

**TABLE 4.6**  
**RETENTION AND GRADUATION RATES FOR FULL-TIME, FIRST TIME FRESHMAN COHORTS**  
**BY SEX, FALL 1996 TO FALL 2008**

YEAR ENTERED & SEX	NUMBER IN ENTERING COHORT	RETENTION RATES			RETENTION & CUMULATIVE GRADUATION RATES					
		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
<b>1996</b>	<b>1194</b>	<b>83.8%</b>	<b>74.7%</b>	<b>70.8%</b>	<b>20.4%</b>	<b>46.4%</b>	<b>47.5%</b>	<b>18.8%</b>	<b>56.1%</b>	<b>10.4%</b>
Female	706	85.6%	77.5%	74.1%	25.4%	45.2%	52.7%	18.4%	61.3%	10.1%
Male	488	81.4%	70.7%	66.0%	13.1%	48.2%	40.0%	19.5%	48.6%	10.9%
<b>1997</b>	<b>1148</b>	<b>83.8%</b>	<b>73.2%</b>	<b>67.6%</b>	<b>20.0%</b>	<b>46.3%</b>	<b>48.1%</b>	<b>18.1%</b>	<b>55.9%</b>	<b>9.8%</b>
Female	709	84.2%	73.3%	68.5%	23.7%	44.1%	51.5%	17.5%	58.4%	10.3%
Male	439	83.1%	72.9%	66.1%	14.1%	49.7%	42.6%	19.1%	51.9%	8.9%
<b>1998</b>	<b>1106</b>	<b>82.0%</b>	<b>73.3%</b>	<b>67.8%</b>	<b>22.9%</b>	<b>44.4%</b>	<b>50.2%</b>	<b>15.6%</b>	<b>57.1%</b>	<b>9.4%</b>
Female	661	84.1%	77.6%	71.3%	29.0%	43.1%	57.5%	13.9%	63.1%	10.4%
Male	445	78.9%	67.0%	62.7%	13.7%	46.3%	39.3%	18.0%	48.1%	7.9%
<b>1999</b>	<b>1319</b>	<b>83.4%</b>	<b>73.2%</b>	<b>69.6%</b>	<b>23.4%</b>	<b>46.1%</b>	<b>50.4%</b>	<b>17.4%</b>	<b>58.3%</b>	<b>10.0%</b>
Female	823	85.7%	76.3%	72.7%	27.6%	45.6%	55.7%	16.8%	62.8%	10.9%
Male	496	79.6%	68.1%	64.5%	16.3%	47.0%	41.7%	18.5%	50.8%	8.5%
<b>2000</b>	<b>1324</b>	<b>82.6%</b>	<b>72.1%</b>	<b>67.9%</b>	<b>26.5%</b>	<b>42.4%</b>	<b>52.6%</b>	<b>14.9%</b>	<b>59.3%</b>	<b>8.8%</b>
Female	827	83.9%	74.6%	70.7%	30.8%	42.2%	57.4%	14.4%	63.4%	10.3%
Male	497	80.3%	68.0%	63.2%	19.3%	42.7%	44.5%	15.7%	52.5%	6.4%
<b>2001</b>	<b>1378</b>	<b>84.3%</b>	<b>74.7%</b>	<b>70.2%</b>	<b>26.9%</b>	<b>43.3%</b>	<b>53.8%</b>	<b>16.4%</b>	<b>61.2%</b>	<b>5.6%</b>
Female	826	86.6%	78.0%	74.6%	32.6%	43.3%	61.5%	14.8%	67.4%	4.2%
Male	552	81.0%	69.9%	63.6%	18.5%	43.3%	42.4%	18.8%	51.8%	7.6%
<b>2002</b>	<b>1470</b>	<b>81.6%</b>	<b>73.5%</b>	<b>68.6%</b>	<b>27.3%</b>	<b>41.0%</b>	<b>54.3%</b>	<b>11.2%</b>	<b>62.0%</b>	<b>3.9%</b>
Female	881	83.3%	75.8%	71.2%	32.6%	39.5%	59.7%	10.1%	67.0%	3.4%
Male	589	79.1%	69.9%	64.7%	19.5%	43.3%	46.2%	12.7%	54.7%	4.8%
<b>2003</b>	<b>1594</b>	<b>84.3%</b>	<b>72.9%</b>	<b>67.6%</b>	<b>29.5%</b>	<b>37.7%</b>	<b>54.9%</b>	<b>11.3%</b>	<b>61.8%</b>	<b>4.2%</b>
Female	934	86.4%	77.1%	70.8%	36.0%	35.7%	61.7%	9.3%	67.5%	3.4%
Male	660	81.2%	67.0%	63.2%	20.3%	40.6%	45.2%	14.2%	53.8%	5.3%
<b>2004</b>	<b>1737</b>	<b>82.2%</b>	<b>71.0%</b>	<b>67.4%</b>	<b>30.7%</b>	<b>36.4%</b>	<b>55.6%</b>	<b>10.2%</b>		
Female	1015	85.5%	74.9%	71.7%	36.4%	35.2%	61.5%	8.9%		
Male	722	77.6%	65.6%	61.4%	22.7%	38.0%	47.2%	12.0%		
<b>2005</b>	<b>1868</b>	<b>81.0%</b>	<b>71.9%</b>	<b>68.1%</b>	<b>34.0%</b>	<b>33.6%</b>				
Female	1065	84.9%	77.7%	73.1%	42.0%	31.4%				
Male	803	76.0%	64.4%	61.4%	23.4%	36.6%				
<b>2006</b>	<b>1868</b>	<b>81.6%</b>	<b>73.6%</b>	<b>75.6%</b>						
Female	1065	82.7%	75.4%	81.4%						
Male	803	80.0%	71.0%	68.0%						
<b>2007</b>	<b>2069</b>	<b>81.9%</b>	<b>73.7%</b>							
Female	1277	82.7%	74.9%							
Male	792	80.6%	71.7%							
<b>2008</b>	<b>2257</b>	<b>83.0%</b>								
Female	1365	84.2%								
Male	892	81.1%								

Sources: SURE/IPEDS Enrollment and Degree files.