

Retention/Graduation Rates  
for First-time, full-time, first year students  
Fall 2008

entering fall (year)	class of (graduating year)	# Students Entering Cohort adjusted*	# returning second year	# returning third year	# returning fourth year	% returning second year	% returning third year	% returning fourth year	Graduate in 4 Years	Graduate in 5 Years	Graduate in 6 Years	Total Graduates	4-Year Graduation Rate	5-Year Graduation Rate	6-Year Graduation Rate
1985	'89	628							429	42	5	476	68.3%	75.0%	75.8%
1986	'90	623							438	55	11	504	70.3%	79.1%	80.9%
1987	'91	623							449	50	7	506	72.1%	80.1%	81.2%
1988	'92	580							398	45	9	452	68.6%	76.4%	77.9%
1989	'93	593							413	48	3	464	69.6%	77.7%	78.2%
1990	'94	587							414	44	9	467	70.5%	78.0%	79.6%
1991	'95	620							401	57	12	470	64.7%	73.9%	75.8%
1992	'96	593							424	26	4	454	71.5%	75.9%	76.6%
1993	'97	588							414	22	5	441	70.4%	74.1%	75.0%
1994	'98	610							430	23	4	457	70.5%	74.3%	74.9%
1995	'99	606				88.8%	80.7%	77.2%	438	27	3	468	72.3%	76.7%	77.2%
1996*	'00	702				90.3%	82.3%	78.1%	501	21	3	525	71.4%	74.4%	74.8%
1997*	'01	605				91.1%	84.3%	81.3%	452	26	3	481	74.7%	79.0%	79.5%
1998	'02	596				92.1%	88.4%	85.9%	482	22	2	506	80.9%	84.6%	84.9%
1999*	'03	642				89.4%	82.6%	80.1%	470	28	2	500	73.2%	77.6%	77.9%
2000	'04	600				92.0%	86.8%	82.8%	461	19	2	482	76.8%	80.0%	80.3%
2001	'05	598				91.5%	86.0%	83.8%	469	17	1	487	78.4%	81.3%	81.4%
2002*	'06	634				90.2%	84.7%	82.3%	495	17	1	513	78.1%	80.8%	80.9%
2003	'07	642				93.5%	88.3%	86.9%	527	18	---	545	82.1%	84.9%	---
2004	'08	676			576	92.0%	87.9%	85.2%	539	---	---	539	79.7%	---	---
2005	'09	694	635	604	595	91.5%	87.0%	85.7%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
2006	'10	672	632	612	---	94.0%	91.1%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
2007	11	682	634	---	---	93.0%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
2008	12	652	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

All percentages are calculated using the number of students remaining from the entering class cohort.

Includes students on approved leaves of absence and affiliated programs.

\*Initial cohort size adjusted for allowable exclusions at the time 6-year graduation rates are calculated.

Allowable exclusions include: deceased, permanently disabled, armed forces, foreign aid service of the federal government, or official church missions.

\*Census date October 5. Previous classes used census date of first class day (Sept 5).

Incoming class and % returning each fall now calculated on Oct 5 of each year.

Differences between rates for those entering before Fall 2001 and those entering Fall 2001 or after should be slight.

Source: NYSED-2.9 Report for cohorts 1985 through 1991 and the IPEDS-GRS Report for 1992 cohort onward. The 12-month reporting period for the years up to and including 1991 is July 1 to June 30. From 1992 onward, the 12-month reporting period is Sept 1 to Aug 31. You will therefore notice a greater percentage of students graduating in 4 years and a decrease in the percentage graduating in 5 years for the most recent years (below solid black line). August graduates (those finishing over the summer of their intended year of graduation) are now included in the 4 year column. This change does not affect the overall 6-year graduation rate and is entirely the result of modifications in definitions at the state and federal levels.