

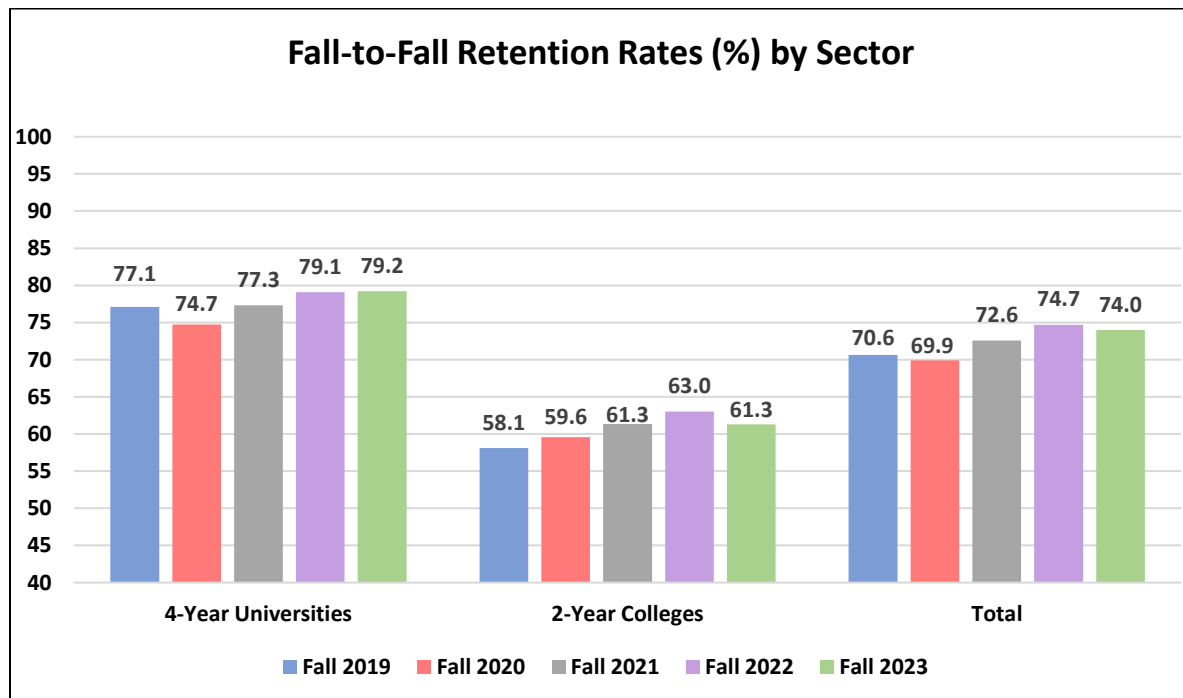
ANNUAL REPORT ON STUDENT RETENTION AND GRADUATION FOR ARKANSAS HIGHER EDUCATION

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 in college, 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 chart represents the overall retention rate for the five most recent cohorts for the public institutions. The 4-year institutions held steady, but a 1.7% decrease for the 2-year colleges resulted in a small decline of 0.7% in the statewide retention rate.



Retention Rates by Institution

Five 4-year universities reported an increase in the fall-to-fall retention rate when comparing the Fall 2022 cohort to the Fall 2023 cohort. UA Little Rock reported the most notable percentage change increase of 4.8% over last year. Arkansas Tech University and the University of Arkansas at Monticello reported a 3% increase in the retention rate, while Henderson State University showed a 2.4% increase for the Fall 2023 cohort.



ADHE Calculated Retention Rates 4-Year Public Institutions

Institution	Fall 2020	Fall 2021	Fall 2022	Fall 2023
ASU	74.7%	77.6%	77.7%	78.1%
ATU	62.8%	62.9%	71.1%	74.1%
HSU	56.5%	57.2%	59.3%	61.7%
SAUM	64.1%	71.8%	69.3%	66.1%
UAF	87.0%	85.6%	86.4%	86.4%
UAFS	66.3%	71.2%	71.6%	69.8%
UALR	65.5%	74.5%	71.5%	76.3%
UAM	69.1%	67.9%	68.9%	72.2%
UAPB	64.0%	58.8%	64.5%	64.2%
UCA	70.7%	74.2%	73.5%	73.3%

This report uses the IPEDS cohort definition of first-time in college, full-time, Bachelor's degree seeking students from a fall term who returned to the same institution the following fall term.

Eight 2-year colleges reported an increase in the fall-to-fall retention rate when comparing the Fall 2022 cohort to the Fall 2023 cohort. UA Hope-Texarkana reported the most notable percentage change increase of 4.7% and ASU Mountain Home showed a 3.0% improvement in the annual retention rate.



ADHE Calculated Retention Rates Public 2-Year Colleges

Institution	Fall 2020	Fall 2021	Fall 2022	Fall 2023
ANC	57.0%	58.9%	64.2%	65.4%
ASUB	57.2%	63.4%	64.1%	62.8%
ASUMH	59.8%	64.0%	62.1%	65.1%
ASUMS	64.9%	75.3%	82.1%	59.3%
ASUN	57.6%	60.9%	77.2%	62.7%
ASUTR	69.2%	52.8%	66.7%	61.6%
BRTC	56.2%	64.3%	61.0%	59.2%
CCCUA	66.4%	78.6%	65.2%	65.1%
EACC	57.0%	55.7%	69.7%	63.4%
NAC	60.7%	57.1%	64.7%	56.3%
NPC	60.8%	54.4%	54.6%	56.0%
NWACC	56.8%	61.4%	61.5%	61.7%
OZC	55.0%	69.8%	69.9%	62.1%
PCCUA	74.2%	76.9%	73.9%	69.7%
SAC	52.3%	52.3%	54.9%	56.0%
SAUT	73.0%	64.7%	64.1%	57.4%
SEAC	48.1%	51.3%	42.2%	44.4%
UACCB	61.7%	72.1%	71.0%	69.3%
UACCHT	71.6%	66.7%	62.3%	67.0%
UACCM	58.2%	54.9%	63.9%	61.3%
UACCRM	65.8%	61.0%	68.1%	64.8%
UAPTC	56.8%	59.9%	57.9%	60.6%

2-Year College retention rate cohort includes first-time in college, full-time, credential seeking students returning the following fall term and those who graduated during the year.

For the private/independent institutions offering bachelor's degrees, six reported an increased retention rate for Fall 2023. Three institutions, Harding University, John Brown University and Ouachita Baptist University reported retention rates above 80%.



**ADHE Calculated Retention Rates
Private and Independent Institutions**

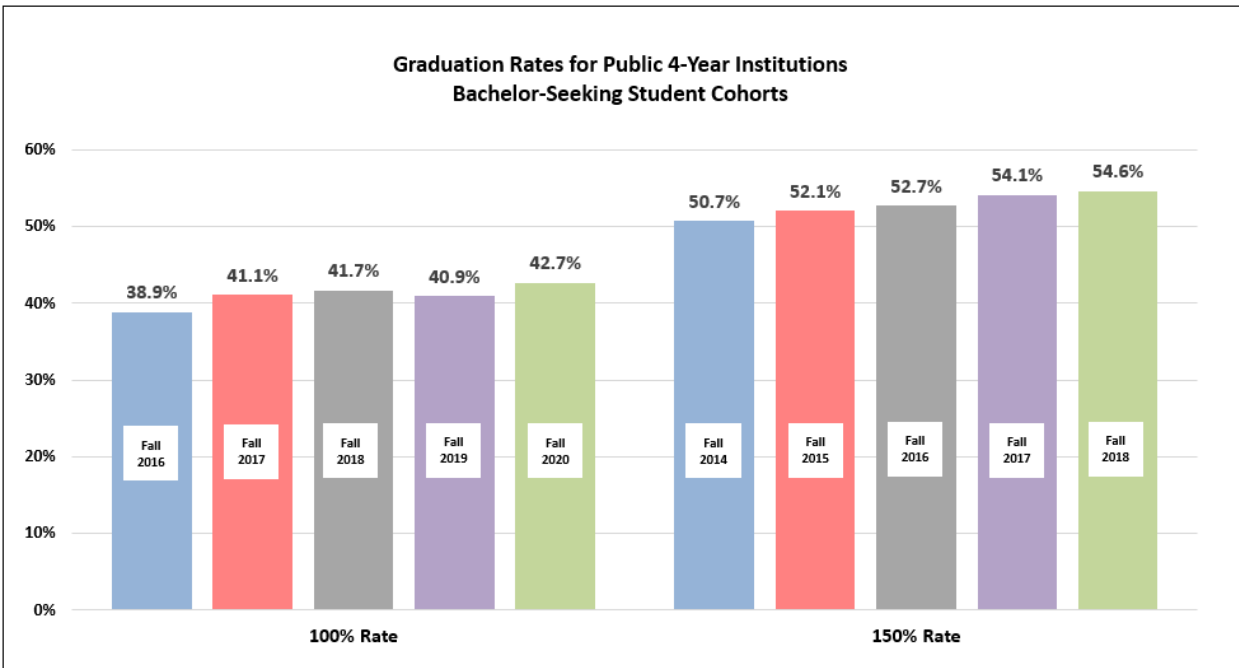
Institution	Fall 2020	Fall 2021	Fall 2022	Fall 2023
ABC	21.6%	21.9%	25.6%	27.7%
CBC	60.7%	61.7%	60.7%	62.7%
CCC	66.7%	63.3%	53.3%	63.3%
CRC	N/A	57.5%	57.1%	51.7%
EC	57.1%	40.0%	40.7%	58.1%
HC	80.0%	79.0%	78.0%	77.1%
HU	81.2%	76.1%	83.3%	82.7%
JBU	77.6%	83.3%	84.2%	81.2%
LC	66.5%	50.7%	68.1%	68.4%
OBU	83.3%	79.0%	82.7%	82.5%
PSU	54.8%	68.1%	67.3%	65.7%
UO	59.0%	68.9%	71.4%	68.6%
WBU	56.5%	53.0%	47.4%	57.4%

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Statewide Graduation Rates

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).

The 100% on-time graduation rate improved almost 2% for the Fall 2020 entering student cohort and is the highest reported 100% graduation rate. Although a modest increase of 0.5%, the 150% graduation rate is also the highest reported 150% graduation rate.



Seven of the ten 4-year public institutions reported an increase in the 100% graduation rate for the Fall 2020 entering cohort. Southern Arkansas University showed a 4.1% increase and UA Little Rock reported a 3.6% improvement. The University of Arkansas consistently reports the highest 100% rate, which was 56.6% for the Fall 2020 cohort.



**ADHE Calculated Graduation Rate
for Bachelor's Degree Seeking Students**

100% (On-Time) Graduation Rate

Institution	Fall 2013	Fall 2014	Fall 2015	Fall 2016	Fall 2017	Fall 2018	Fall 2019	Fall 2020
ASU	35.5%	37.0%	37.7%	38.0%	40.5%	41.3%	40.4%	42.4%
ATU	26.7%	27.0%	29.3%	31.7%	31.8%	31.7%	29.6%	31.5%
HSU	23.8%	22.8%	23.9%	28.0%	28.0%	27.3%	24.8%	27.1%
SAUM	29.3%	27.9%	27.2%	29.1%	30.2%	33.5%	32.3%	36.4%
UAF	48.4%	50.4%	51.9%	53.3%	55.4%	55.7%	54.9%	56.6%
UAFS	21.3%	22.3%	24.4%	28.7%	25.1%	24.9%	30.6%	29.0%
UALR	24.6%	25.6%	24.5%	24.3%	25.4%	24.8%	24.9%	28.5%
UAM	12.5%	16.9%	15.9%	13.7%	26.7%	28.0%	32.4%	34.7%
UAPB	17.4%	23.8%	26.1%	26.6%	24.1%	22.4%	23.1%	15.2%
UCA	27.9%	30.7%	33.9%	35.6%	40.4%	41.9%	41.1%	40.5%

This report uses the IPEDS definition of cohort which is first-time in college, full-time, Bachelor's degree seeking students from a fall term.

Six of the ten 4-year public institutions reported an increase in the 150% graduation rate for the Fall 2018 entering cohort. Southern Arkansas University showed a 3.7% increase and UA Monticello reported a 3.2% improvement. The University of Arkansas consistently reports the highest 150% rate, which reached over 70% for the first time this year.



**ADHE Calculated Graduation Rate
for Bachelor's Degree Seeking Students**

150% (6-Year) Graduation Rate

Institution	Fall 2011	Fall 2012	Fall 2013	Fall 2014	Fall 2015	Fall 2016	Fall 2017	Fall 2018
ASU	45.2%	46.5%	50.8%	51.5%	51.8%	51.1%	52.8%	52.9%
ATU	39.7%	41.4%	39.9%	41.1%	42.7%	43.5%	42.9%	44.0%
HSU	32.2%	34.5%	38.5%	33.6%	36.7%	38.5%	37.2%	36.9%
SAUM	34.6%	37.7%	41.3%	40.3%	37.8%	39.1%	40.7%	44.4%
UAF	61.5%	65.5%	66.1%	68.4%	69.6%	69.2%	69.9%	70.4%
UAFS	31.8%	33.7%	36.9%	36.8%	37.6%	42.3%	38.9%	37.8%
UALR	32.5%	34.8%	40.2%	39.5%	37.1%	38.5%	39.4%	37.0%
UAM	19.5%	21.3%	24.5%	26.6%	25.0%	26.0%	35.1%	38.3%
UAPB	28.5%	28.7%	33.0%	38.6%	40.5%	40.8%	39.7%	39.6%
UCA	41.1%	40.9%	43.1%	45.4%	48.9%	49.7%	53.0%	53.2%

This report uses the IPEDS definition of cohort which is first-time entering, full-time, Bachelor's degree seeking students from a fall term.

Sixteen of the 2-year public colleges reported an increase in the 100% graduation rate, while 17 reported improvement in the 150% graduation rate. ASU – Three Rivers and Phillips Community College of the UA reported the highest 100% graduation rate increase of 13.6%.

Black River Technical College reported a 14.0% increase and UA – Batesville reported an almost 13% improvement for the 150% graduation rate for the Fall 2021 cohort.



ADHE Calculated Graduation Rates Credential Seeking Students

Institution	100% Rate				150% Rate		
	Fall Term Cohort				Fall Term Cohort		
	Fall 2020	Fall 2021	Fall 2022		Fall 2019	Fall 2020	Fall 2021
ANC	31.1	36.8	30.4		39.6	37.3	42.9
ASUB	28.9	32.1	32.2		39.8	38.6	42.8
ASUMH	35.4	30.9	38.5		31.3	45.7	41.9
ASUMS	39.2	41.2	50.0		42.5	43.2	54.1
ASUN	34.3	41.6	50.3		45.1	41.4	47.5
ASUTR	40.4	20.8	34.4		41.8	48.1	35.8
BRTC	30.7	35.2	41.8		31.6	38.5	52.5
CCCUA	34.9	42.2	34.8		44.3	45.0	53.8
EACC	19.0	20.5	28.3		36.9	29.8	33.6
NAC	25.9	35.1	35.3		40.2	36.0	43.3
NPC	21.5	22.5	21.7		21.3	28.6	31.1
NWACC	10.1	11.3	11.9		20.3	21.9	26.8
OZC	37.9	45.2	52.0		47.8	45.7	53.2
PCCUA	34.7	31.6	45.2		44.8	45.2	48.7
SAC	14.4	30.2	24.4		24.7	27.0	37.8
SAUT	50.0	48.3	43.6		56.8	56.7	56.7
SEAC	13.0	20.5	13.3		8.4	22.1	30.8
UACCB	45.3	56.4	48.4		51.6	53.1	65.9
UACCHT	41.0	35.8	39.5		47.0	52.2	54.5
UACCM	34.5	31.5	42.2		35.0	46.4	41.8
UACCRM	56.0	48.8	59.3		52.7	59.8	54.7
UAPTC	19.5	21.2	17.8		21.9	31.5	32.6

Students receiving more than one credential were counted in their highest credential level only.

The next two tables provide 100% and 150% graduation rate information for the private and independent colleges and universities.



**ADHE Calculated Graduation Rate
for Bachelor's Degree Seeking Students**

100% (On-Time) Graduation Rate

Institution	Fall 2017	Fall 2018	Fall 2019	Fall 2020
CBC	34.3%	23.4%	29.7%	20.5%
CCC	N/A	17.6%	7.7%	22.2%
EC	20.7%	25.0%	6.1%	19.0%
HC	62.8%	65.0%	56.0%	54.2%
HU	53.2%	50.7%	50.8%	53.7%
JBU	54.6%	61.8%	63.8%	62.3%
LC	42.6%	37.6%	39.2%	34.6%
OBU	61.8%	55.6%	58.8%	60.7%
PSU	21.3%	19.0%	22.6%	19.4%
UO	31.1%	31.9%	34.1%	32.8%
WBU	26.1%	19.1%	33.1%	33.9%

This report uses the IPEDS definition of cohort which is first-time entering, full-time, Bachelor's degree seeking students from a fall term.

Note: Some institutions are not included for FERPA suppression.



**ADHE Calculated Graduation Rate
for Bachelor's Degree Seeking Students**

150% (6-Year) Graduation Rate

Institution	Fall 2015	Fall 2016	Fall 2017	Fall 2018
CBC	42.6%	48.7%	44.3%	35.5%
CCC	-	-	-	17.6%
EC	9.7%	25.0%	24.1%	28.6%
HC	69.9%	66.0%	70.2%	73.5%
HU	64.5%	66.6%	68.9%	67.6%
JBU	65.6%	65.2%	60.7%	66.5%
LC	43.5%	38.2%	54.2%	44.6%
OBU	65.2%	64.8%	70.3%	60.6%
PSU	28.8%	29.0%	34.0%	31.6%
UO	42.4%	33.9%	40.1%	41.4%
WBU	33.7%	43.4%	34.5%	26.1%

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