

ANNUAL REPORT ON STUDENT RETENTION AND GRADUATION FOR ARKANSAS HIGHER EDUCATION

Statewide student retention and graduation rates for students entering Arkansas higher education institutions are presented in this report for both public 4-Year and 2-Year institutions, and private/independent institutions. The Arkansas Higher Education Information System (AHEIS) enables multi-year student retention and graduation tracking in compliance with Student-Right-to-Know legislation and Act 267 of 1989.

Statewide Retention

The retention calculations for the 4-year institutions are based on students in a fall term cohort of first-time entering, full-time, bachelor-seeking students who returned the fall term of the next academic year. For 2-year colleges, students who returned the next fall, as well as those who completed a credential by the next fall are included as part of the retention rate. The methodology used for this report closely aligns with IPEDS reporting.

The following represents the overall retention rate for the five most recent cohorts for both public sectors. The state's fall-to-fall retention rate of 74.7% for the Fall 2022 cohort had an increase of 2.1% over the Fall 2021 cohort.

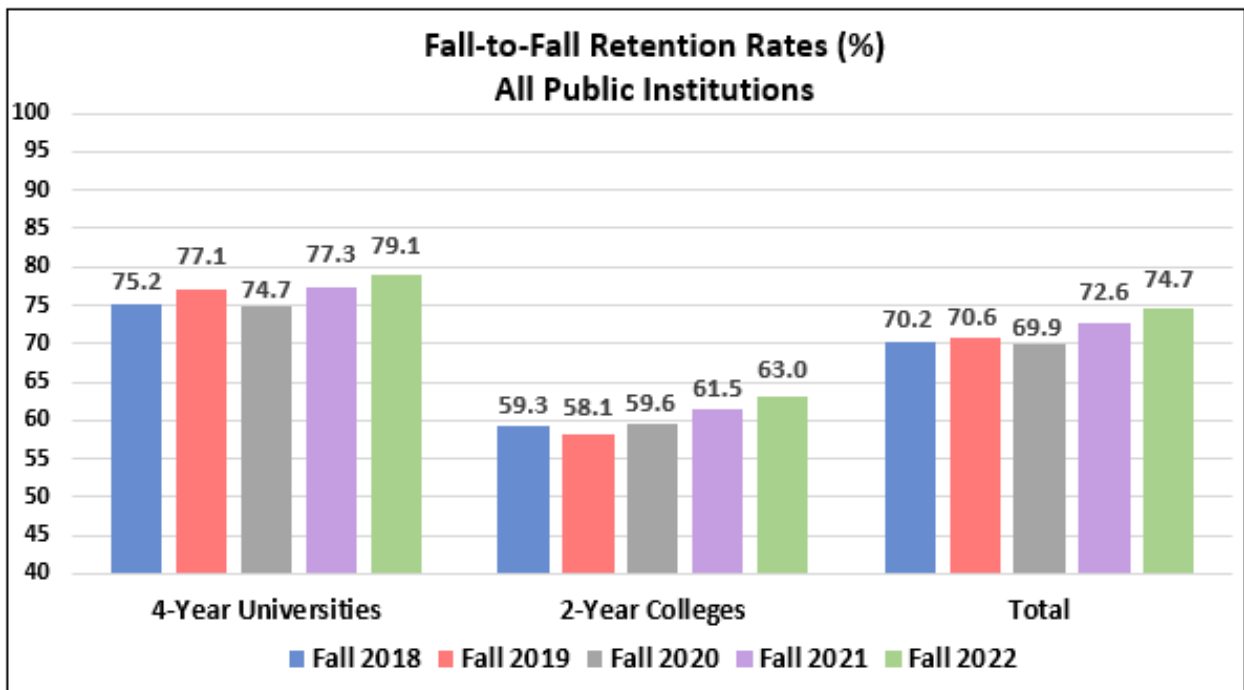


Chart 16.1: Student Retention Rates by Sector

Both male and female cohorts for the 4-year institutions reported increases in their retention rates for the Fall 2022 cohort, while the 2-year colleges reported a 3% increase for the female cohort and a modest decline for the male cohort.

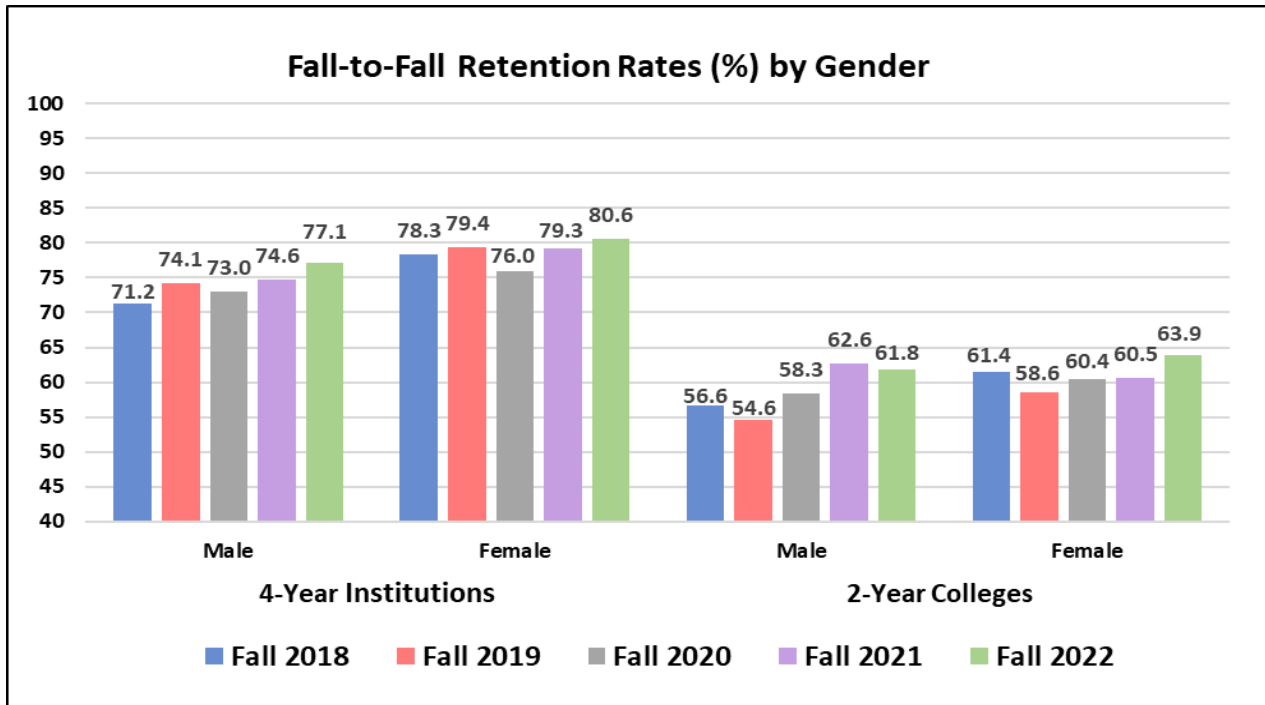


Chart 16.2: Student Retention Rates by Gender

Chart 16.3 provides fall-to-fall retention rates for students enrolled in remediation.

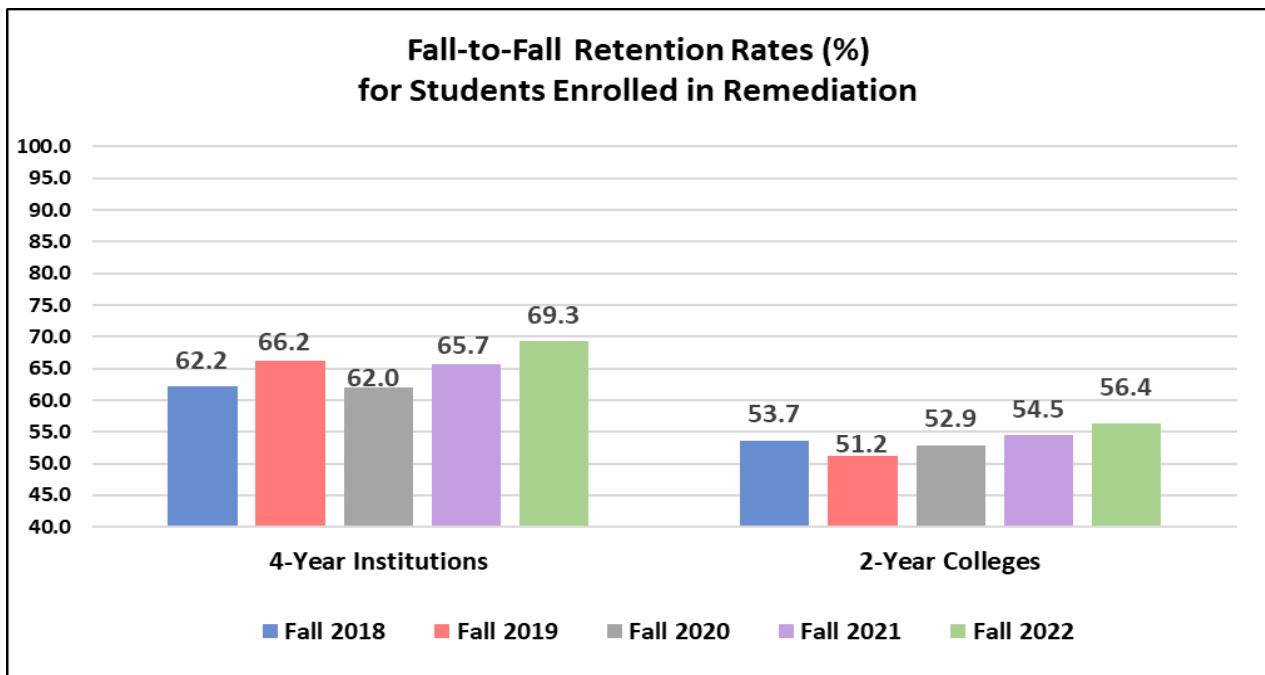


Chart 16.3: Student Retention Rates by Remediated Students

Retention Rates by Institution

To create charts that are readable and easier to understand, the fall-to-fall retention rates by institution are presented in several separate charts. The next several pages provide fall-to-fall retention rate information for each public and private college and university in the state. Seven 4-year universities reported an increase in the fall-to-fall retention rate when comparing the Fall 2021 cohort to the Fall 2022 cohort.

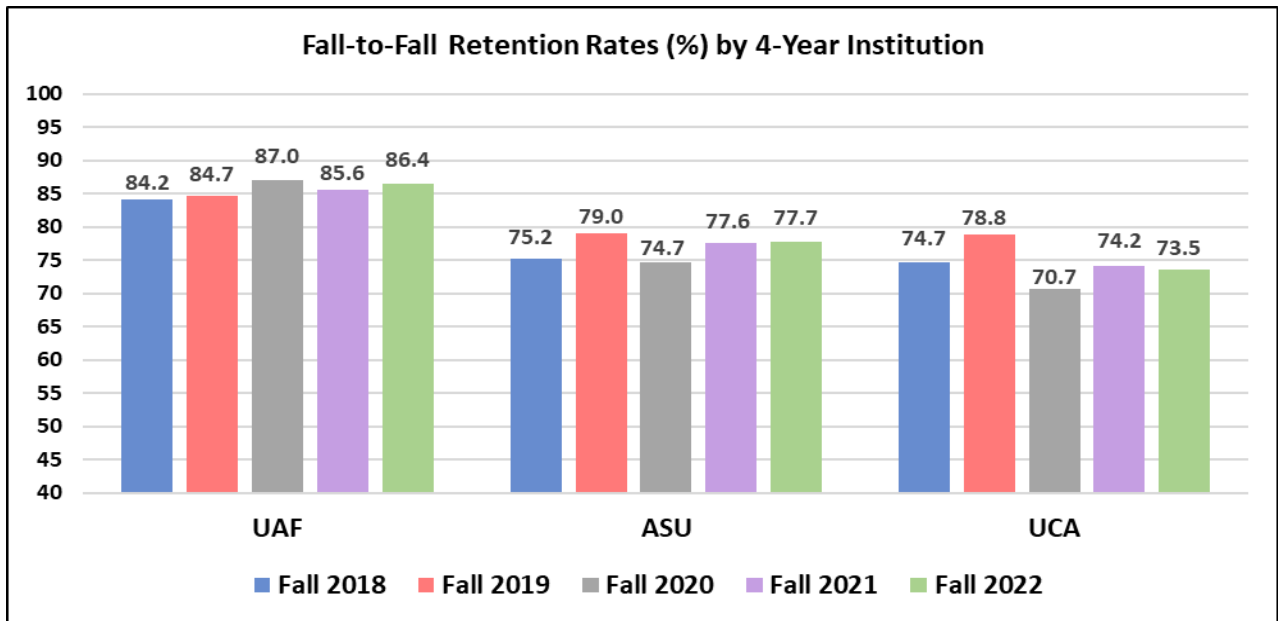


Chart 16.4: Student Retention Rates by 4-Year Institution

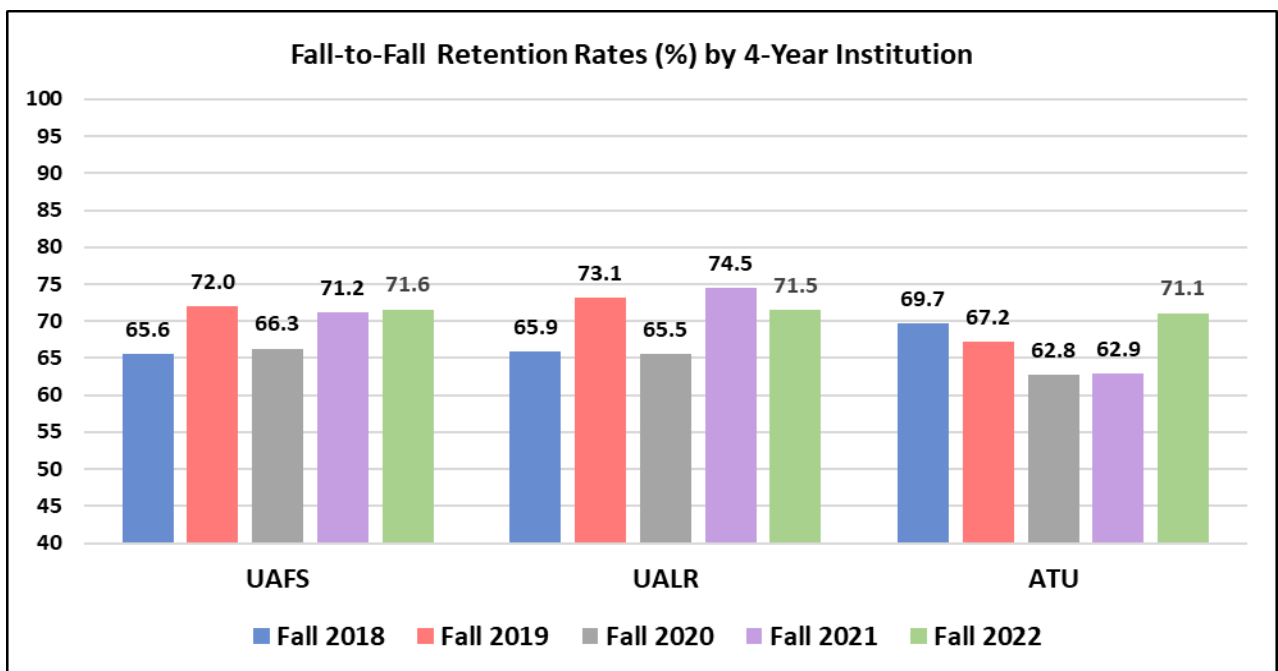


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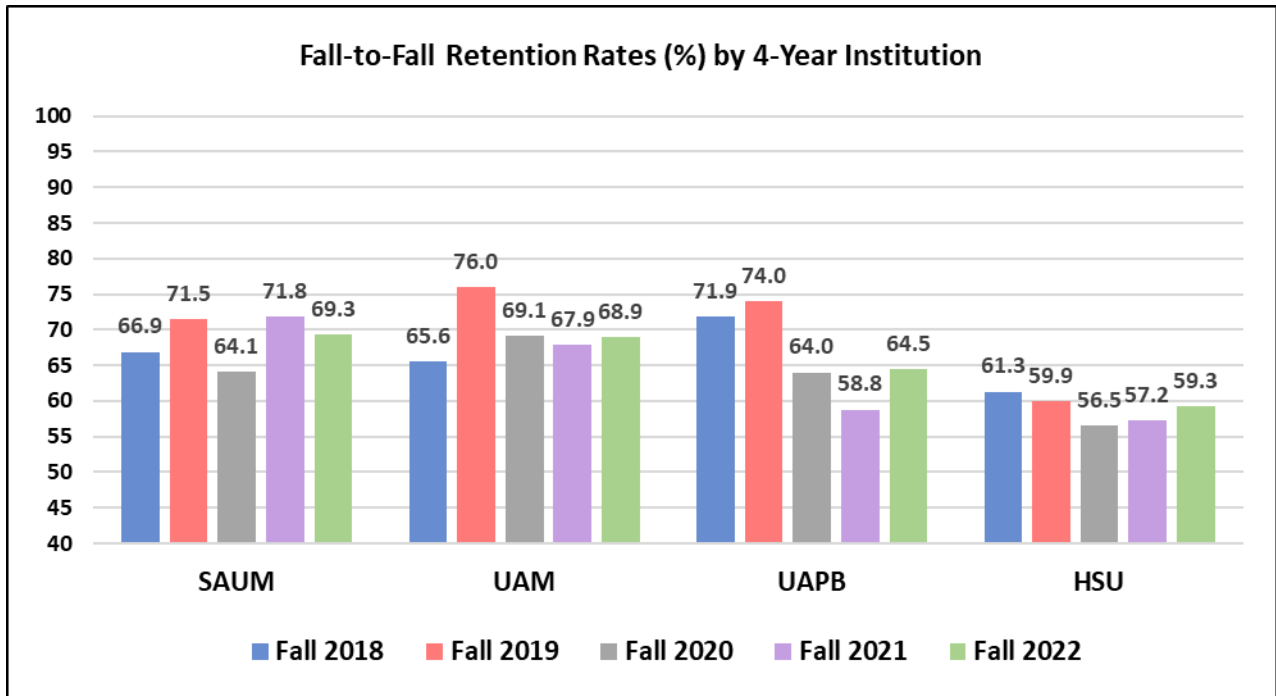


Chart 16.6: Student Retention Rates by 4-Year Institution

The following charts report retention rates for the 2-Year Colleges for Fall 2018 to Fall 2022. Thirteen 2-year colleges reported increases in fall-to-fall retention rates when comparing the Fall 2022 cohort to the Fall 2021 cohort.

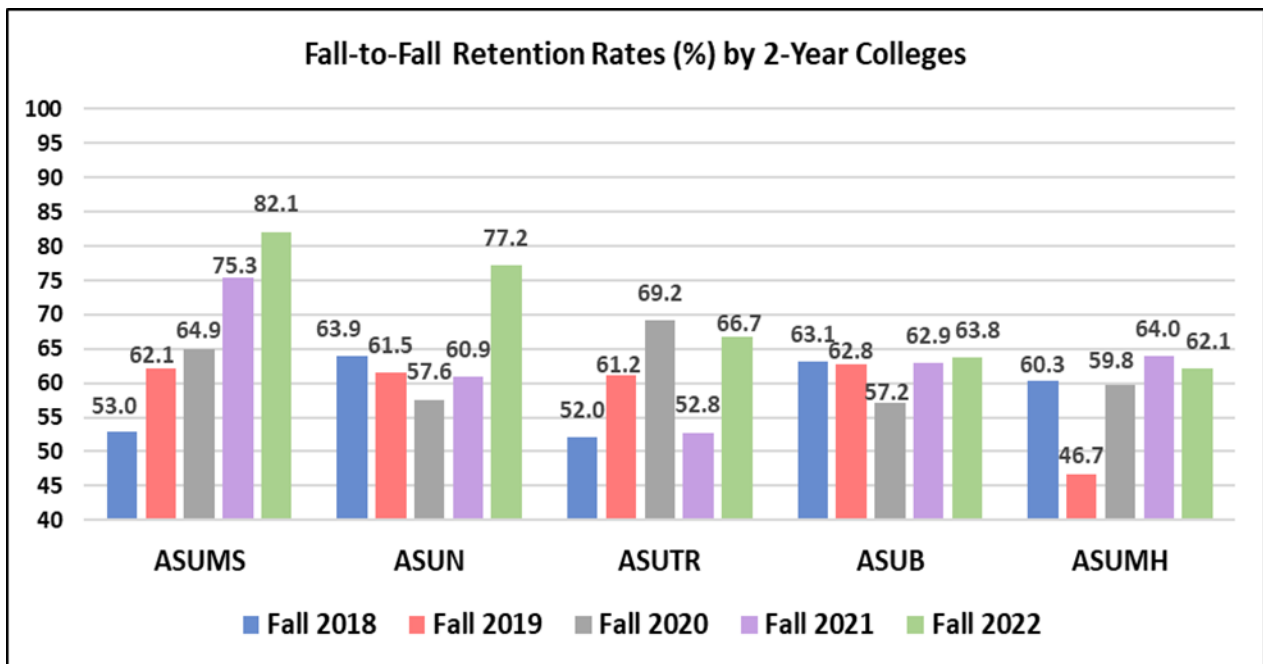


Chart 16.7: Student Retention Rates by Institution – 2-Year Colleges

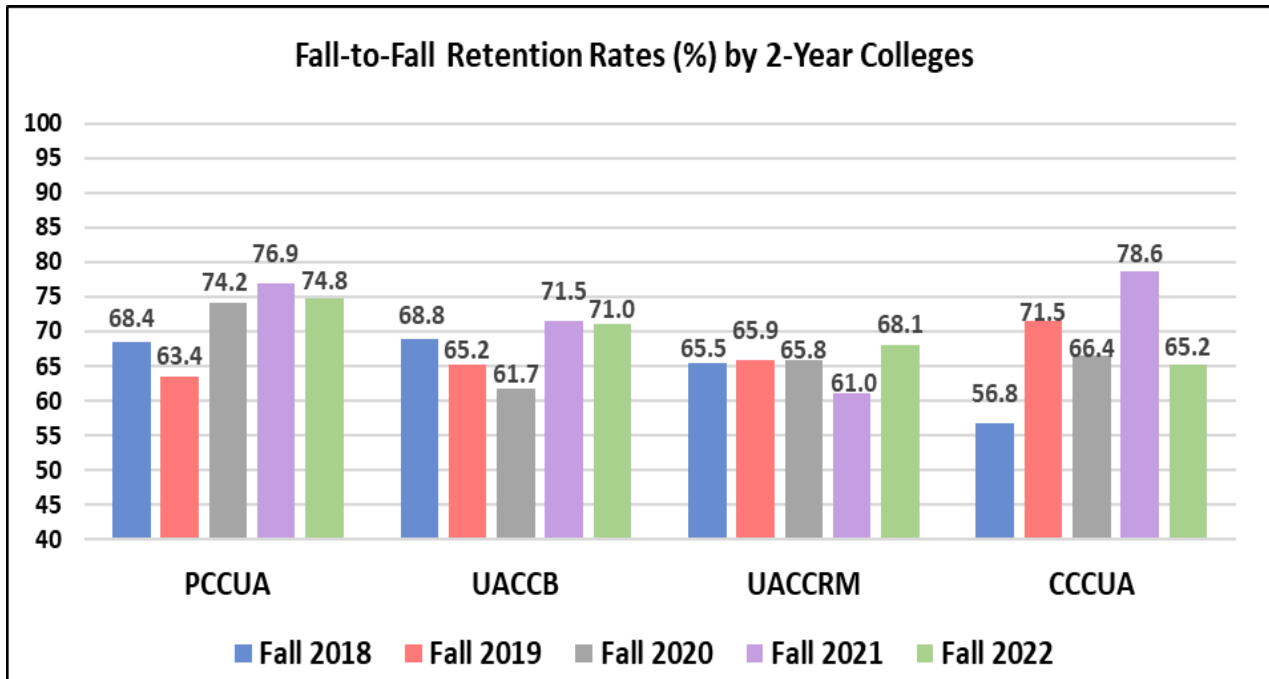


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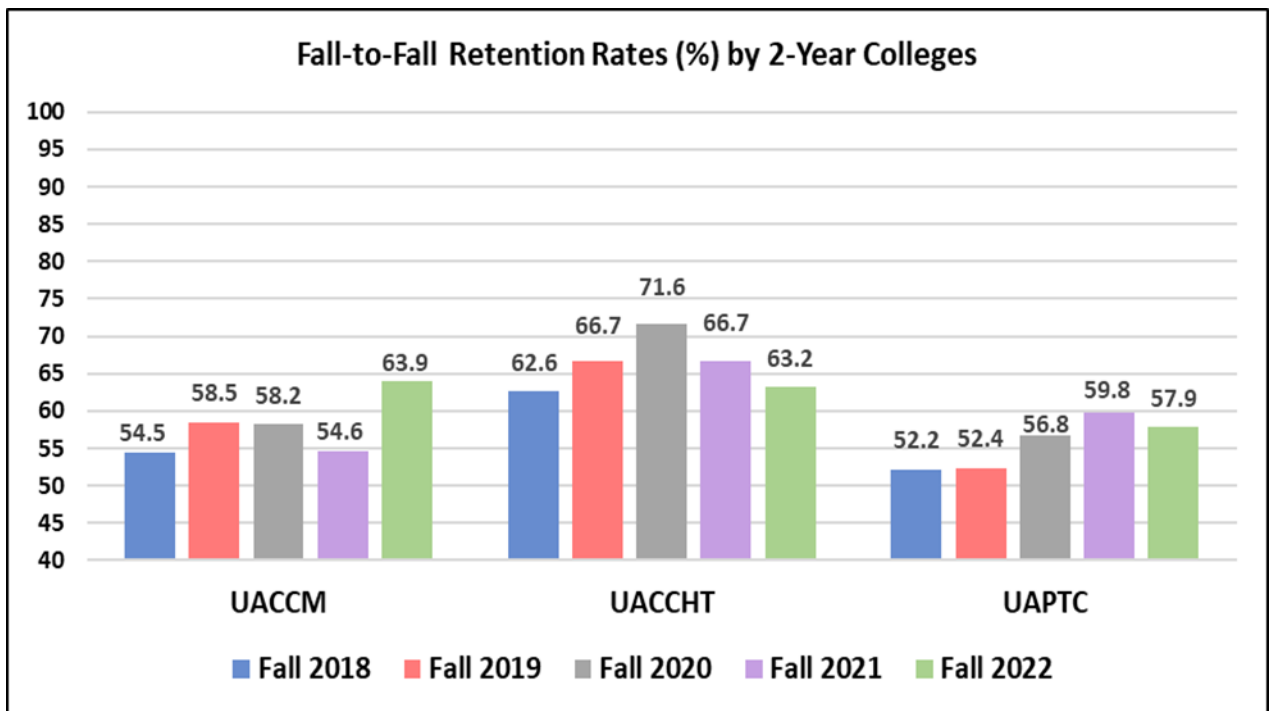


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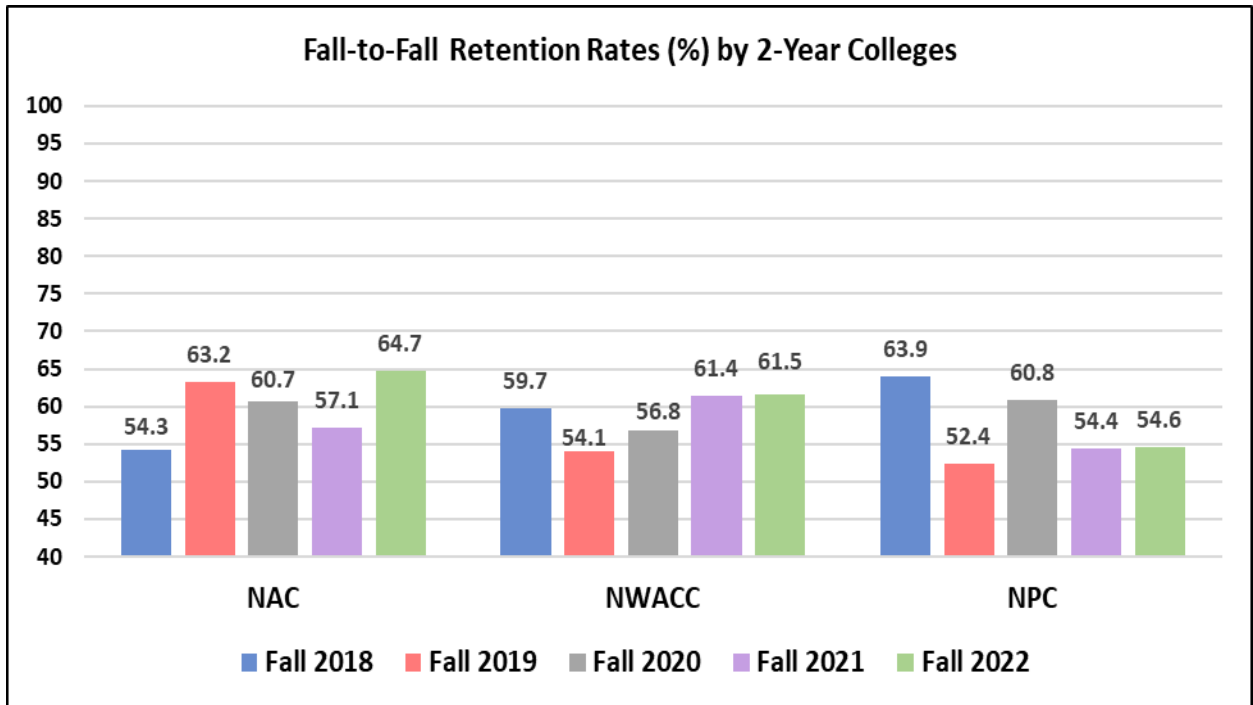


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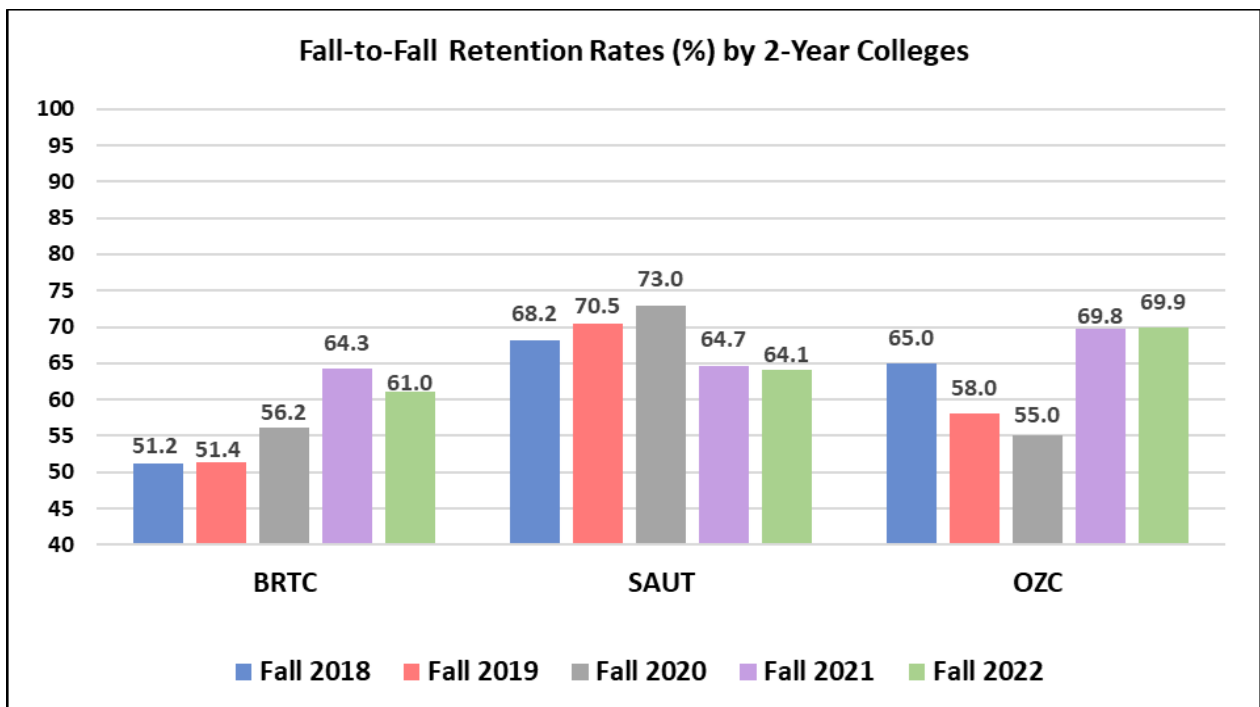


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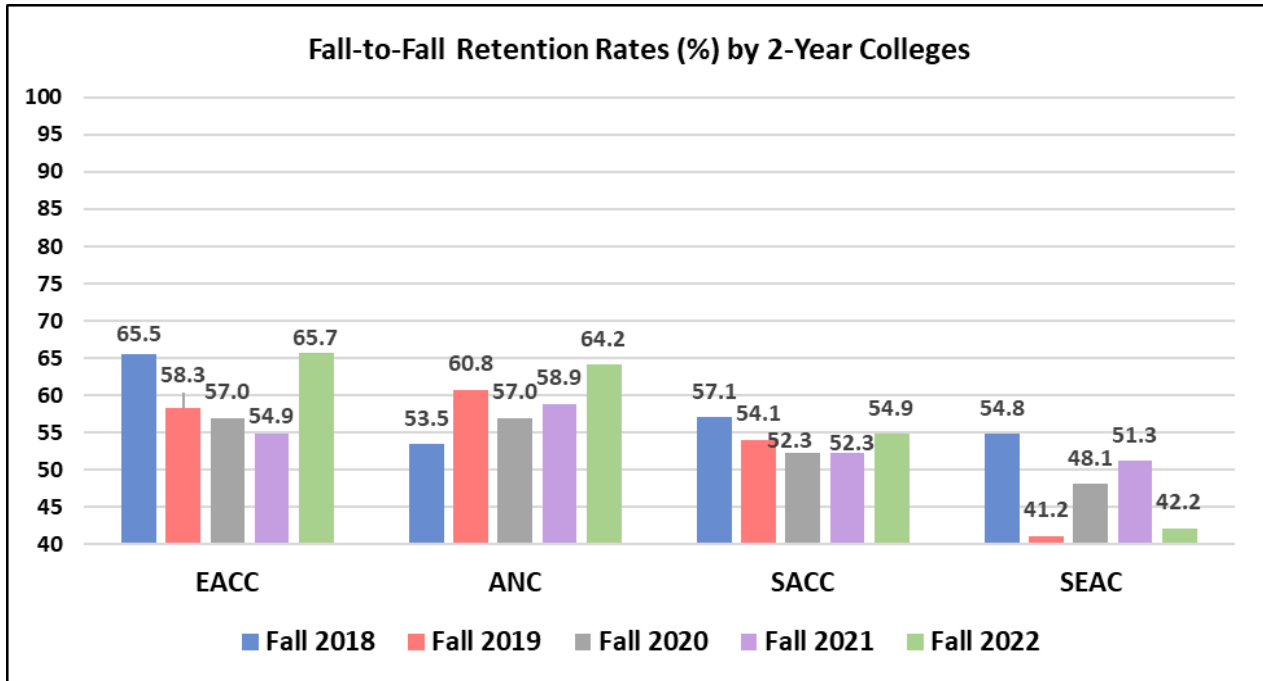


Chart 16.12: Student Retention Rates by Institution –2-Year Colleges

For our private/independent institutions offering bachelor’s degrees, seven reported an increased retention rate for Fall 2022.

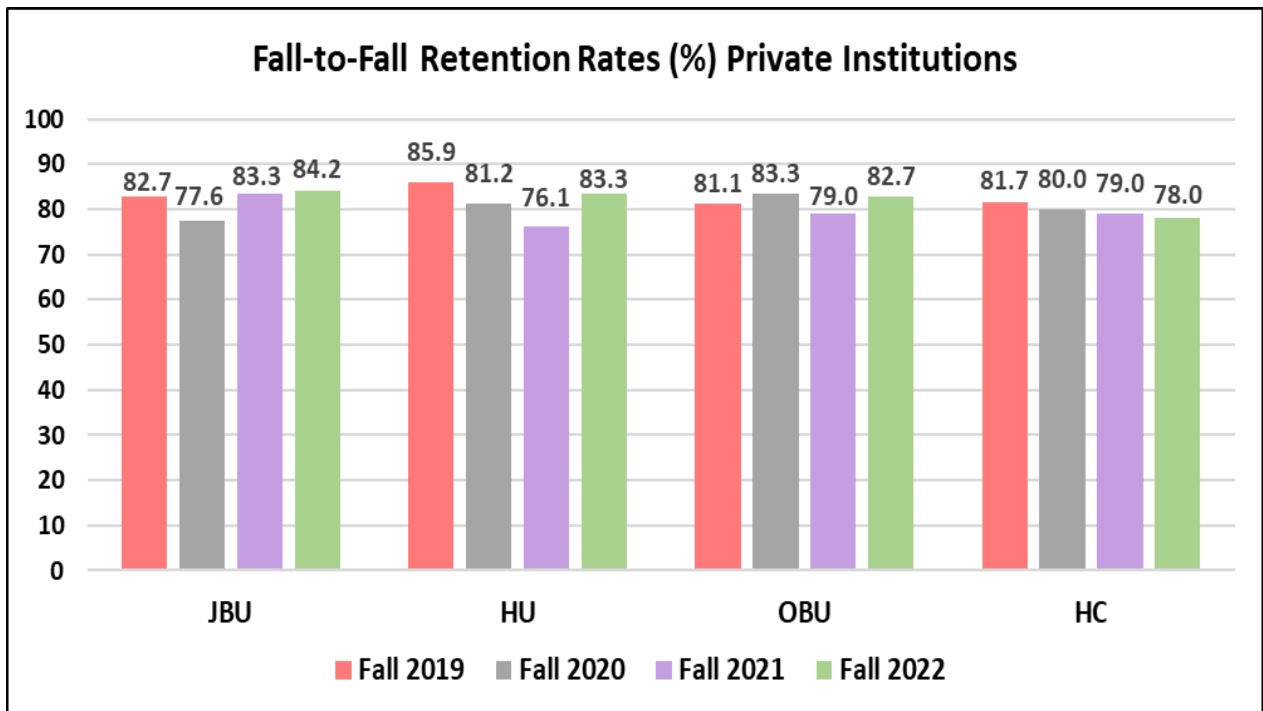


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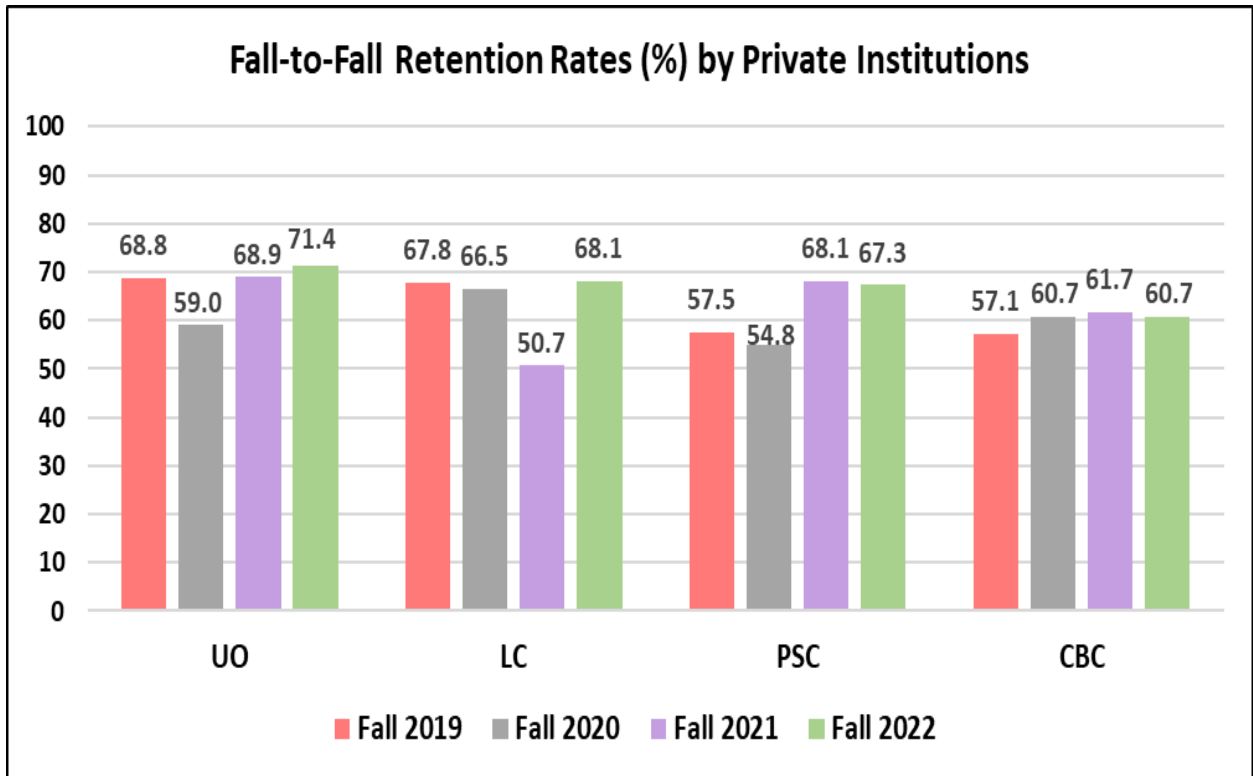


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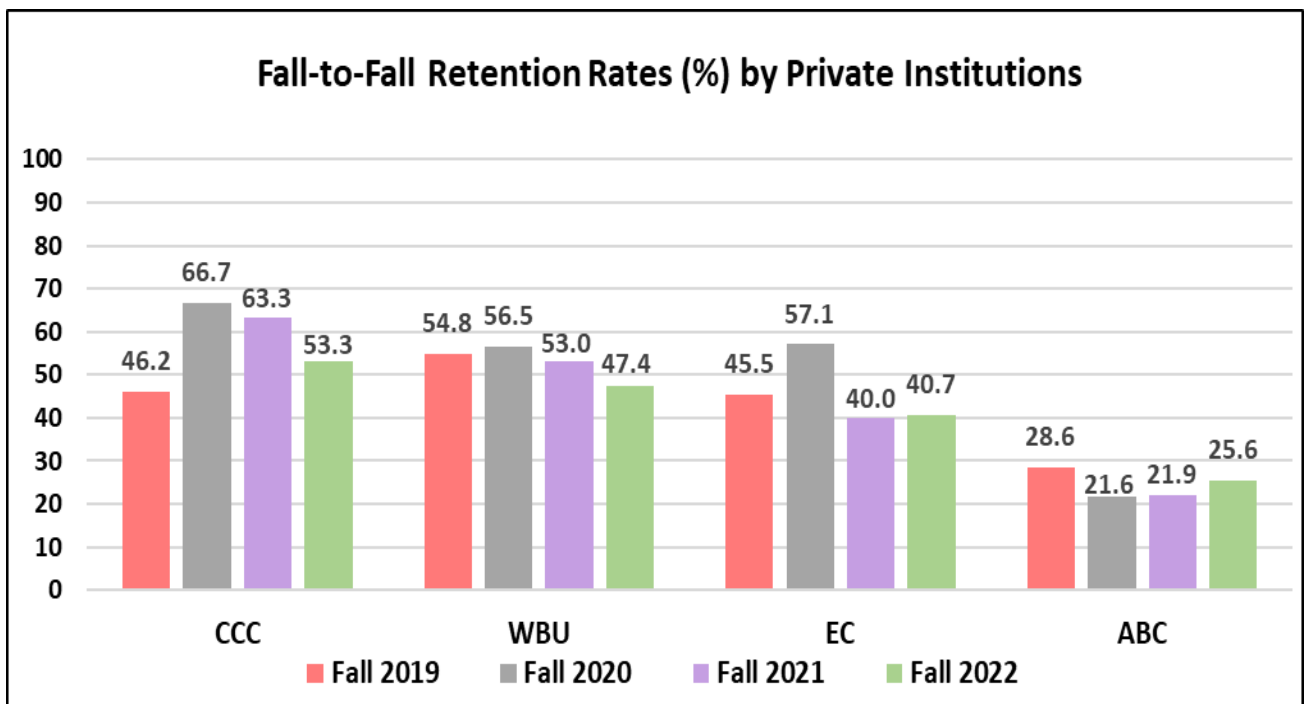


Chart 16.15: Student Retention Rates by Institution – Private Institutions

Statewide Graduation

Graduation rates for our 4-year public and private/independent universities presented here are based on first-time in college, full-time, bachelor-seeking students. The following charts provide graduation rates for both students graduating in four years which is considered on-time (100% rate) and those graduating in six years (150% rate).

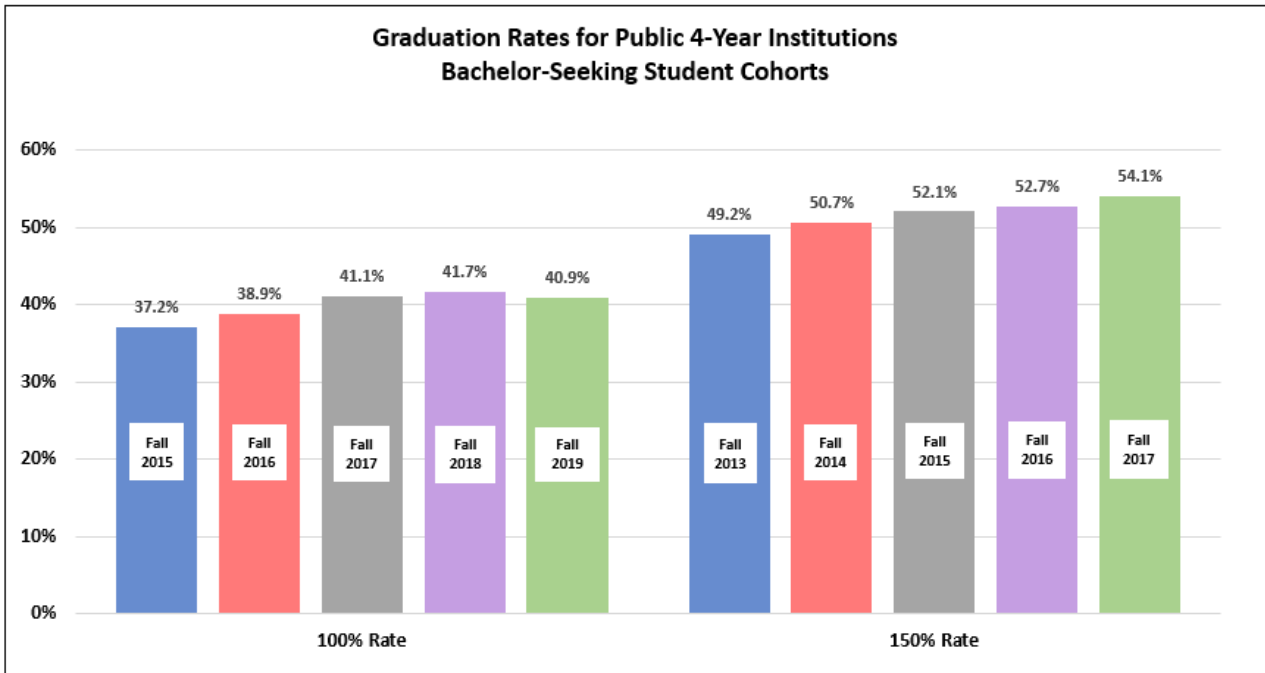


Chart 16.16: Graduation Rates - 4-Year Public Institution Trend

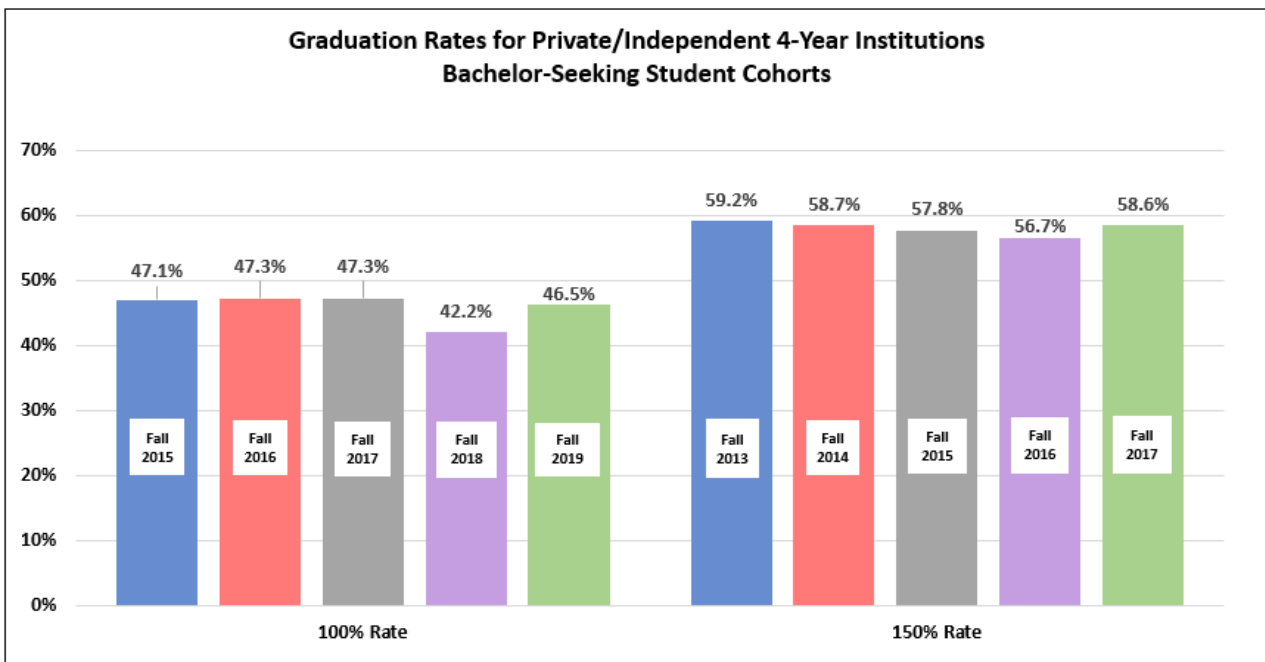


Chart 16.17: Graduation Rates - 4-Year Private/Independent Institution Trend

Both the male and female cohorts showed slight improvement in their six-year (150%) graduation rate.

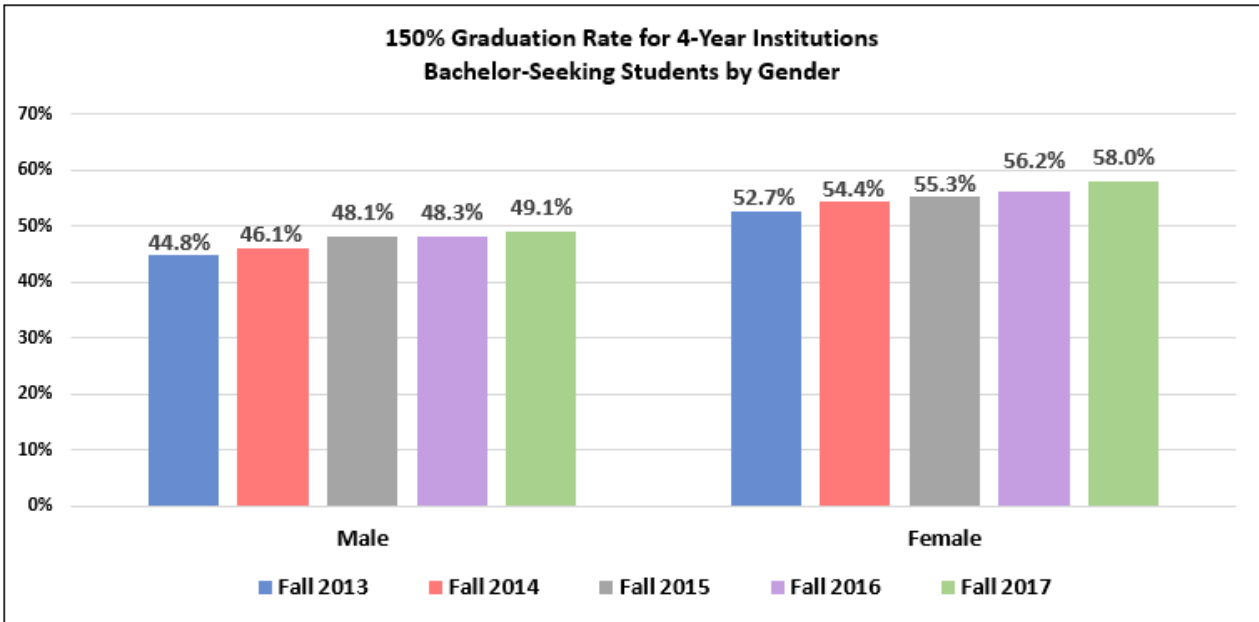


Chart 16.18: Graduation Rates - 4-Year Institutions by Gender

Charts 16.19 and 16.20 provide trend data for the 150% graduation rate for the public 4-year universities. Six of the 4-year universities reported an increase for the Fall 2017 cohort when compared to the Fall 2016 cohort.

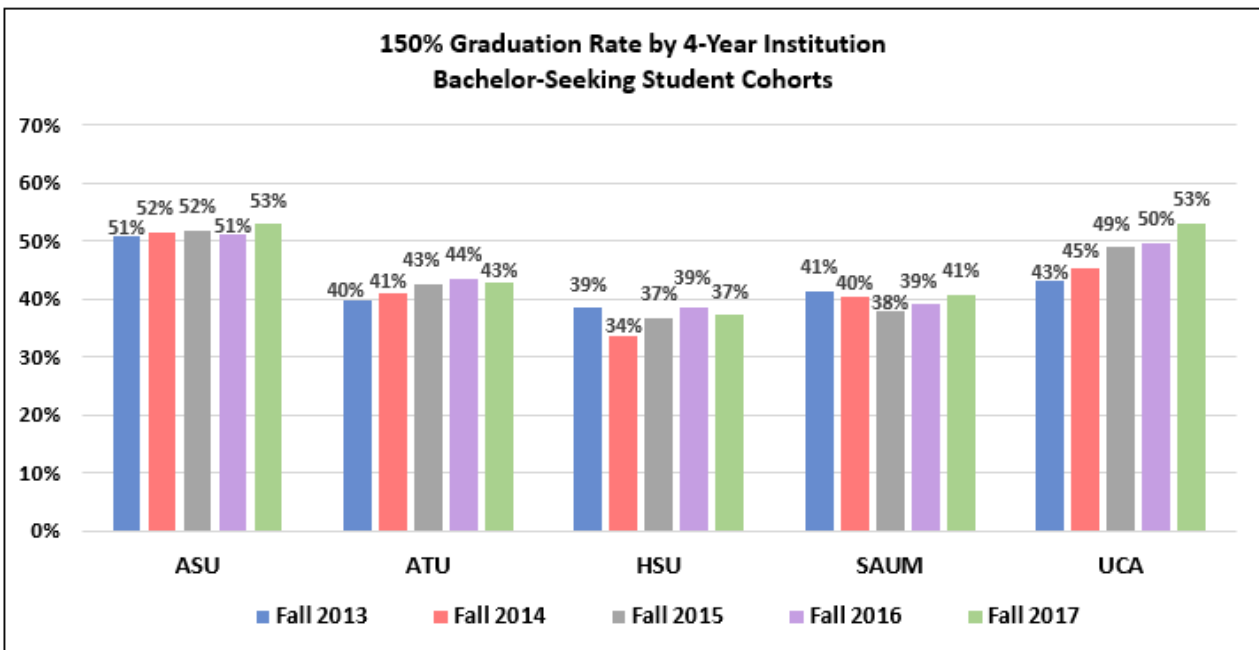


Chart 16.19: 150% Graduation Rates 4-Year institutions

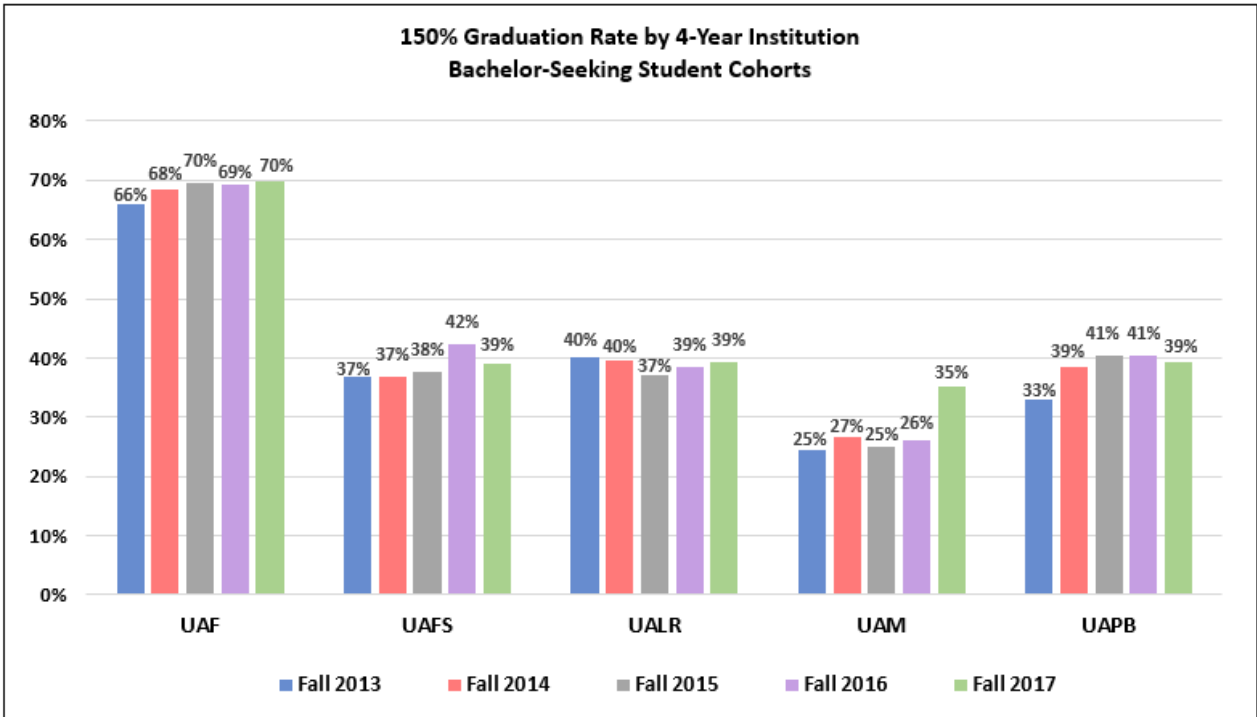


Chart 16.20: 150% Graduation Rates 4-Year institutions

2-Year College Graduation Rates

For our 2-year colleges, the 150% graduation rate increased more than 3% for both the male and female cohorts.

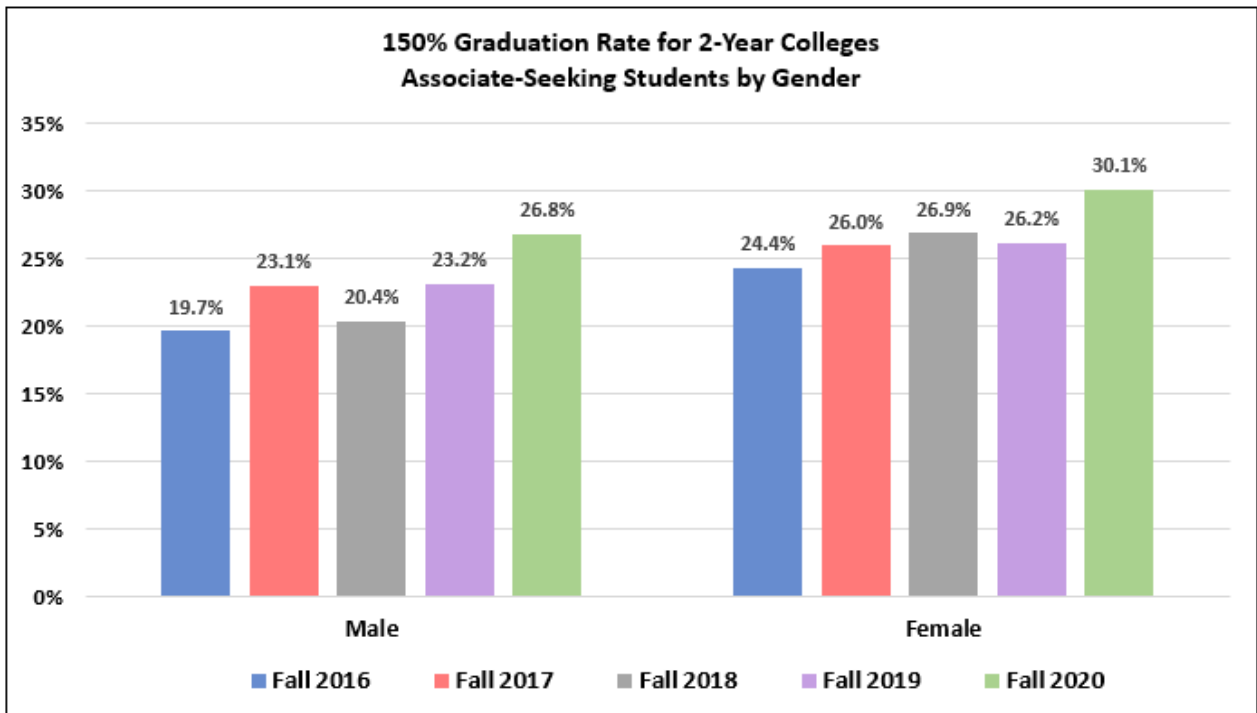


Chart 16.21: 150% Graduation Rates 2-Year Colleges

Charts 16.22 through 16.25 provide a 150% graduation rate for associate-seeking students for the 2-year colleges. Seventeen 2-year colleges reported a higher 150% graduation rate for the Fall 2020 cohort.

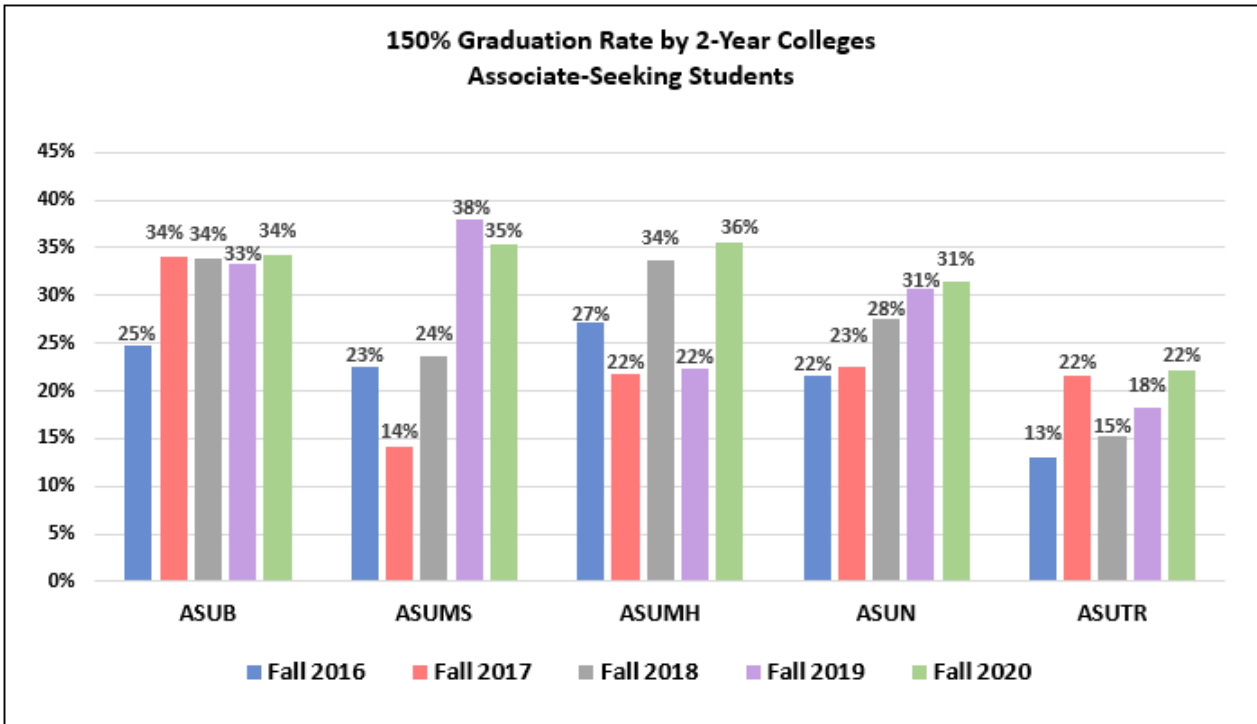


Chart 16.22 Graduation Rates 2-Year Associate Cohorts

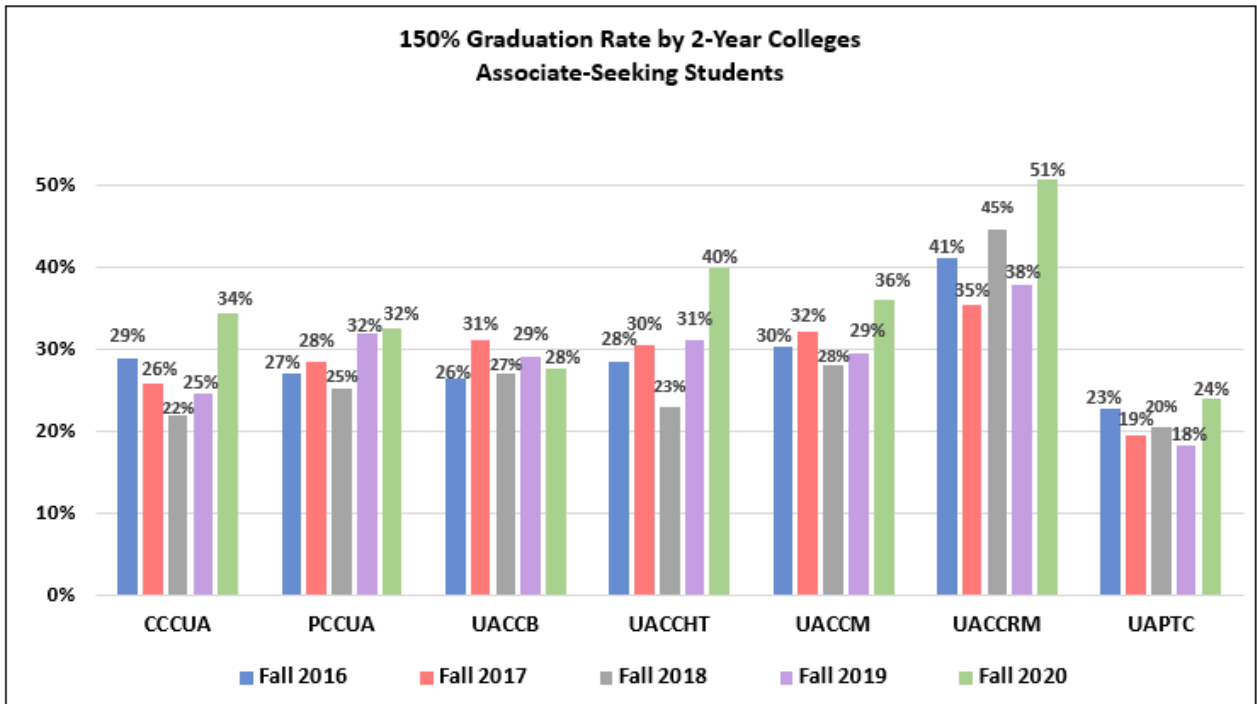


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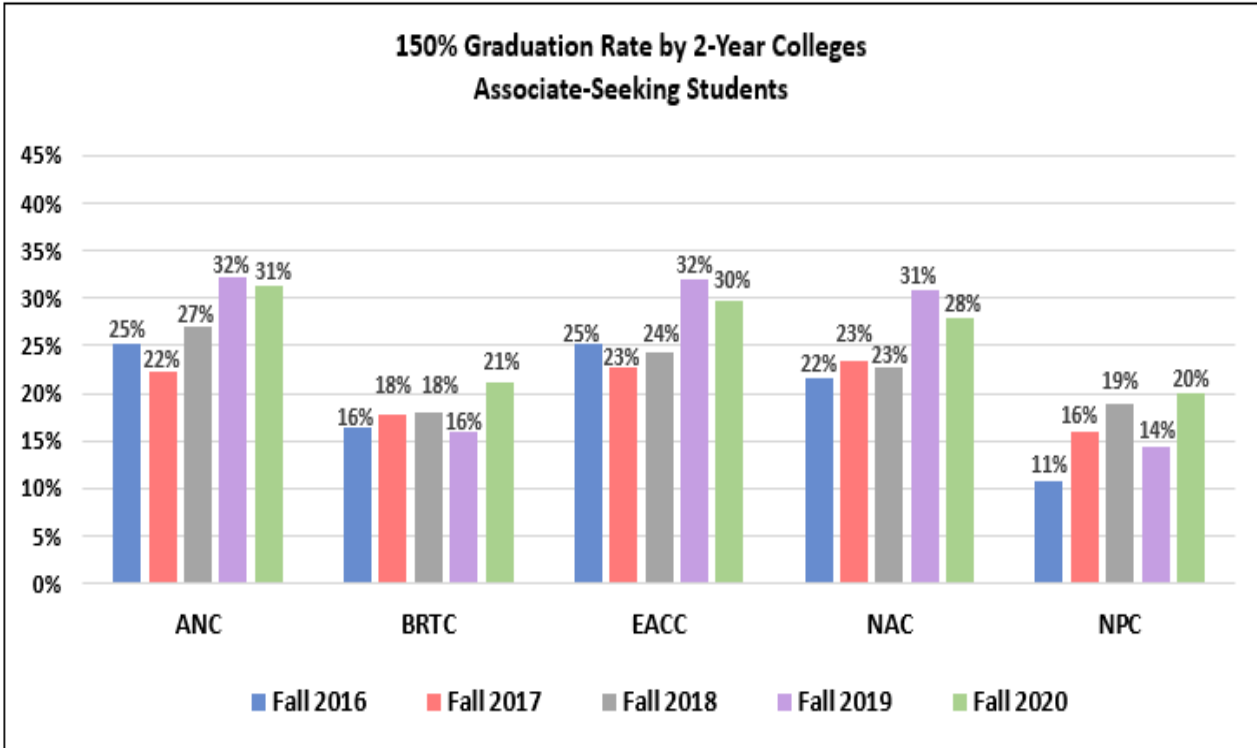


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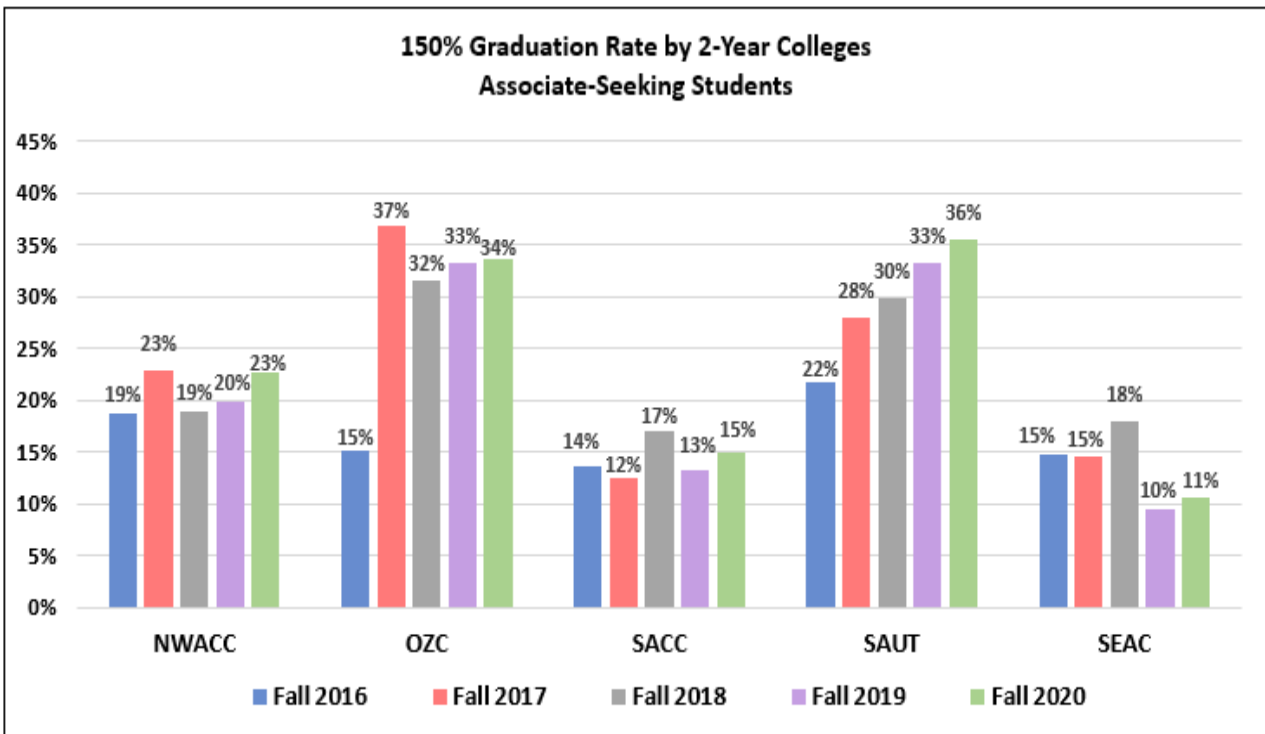


Chart 16.25 Graduation Rates 2-Year Associate Cohorts

Private/Independent Institutions

The 150% graduation rate for the Fall 2017 cohort for those private/independent institutions awarding bachelor’s degrees, increased for six institutions.

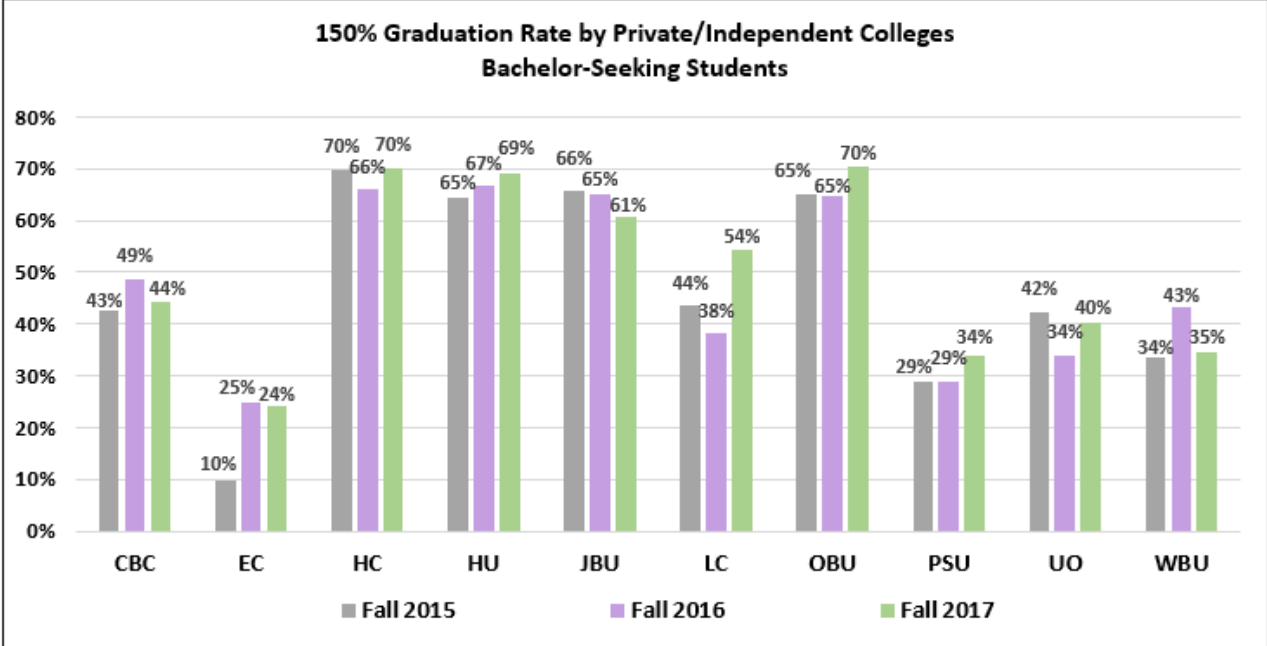


Chart 16.26: Graduation Rates by Private Institution