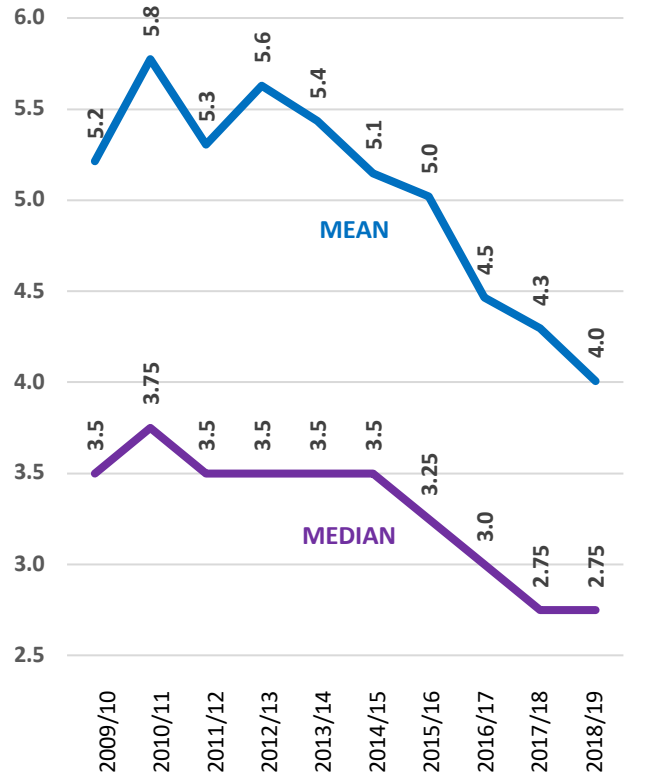


Lane Degrees are Taking Less Time to Complete

Historically oscillating around 5¹/₂ years, the mean completion time for Lane transfer degrees recently decreased to about 4 years for degrees awarded during academic year 2018/19.

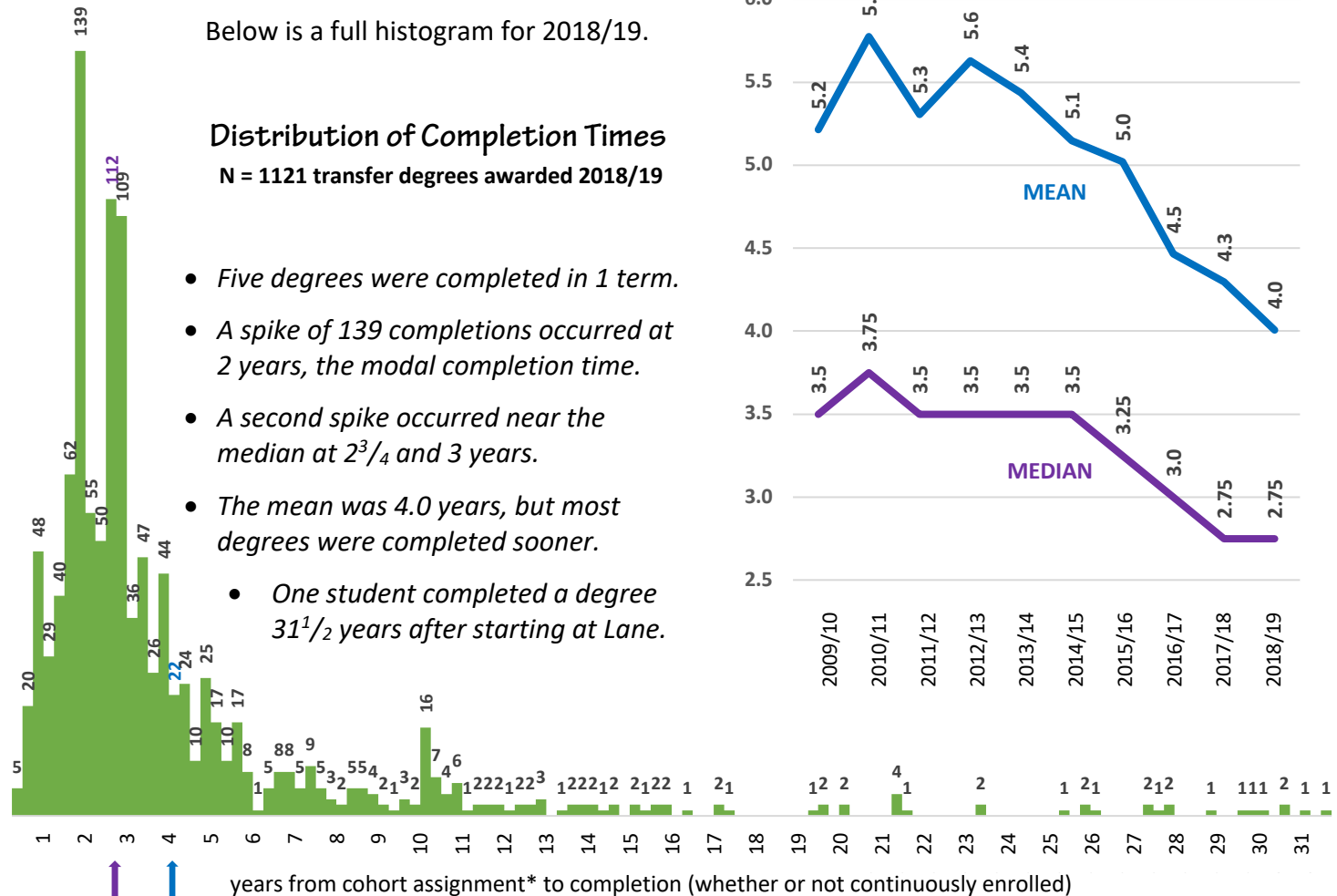
At right is a time plot of mean and median completion times for Lane transfer degrees (AAOT, AGS, AS, ASOT) awarded during ten consecutive academic years.

Average Completion Time in years for Lane Transfer Degrees



Below is a full histogram for 2018/19.

Distribution of Completion Times
N = 1121 transfer degrees awarded 2018/19



- Five degrees were completed in 1 term.
- A spike of 139 completions occurred at 2 years, the modal completion time.
- A second spike occurred near the median at 2³/₄ and 3 years.
- The mean was 4.0 years, but most degrees were completed sooner.
- One student completed a degree 31¹/₂ years after starting at Lane.

MEDIAN (purple arrow) MEAN (blue arrow)

*Students are assigned to a cohort (such as spring 2018) when they first enroll in a Lane credit course after high school.

The median (2³/₄ years or 11 terms) is a more representative completion time than the mean (4.0 years) since the distribution is skewed and the mean is influenced by outliers. **Half of all students awarded a transfer degree in 2018/19 completed it within 2³/₄ years — 30% within 2 years, 60% within 3 years, 73% within 4 years.**

This is *not* to say that half of *all* degree seekers complete in 11 terms; *students not awarded degrees are nowhere in these data*. The news pertains to completers only, but it is *good news*. **Completers complete quicker.**