

First to Second year Retention of First-Time, Full-Time, Degree-Seeking Students

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Cohort Year	Number of First-Year Students	Stark State College		Ohio Community College Average Persisting at Same Institution	Range		Ohio Community College Average Persisting at Any Institution	Range	
		% Persisting at Same Institution	% Persisting at Any Institution		Lowest Rate	Highest Rate		Lowest Rate	Highest Rate
2014	1,290	51%	55%	53%	45%	66%	57%	50%	70%
2015	868	58%	61%	50%	44%	66%	55%	50%	70%
2016	1,617	55%	59%	55%	45%	68%	60%	51%	71%
2017	1,639	58%	62%	58%	40%	73%	61%	46%	80%
2018	1,805	56%	60%	59%	39%	71%	62%	41%	75%
2019	1,654	58%	62%	59%	47%	76%	63%	53%	80%
2020	1,369	59%	63%	60%	46%	75%	64%	50%	78%
2021	1,575	55%	61%	62%	54%	71%	65%	57%	75%
2022	1,655	55%	60%	59%	50%	70%	64%	53%	74%
2023	1,507	47%	55%	54%	47%	74%	60%	51%	76%

Data Source: Ohio Department of Higher Education, First to Second-Year Retention Report

Definitions:

First-time, Full-time Degree-seeking Students

The Students in this cohort must fulfill three criteria: 1) the Students must be first-time ever in college in the fall term, enrolled in 12 or more hours in the fall term, and must be degree-seeking. Degree-seeking includes all university students, as well as those students who plan to obtain an associate for transfer at the community college level. The cohort may include students whose first term of enrollment is summer, if they continue their enrollment in fall. Data is gathered from the student entrance (SE) and student enrollment (SN) files submitted to the Board of Regents.

Persisting at Same Institution

Of the first-time, full-time, degree-seeking students, the number that are enrolled in courses at the same institution in the fall term of the following year as collected from the student enrollment (SN) file from HEI.

Persisting at Any Institution

Of the first-time, full-time, degree-seeking students, the number that are enrolled in courses at any Ohio Public Institution in the fall term of the following year.