



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%	59.6%
2013	2,805	80.6%	69.3%	65.0%	62.3%	61.1%	61.4%
2014	2,830	79.4%	69.5%	66.1%	63.2%	63.2%	63.9%
2015	2,735	79.7%	70.3%	66.8%	64.3%	63.6%	63.9%
2016	2,744	80.7%	72.4%	68.0%	65.5%	65.5%	no data
2017	2,640	80.3%	70.2%	68.1%	64.7%	no data	no data
2018	2,731	80.1%	71.4%	67.0%	no data	no data	no data
2019	2,540	80.9%	70.5%	no data	no data	no data	no data
2020	2,608	76.6%	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.