

Retention & Graduation Rates

New Freshman Cohorts

Term	Total Cohort ¹	2nd Semester Retention Rate	Retention ² Fall to Fall			Graduation Rates ⁴ September-August					Attrition ⁵ Fall to Fall		
			2nd year	3rd year	4th year ³	4 year	5 year	6 year	7 year	8 year	2nd year	3rd year	4th year
Fall 2025	654	Winter 26	Fall 26	Fall 27	Fall 28	Fall 29	Fall 30	Fall 31	Fall 32	Fall 33	Fall 26	Fall 27	Fall 28
Fall 2024	631	93.8%	84.2%	Fall 26	Fall 27	Fall 28	Fall 29	Fall 30	Fall 31	Fall 32	15.8%	Fall 26	Fall 27
Fall 2023	527	94.9%	83.5%	78.0%	Fall 26	Fall 27	Fall 28	Fall 29	Fall 30	Fall 31	16.5%	5.5%	Fall 26
Fall 2022	491	93.3%	83.3%	75.4%	72.9%	Fall 26	Fall 27	Fall 28	Fall 29	Fall 30	16.7%	7.9%	2.5%
Fall 2021	543	93.7%	84.5%	75.3%	73.1%	59.9%	Fall 26	Fall 27	Fall 28	Fall 29	15.5%	9.2%	2.2%
Fall 2020	399	94.0%	82.7%	77.7%	74.7%	56.1%	64.7%	Fall 26	Fall 27	Fall 28	17.3%	5.0%	3.0%
Fall 2019	514	93.4%	86.2%	79.6%	77.2%	59.7%	70.8%	73.7%	Fall 26	Fall 27	13.8%	6.6%	2.4%
Fall 2018	564	92.6%	81.6%	74.1%	71.3%	53.0%	64.2%	67.2%	70.2%	Fall 26	18.4%	7.5%	2.8%
Fall 2017	536	95.7%	83.4%	74.6%	71.8%	53.4%	65.9%	68.1%	68.7%	69.2%	16.6%	8.8%	2.8%
Fall 2016	521	93.7%	86.6%	78.9%	75.8%	53.0%	70.4%	72.9%	73.1%	73.5%	13.4%	7.7%	3.1%
Fall 2015	503	92.8%	82.9%	74.6%	72.4%	51.9%	63.6%	66.8%	67.6%	67.8%	17.1%	8.3%	2.2%
Fall 2014	458	95.0%	84.7%	78.2%	75.1%	59.4%	71.8%	72.9%	72.9%	72.9%	15.3%	6.5%	3.1%
Fall 2013	491	91.4%	81.1%	74.5%	72.1%	50.3%	65.6%	67.2%	68.2%	68.2%	18.9%	6.6%	2.4%
Fall 2012	479	91.6%	80.4%	69.7%	67.4%	52.8%	63.5%	65.3%	65.8%	66.2%	19.6%	10.7%	2.3%
Fall 2011	558	91.9%	79.2%	69.2%	66.7%	45.5%	58.8%	62.2%	63.1%	63.4%	20.8%	10.0%	2.5%
Fall 2010	552	92.6%	83.7%	73.4%	69.9%	45.3%	64.5%	67.8%	67.8%	67.9%	16.3%	10.3%	3.5%
Fall 2009	547	92.7%	81.0%	72.8%	66.9%	42.0%	58.7%	63.1%	64.9%	65.6%	19.0%	8.2%	5.9%
Fall 2008	605	91.1%	79.5%	66.6%	62.1%	37.2%	53.9%	57.4%	58.3%	58.8%	20.5%	12.9%	4.5%
Fall 2007	528	90.9%	76.1%	62.1%	59.7%	34.3%	51.7%	56.8%	57.6%	57.8%	23.9%	14.0%	2.4%
Fall 2006	480	91.3%	77.1%	66.0%	60.8%	35.6%	52.3%	56.9%	58.1%	58.8%	22.9%	11.1%	5.2%
Fall 2005	498	91.6%	75.1%	64.5%	58.8%	34.7%	51.4%	57.4%	58.4%	59.2%	24.9%	10.6%	5.7%
Average⁶	528	92.9%	81.8%	72.9%	69.4%	48.5%	62.0%	65.0%	65.3%	65.3%	18.2%	8.8%	3.3%
3-Year Average⁷	604	94.0%	83.7%	76.2%	73.6%	58.6%	66.6%	69.7%	70.7%	70.2%	16.3%	7.5%	2.6%

1 Freshmen cohorts are comprised of students that are first time in any college (FTIAC) and are enrolled full-time.

2 Retention rates are based on fall enrollment in the academic year listed and includes students enrolling at any enrollment level. Students in programs that include both undergraduate and graduate level work are included in these retention rates even if they entered the graduate portion of their program.

3 Students that complete their bachelor degree prior to the start of the next year are included as a retained student through the fourth year.

4 Graduation rates are based on the date the first bachelor degree is conferred for each student for the entire academic year (fall, winter and summer). Per the IPEDS definition a student cannot be included in the graduation rate until the degree has been conferred. Some multiple level programs do not award the bachelor degree until graduate or professional work has been completed.

5 Attrition is the percentage of students that leave the university each year. This is based on enrollment in the fall each year, a student may re-enroll in another term during the year.

6 Average figures are the same data fields from the entire full time new freshman cohorts for the years available in the category.

7 3-Year Average includes the most recent three years of data for the given category.

8 Above the grey dashed line indicates that Detroit Mercy is using the Banner database system; below the grey dashed line indicates that Detroit Mercy was using the APECS database system.

9 All data is based on the census date for the given term. This data cannot be altered.