

Retention/Graduation Rates for First-time, Full-time, First-year Students

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 3 Years	Graduate in 4 Years	Graduate in 5 Years	Graduate in 6 Years	Total Graduates	3 & 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								438	27	3	468	72.3%	76.7%	77.2%
1996*	'00	702								501	21	3	525	71.4%	74.4%	74.8%
1997*	'01	605								452	26	3	481	74.7%	79.0%	79.5%
1998	'02	596								482	22	2	506	80.9%	84.6%	84.9%
1999*	'03	642	557			86.8%				470	28	2	500	73.2%	77.6%	77.9%
2000	'04	600	543			90.5%				461	19	2	482	76.8%	80.0%	80.3%
2001	'05	599	537			89.6%			6	463	17	1	487	78.3%	81.1%	81.3%
2002*	'06	634	555			87.5%			0	494	17	1	512	77.9%	80.6%	80.8%
2003*	'07	641	583			91.0%			1	526	17	3	547	82.2%	84.9%	85.3%
2004	'08	676	605			89.5%			7	532	25	6	570	79.7%	83.4%	84.3%
2005	'09	694	621	590		89.5%	85.0%		5	562	19	0	586	81.7%	84.4%	84.4%
2006	'10	672	622	593		92.6%	88.2%		5	560	24	2	591	84.1%	87.6%	87.9%
2007	'11	682	625	593		91.6%	87.0%		1	563	17	5	586	82.7%	85.2%	85.9%
2008	'12	652	600	576		92.0%	88.3%		4	548	12	2	566	84.7%	86.5%	86.8%
2009*	'13	663	614	578		92.5%	87.2%		5	544	18	3	570	82.8%	85.5%	86.0%
2010	'14	768	719	696		93.6%	90.6%		3	650	24	7	684	85.0%	88.2%	89.1%
2011	'15	663	611	585	584	92.2%	88.2%	88.1%	1	556	18	2	577	84.0%	86.7%	87.0%
2012	'16	647	602	563	561	93.0%	87.0%	86.7%	4	529	21	4	558	82.4%	85.6%	86.2%
2013	'17	660	625	594	588	94.7%	90.0%	89.1%	5	554	24	---	583	84.7%	88.3%	---
2014	'18	724	679	632	619	93.8%	87.3%	85.5%	7	592	---	---	599	82.7%	---	---
2015*	'19	684	622	587	575	90.9%	85.8%	84.1%	3	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
2016	'20	714	664	614	---	93.0%	86.0%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
2017	'21	661	603	---	---	91.2%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
2018	'22	678	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

'Entering class N' and '% returning each fall' are determined on the census date (Oct 5). Classes entering prior to Fall 2001 used a census date of first class day (Sept 5). Differences between rates for those entering before Fall 2001 and those entering Fall 2001 onward are slight.

All percentages are calculated using the number of students returning/graduating from the entering class cohort. 'Returning' includes only active students enrolled for credits at/through Skidmore College. The '# returning fourth year' excludes students who graduated in 3 years as they are counted under 'graduate in 3 years.'

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 (below the first solid black line). August graduates (students completing the summer of intended graduation year) 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 changes in definitions at the federal and state levels.

*Initial cohort size adjusted for allowable IPEDS exclusions. Allowable exclusions are: deceased, permanently disabled, armed forces, foreign aid service of the federal government, or official church missions.

◦Enter 2009 = Cohort adjusted from 664 to 663 due to 1 exclusion. '%returning second year' remains 92.5% (614/664) as the exclusion occurred after Oct 5 of second year. All other percentages based on 663 entering.