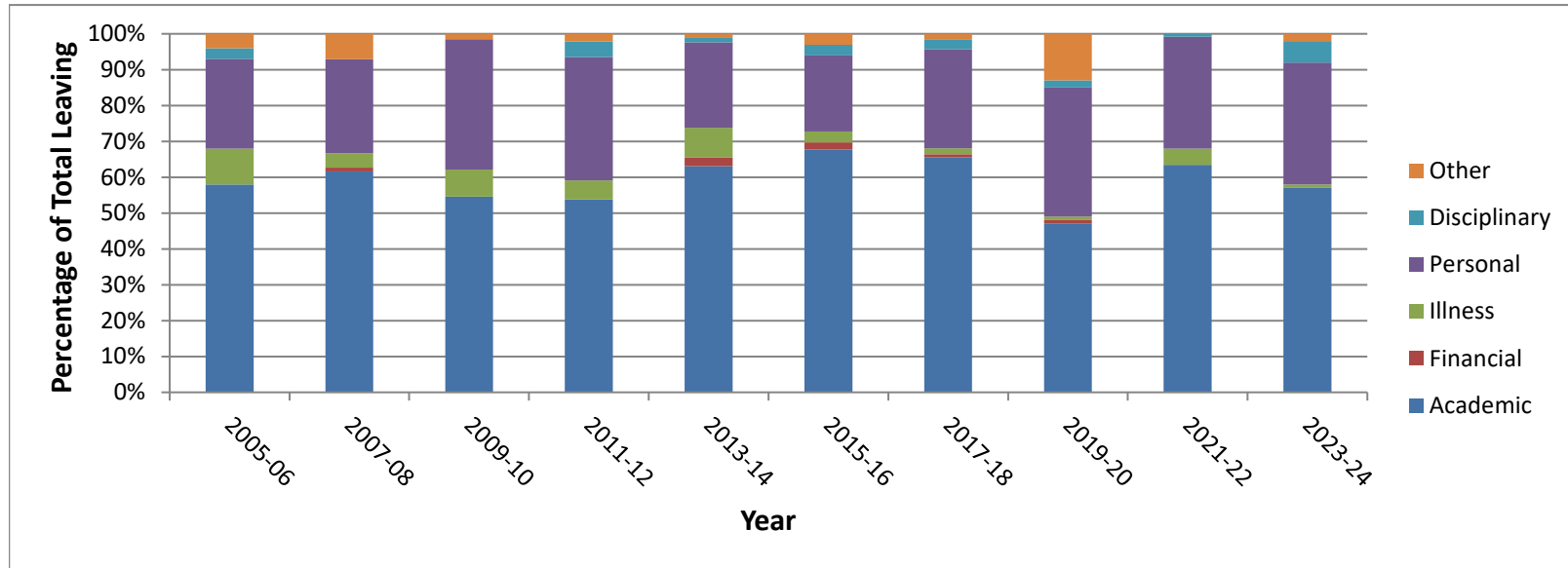


# Reasons for Students Leaving the Professional OD Program, 2005-2024

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Of students leaving, % leaving for the following reasons:

	Year	Academic	Financial	Illness	Personal	Disciplinary	Other	Total # Leaving	% of Total Student Body
17 schools	2005-06	58%	0%	10%	25%	3%	4%	103	1.9%
17 schools	2007-08	62%	1%	4%	26%	0%	7%	99	1.8%
20 schools	2009-10	55%	0%	8%	36%	0%	2%	66	1.1%
20 schools	2011-12	54%	0%	5%	34%	4%	2%	93	1.5%
21 schools	2013-14	63%	2%	8%	24%	1%	1%	84	1.3%
21 schools	2015-16	67%	2%	3%	21%	3%	3%	149	2.2%
23 schools	2017-18	66%	1%	2%	28%	3%	2%	116	1.6%
23 schools	2019-20	47%	1%	1%	36%	2%	13%	104	1.4%
23 schools	2021-22	63%	0%	5%	31%	1%	0%	131	1.8%
24 schools	2023-24	57%	0%	1%	34%	6%	2%	161	2.2%

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