

Student Retention

Fall to Spring Retention of First-Time Students

Gender	Fall 2015		Fall 2016		Fall 2017		Fall 2018		Fall 2019		Fall 2020		6-Yr Overall	
	Cohort	Retained In Spring	Cohort	Retained In Spring	Cohort	Retained In Spring	Cohort	Retained In Spring	Cohort	Retained In Spring	Cohort	Retained In Spring	Cohort	Retained In Spring
Grand Total	2,536	75%	2,611	75%	2,628	77%	2,626	76%	2,829	80%	2,529	71%	15,759	76%
Female	1,254	80%	1,298	79%	1,274	81%	1,288	82%	1,494	82%	1,395	75%	8,003	80%
Male	1,228	70%	1,253	71%	1,330	72%	1,324	71%	1,308	76%	1,116	67%	7,559	71%
Unknown	54	76%	60	80%	24	83%	14	79%	27	81%	18	83%	197	80%

Race-Ethnicity	Fall 2015		Fall 2016		Fall 2017		Fall 2018		Fall 2019		Fall 2020		6-Yr Overall	
	Cohort	Retained In Spring	Cohort	Retained In Spring	Cohort	Retained In Spring	Cohort	Retained In Spring	Cohort	Retained In Spring	Cohort	Retained In Spring	Cohort	Retained In Spring
Grand Total	2,536	75%	2,611	75%	2,628	77%	2,626	76%	2,829	80%	2,529	71%	15,759	76%
African-American	99	56%	83	59%	52	75%	63	60%	50	78%	42	62%	389	63%
Asian	37	89%	42	69%	41	78%	46	83%	49	80%	43	72%	258	78%
Hispanic	1,672	75%	1,776	77%	1,865	77%	1,827	76%	1,932	80%	1,761	71%	10,833	76%
Multi-Ethnicity	133	72%	154	78%	140	81%	139	71%	164	78%	156	75%	886	76%
Native American	15	47%	9	44%	13	69%	11	91%	11	73%	15	53%	74	62%
Pac. Is or Filipino	17	94%	20	90%	10	100%	20	95%	24	92%	20	70%	111	89%
Unknown	19	84%	19	84%	21	81%	18	94%	118	79%	80	61%	275	76%
White	544	77%	508	72%	486	75%	502	80%	481	78%	412	75%	2,933	76%

Fall to Fall Retention of First-Time Students

Gender	Fall 2015		Fall 2016		Fall 2017		Fall 2018		Fall 2019		Fall 2020		6-Yr Overall	
	Cohort	Retained Next Fall	Cohort	Retained Next Fall	Cohort	Retained Next Fall	Cohort	Retained Next Fall	Cohort	Retained Next Fall	Cohort	Retained Next Fall	Cohort	Retained Next Fall
Grand Total	2,536	59%	2,611	59%	2,628	59%	2,626	62%	2,829	62%	2,529	52%	15,759	59%
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White	544	58%	508	55%	486	60%	502	62%	481	62%	412	52%	2,933	58%

Source: COS Research Office (Data Warehouse)

Cohort Definition: All first-time students enrolled in a credit course at census during the Fall term are included in this cohort.

Outcome: Enrolled at census in a credit course during the respective subsequent term.

Observation:

Overall, the Fall 2019 cohort experienced the highest retention rates seen in both spring and fall terms. Over the past six years, female students are retained at a higher rate than their male counterparts in both spring and fall terms. Similarly, African American students had noticeable retention increases for the spring terms. Retention rates experienced a drop for almost every group in the Fall 2020 cohort, likely due to the pandemic.