



Retention of Undergraduate Students Fall 2007 to Fall 2008

Executive Summary

This report tracks the enrollment patterns of undergraduate students enrolled in the Fall 2007 term. The tables that follow look at four different (but overlapping) cohorts of students: new freshmen, new freshmen who were provisionally admitted, and new transfer students.

All four cohorts improved slightly over the previous year. The overall retention rate for undergraduates who did not graduate is approximately seventy-four percent. For new freshmen, the retention rate is 70.4%, up slightly from last year's rate of 70.1%. The retention rate for Juniors and Seniors still remains below 80% after adjusting for graduates. These students have the most invested in the university, and their rate should be much higher than the 70.7% of Freshmen and Sophomores. Additional analysis and study is needed to shed more light on these retention patterns.

Main Report

Retention percentages for the various cohorts for Fall 2007 to Fall 2008 are below. Also included are the data from the previous year for comparison.

Cohort	Fall 2007 to Fall 2008	Fall 2006 to Fall 2007
Undergraduate Students	74.3%	73.7%
New Freshmen	70.4%	70.1%
Provisional Admit Students	62.5%	59.4%
New Transfer Students	65.9%	63.1%

Of the 1,962 undergraduate students enrolled in Fall 2006:

- 327 (16.7%) graduated in November 2007, February, May, or August 2008
- 421 (21.5%) did not return for Fall 2008
- 1,214 (61.9%) reenrolled for Fall 2008

After adjusting for graduates, the undergraduate retention rate is 74.3% (2007-2008) compared to 73.7% (2006-2007). See Section 1, page 3, for more details.

Of the 456 new freshmen enrolled in Fall 2007:

- 135 (29.6%) did not return for Fall 2008
- 321 (70.4%) reenrolled for Fall 2008

The retention rate for new freshmen was 70.4%. See Section 2, page 7 for more details.

Of the 48 new provisionally admitted students in Fall 2007:

- 18 (37.5%) did not return for Fall 2008
- 30 (62.5%) reenrolled for Fall 2008

The retention rate for new provisionally admitted students was 62.5%. See Section 3, page 11 for more details.

Of the 273 new transfer students in Fall 2007:

- 0 (0.0%) graduated in November 2007, February, May, or August 2008
- 93 (34.1%) did not return for Fall 2008
- 180 reenrolled for Fall 2008

After adjusting for graduates, the retention rate for new transfers was 65.9%. See Section 4, page 15, for more details.

The four sections of this report focus on the four cohorts listed above. Retention patterns are displayed by gender, ethnicity, minority status, citizenship, test score ranges, high school quartiles, residency (on- or off-campus and county), and college.

Please note that in the tables that follow, "Withdrawn" does not refer to students who have gone through an official withdrawal process with the University. It refers to students who have not graduated and who have not enrolled for the Fall 2008 term.

Retention of Undergraduate Students, Fall 2007 to Fall 2008
Section 1: All Undergraduates

Classification	Fall 2007		Fall 2008						Cohort Less Graduates	Retention Rate
	Enrolled		Enrolled		Withdrawn		Graduated			
	N	col %	N	row %	N	row %	N	row %		
Freshman	611	31	412	67.4	199	32.6	--	--	611	67.4
Sophomore	394	20	299	75.9	95	24.1	--	--	394	75.9
Junior	413	21	318	77.0	71	17.2	24	5.8	389	81.7
Senior	543	28	184	33.9	56	10.3	303	55.8	240	76.7
Non-Degree Seeking	1	0	1	100.0	--	--	--	--	1	100.0
All	1,962	100	1,214	61.9	421	21.5	327	16.7	1,635	74.3

High School Quartile	Fall 2007		Fall 2008						Cohort Less Graduates	Retention Rate
	Enrolled		Enrolled		Withdrawn		Graduated			
	N	col %	N	row %	N	row %	N	row %		
First Quartile	396	20	274	69.2	52	13.1	70	17.7	326	84.0
Second Quartile	245	12	159	64.9	56	22.9	30	12.2	215	74.0
Third Quartile	137	7	74	54.0	45	32.8	18	13.1	119	62.2
Fourth Quartile	61	3	41	67.2	16	26.2	4	6.6	57	71.9
Not Reported	1,123	57	666	59.3	252	22.4	205	18.3	918	72.5
All	1,962	100	1,214	61.9	421	21.5	327	16.7	1,635	74.3

County	Fall 2007		Fall 2008						Cohort Less Graduates	Retention Rate
	Enrolled		Enrolled		Withdrawn		Graduated			
	N	col %	N	row %	N	row %	N	row %		
Fort Bend	507	26	332	65.5	102	20.1	73	14.4	434	76.5
Harris	1,113	57	671	60.3	236	21.2	206	18.5	907	74.0
Other Texas County	281	14	177	63.0	64	22.8	40	14.2	241	73.4
Out of State	57	3	32	56.1	18	31.6	7	12.3	50	64.0
Unknown	4	0	2	50.0	1	25.0	1	25.0	3	66.7
All	1,962	100	1,214	61.9	421	21.5	327	16.7	1,635	74.3

Section 2: New Freshmen

Gender	Fall 2007		Fall 2008				Cohort Less Graduates	Retention Rate
	Enrolled		Enrolled		Withdrawn			
	N	col %	N	row %	N	row %		
Male	153	34	108	70.6	45	29.4	153	70.6
Female	303	66	213	70.3	90	29.7	303	70.3
All	456	100	321	70.4	135	29.6	456	70.4

Ethnicity	Fall 2007		Fall 2008				Cohort Less Graduates	Retention Rate
	Enrolled		Enrolled		Withdrawn			
	N	col %	N	row %	N	row %		
African American/Black	96	21	56	58.3	40	41.7	96	58.3
American Indian/Alaska Native	2	0	--	--	2	100.0	2	0.0
Asian or Pacific Islander	83	18	69	83.1	14	16.9	83	83.1
Hispanic or Latino	101	22	71	70.3	30	29.7	101	70.3
White non-Hispanic	161	35	117	72.7	44	27.3	161	72.7
Ethnicity Unknown	13	3	8	61.5	5	38.5	13	61.5
All	456	100	321	70.4	135	29.6	456	70.4

Minority Status	Fall 2007		Fall 2008				Cohort Less Graduates	Retention Rate
	Enrolled		Enrolled		Withdrawn			
	N	col %	N	row %	N	row %		
Minority	282	62	196	69.5	86	30.5	282	69.5
Non-Minority	174	38	125	71.8	49	28.2	174	71.8
All	456	100	321	70.4	135	29.6	456	70.4

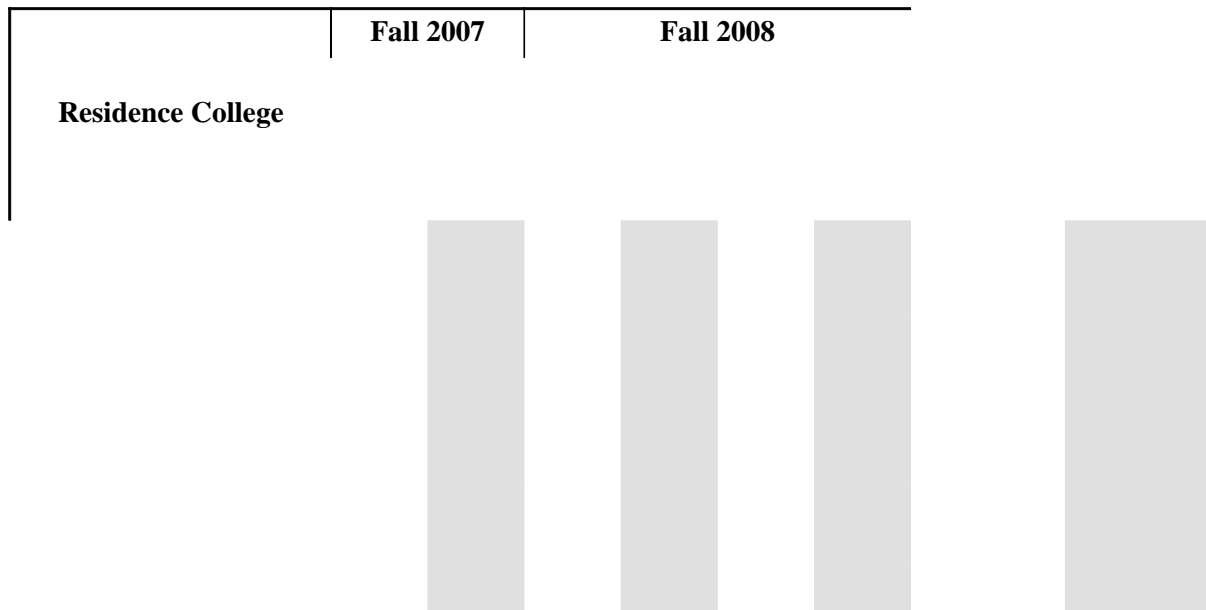
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SAT Score	Fall 2007		Fall 2008				Cohort Less Graduates	Retention Rate
	Enrolled		Enrolled		Withdrawn			
	N	col %	N	row %	N	row %		
.	104	23	65	62.5	39	37.5	104	62.5
< 900	37	8	17	45.9	20	54.1	37	45.9
900-990	70	15	49	70.0	21	30.0	70	70.0
1000-1090	90	20	66	73.3	24	26.7	90	73.3
1100-1190	65	14	54	83.1	11	16.9	65	83.1
1200-1290	58	13	41	70.7	17	29.3	58	70.7
1300+	32	7	29	90.6	3	9.4	32	90.6
All	456	100	321	70.4	135	29.6	456	70.4

ACT Score	Fall 2007		Fall 2008				Cohort Less Graduates	Retention Rate
	Enrolled		Enrolled		Withdrawn			
	N	col %	N	row %	N	row %		
.	361	79	261	72.3	100	27.7	361	72.3
< 20	33	7	18	54.5	15	45.5	33	54.5
20-21	10	2	6	60.0	4	40.0	10	60.0
22-24	29	6	17	58.6	12	41.4	29	58.6
25-27	14	3	12	85.7	2	14.3	14	85.7
28-29	3	1	1	33.3	2	66.7	3	33.3
30+	6	1	6	100.0	--	--	6	100.0
All	456	100	321	70.4	135	29.6	456	70.4



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Section 3: New Freshmen - Provisional Admits

Gender	Fall 2007		Fall 2008				Cohort Less Graduates	Retention Rate
	Enrolled		Enrolled		Withdrawn			
	N	col %	N	row %	N	row %		
Male	10	21	7	70.0	3	30.0	10	70.0
Female	38	79	23	60.5	15	39.5	38	60.5
All	48	100	30	62.5	18	37.5	48	62.5

Ethnicity	Fall 2007		Fall 2008				Cohort Less Graduates	Retention Rate
	Enrolled		Enrolled		Withdrawn			
	N	col %	N	row %	N	row %		
African American/Black	15	31	6	40.0	9	60.0	15	40.0
Asian or Pacific Islander	7	15	6	85.7	1	14.3	7	85.7
Hispanic or Latino	11	23	8	72.7	3	27.3	11	72.7
White non-Hispanic	12	25	8	66.7	4	33.3	12	66.7
Ethnicity Unknown	3	6	2	66.7	1	33.3	3	66.7
All	48	100	30	62.5	18	37.5	48	62.5

Minority Status	Fall 2007		Fall 2008				Cohort Less Graduates	Retention Rate
	Enrolled		Enrolled		Withdrawn			
	N	col %	N	row %	N	row %		
Minority	33	69	20	60.6	13	39.4	33	60.6
Non-Minority	15	31	10	66.7	5	33.3	15	66.7
All	48	100	30	62.5	18	37.5	48	62.5

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SAT Score	Fall 2007		Fall 2008				Cohort Less Graduates	Retention Rate
	Enrolled		Enrolled		Withdrawn			
	N	col %	N	row %	N	row %		
.	12	25	9	75.0	3	25.0	12	75.0
< 900	25	52	11	44.0	14	56.0	25	44.0
900-990	11	23	10	90.9	1	9.1	11	90.9
All	48	100	30	62.5	18	37.5	48	62.5

ACT Score	Fall 2007		Fall 2008				Cohort Less Graduates	Retention Rate
	Enrolled		Enrolled		Withdrawn			
	N	col %	N	row %	N	row %		

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Section 4: New Transfers

Cohort	Gender	Fall 2007		Fall 2008				Cohort Less Graduates	Retention Rate
		Enrolled		Enrolled		Withdrawn			
		N	col %	N	row %	N	row %		
All	Male	81	30	56	69.1	25	30.9	81	69.1
	Female	192	70	124	64.6	68	35.4	192	64.6
	All	273	100	180	65.9	93	34.1	273	65.9

Ethnicity	Fall 2007		Fall 2008				Cohort Less Graduates	Retention Rate
	Enrolled		Enrolled		Withdrawn			
	N	col %	N	row %	N	row %		
African American/Black	88	32	51	58.0	37	42.0	88	58.0
Asian or Pacific Islander	38	14	22	57.9	16	42.1	38	57.9
Hispanic or Latino	48	18	35	72.9	13	27.1	48	72.9
White non-Hispanic	92	34	68	73.9	24	26.1	92	73.9
Ethnicity Unknown	7	3	4	57.1	3	42.9	7	57.1
All	273	100	180	65.9	93	34.1	273	65.9

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Classification	Fall 2007		Fall 2008				Cohort Less Graduates	Retention Rate	
	Enrolled		Enrolled		Withdrawn				
	N	col %	N	row %	N	row %			
Freshman	36	13	21	58.3	15	41.7	36	58.3	
Sophomore	145	53	94	64.8	51	35.2	145	64.8	
Junior	68	72	26	50	69.4	22	30.6	72	69.4
Senior	20	7	15	75.0	5	25.0	20	75.0	
All	273	100	180	65.9	93	34.1	273	65.9	

High School Quartile	Fall 2007		Fall 2008				Cohort Less Graduates	Retention Rate
	Enrolled		Enrolled		Withdrawn			
	N	col %	N	row %	N	row %		
First Quartile	6	2	6	100.0	--	--	6	100.0
Second Quartile	3	1	2	66.7	1	33.3	3	66.7
Third Quartile	1	0	1	100.0	--	--	1	100.0
Fourth Quartile	2	1	2	100.0	--	--	2	100.0
Not Reported	261	96	169	64.8	92	35.2	261	64.8
All	273	100	180	65.9	93	34.1	273	65.9

County	Fall 2007		Fall 2008				Cohort Less Graduates	Retention Rate
	Enrolled		Enrolled		Withdrawn			
	N	col %	N	row %	N	row %		
Fort Bend	48	18	31	64.6	17	35.4	48	64.6
Harris	16	12	18	112.5	3	36.4	32	104.0

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Residence College	Fall 2007		Fall 2008				Cohort Less Graduates	Retention Rate
	Enrolled		Enrolled		Withdrawn			
	N	col %	N	row %	N	row %		
Off-Campus	210	77	134	63.8	76	36.2	210	63.8
Husky Village	40	15	30	75.0	10	25.0	40	75.0
Men's Residence College - Philips	10	4	7	70.0	3	30.0	10	70.0
Women's Residence College - Mest	4	1	4	100.0	--	--	4	100.0
Women's Residence College - Philips	9	3	5	55.6	4	44.4	9	55.6
All	273	100	180	65.9	93	34.1	273	65.9

College	Fall 2007		Fall 2008				Cohort Less Graduates	Retention Rate
	Enrolled		Enrolled		Withdrawn			
	N	col %	N	row %	N	row %		
College of Arts and Humanities	8	3	6	75.0	2	25.0	8	75.0
College of Business/Economics	46	17	29	63.0	17	37.0	46	63.0
College of Nursing	69	25	37	53.6	32	46.4	69	53.6
Smith College General Studies	150	55	108	72.0	42	28.0	150	72.0
All	273	100	180	65.9	93	34.1	273	65.9