



UPSTATE
University of South Carolina

RETENTION AND
GRADUATION RATES

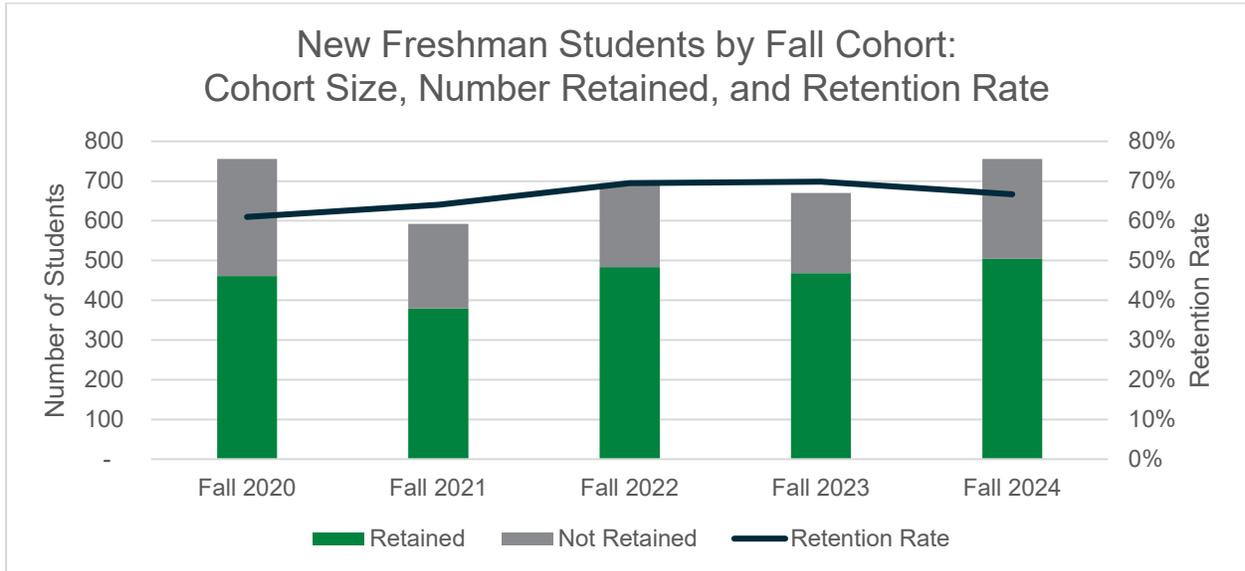
Updated through Fall 2025 (retention) or Summer 2025 (graduation).

Institutional Planning and Research Definitions

This report displays retention and graduation rates for students who entered USC Upstate in a fall semester as a first-time in college, full-time, degree-seeking undergraduate student (“New Freshman”), and were enrolled at the fall census date.

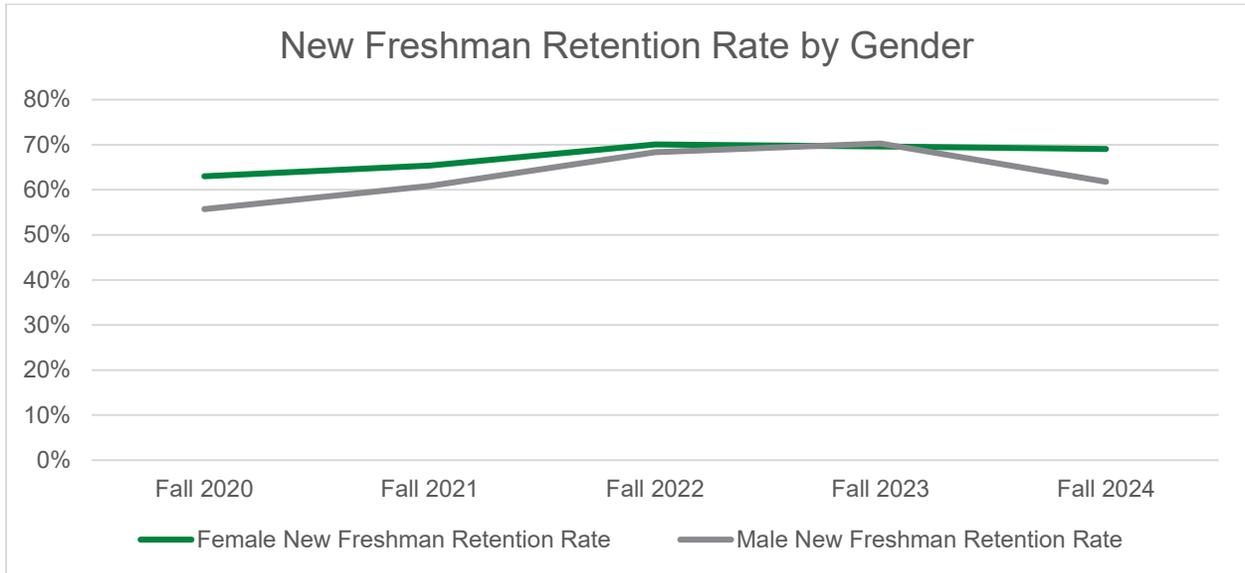
- The retention rate is defined as the percentage of New Freshman students who are enrolled at USC Upstate at the census date of the fall semester one year after initial enrollment.
- The 4-year graduation rate is the percentage of New Freshman students who complete a program within 4 academic years of initial enrollment.
- The 6-year graduation rate is the percentage of New Freshman students who complete a program within 6 academic years of initial enrollment.

New Freshman Retention



Cohort Fall Term	Cohort Size	Number Retained	Retention Rate
Fall 2020	756	461	61.0%
Fall 2021	592	379	64.0%
Fall 2022	695	483	69.5%
Fall 2023	670	468	69.9%
Fall 2024	756	504	66.7%

New Freshman Retention by Gender



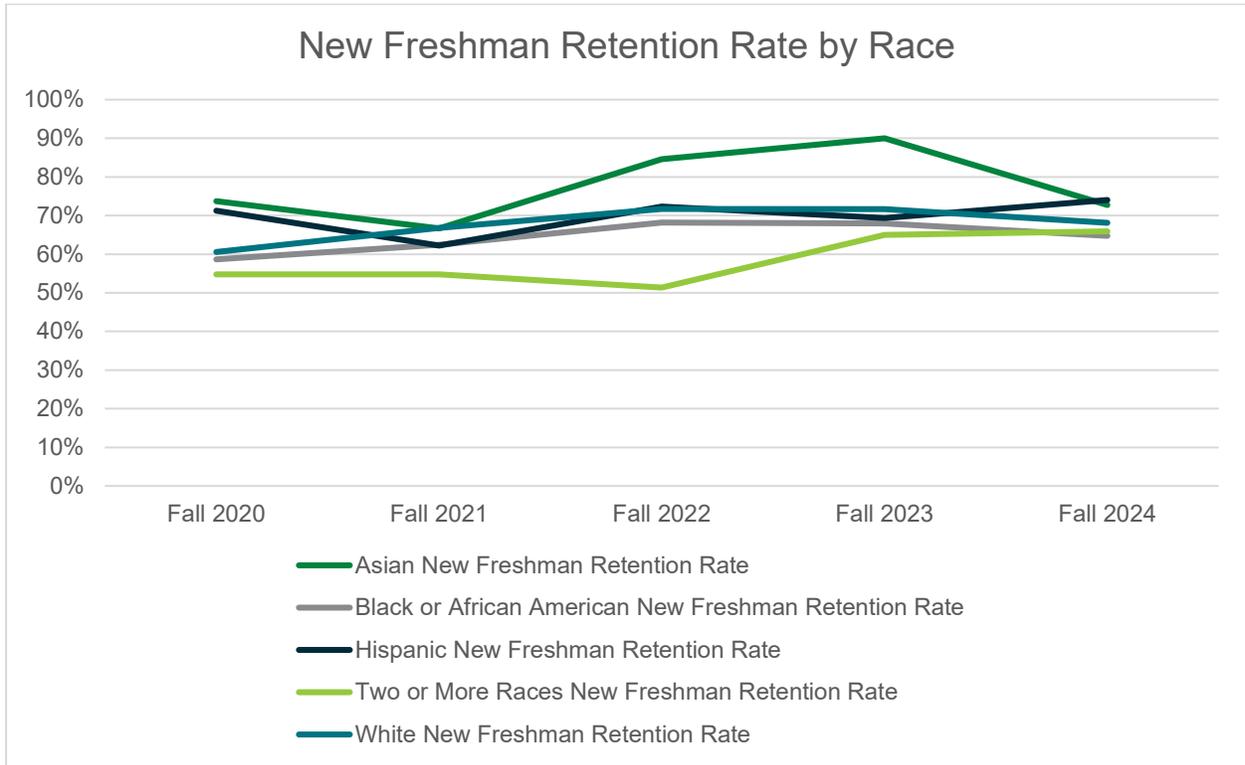
Female Students

Cohort Fall Term	Cohort Size	Number Retained	Retention Rate
Fall 2020	546	344	63.0%
Fall 2021	413	270	65.4%
Fall 2022	461	323	70.1%
Fall 2023	448	312	69.6%
Fall 2024	510	352	69.0%

Male Students

Cohort Fall Term	Cohort Size	Number Retained	Retention Rate
Fall 2020	210	117	55.7%
Fall 2021	179	109	60.9%
Fall 2022	234	160	68.4%
Fall 2023	222	156	70.3%
Fall 2024	246	152	61.8%

New Freshman Retention by Race



Asian

Cohort Fall Term	Cohort Size	Number Retained	Retention Rate
Fall 2020	19	14	73.7%
Fall 2021	21	14	66.7%
Fall 2022	26	22	84.6%
Fall 2023	10	9	90.0%
Fall 2024	11	8	72.7%

Black or African American

Cohort Fall Term	Cohort Size	Number Retained	Retention Rate
Fall 2020	283	166	58.7%
Fall 2021	242	151	62.4%
Fall 2022	286	195	68.2%
Fall 2023	265	180	67.9%
Fall 2024	340	220	64.7%

Hispanic

Cohort Fall Term	Cohort Size	Number Retained	Retention Rate
Fall 2020	66	47	71.2%
Fall 2021	45	28	62.2%
Fall 2022	65	47	72.3%
Fall 2023	62	43	69.4%
Fall 2024	77	57	74.0%

Non-resident Alien

Cohort Fall Term	Cohort Size	Number Retained	Retention Rate
Fall 2020	11	7	63.6%
Fall 2021	15	11	73.3%
Fall 2022	12	9	75.0%
Fall 2023	9	Not Reported *	Not Reported *
Fall 2024	10	5	50.0%

Two or More Races

Cohort Fall Term	Cohort Size	Number Retained	Retention Rate
Fall 2020	42	23	54.8%
Fall 2021	42	23	54.8%
Fall 2022	37	19	51.4%
Fall 2023	40	26	65.0%
Fall 2024	44	29	65.9%

White

Cohort Fall Term	Cohort Size	Number Retained	Retention Rate
Fall 2020	322	195	60.6%
Fall 2021	223	149	66.8%
Fall 2022	258	185	71.7%
Fall 2023	282	202	71.6%
Fall 2024	270	184	68.1%

Smaller Racial Categories with Unreported Retention Rates

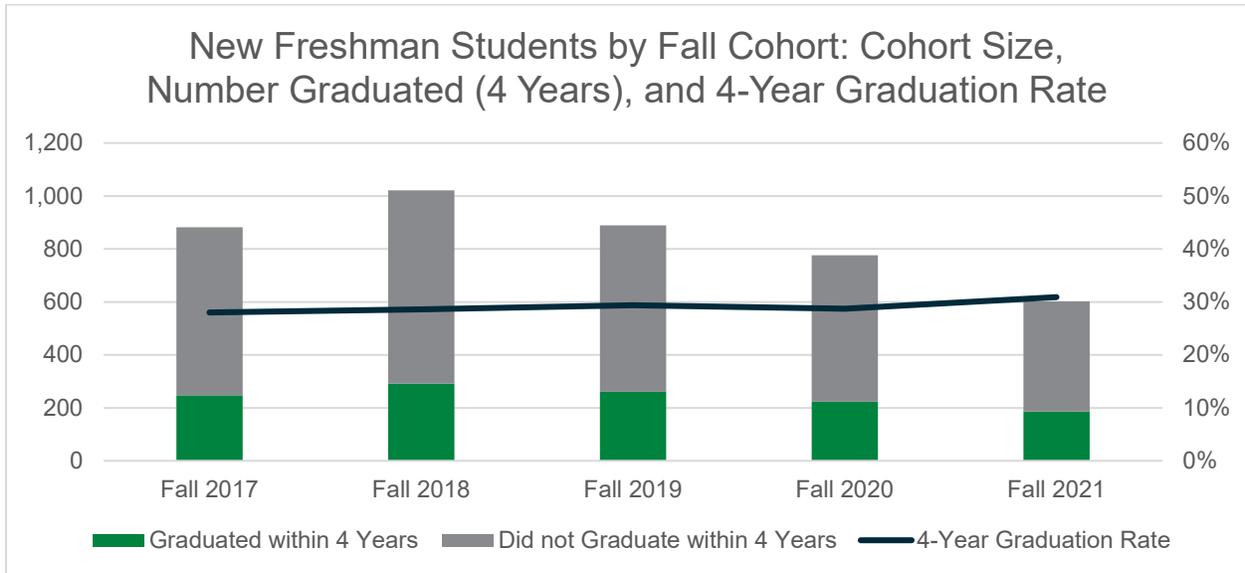
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Cohort Fall Term	American Indian or Alaska Native	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	Race/Ethnicity Unknown
Fall 2020	1	2	10
Fall 2021	0	0	4
Fall 2022	2	0	9
Fall 2023	0	0	2
Fall 2024	4	0	0

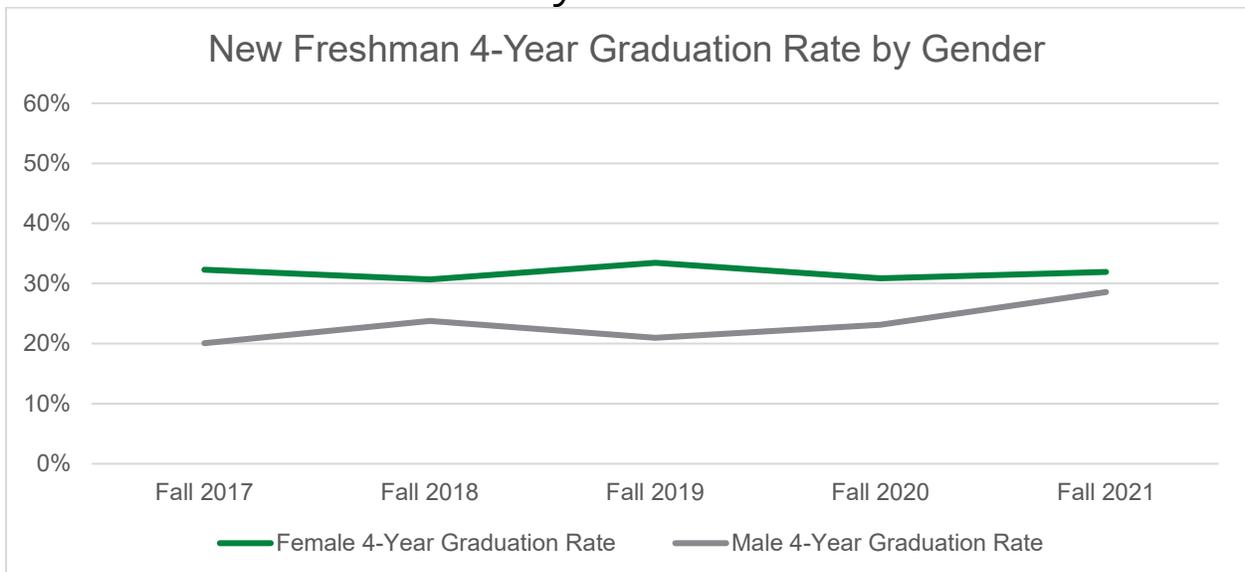
Graduation Rates

4-Year Graduation Rates



Cohort Fall Term	Cohort Size	Number Graduated within 4 Years	4-Year Graduation Rate
Fall 2017	882	247	28.0%
Fall 2018	1,021	292	28.6%
Fall 2019	889	261	29.4%
Fall 2020	776	223	28.7%
Fall 2021	602	186	30.9%

4-Year Graduation Rates by Gender



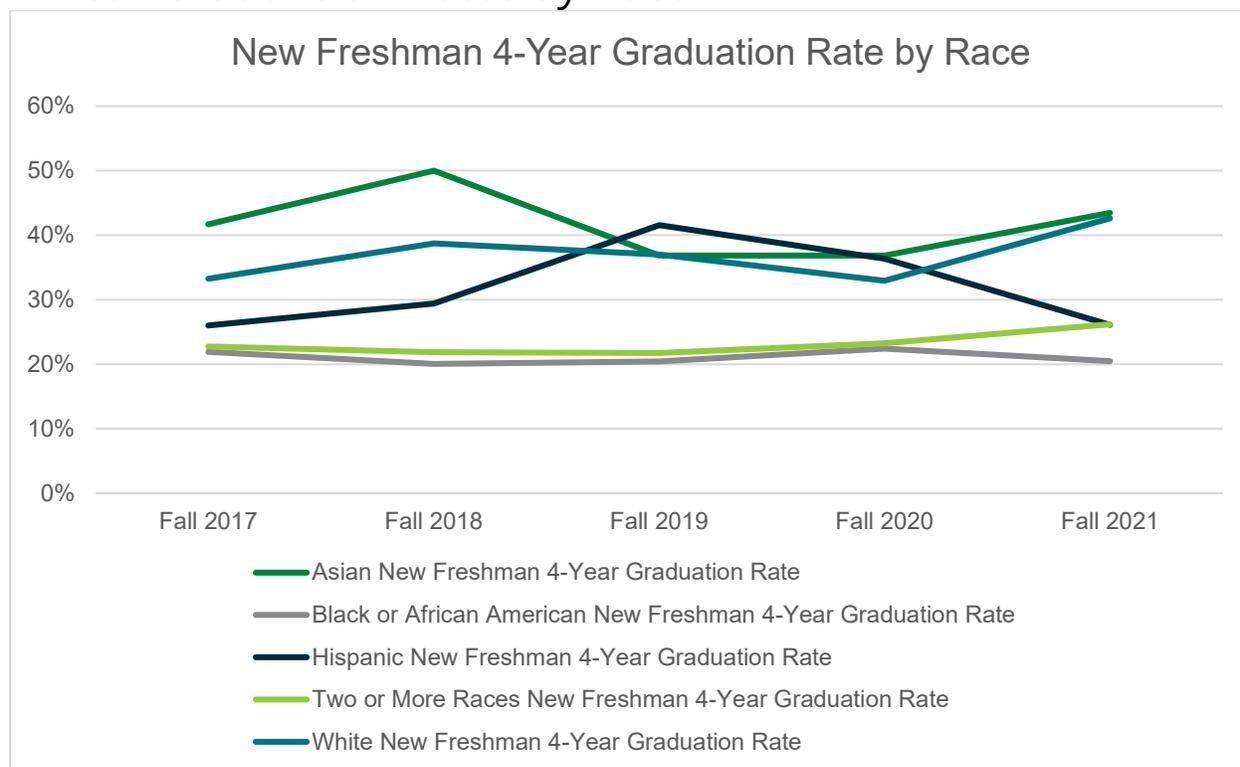
Female Students

Cohort Fall Term	Cohort Size	Number Graduated within 4 Years	4-Year Graduation Rate
Fall 2017	573	185	32.3%
Fall 2018	714	219	30.7%
Fall 2019	598	200	33.4%
Fall 2020	564	174	30.9%
Fall 2021	420	134	31.9%

Male Students

Cohort Fall Term	Cohort Size	Number Graduated within 4 Years	4-Year Graduation Rate
Fall 2017	309	62	20.1%
Fall 2018	307	73	23.8%
Fall 2019	291	61	21.0%
Fall 2020	212	49	23.1%
Fall 2021	182	52	28.6%

4-Year Graduation Rates by Race



Asian

Cohort Fall Term	Cohort Size	Number Graduated within 4 Years	4-Year Graduation Rate
Fall 2017	24	10	41.7%
Fall 2018	20	10	50.0%
Fall 2019	19	7	36.8%

Cohort Fall Term	Cohort Size	Number Graduated within 4 Years	4-Year Graduation Rate
Fall 2020	19	7	36.8%
Fall 2021	23	10	43.5%

Black or African American

Cohort Fall Term	Cohort Size	Number Graduated within 4 Years	4-Year Graduation Rate
Fall 2017	374	82	21.9%
Fall 2018	449	90	20.0%
Fall 2019	357	73	20.4%
Fall 2020	290	65	22.4%
Fall 2021	244	50	20.5%

Hispanic

Cohort Fall Term	Cohort Size	Number Graduated within 4 Years	4-Year Graduation Rate
Fall 2017	50	13	26.0%
Fall 2018	68	20	29.4%
Fall 2019	77	32	41.6%
Fall 2020	66	24	36.4%
Fall 2021	46	12	26.1%

Non-resident Alien

Cohort Fall Term	Cohort Size	Number Graduated within 4 Years	4-Year Graduation Rate
Fall 2017	13	7	53.8%
Fall 2018	15	3	20.0%
Fall 2019	19	4	21.1%
Fall 2020	11	3	27.3%
Fall 2021	14	Not Reported *	Not Reported *

Two or More Races

Cohort Fall Term	Cohort Size	Number Graduated within 4 Years	4-Year Graduation Rate
Fall 2017	44	10	22.7%
Fall 2018	64	14	21.9%
Fall 2019	46	10	21.7%
Fall 2020	43	10	23.3%
Fall 2021	42	11	26.2%

White

Cohort Fall Term	Cohort Size	Number Graduated within 4 Years	4-Year Graduation Rate
Fall 2017	370	123	33.2%
Fall 2018	395	153	38.7%
Fall 2019	357	132	37.0%
Fall 2020	337	111	32.9%
Fall 2021	230	98	42.6%

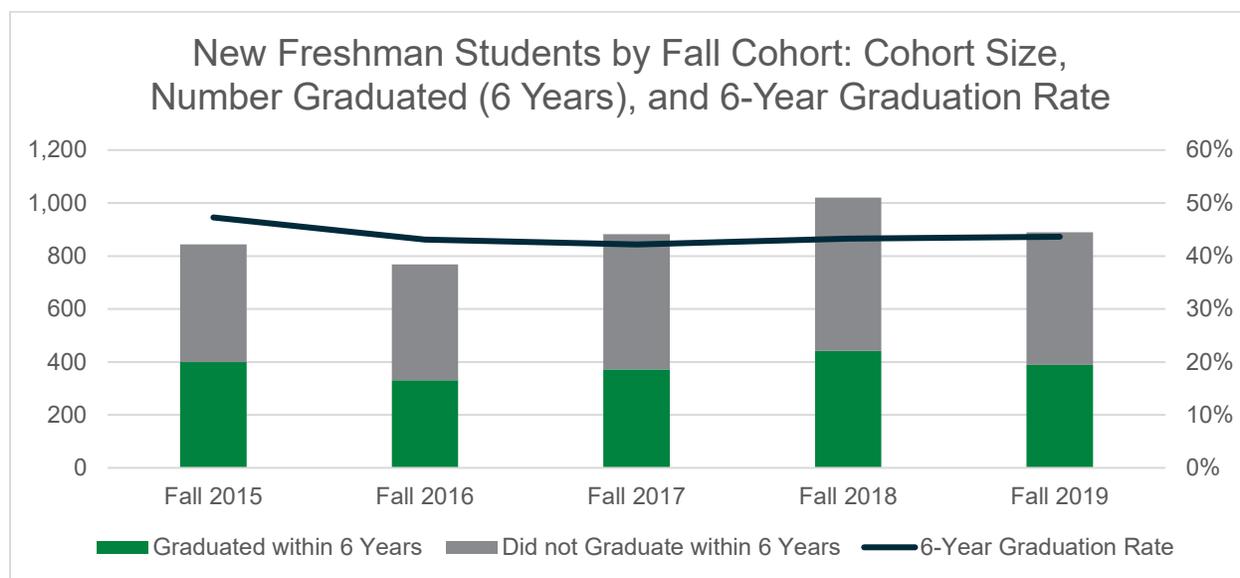
Smaller Racial Categories with Unreported 4-Year Graduation Rates

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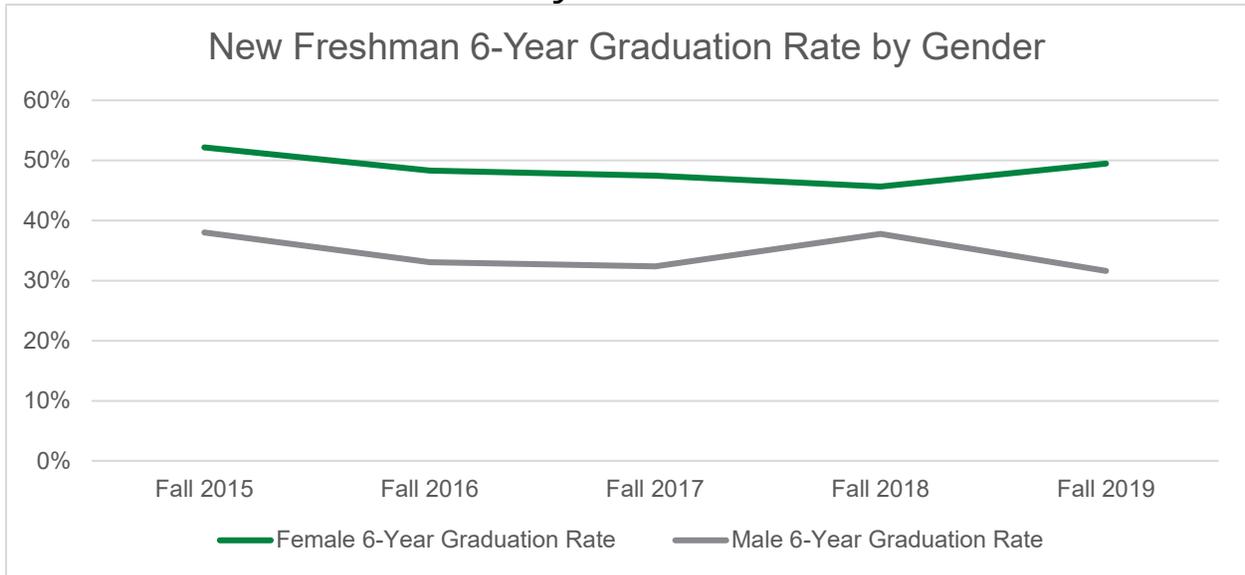
Cohort Fall Term	American Indian or Alaska Native	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	Race/Ethnicity Unknown
Fall 2017	2	1	4
Fall 2018	2	0	8
Fall 2019	3	0	11
Fall 2020	1	2	7
Fall 2021	0	0	3

6-Year Graduation Rates



Cohort Fall Term	Cohort Size	Number Graduated within 6 Years	6-Year Graduation Rate
Fall 2015	844	399	47.3%
Fall 2016	768	331	43.1%
Fall 2017	882	372	42.2%
Fall 2018	1021	442	43.3%
Fall 2019	889	388	43.6%

6-Year Graduation Rates by Gender



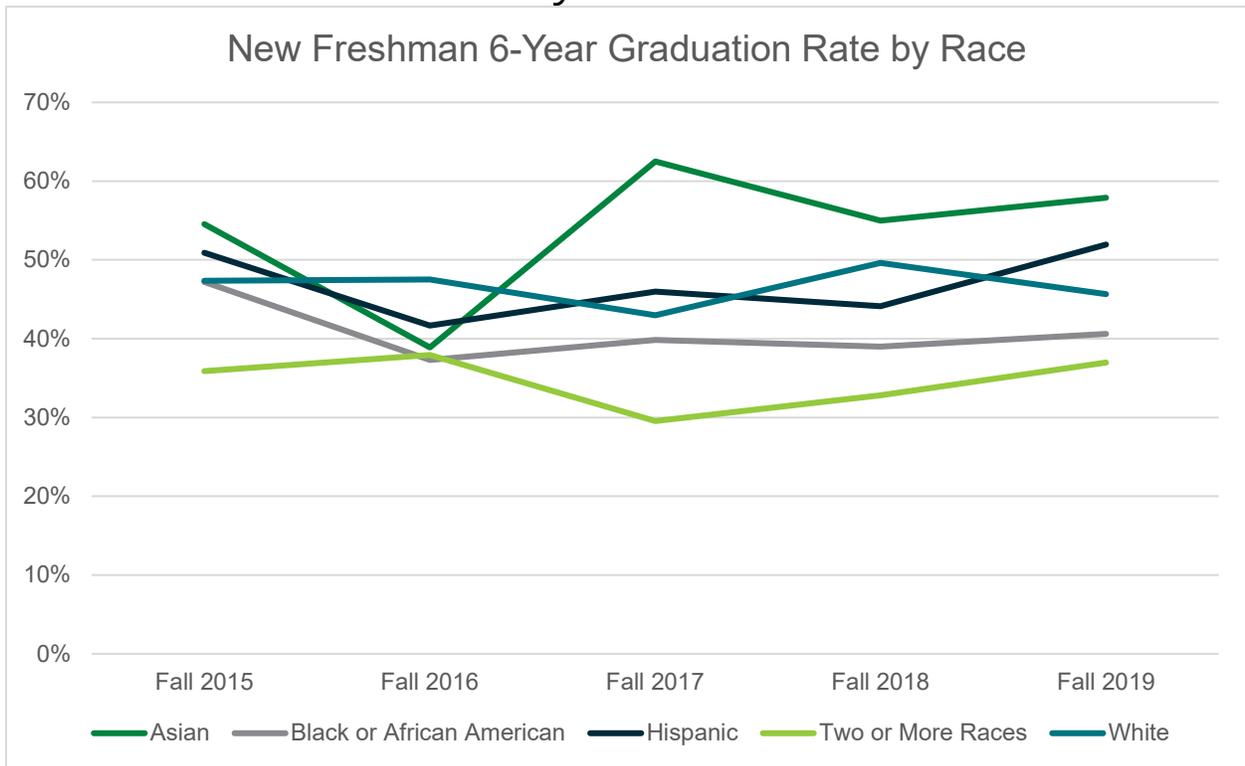
Female Students

Cohort Fall Term	Cohort Size	Number Graduated within 6 Years	6-Year Graduation Rate
Fall 2015	552	288	52.2%
Fall 2016	505	244	48.3%
Fall 2017	573	272	47.5%
Fall 2018	714	326	45.7%
Fall 2019	598	296	49.5%

Male Students

Cohort Fall Term	Cohort Size	Number Graduated within 6 Years	6-Year Graduation Rate
Fall 2015	292	111	38.0%
Fall 2016	263	87	33.1%
Fall 2017	309	100	32.4%
Fall 2018	307	116	37.8%
Fall 2019	291	92	31.6%

6-Year Graduation Rates by Race



Asian

Cohort Fall Term	Cohort Size	Number Graduated within 6 Years	6-Year Graduation Rate
Fall 2015	22	12	54.5%
Fall 2016	18	7	38.9%
Fall 2017	24	15	62.5%
Fall 2018	20	11	55.0%
Fall 2019	19	11	57.9%

Black or African American

Cohort Fall Term	Cohort Size	Number Graduated within 6 Years	6-Year Graduation Rate
Fall 2015	286	135	47.2%
Fall 2016	252	94	37.3%
Fall 2017	374	149	39.8%
Fall 2018	449	175	39.0%
Fall 2019	357	145	40.6%

Hispanic

Cohort Fall Term	Cohort Size	Number Graduated within 6 Years	6-Year Graduation Rate
Fall 2015	55	28	50.9%
Fall 2016	48	20	41.7%
Fall 2017	50	23	46.0%
Fall 2018	68	30	44.1%

Cohort Fall Term	Cohort Size	Number Graduated within 6 Years	6-Year Graduation Rate
Fall 2019	77	40	51.9%

Non-resident Alien

Cohort Fall Term	Cohort Size	Number Graduated within 6 Years	6-Year Graduation Rate
Fall 2015	14	7	50.0%
Fall 2016	12	Not Reported *	Not Reported *
Fall 2017	13	9	69.2%
Fall 2018	15	6	40.0%
Fall 2019	19	7	36.8%

Two or More Races

Cohort Fall Term	Cohort Size	Number Graduated within 6 Years	6-Year Graduation Rate
Fall 2015	39	14	35.9%
Fall 2016	29	11	37.9%
Fall 2017	44	13	29.5%
Fall 2018	64	21	32.8%
Fall 2019	46	17	37.0%

White

Cohort Fall Term	Cohort Size	Number Graduated within 6 Years	6-Year Graduation Rate
Fall 2015	416	197	47.4%
Fall 2016	402	191	47.5%
Fall 2017	370	159	43.0%
Fall 2018	395	196	49.6%
Fall 2019	357	163	45.7%

Smaller Racial Categories with Unreported 6-Year Graduation Rates

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Cohort Fall Term	American Indian or Alaska Native	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	Race/Ethnicity Unknown
Fall 2015	4	0	8
Fall 2016	0	0	7
Fall 2017	2	1	4
Fall 2018	2	0	8
Fall 2019	3	0	11