

# Student Achievement

## Graduation/Completion Rates by First-Time Full-Time Freshmen

### Description:

Most students enroll at CSU to earn a degree, with the majority pursuing bachelor's degrees. Therefore, CSU's key completion indicator of success is the graduation/completion rate of its bachelor's degree-seeking students. This rate represents the proportion of undergraduate students who enter as first-time, full-time, degree-seeking students in a given summer or fall and earn a degree within six years. CSU relies on data from the National Student Clearinghouse as its primary resource to determine whether completion targets are met. This measure includes students who begin at CSU and transfer out, providing a more realistic measure of success due to the percentage of students who transfer out.

### CSU Thresholds of Acceptability:

40% graduation rate

### CSU Goal:

60% graduation rate

Cohort Entering Term	Overall Completion Rate	Completion Rate at CSU	Completion Rate at Other Institutions	No Longer Enrolled
Fall 2016	58.02%	44.50%	10.43%	28.26%
Fall 2015	58.79%	44.38%	10.27%	27.23%
Fall 2014	49.58%	33.76%	11.02%	28.93%
Fall 2013	53.87%	38.36%	11.37%	25.89%
Fall 2012	51.85%	37.38%	9.25%	30.68%

## Retention by First-Time Full-Time Freshmen

### Description:

Most students enroll at CSU to earn a degree and most of them seek bachelor's degrees. Retention is an important indicator of progress toward graduation and overall student success. Fall to fall retention of First-time, Full-time Freshmen is measured for bachelor's degree seeing students.

### CSU Thresholds of Acceptability:

70% retained from fall to fall

### CSU Goal:

85% retained from fall to fall

Cohort Entering Term	Entering Cohort	Returned Year 2	1-Year Retention Rate
Fall Semester 2015	991	723	73%
Fall Semester 2016	937	708	75.6%
Fall Semester 2017	892	646	72.4%
Fall Semester 2018	982	711	72.4%
Fall Semester 2019	926	697	75.3%
Fall Semester 2020	1220	736	60.3%
Fall Semester 2021	1050	691	65.8%
Fall Semester 2022	853	616	72.2%
Fall Semester 2023	865	604	69.8%

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## Educator Certification Rates

Description:

Columbus State University students in teacher education programs must successfully complete a certification examination in order to be employed in their selected field of study. Teacher candidates must successfully pass the Georgia Assessments for the Certification of Teachers (GACE).

CSU Goal:

80% successful passing rate for first-time test takers

GACE Pass Rates:

**2018:**  
96.0%

**2019:**  
91.9%

**2020:**  
98.1%

**2021:**  
93.0%

**2022:**  
90.7%

**2023:**  
83.8%

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## Nursing Licensure Examination Rates

### Description:

Columbus State University students in nursing programs must successfully complete a licensure examination in order to be employed in their selected field of study. Undergraduate nursing candidates must successfully complete the National Council of State Boards of Examinations (NCLEX) for registered nursing.

### CSU Goal:

80% successful passing rate for first-time test takers

### NCLEX Pass Rates:

**2018:**

85%

**2019:**

87%

**2020:**

77%

**2021:**

61%

**2022:**

87%

**2023:**

97%

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