

# Three-Year Cohort Default Rate

## Overview

The Three-Year Cohort Default Rate (CDR) is a federally calculated metric published annually by the U.S. Department of Education. It measures the percentage of a school's federal student loan borrowers who enter repayment in a given fiscal year and subsequently default within three years. The CDR is used by the Department of Education to assess institutional accountability for student financial outcomes and is a key indicator of compliance with federal Title IV program requirements.

As shown in the table below, Lehigh University has maintained a three-year cohort default rate of 0% across all three reported cohort years (FY 2020, FY 2021, and FY 2022), reflecting the institution's commitment to student financial success and responsible stewardship of federal financial aid programs.

## Lehigh University — Three-Year Cohort Default Rate Data

Cohort Year	Borrowers in Default	Borrowers in Repayment	Default Rate
FY 2022	0	758	0%
FY 2021	0	716	0%
FY 2020	0	785	0%

*Note: Data filtered to four-year private nonprofit institutions (School Type 2, Program Length 14) in Pennsylvania. School Code: 003289.*

## Source

U.S. Department of Education, Federal Student Aid. *Official Cohort Default Rates for Schools — FY 2022 Cohort Default Rate Data File.*

Available at:

<https://fsapartners.ed.gov/knowledge-center/topics/default-management/official-cohort-default-rates-schools>

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