

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Cohort:

Fall: Fall term associated with the cohort year.

Headcount: Count of first-time, full-time, bachelor's degree-seeking students who started in the summer or fall of the cohort year.

Adjusted Cohort: Headcount minus students who are deceased prior to graduating within 6 years.

Retention: Retention is reported based on student enrollment status from fall term to fall term. Students are considered retained only if they are bachelor's degree-seeking and have not yet obtained a bachelor's degree.

Graduated: Graduated is reported based on students whom receive a bachelor's degree prior to the beginning of the next fall term. Graduation rate refers only to the proportion of the cohort which has received a bachelor's degree and not the actual number of degrees which have been awarded to those in the cohort.

Retention Rate After:

1 Year: Percentage of the Adjusted Cohort enrolled in the second fall term.

2 Year: Percentage of the Adjusted Cohort enrolled in the third fall term.

3 Year: Percentage of the Adjusted Cohort enrolled in the fourth fall term.

After 4 Years:

Graduated: Percentage of the Adjusted Cohort who received a bachelor's degree prior to the beginning of the fifth fall term.

Retained: Percentage of the Adjusted Cohort enrolled in the fifth fall term.

After 5 Years:

Graduated: Percentage of the Adjusted Cohort who received a bachelor's degree prior to the beginning of the sixth fall term.

Retained: Percentage of the Adjusted Cohort enrolled in the sixth fall term.

After 6 Years:

Graduated: Percentage of the Adjusted Cohort who received a bachelor's degree prior to the beginning of the seventh fall term.

Retained: Percentage of the Adjusted Cohort enrolled in the seventh fall term.

Attrition:

Percentage of the Adjusted Cohort who had neither graduated nor were retained as of the seventh fall term.

General Notes:

1. KSU and SPSU consolidated as of fall 2015. Prior to fall 2015, the first-time, full-time cohorts are combined from the two institutions. In cases where students were considered first-time, full-time at both institutions with different terms, the KSU enrollment record was used.
2. The student college, department and major are based on the student's major at the time of first fall term. College, department and major are based on the current cross-walk IR maintains.
3. Graduation and Retention rates do not account for college, department or major of graduation or enrollment. The percentages shown are graduation and retention within institution.

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