

TABLE 4.4
RETENTION AND GRADUATION RATES FOR FULL-TIME, FIRST TIME FRESHMAN COHORTS
FALL 1998 TO FALL 2007

YEAR COHORT ENTERED	NUMBER IN ENTERING COHORT	RETENTION RATES			RETENTION & CUMULATIVE GRADUATION RATES [1]					
		PERCENT RETAINED TO SECOND YEAR	PERCENT RETAINED TO THIRD YEAR	PERCENT RETAINED TO FOURTH YEAR	PERCENT GRADUATED 4 YEARS	PERCENT RETAINED TO 5TH YEAR	PERCENT GRADUATED 5 YEARS	PERCENT RETAINED TO 6TH YEAR	PERCENT GRADUATED 6 YEARS	PERCENT RETAINED TO 7TH YEAR
1998	1106	82.0%	73.3%	67.8%	22.8%	43.0%	50.0%	12.1%	56.8%	6.0%
1999	1319	83.4%	73.3%	69.8%	23.4%	44.4%	50.4%	14.6%	58.3%	6.5%
2000	1324	82.6%	72.7%	68.5%	26.5%	40.6%	52.6%	11.5%	59.3%	5.0%
2001	1378	85.0%	75.5%	70.9%	27.0%	41.7%	54.0%	13.6%	61.2%	5.6%
2002	1470	81.9%	74.1%	69.1%	27.8%	39.1%	54.3%	11.2%	62.1%	3.9%
2003	1595	84.8%	73.5%	68.1%	29.6%	37.7%	54.9%	11.3%		
2004	1738	82.3%	71.3%	67.4%	30.7%	36.4%				
2005	1868	81.3%	71.9%	68.1%						
2006	2018	81.6%	73.6%							
2007 [2]	2069	81.9%								

Sources: SURE/IPEDS Enrollment, Degree, and SSN Change file submissions. Retention rates exclude degree earners.

[1] Graduation rates correspond to those reported on the IPEDS Graduation Rate Survey (GRS).

[2] Beginning in 2007, IPEDS tracks all full-time, first-time students, including those who enter with enough credits to be classified as sophomores or above.