

TABLE 20
FRESHMAN RETENTION AND GRADUATION RATES

First-Time, Full-Time, Degree-Seeking Freshmen

Year Class Entered	Number in Cohort	Average ACT Score	% Returned For *		% Graduated		
			2nd Yr.	5th Yr.	After 4 Yrs	After 5 Yrs	After 6 Yrs
1997	3,216	22.4	80.4	42.8	18.4	47.0	56.1
1998	3,621	22.2	80.0	41.1	19.3	46.2	54.7
1999	4,305	22.2	78.4	40.3	20.1	46.7	54.4
2000	4,435	22.1	76.8	40.0	19.6	45.1	54.2
2001	4,566	22.0	76.0	39.7	18.8	45.5	53.8
2002	4,444	22.1	76.0	38.1	21.2	47.8	55.2
2003	4,228	22.1	74.8	37.1	21.7	47.0	54.1
2004	3,731	22.0	72.6	35.8	21.5	45.6	52.2
2005	3,708	22.0	73.8	36.2	24.8	48.7	
2006	3,535	22.1	75.1	37.2	24.1		
2007	3,475	21.9	73.4				
2008	3,806	22.0	72.4				
2009	3,163	22.0	76.0				

* The percentage of return is based on the number in the freshman class; for example, there were 3,216 freshmen in the 1997 entering class, 80.4% returned for their sophomore year, and 42.8% (of the original 3,216) returned for their 5th year.

** The cohorts are adjusted for students that are deceased or on active military leave in the calculation of the retention and graduation rates as specified by the CSRDE.