Christian Service Rates

Description

Because many CCBS students pursue biblical higher education to strengthen their ministry and volunteer service rather than to seek employment, the Christian Service Rate serves as a key indicator of Institutional Goal #4. This measure reflects the percentage of graduates who report active involvement in Christian service within their local church or community ministry at the time of graduation.

Methodology

The Christian Service Rate is collected through the annual Survey of Recent Graduates and reflects the percentage of graduates who report active participation in Christian service within their local church or ministry. Because many CCBS students pursue theological education for personal growth or ministry enrichment rather than vocational placement, this measure serves as a key indicator of ministry engagement. CCBS evaluates results using an 80% minimum threshold and a 100% aspirational goal. The rate is based on graduates answering "yes" to the question: "If you did NOT intend to work in a church/ministry position, are you participating in regular Christian service at your church or local ministry?"

Christian Service Rate Results (3-Year Trend)

Reporting Year	Cohort Size	Christian Service Rate
2022–23	25	88%
2023–24	16	100%
2024–25	9	100%
2025-26	12	58%
4-Year Avg	**15.5**	**87%**

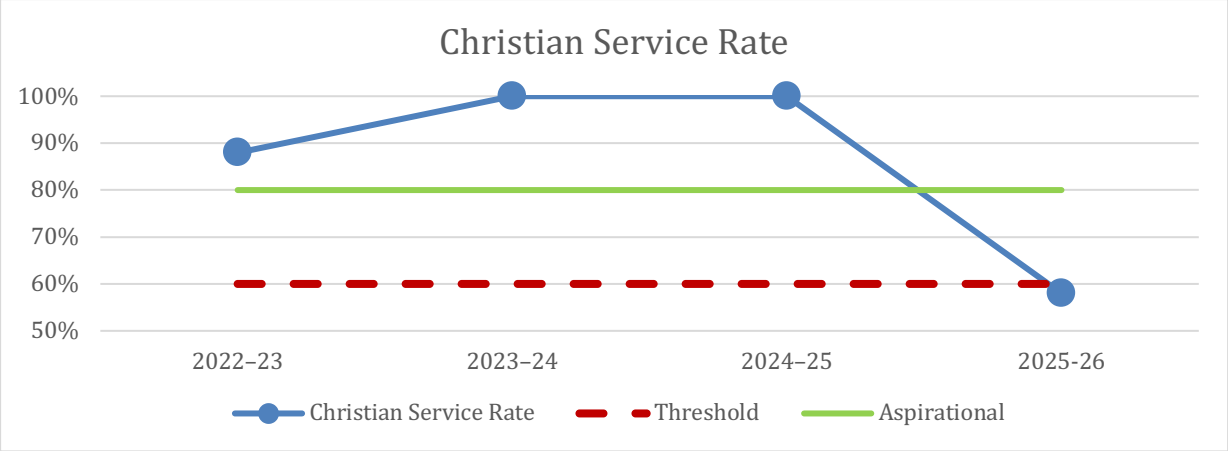
Summary

The 2025–26 Christian Service Rate of 58% falls below the institutional threshold of 80% and differs significantly from the consistently strong results reported in the prior three years. Given the small cohort size and the four-year average of 87%, this result may represent an anomaly; however, CCBS should continue monitoring the measure and reviewing graduate responses to determine whether the decline reflects a broader trend or a one-year variation.

Christian Service Rate: 58%

4-Year Average: 87%

Threshold: 80%
Aspirational Goal: 100%



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