

RETENTION RATES

RETENTION RATES OF FALL COHORTS OF NEW STUDENTS

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	Fall 2014 Cohort	Fall 2015 Cohort	Fall 2016 Cohort	Fall 2017 Cohort	Fall 2018 Cohort	Fall 2019 Cohort	Fall 2020* Cohort	Fall 2021 Cohort	Fall 2022 Cohort	Fall 2023 Cohort	
Number of Students in Original Cohort											10-year average
Original cohort	541	582	506	543	621	502	547*	601	552	518	552
<i>Adjusted cohort</i>	540	582	505	541	620	502	547	601	552	518	551
Percent of Cohort Retained from First Year to Second Year											10-year average
US Students of Color	93	92	89	97	94	94	95	92	96	94	94
US White students	97	93	94	95	93	88	96	91	94	91	93
International	92	95	97	97	94	93	94	91	95	92	94
All students	95	93	93	96	93	90**	96	91	95	92	93
Percent of Cohort Retained from First Year to Third Year											9-year average
US Students of Color	90	90	84	95	89	94	87	87	94		90
US White students	95	91	91	91	80	91	89	86	88		89
International	92	92	89	96	84	97	93	86	88		91
All students	93	91	89	92	83*	92	89	86	90		90
Percent of Cohort Retained from First Year to Fourth Year											8-year average
US Students of Color	86	89	83	92	90	91	86	86			88
US White students	94	88	90	86	87	90	90	85			89
International	88	90	88	86	84	93	88	88			88
All students	92	89	88	87*	87	90	88	85			88

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**Indicates retention rates for the fall 2020 term, which were impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.



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Number of Students in Original Cohort											10-year average
US Students of color	124	117	122	159	186	144	199	194	188	182	162
Asian	33	35	42	40	65	27	56	41	39	42	42
Black	13	14	17	26	19	31	26	36	36	26	24
Hispanic	45	32	37	58	52	44	70	61	62	66	53
Native American	0	1	2	0	3	3	1	1	0	0	1
Pacific Islander	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	3	1
Two or more races	32	35	23	35	47	38	45	54	51	45	41
Percent of Cohort Retained from First Year to Second Year											10-year average
US Students of Color	93	92	89	97	94	94	95	92	96	94	94
Asian	97	86	86	98	97	93	96	90	97	90	93
Black	85	100	88	96	95	87	100	92	100	100	94
Hispanic	91	94	89	97	94	95	93	90	94	92	93
Native American	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Two or more races	94	94	96	100	89	97	96	94	94	96	95
Percent of Cohort Retained from First Year to Third Year											9-year average
US Students of Color	90	90	84	95	89	94	87	87	94		90
Asian	94	83	83	93	88	93	89	88	100		90
Black	92	100	82	96	100	90	88	89	100		93
Hispanic	87	94	84	97	90	95	84	89	87		90
Native American	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		*
Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		*
Two or more races	88	89	96	94	83	95	89	83	92		90
Percent of Cohort Retained from First Year to Fourth Year											8-year average
US Students of Color	86	89	83	92	90	91	86	86			88
Asian	91	86	81	88	88	89	89	88			88
Black	92	100	71	96	100	90	88	81			90
Hispanic	80	81	86	93	90	91	86	87			87
Native American	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*			*
Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*			*
Two or more races	88	94	96	94	87	92	84	85			90

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GRADUATION RATES

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Number of Students in Original Cohort											10-year average
Original cohort	478	534	555	541	582	506	543	621	502	547	541
Adjusted cohort**	478	534	554	540	582	505	541	620	502	547	540
Percent of Cohort who Graduated within Four Years											10-year average
US Students of Color	82	88	85	84	81	79	87	77	80	76	82
US White students	85	83	86	90	85	85	79	74	82	86	84
International	86	89	82	85	88	83	76	68	82	87	83
Total	85	85	86	88	85	83	81	74	81	82	83
Percent of Cohort who Graduated within Five Years											9-year average
US Students of Color	84	90	89	88	86	83	90	85	88		87
US White students	87	88	91	94	88	88	88	87	89		89
International	88	91	89	89	90	87	93	88	97		90
Total	87	89	90	91	88	87	89	86	90		89
Percent of Cohort who Graduated within Six Years											8-year average
US Students of Color	84	90	89	88	87	83	92	88			88
US White students	87	89	92	95	90	89	89	87			90
International	91	93	89	91	92	91	95	88			91
Total	87	90	91	93	90	88	90	87			90

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**Cohorts may only be adjusted in specific circumstances, such as if a student leaves college for military service or is deceased. The adjusted cohort is used to calculate graduation rates.

NOTE: Graduates for a given academic year include persons who completed their degrees in December, January, May, or August.

The six-year graduation rate for the fall 2018 cohort is 87%.
This cohort was impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic.

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Number of Students in Original Cohort**											10-year average
US Students of color	103	104	108	124	117	121	158	185	144	199	136
Asian	31	44	37	33	35	42	40	64	27	56	41
Black	12	6	15	13	14	17	25	19	31	26	18
Hispanic	32	28	28	45	32	36	58	52	44	70	43
Native American	1	0	1	0	1	2	0	3	3	1	1
Pacific Islander	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	1
Two or more races	27	26	26	32	35	23	35	47	38	45	33
Percent of Cohort who Graduated within Four Years											10-year average
US Students of Color	82	88	85	84	81	79	87	77	81	76	82
Asian	84	95	86	94	77	76	88	77	74	88	84
Black	92	67	87	69	86	76	92	74	74	69	79
Hispanic	81	82	86	78	78	81	88	83	86	67	81
Native American	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Two or more races	78	88	85	88	86	91	83	70	87	80	84
Percent of Cohort Who Graduated within Five Years											9-year average
US Students of Color	84	90	89	88	86	83	90	85	88		87
Asian	87	95	86	94	83	81	90	85	85		87
Black	92	83	93	77	93	76	92	89	87		87
Hispanic	88	86	89	84	84	86	91	85	91		87
Native American	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		*
Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		*
Two or more races	78	88	88	88	89	96	86	81	92		87
Percent of Cohort who Graduated within Six Years											8-year average
US Students of Color	84	90	89	88	87	83	92	88			88
Asian	87	95	86	94	86	81	93	91			89
Black	92	83	93	77	93	76	96	89			87
Hispanic	88	86	89	84	84	86	91	87			87
Native American	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*			*
Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*			*
Two or more races	78	88	88	91	89	96	89	83			88

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**Persons are removed from the original cohort if they are deceased.