

Why is nat'l average 67 flight hrs for private pilot?

We aren't sure that 67 hours is the actual average. You can find as low as 55 and as high as 85 as the national average. A quick Google search found a dozen different answers to the average flight hours. None of the sources seemed authoritative. The FAA doesn't seem to have a published number.

Even so, Students waste time / money for two primary reasons.

First students don't take the training serious with a plan to finish from the start. To finish in 35 hours requires that the student is focused and treats the private pilot course like they would any other college class. Every hour you spend flying requires an hour of study. If you do this and fly twice a week you can easily finish in a college semester in about 40 hours.

Second there is no incentive on the part of instructors to finish in 40 hours. We have had a student transfer in to Eagle with 70 hrs towards private pilot and no solo time, another with 40 hrs of cross country time while in their private, etc. This leads us to believe that at some schools they are just flying around on the students dime and never finishing them. At Eagle our goal is to finish you as fast as possible with the highest quality training. We keep a close eye on instructors to make sure they are doing what is best for the student. That is the reason we employ a Student Advocate, to make sure the student is getting the best training possible for the best value.

So, now our "Brag" moment....Eagle's stats:

*100 % pass rate on checkrides over the past 12 months

*OUR Average to finish Private Pilot is 45.6 Hrs and we are working to bring that down. The last 2 have finished with 35.2 and 35.5. Our Commercial students always finish at 120 Hrs and our Instrument Students are also right at 35 Hrs.

* 100% of our students have passed the written exams since Sep 2015.