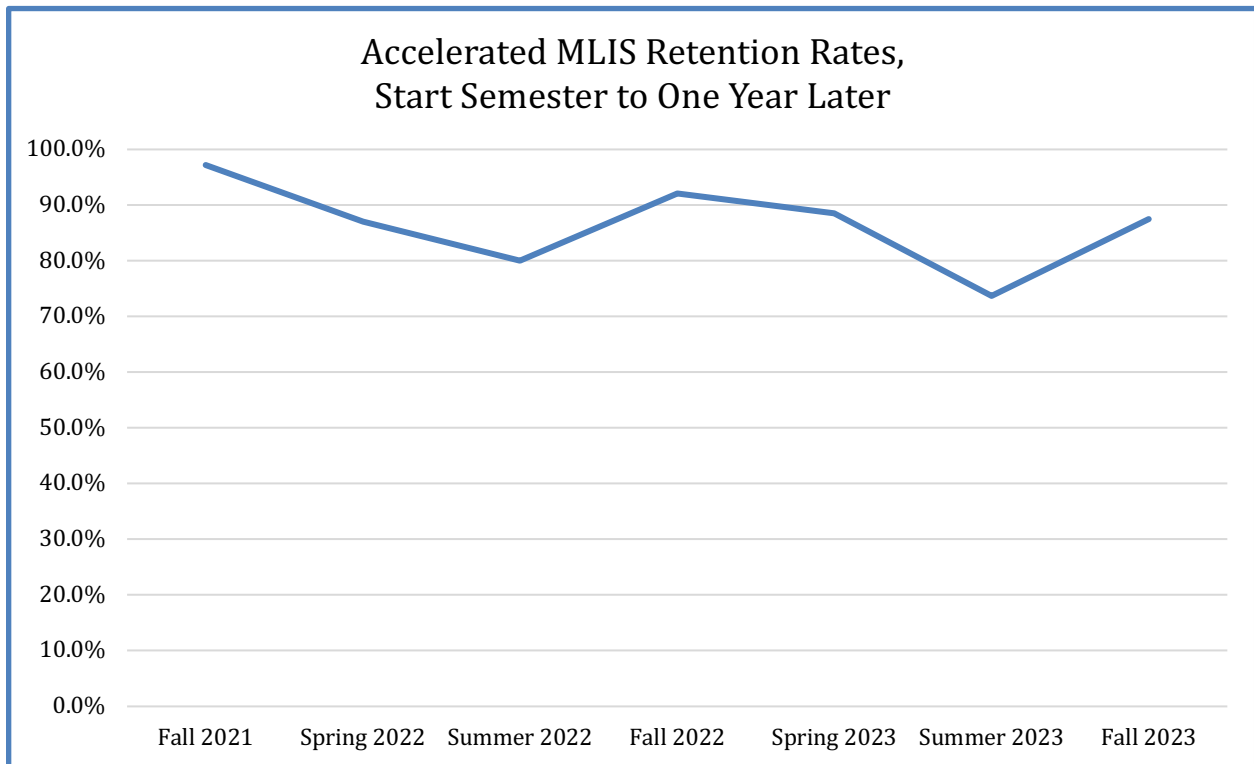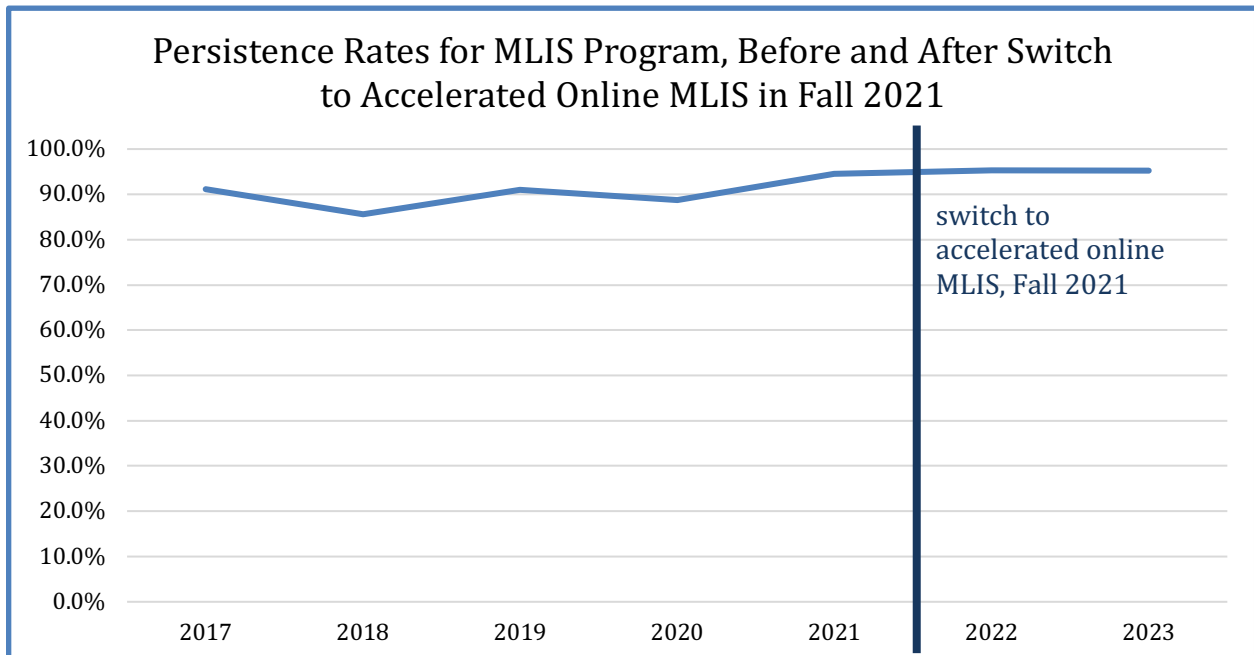## Accelerated Online MLIS Retention Rates

Note: Some students graduate in one year and are therefore not enrolled one year after beginning the program. To better explain retention rates in our accelerated program, please see persistence rates below, which include students who are either enrolled *or have graduated* one year later.

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Accelerated Online MLIS Average Time to Degree Completion

Graduation Year	Months Mean	Months StDev	Months Median	Years Mean	Years StDev	Years Median
2021-22	33.0	8.8	32.0	2.7	0.7	2.7
2022-23	26.4	9.0	24.0	2.2	0.7	2.0
2023-24	28.9	12.2	28.0	2.4	1.0	2.3

Note: AY 2021-22 included students who converted from the traditional MLIS to the Accelerated Online MLIS. Beginning in AY 2022-23, all students began and completed the program in the Accelerated Online format. Both months and years to degree completion have dropped since the conversion (see below).

Time to Degree Completion (Months and Years), Previous 10 Years of MLIS Program vs. Accelerated Online MLIS Program
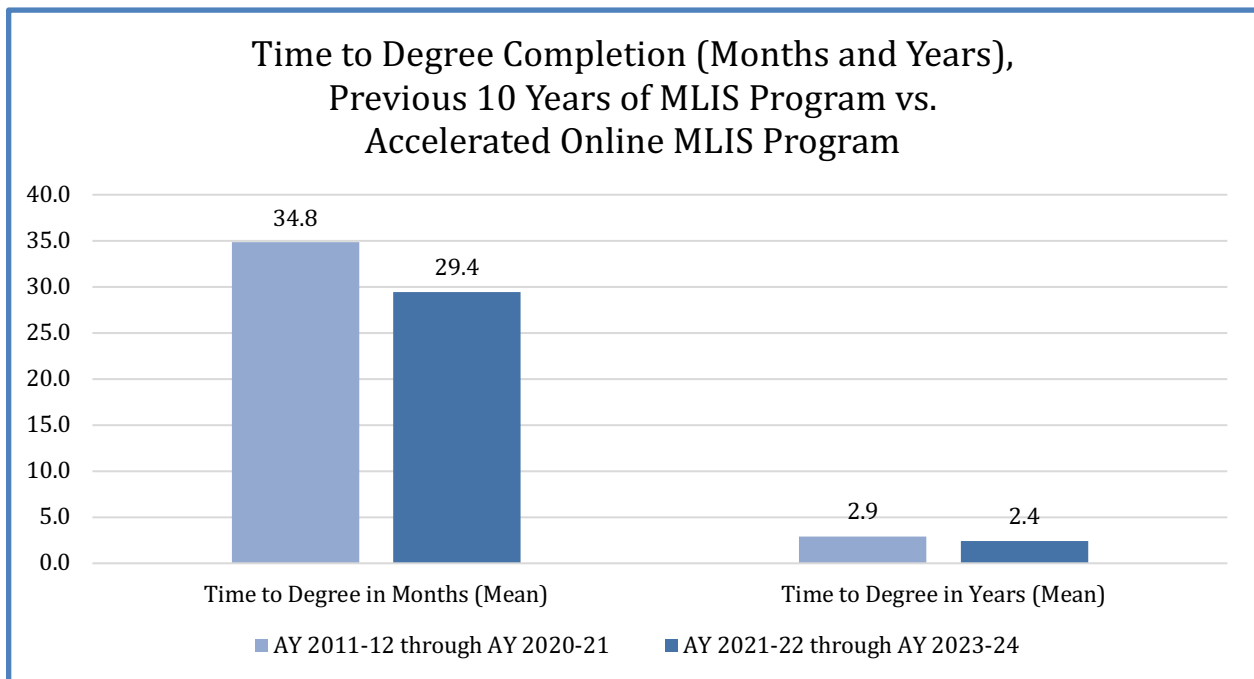
MLIS Employment Data[1]

Graduation Year	Total Graduates	Employed in LIS field	Employed outside LIS	Unemployed	No data
Fall 2016	11	n=10 90.91%	n=1 9.09%	n=0 0.00%	n=0 0.00%
2017	36	n=32 88.89%	n=3 8.33%	n=0 0.00%	n=1 2.78%
2018	41	n=31 75.61%	n=3 7.32%	n=0 0.00%	n=7 17.07%
2019	26	n=21 80.77%	n=1 3.85%	n=0 0.00%	n=4 15.38%
2020	43	n=32 74.42%	n=4 9.30%	n=0 0.00%	n=7 16.28%
2021	48	n=37 77.08%	n=7 14.58%	n=0 0.00%	n=4 8.33%
2022	57	n=38 66.67%	n=4 7.02%	n=0 0.00%	n=15 26.32%

Total MLIS Graduates Per Year, 2017-2022

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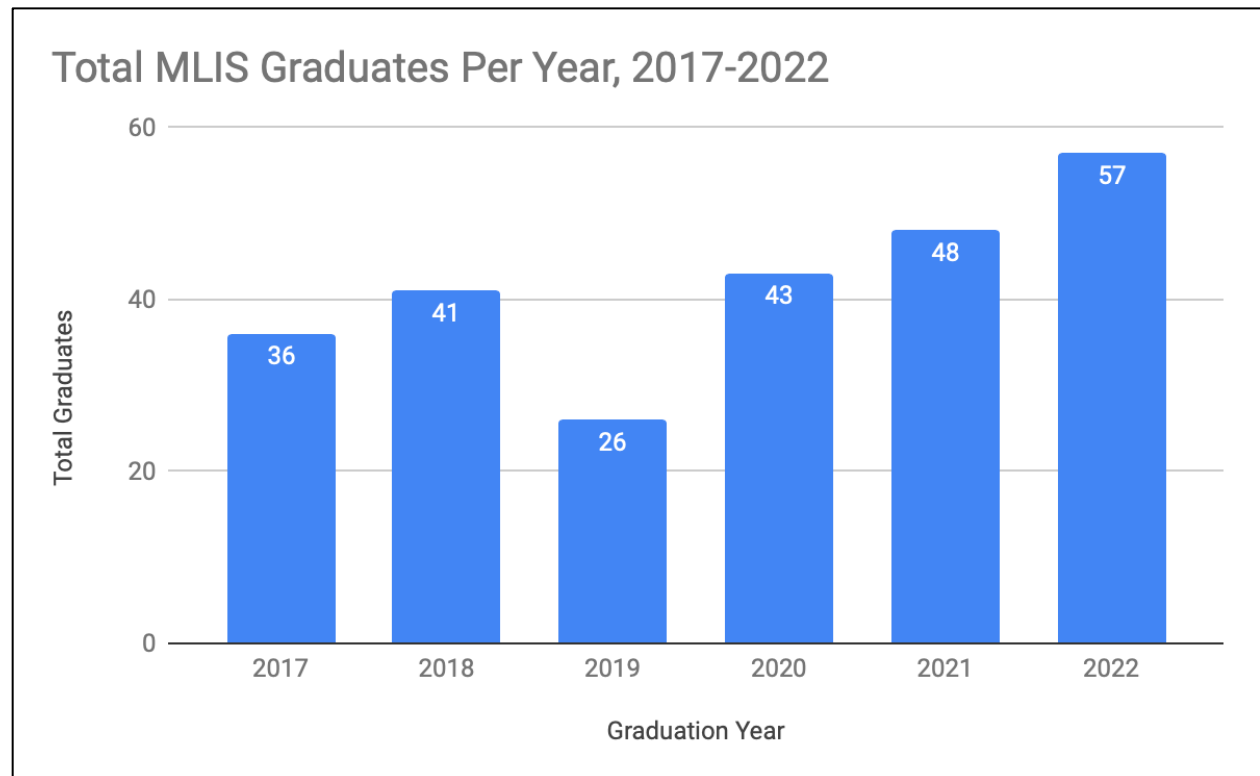
[1] We are actively working to collect this data for 2023 and 2024. It will be updated on our website as soon as we can collect and report this data.

Employment of MLIS Graduates by Year, 2017-2023