

Retention & Graduation Rates

New Freshman Cohorts

Term	Total Cohort ¹	2nd Semester Retention Rate	Retention ² Fall to Fall			Graduation Rates ⁴ September-August					Attrition ⁵ Fall to Fall		
			2nd year	3rd year	4th year ³	4 year	5 year	6 year	7 year	8 year	2nd year	3rd year	4th year
Fall 2018	564	Winter 2019	Fall 19	Fall 20	Fall 21	Fall 22	Fall 23	Fall 24	Fall 25	Fall 26	Fall 19	Fall 20	Fall 21
Fall 2017	536	95.7%	83.4%	Fall 19	Fall 20	Fall 21	Fall 22	Fall 23	Fall 24	Fall 25	16.6%	Fall 19	Fall 20
Fall 2016	521	93.7%	86.6%	78.9%	Fall 19	Fall 20	Fall 21	Fall 22	Fall 23	Fall 24	13.4%	7.7%	Fall 19
Fall 2015	503	92.8%	82.9%	74.6%	72.4%	Fall 19	Fall 20	Fall 21	Fall 22	Fall 23	17.1%	8.3%	2.2%
Fall 2014	458	95.0%	84.7%	78.2%	75.1%	55.5%	Fall 19	Fall 20	Fall 21	Fall 22	15.3%	6.5%	3.1%
Fall 2013	491	91.4%	81.1%	74.5%	72.1%	50.1%	65.0%	Fall 19	Fall 20	Fall 21	18.9%	6.6%	2.4%
Fall 2012	479	91.6%	80.4%	69.7%	67.4%	52.6%	63.0%	65.3%	Fall 19	Fall 20	19.6%	10.7%	2.3%
Fall 2011	558	91.9%	79.2%	69.2%	66.7%	45.5%	58.8%	62.2%	62.9%	Fall 19	20.8%	10.0%	2.5%
Fall 2010	552	92.6%	83.7%	73.4%	69.9%	45.3%	64.5%	67.8%	67.8%	67.9%	16.3%	10.3%	3.5%
Fall 2009	547	92.7%	81.0%	72.8%	66.9%	42.0%	58.7%	63.1%	64.9%	65.6%	19.0%	8.2%	5.9%
Fall 2008	605	91.1%	79.5%	66.6%	62.1%	37.2%	53.9%	57.4%	58.3%	58.8%	20.5%	12.9%	4.5%
Fall 2007	528	90.9%	76.1%	62.1%	59.7%	34.3%	51.7%	56.8%	57.6%	57.8%	23.9%	14.0%	2.4%
Fall 2006	480	91.3%	77.1%	66.0%	60.8%	35.6%	52.3%	56.9%	58.1%	58.8%	22.9%	11.1%	5.2%
Fall 2005	498	91.6%	75.1%	64.5%	58.8%	34.7%	51.4%	57.4%	58.4%	59.2%	24.9%	10.6%	5.7%
Average⁶	523	92.5%	80.8%	70.9%	66.5%	43.3%	57.7%	60.9%	61.1%	61.4%	19.2%	9.7%	3.6%

1 Freshmen cohorts are comprised of students that are first time in any college (F¹TIAC) and are enrolled full-time.

2 Retention rates are based on fall enrollment in the academic year listed and includes students enrolling at any enrollment level. Students in programs that include both undergraduate and graduate level work are included in these retention rates even if they entered the graduate portion of their program. In past years this was calculated using a different methodology, these figures may be different then previous versions of this report.

3 Students that complete their bachelor degree prior to the start of the 4th year are included as a retained student in the 4th year.

4 Graduation rates are based on the date the first bachelor degree is conferred for each student. Per the IPEDS definition a student cannot be included in the graduation rate until the degree has been conferred. Some multiple level programs do not award the bachelor degree until graduate or professional work has been completed. This rate is calculated using degrees conferred during the entire academic year, from September through August for the given year. In past years this was calculated using a different methodology, these figures may be different then previous versions of this report. Rates have been updated to include degrees certified with backdating after initial reporting has been completed, changes stop at the time of reporting to IPEDS.

5 Attrition is the percentage of students that leave the university each year. This is based on enrollment in the fall each year, a student may re-enroll in another term during the year.

6 Average figures are the same data fields from the entire full time new freshman cohorts for the years available in the category.

7 Above the grey dashed line indicates that Detroit Mercy is using the Banner database system; below the grey dashed line indicates that Detroit Mercy was using the APECS database system.

8 All data is based on the census date for the given term. This data cannot be altered.