

**TABLE 4.4**  
**RETENTION AND GRADUATION RATES FOR FULL-TIME, FIRST TIME FRESHMAN COHORTS**  
**FALL 1999 TO FALL 2008 [1]**

YEAR COHORT ENTERED	NUMBER IN ENTERING COHORT [3]	RETENTION RATES			RETENTION & CUMULATIVE GRADUATION RATES [2]					
		PERCENT RETAINED TO SECOND YEAR	THIRD YEAR	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
1999	1,319	83.4%	73.3%	69.8%	23.4%	44.4%	50.4%	14.6%	58.3%	6.5%
2000	1,324	82.6%	72.7%	68.5%	26.5%	40.6%	52.6%	11.5%	59.3%	5.0%
2001	1,378	85.0%	75.5%	70.9%	27.0%	41.7%	54.0%	13.6%	61.2%	5.6%
2002	1,470	81.9%	74.1%	69.1%	27.9%	39.1%	54.4%	11.2%	62.1%	3.9%
2003	1,594	84.9%	73.5%	68.1%	29.5%	37.8%	54.8%	11.4%	61.8%	4.3%
2004	1,737	82.4%	71.4%	67.5%	30.7%	36.4%	55.6%	10.3%		
2005	1,868	81.3%	71.9%	68.1%	34.0%	33.7%				
2006	2,018	81.6%	73.6%	70.0%						
2007 [4]	2,069	81.9%	73.7%							
2008 [4]	2,257	83.0%								

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

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

[3] This is the Revised IPEDS GRS Cohort number, with exclusions (death, permanent disability, military service, foreign service, & church mission service) removed.

[4] 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.

  = Our most recent one-year retention, four-year graduation, five-year graduation, and six-year graduations rates.