

Fall to Spring Retention

First-Time, Full-Time, Bachelor's Degree Seeking or Undeclared Cohort

Entering Cohort	Cohort N	Returned Following Spring	Retention Rate
Fall 2001	1,721	1,493	86.8%
Fall 2002	1,849	1,568	84.8%
Fall 2003	1,919	1,617	84.3%
Fall 2004	1,848	1,580	85.5%
Fall 2005	1,732	1,516	87.5%
Fall 2006	1,839	1,576	85.7%
Fall 2007	1,856	1,628	87.7%
Fall 2008	1,963	1,698	86.5%

Notes:

1. This report is based on enrollment data as reported to the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education. Each semester's enrollment is based on a census date, which is the last day to add a class (the eighth calendar day of the semester).

2. Information in this report is based on the standard cohort of entering students defined by the US Department of Education. This cohort is very traditional in that it includes full-time, degree-seeking undergraduates who enroll for the first time in the fall semester. Transfer and part-time students are excluded. Students who start college in a semester other than fall are excluded. Two specific groups of students who are not actually "first-time" are included in the cohort: students who took college courses while still in high school and students who took college courses during the summer semester directly before the fall semester being reported.

3. Students are included in the "returned following spring" count if they were enrolled as of the census date, regardless of their full- or part-time status or academic program as of the spring semester immediately following their initial fall enrollment.