

Retention Rates

The National Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS)* defines full-time retention rates as *the number of full-time, first-time degree/certificate-seeking undergraduate students who enter the institution for the first-time in the fall and who return to the same institution the following fall (as either full- or part-time), divided by the total number of full-time, first-time, degree/certificate-seeking undergraduates in the fall of first entrance. For 4-year institutions offering a bachelor's degree, this rate is reported only for those first-time students seeking a bachelor's degree.*

Reporting Year	Total Students	# Returned Second Year	% Returned Second Year
2003	294	196	67%
2004	251	183	73%
2005	280	204	73%
2006	247	176	71%
2007	244	173	71%
2008	226	166	73%
2009	190	142	75%
2010	235	175	74%
2011	268	200	75%
2012	266	207	78%
2013	188	159	85%
2014	239	188	79%
2015	212	161	76%
2016	171	132	77%
2017	168	115	68%
2018	137	112	82%
2019	106	85	80%
2020	111	78	70%
2021	105	64	61%
2022	94	70	74%
2023	75	66	88%

Note: Current IPEDS definition of retention rates focus on students seeking a bachelor's degree. Therefore, the numbers exclude students pursuing an associate degree (such as Nursing or Health Professions) or a transfer program. For this reason, the number of students reported in each year's cohort numbers is considerably smaller than the entire freshman class for the year.