

VFA Comparison Report: Graduation and First-Year Success*

Six-Year Cohort Comparison: Graduation

	First-Time Credential Seeking	First Time in College
Fall 2010	50%	36%
Fall 2011	50%	35%
Fall 2012	43%	42%
Fall 2013	48%	37%
Fall 2014	51%	42%
Fall 2015	53%	47%
Fall 2016	51%	46%

These are students who completed a degree over 6 year period, the maximum tracked by the federal government.

The first column shows those who matriculated (enrolled in a degree program) who earned 12 credits by year 2.

The second column shows all first-time college students (matriculated and non-matriculated)

*Source: Voluntary Framework of Accountability reports. VFA tracks students who are considered to be on a completion track rather than those who are occasional students.

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Two Year Cohort Comparison for Retention and and Success Results (Credential Seeking)

	Fall to Spring Retention	First Term Success
Fall 2014	96%	89%
Fall 2015	93%	90%
Fall 2016	92%	89%
Fall 2017	96%	90%
Fall 2018	94%	85%
Fall 2019	94%	85%
Fall 2020	93%	86%

These are all first-time in college students who attempted at least 12 credits.

The first column shows those who stayed from fall to spring of their first term

The second column shows students who earned at least a C in their first fall semester.

*Source: Voluntary Framework of Accountability (VFA) reports. VFA looks more closely at students who are actively pursuing a degree and distinguishes between those who might attempt classes in one term and those who demonstrate persistence. In contrast, federal reporting looks at all students, even those who may only have attempted college for one semester.

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Two Year Cohort Comparison Results: First Time in College (All New Students)

	Fall to Spring Retention	First Term Success
Fall 2014	74%	75%
Fall 2015	79%	76%
Fall 2016	83%	83%
Fall 2017	83%	83%
Fall 2018	83%	79%
Fall 2019	77%	66%
Fall 2020	70%	65%

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