

Table 2. Cohort Tracking of Persistence Rates for New Full-Time First-Year Students (through 6-yr grad rates).

Fall Entry	Cohort Size	Return 2 nd yr.	Return 3 rd yr.	Return 4 th yr.	Graduates			
					3 years	4 years	5 years	6 years
1979	315	235 (75%)	200 (63%)	181 (57%)		143 (45%)	171 (54%)	
1980	320	240 (75%)	205 (64%)	189 (59%)		156 (49%)	177 (55%)	
1981	283	212 (75%)	169 (60%)	161 (57%)		121 (43%)	150 (53%)	
1982	310	245 (79%)	203 (65%)	192 (62%)		152 (49%)	176 (57%)	
1983	338	242 (72%)	198 (59%)	194 (57%)		165 (49%)	187 (55%)	190 (56%)
1984	373	293 (79%)	250 (67%)	234 (63%)		204 (55%)	232 (62%)	235 (63%)
1985	363	282 (78%)	254 (70%)	241 (66%)		197 (54%)	230 (63%)	232 (64%)
1986	335	253 (76%)	221 (66%)	211 (63%)		173 (52%)	204 (61%)	211 (63%)
1987	307	244 (80%)	219 (71%)	206 (67%)		180 (59%)	201 (66%)	205 (67%)
1988	344	257 (75%)	226 (66%)	216 (63%)		170 (49%)	201 (58%)	207 (60%)
1989	390	294 (75%)	265 (68%)	250 (64%)		216 (55%)	247 (63%)	249 (64%)
1990	370	262 (71%)	223 (60%)	201 (54%)		182 (49%)	200 (54%)	204 (55%)
1991	381	298 (78%)	257 (68%)	233 (61%)		206 (54%)	231 (61%)	234 (61%)
1992	375	287 (77%)	252 (67%)	233 (62%)		199 (53%)	231 (62%)	233 (62%)
1993	345	277 (80%)	240 (70%)	233 (68%)		204 (59%)	226 (66%)	227 (66%)
1994	316	279 (88%)	243 (77%)	230 (73%)		212 (67%)	232 (73%)	232 (73%)
1995	358	295 (82%)	268 (75%)	253 (71%)		231 (65%)	252 (70%)	255 (71%)
1996	406	327 (81%)	297 (73%)	291 (72%)		263 (65%)	286 (70%)	287 (71%)
1997	383	324 (85%)	284 (74%)	272 (71%)		256 (67%)	272 (71%)	274 (72%)
1998	406	314 (77%)	281 (69%)	264 (65%)		237 (58%)	257 (63%)	259 (64%)
1999	411	328 (80%)	293 (71%)	276 (67%)		255 (62%)	277 (67%)	278 (68%)
2000	491	370 (75%)	331 (67%)	307 (63%)		282 (57%)	311 (63%)	314 (64%)
2001	461	355 (77%)	347 (75%)	322 (70%)		280 (61%)	308 (67%)	310 (67%)
2002	511	396 (77%)	345 (68%)	326 (64%)		296 (58%)	321 (63%)	322 (63%)
2003	503	405 (81%)	368 (73%)	352 (70%)		306 (61%)	318 (63%)	324 (64%)
2004	498	381 (77%)	333 (67%)	320 (64%)		287 (58%)	309 (62%)	315 (63%)
2005	518	379 (73%)	339 (65%)	333 (64%)		307 (59%)	325 (63%)	327 (63%)
2006	504	407 (81%)	348 (69%)	332 (66%)		300 (60%)	327 (65%)	329 (65%)
2007	545	412 (76%)	362 (66%)	340 (62%)		320 (59%)	339 (62%)	340 (62%)
2008	514	419 (82%)	373 (73%)	356 (69%)	6 (1%)	331 (64%)	357 (70%)	363 (71%)
2009	480	378 (79%)	345 (72%)	334 (70%)	12 (3%)	313 (65%)	330 (69%)	332 (69%)
2010	484	390 (81%)	349 (72%)	328 (68%)	8 (2%)	317 (66%)	332 (69%)	334 (69%)
2011	510	385 (76%)	347 (68%)	341 (67%)	11 (2%)	303 (60%)	330 (65%)	334 (65%)
2012 ^a	483	390 (81%)	340 (70%)	332 (69%)	7 (1%)	302 (63%)	321 (67%)	325 (67%)
2013 ^a	451	334 (74%)	296 (66%)	288 (64%)	11 (2%)	261 (58%)	278 (62%)	279 (62%)
2014	464	369 (80%)	328 (71%)	322 (69%)	8 (2%)	300 (65%)	317 (68%)	317 (68%)
2015 ^a	366	291 (80%)	270 (74%)	258 (71%)	13 (4%)	231 (64%)	253 (70%)	
2016 ^a	445	349 (79%)	308 (70%)	304 (69%)	2 (<1%)	275 (62%)		
2017 ^a	451	355 (79%)	321 (72%)	301 (67%)	5 (<1%)			
2018 ^a	469	365 (78%)	327 (70%)					
2019	397	327 (83%)						
2020	469							

^a In this Fall 2020 retention report, the base count for these cohorts is adjusted for: (a) armed forces leave, (b) church mission leave, and (c) non-graduating deceased students. Adjusted base counts for Fall 2020 are: 2015- **364**; 2016- **442**; 2017- **449**; 2018- **466**; 2019- **395**.

Note: Students who started in a cohort and continue to be enrolled as either part-time or full-time students are included in these persistence counts. Students who graduated in less than 4 years are included as “returning” in the 4-year persistence counts.