



UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE

Retention/Persistence Rates of First-time, Full-Time, Baccalaureate Degree-seeking Freshmen

Entering Freshmen Cohort (Full-Time)

Retention Rates¹

Persistence Rates² (3, 4, 5, and 6 years)

| Year | Number | After First Year | After Second Year | After Third Year | After Fourth Year | After Fifth Year | After Sixth Year |
|------|--------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1999 | 2,289 | 72.3% | 55.4% | 49.8% | 46.8% | 44.3% | 45.0% |
| 2000 | 2,238 | 72.0% | 59.0% | 54.0% | 50.0% | 47.0% | 48.0% |
| 2001 | 2,212 | 75.2% | 62.3% | 56.1% | 54.2% | 51.6% | 50.7% |
| 2002 | 2,212 | 77.1% | 64.1% | 59.5% | 55.5% | 52.0% | 53.1% |
| 2003 | 2,199 | 75.5% | 64.9% | 60.3% | 55.2% | 54.2% | 54.6% |
| 2004 | 2,307 | 76.5% | 64.9% | 60.2% | 55.5% | 55.4% | 55.0% |
| 2005 | 2,256 | 78.1% | 65.4% | 61.3% | 55.6% | 55.7% | 56.1% |
| 2006 | 2,383 | 78.0% | 66.6% | 63.5% | 58.5% | 58.1% | 57.5% |
| 2007 | 2,527 | 77.7% | 66.8% | 62.4% | 57.8% | 58.2% | 58.6% |
| 2008 | 2,548 | 78.5% | 68.2% | 63.3% | 59.7% | 57.8% | 58.0% |
| 2009 | 2,441 | 77.7% | 66.2% | 61.4% | 57.5% | 56.4% | 57.2% |
| 2010 | 2,512 | 77.7% | 65.4% | 60.7% | 57.1% | 57.5% | 57.5% |
| 2011 | 2,511 | 77.1% | 65.9% | 62.3% | 58.1% | 57.8% | 58.1% |
| 2012 | 2,645 | 77.9% | 67.0% | 63.6% | 59.4% | 59.5% | no data |
| 2013 | 2,805 | 80.6% | 69.3% | 65.0% | 62.3% | no data | no data |
| 2014 | 2,830 | 79.4% | 69.5% | 66.1% | no data | no data | no data |
| 2015 | 2,735 | 79.7% | 70.3% | no data | no data | no data | no data |
| 2016 | 2,744 | 80.7% | no data | no data | no data | no data | no data |

¹ Retention rates reflect continuing enrollment after first year or after two years.

² Persistence rates after the second year include students who are still enrolled as well as those who have previously graduated.

NOTE: The rates are calculated on a fall semester to fall semester basis. Retention cohorts from the year 2000 and later are subject to reconciliation by the Council on Postsecondary Education.

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