

Fall 2025 Summary of Retention and Graduation Rates
First-Time, Full-Time, First-Year Degree-Seeking Students

Category		2nd Fall Retention		3rd Fall Retention		4-Yr Graduation Rate		6-Yr Graduation Rate	
		Number in Fall 2024 Cohort	Percent (%) Retained to 2nd Fall	Number in Fall 2023 Cohort	Percent (%) Retained to 3rd Fall	Number in Fall 2021 Cohort	Percent (%) Graduated Within 4 Yrs	Number in Fall 2019 Cohort	Percent (%) Graduated Within 6 Yrs
University	ALL	3,006	83.8	3,066	74.9	2,613	50.2	2,860	67.8
Residency	In-State	2,605	84.0	2,654	75.0	2,314	49.1	2,535	68.2
	Out-of-State	401	82.3	412	74.5	299	58.5	325	65.2
Gender	Female	1,759	85.0	1,830	76.9	1,598	56.0	1,751	71.7
	Male	1,247	82.0	1,236	72.0	1,015	41.1	1,109	61.7
Race/Ethnicity	Black or African American	259	79.5	278	58.3	283	26.5	280	51.3
	American Indian or Alaskan Native	3	100.0	-	-	3	66.7	2	50.0
	Asian	68	95.6	80	73.8	79	55.7	67	80.6
	Hispanic/Latino	250	78.4	255	64.7	191	40.8	203	54.5
	White	2,248	84.9	2,313	78.4	1,919	54.1	2,104	70.7
	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1	100.0	1	100.0	-	-	3	33.3
	Two or More Races	131	76.3	116	69.8	77	49.4	109	57.8
	Race/Ethnicity Unspecified	44	86.4	22	68.2	57	59.6	90	85.6
	U.S. Nonresident	2	100.0	1	100.0	4	75.0	2	100.0
Race/Ethnicity by Gender	Black Female	148	82.4	150	62.0	177	32.2	177	54.5
	Black Male	111	75.7	128	53.9	106	17.0	103	45.6
	Hispanic Female	149	76.5	152	66.4	122	42.6	132	59.8
	Hispanic Male	101	81.2	103	62.1	69	37.7	71	44.3
	White Female	1,312	86.5	1,401	79.7	1,165	60.6	1,280	74.5
	White Male	936	82.6	912	76.4	754	44.0	824	64.8
	American Indian or Alaskan Native Female	3	100.0	-	-	3	66.7	-	-
	American Indian or Alaskan Native Male	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	50.0
	Asian Female	42	92.9	49	77.6	46	65.2	37	83.8
	Asian Male	26	100.0	31	67.7	33	42.4	30	76.7
	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander Female	1	100.0	-	-	-	-	1	100.0
	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander Male	-	-	1	100.0	-	-	2	0.0
	Two or More Races - Female	82	76.8	69	73.9	54	53.7	64	62.5
	Two or More Races - Male	49	75.5	47	63.8	23	39.1	45	51.1
	Race/Ethnicity Unspecified - Female	20	85.0	9	88.9	29	62.1	58	89.7
	Race/Ethnicity Unspecified - Male	24	87.5	13	53.8	28	57.1	32	78.1
	U.S. Nonresident Female	2	100.0	-	-	2	50.0	2	100.0
	U.S. Nonresident Male	-	-	1	100.0	2	100.0	-	-
Underrepresented Minorities (URM)*	URM	597	78.2	612	61.8	527	33.0	566	52.8
	Non-URM	2,363	85.1	2,431	78.3	2,025	54.4	2,202	70.9
	URM - Unspecified Race/Ethnicity or U.S. Nonresident	46	87.0	23	69.6	61	60.7	92	85.9
Pell Status	Pell Disbursed	915	79.8	853	67.3	696	36.8	783	56.5
	Pell Not Disbursed, Federal Subsidized Loans Yes	522	82.8	725	77.0	631	51.7	738	66.6
	Pell Not Disbursed, Federal Subsidized Loans No	1,569	86.5	1,488	78.3	1,286	56.8	1,339	75.1
College	College of Sciences & Mathematics	666	82.9	692	70.5	626	48.7	614	67.9
	College of Business & Public Management	792	83.7	835	74.9	636	48.9	629	64.7
	College of Education & Social Work	342	84.8	352	78.4	308	54.5	306	80.1
	College of Health Sciences	442	84.2	463	79.3	321	60.4	305	73.4
	College of Arts & Humanities	185	89.2	173	74.0	159	46.5	212	67.5
	School of Music	96	94.8	77	84.4	58	63.8	81	63.8
	University College	483	79.9	474	73.4	505	44.2	713	62.7
Housing Option	Affiliated Housing	1,360	86.4	1,276	79.3	1,217	57.8	1,405	71.5
	WCU Residence Hall	1,353	82.3	1,495	72.0	1,026	43.6	1,123	64.8
	Commuter	293	78.8	295	70.5	370	43.8	332	62.7
Housing Option by URM Status	Affiliated - URM	159	81.8	150	64.0	158	39.2	197	56.3
	Affiliated - Non-URM	1,179	87.1	1,116	81.5	1,029	60.5	1,165	73.4
	Affiliated - URM Unspecified or U.S. Nonresident	22	81.8	10	60.0	30	60.0	43	90.7
	WCU Residence Hall - URM	356	78.4	374	61.8	280	28.2	294	50.0
	WCU Residence Hall - Non-URM	979	83.6	1,110	75.5	730	48.9	794	69.5
	WCU Residence Hall - URM Unspecified or U.S. Nonresident	18	88.9	11	72.7	16	68.8	35	80.0
	Commuter - URM	82	70.7	88	58.0	89	37.1	75	54.7
	Commuter - Non-URM	205	81.5	205	75.6	266	45.5	243	63.8
	Commuter - URM Unspecified or U.S. Nonresident	6	100.0	2	100.0	15	53.3	14	85.7

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Red - Rate is lower than prior year; Blue - Rate is higher than prior year

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University	ALL	3,066	83.1	2,984	76.8	2,764	51.9	2,770	70.5
Residency	In-State	2,654	83.2	2,603	77.0	2,402	50.5	2,419	70.9
	Out-of-State	412	82.5	381	75.9	362	61.0	351	67.8
Gender	Female	1,830	84.6	1,786	78.9	1,708	58.3	1,706	75.4
	Male	1,236	80.9	1,198	73.8	1,056	41.7	1,064	62.6
Race/Ethnicity	Black or African American	278	73.4	340	67.1	247	30.0	271	55.4
	American Indian or Alaskan Native	-	-	4	75.0	8	37.5	4	75.0
	Asian	80	83.8	77	79.2	72	63.9	70	58.6
	Hispanic/Latino	255	74.9	235	70.2	176	35.8	193	57.5
	White	2,313	85.3	2,192	79.7	2,100	56.5	2,064	74.8
	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1	100.0	-	-	1	0.0	-	-
	Two or More Races	116	81.9	113	66.4	101	30.7	118	64.4
	Race/Ethnicity Unspecified	22	72.7	18	66.7	57	56.1	44	59.1
	U.S. Nonresident	1	100.0	5	60.0	2	0.0	6	50.0
Race/Ethnicity by Gender	Black Female	150	76.0	203	68.5	165	33.9	167	61.1
	Black Male	128	70.3	137	65.0	82	22.0	104	46.2
	Hispanic Female	152	78.3	146	73.3	121	40.5	128	57.8
	Hispanic Male	103	69.9	89	65.2	55	25.5	65	56.9
	White Female	1,401	86.2	1,300	81.7	1,288	63.9	1,282	79.6
	White Male	912	84.0	892	76.7	812	44.7	782	66.8
	American Indian or Alaskan Native Female	-	-	2	50.0	5	60.0	3	100.0
	American Indian or Alaskan Native Male	-	-	2	100.0	3	0.0	1	0.0
	Asian Female	49	87.8	48	81.3	45	71.1	39	69.2
	Asian Male	31	77.4	29	75.9	27	51.9	31	45.2
	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander Female	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander Male	1	100.0	-	-	1	0.0	-	-
	Two or More Races - Female	69	84.1	76	71.1	57	26.3	59	74.6
	Two or More Races - Male	47	78.7	37	56.8	44	36.4	59	54.2
	Race/Ethnicity Unspecified - Female	9	77.8	10	60.0	26	65.4	23	56.5
	Race/Ethnicity Unspecified - Male	13	69.2	8	75.0	31	48.4	21	61.9
	U.S. Nonresident Female	-	-	1	0.0	1	0.0	5	60.0
	U.S. Nonresident Male	1	100.0	4	75.0	1	0.0	1	0.0
Underrepresented Minorities (URM)*	URM	612	74.7	657	67.1	493	32.0	559	56.5
	Non-URM	2,431	85.3	2,304	79.7	2,212	56.3	2,161	74.4
	URM - Unspecified or U.S. Nonresident	23	73.9	23	65.2	59	54.2	50	58.0
Pell Status	Pell Disbursed	853	79.0	839	67.1	640	40.6	684	61.5
	Pell Not Disbursed, Federal Subsidized Loans Yes	725	85.4	682	78.4	433	49.7	853	73.0
	Pell Not Disbursed, Federal Subsidized Loans No	1,488	84.3	1,463	81.7	1,691	56.8	1,233	73.7
College	College of Sciences & Mathematics	692	79.2	731	74.7	656	47.0	474	66.9
	College of Business & Public Management	835	82.5	716	76.0	615	55.4	664	69.3
	College of Education & Social Work	352	85.5	346	80.6	366	53.8	261	81.6
	College of Health Sciences	463	86.2	414	82.1	377	62.1	314	82.8
	College of Arts & Humanities	173	88.4	193	74.6	172	47.1	167	67.1
	School of Music	77	93.5	81	88.9	87	49.4	85	72.9
	University College	474	81.4	503	73.2	491	47.0	805	65.7
Housing Option	Affiliated Housing	1,276	87.4	1,389	79.8	131	55.0	1,429	73.1
	WCU Residence Hall	1,495	80.8	1,254	75.3	116	39.7	1,022	69.3
	Commuter	295	76.3	341	70.4	2,517	52.3	319	62.7
Housing Option by URM Status	Affiliated - URM	150	80.7	190	70.5	23	13.0	198	55.1
	Affiliated - Non-URM	1,116	88.5	1,190	81.3	104	64.4	1,207	76.3
	Affiliated - URM Unspecified or U.S. Nonresident	10	60.0	9	77.8	4	50.0	24	62.5
	WCU Residence Hall - URM	374	74.6	367	66.8	36	16.7	276	58.3
	WCU Residence Hall - Non-URM	1,110	82.9	878	79.2	77	48.1	732	73.8
	WCU Residence Hall - URM Unspecified or U.S. Nonresident	11	81.8	9	44.4	3	100.0	14	50.0
	Commuter - URM	88	64.8	100	62.0	434	34.3	85	54.1
	Commuter - Non-URM	205	81.0	236	73.7	2,031	56.2	222	66.2
	Commuter - URM Unspecified or U.S. Nonresident	2	100.0	5	80.0	52	51.9	12	58.3

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