

Retention Rates of First-Time Full-Time Freshmen by College Returning to the original college the following Fall

2016 Reporting Year	CCV	CU	JSC	LSC	VTC
Students in 15FA Cohort	180	445	204	267	212
Returned after 1 Yr	94	332	141	181	148
1 Yr Retention Rate	52%	75%	69%	68%	70%

2015 Reporting Year	CCV	CU	JSC	LSC	VTC
Students in 14FA Cohort	235	372	221	294	200
Returned after 1 Yr	117	275	150	197	155
1 Yr Retention Rate	50%	74%	68%	67%	78%

2014 Reporting Year	CCV	CU	JSC	LSC	VTC
Students in 13FA Cohort	232	480	224	361	191
Returned after 1 Yr	111	332	153	221	136
1 Yr Retention Rate	48%	69%	68%	61%	71%

2013 Reporting Year	CCV	CU	JSC	LSC	VTC
Students in 12FA Cohort	267	470	236	334	216
Returned after 1 Yr	153	350	146	215	151
1 Yr Retention Rate	57%	74%	62%	64%	70%

2012 Reporting Year	CCV	CU	JSC	LSC	VTC
Students in 11FA Cohort	281	445	276	378	250
Returned after 1 Yr	151	314	179	244	174
1 Yr Retention Rate	54%	71%	65%	65%	70%

Report Summary

This report calculates the one-year retention rates of first-time full-time freshmen at each of the VSC colleges. A student who attends a VSC college as a first-time full-time freshman in the Fall of 2000, goes to a different college for the Spring of 2001, but returns to the original VSC college for the Fall 2001, is included in the count of students returning after one year.

Definitions

Retention Rate: The rate at which members of a particular group of students enrolled at a college at the same time, are still enrolled at the college after a specified period of time. Retention rates are calculated first by identifying a group of students called the cohort, then by counting the number of cohort students still enrolled a semester, year or several years later.

Although not currently tracked and utilized in the VSC reporting, the IPEDS instructions for retention rates allows for the exclusion of students from the original cohort for the following reasons: deceased, permanently disabled, joined or called to active duty in the armed forces, government foreign aid service, or official church missions. Cohort members in this category may be subtracted from the cohort count prior to calculating the retention rate. Additionally, students who complete their program and therefore do not return, may be included in the number of students who have persisted. Retention Rates are generally reported as percentages. Students included as still enrolled after a given period of time may or may not have attended during the intervening semester(s).

First Term Students: Full-time degree-seeking students recently admitted to the college who have not previously attended a post secondary institution, and have enrolled at the VSC for the first time between August 1 and October 31 of their year of identification. Students who earned college credits prior to graduating from high school, and students who attended college in the summer term prior to their fall start term are included in this group. First Term students fitting this definition are members of the IPEDS full-time federal cohort. IPEDS now defines a second cohort of first-time part-time students.