No, I accept all responsibilities for my withdrawal.

I accept any and all academic and financial consequences of my withdrawal from OSUIT.

Signature of Student:
Date:

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Withdrawal (student has attended)Cancel (Student has never attended)University Appeals Committee:Processed $\qquad$

INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

## Student Withdrawal Request，Continued

Please complete this survey regarding why you are leaving OSUIT．Your response is important and always kept private and confidential．Your responses，combined with other responses，help us improve student services．Email Institutional Research at iar＠okstate．edu with questions about this survey．

What term are you dropping／withdrawing from？


Fall Spring

Do you plan to re－enroll at OSUIT？（Select one option）
〇 Yes，next term 〇Yes，within the next year 〇 Yes，within 2 or more years Onknown／Undecided $\bigcirc$ No

When you first enrolled，were you planning to graduate from OSUIT？（Select one option）〇 Yes No
Why are you leaving？（Check all that apply）


Did you use any of the Tutoring Services at the LASSO Center？（Select one）
Yes
Did not attend

○
Did not need tutoring
Could not meet with tutor during available times Tutoring not available online or in area needed

Did you use any of the Counseling Services？（Select one）
$\bigcirc$ Yes
Did not need FRXQMHDDI Could not meet with counselor during available times
Did not attend
O＇IGQRWWQRZ ITU RWERXWCRXOHODJ Online counseling not available
Did you talk to your Academic Advisor about withdrawing？（Select one）
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { Yes } & \text { Did not need DGYLUQ } & \text { Could not meet with advisor during available times } \\ \text { Did not attend } & \text { Did not NQRZ IIRURWERXWAdvising }\end{array}$ Advisor did not respond to phone calls or emails
Did you talk to a Financial Aid Counselor？（Select one）


## How could we have helped you stay in school？（Check all that apply）

$\square$ More flexible schedules
$\square$ More online courses


Increase tutoring hours
More counseling servicesMore scholarships／grants
$\square$ Nothing／Could not be helped

Any comments or suggestions？

