

## Understanding the Retention and Graduation Statistics on the FCT Reports

While the FCT Reports contain a wealth of valuable information about our students, the most requested information are retention and graduation rates. Below we provide a summary to reading these rates.

### Retention Rate

The retention rate refers to students in a defined freshman cohort in a specified fall who were enrolled in a subsequent semester. For example, the 3rd semester retention is also referred to as retention to 2<sup>nd</sup> fall. This means that students have completed their second semester and were enrolled in the following fall.

Steps 1-5 below help you locate retention information. An explanation of the highlighted data on the second page of the 4-year group reporting follows:

- 1). Find the row titled; *"Percentage of entering cohort enrolled for semester number"*.
- 2). The first column labeled *"Number"* represents semester numbers 2 to 21. The *"Number"* represents students included in the percentages each semester enrolled at the 21-day census of each respective semester.
- 3). The four sub-columns under the column heading labeled *"Group=Total"* represent the year students were first-year freshmen, i.e. 2003, 2004, etc.
- 4). The percentages listed under these years are the retention rates for that year.
- 5). Plan A, Plan B and Plan C are all types of admission plans for students entering the university. For most reporting purposes, retention rates are cited for the total cohort rather than individual admission plan students.

In the example highlighted below, the 3<sup>rd</sup> semester retention rate for the full-time freshman students entering UNM in 2003 is 75.4%.

Comparison of Characteristics of Four Beginning Freshman Cohorts, Fall 2003 Through 2006  
Fulltime Freshmen Only (1st semester)  
With Respect to UNM's Admission Policy  
Group=Total

		Total				Plan A HS Curricular Units				Plan B Formula Admission				Plan C Special Admissions			
		2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006	2003	2004	2005	2006
	Number	2944	3023	3017	2959	2599	2644	2718	2764	269	312	261	152	76	67	38	43
Percentage	2	88.8	89.9	88.2	89.2	89.2	90.0	88.5	89.4	86.2	88.8	83.8	86.2	81.6	89.6	94.7	86.0
of entering	3	75.4	76.1	74.6	76.7	75.6	76.0	75.3	77.4	76.9	77.6	68.8	70.4	63.2	73.1	65.8	51.2
cohort enrolled	4	70.6	71.1	69.9	70.9	70.9	71.2	70.4	71.6	70.1	74.0	65.8	63.2	60.5	52.2	65.8	51.2
for semester	5	64.3	64.6	63.9	65.3	64.7	64.8	64.4	66.0	64.9	67.9	61.2	58.6	48.7	43.3	50.0	48.8
number . . . :	6	61.8	61.9	60.8	62.7	62.1	62.1	61.3	63.4	62.7	63.8	58.5	56.6	46.1	43.3	44.7	37.2
(since	7	57.7	59.3	57.6	60.3	58.1	59.5	58.0	61.0	60.1	62.2	55.8	54.6	38.2	41.8	39.5	37.2
matriculation)	8	54.5	56.4	54.5	58.1	54.9	56.6	55.0	58.8	56.7	58.3	51.5	52.6	35.5	38.8	39.5	30.2
	9	44.3	44.3	42.7	46.0	44.5	45.0	43.0	46.8	45.1	41.0	40.0	38.8	35.5	34.3	42.1	18.6
	10	33.9	33.2	32.3	34.3	33.6	33.4	32.7	34.4	38.8	31.4	26.9	36.2	26.3	32.8	34.2	20.9
	11	20.1	21.7	19.7	20.4	19.7	22.1	19.7	20.2	24.6	18.3	18.5	25.0	17.1	20.9	28.9	16.3
	12	15.6	17.5	15.3		15.3	17.7	15.4		20.1	15.1	14.6		11.8	22.4	18.4	
	13	11.4	12.4	10.5		10.8	12.7	10.1		17.5	11.2	13.8		7.9	7.5	21.1	
	14	9.8	10.4			9.2	10.6			16.0	9.6			6.6	4.5		
	15	7.9	7.8			7.5	7.8			11.2	8.0			7.9	4.5		
	16	7.6				7.5				10.1				3.9			
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## Graduation Rate

Graduation rate refers to students who began as first-time full-time freshmen as part of a cohort and graduated in a specified semester. These include students enrolled in the Pharm.D. program in the 4th fall semester. By federal definition, these students are considered bachelor's completers.

Graduation rates for a particular cohort can be obtained on the second page of each 4-year report grouping, overall, the most commonly quoted statistic is the 6-year graduation rate (also referred to as semester 12).

Steps 1- 3 below help you locate graduation rate information. An explanation of the highlighted data on the second page of the 4-year group reporting follows:

- 1) Find the section in the middle of the page referring to "*cumulative percentage of entering cohort that have completed a baccalaureate degree...*" used to locate graduation rates.
- 2) Next locate the column labeled "*Number*" to designate the appropriate semester number for graduation.
- 3) Use the year across the top to designate the cohort of students for whom you want to know a graduation rate.

In the example highlighted below, the 6-year graduation rate for Full-time Freshmen entering UNM in the 2004 cohort is 44.5%. This means that 44.5% of the students who entered as first-time full-time freshmen in the 2004 cohort, graduated within six years of entering UNM with a Bachelor's degree.

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Cumulative	2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
percentage	3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
of entering	4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
cohort that	5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
have completed	6	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.8	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
a baccalaureate	7	1.3	1.3	2.0	1.7	1.5	1.3	1.9	1.7	0.4	1.6	3.8	2.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
degree or were	8	10.8	12.8	13.2	12.5	11.1	12.3	13.2	12.7	10.1	18.6	14.6	13.2	1.3	4.5	0.0	0.0
PharmD completers	9	21.0	22.9	22.9	23.3	21.7	22.7	22.9	24.0	18.7	27.9	25.4	17.1	6.6	6.0	2.6	2.3
as of semester	10	34.0	34.8	36.1	36.8	34.7	34.5	36.5	37.8	33.6	41.7	36.2	25.7	10.5	11.9	7.9	7.0
number. . . :	11	38.4	39.3	40.6		39.1	39.3	40.9		37.7	44.9	40.4		17.1	11.9	15.8	
	12	43.1	44.5	45.1		43.9	44.4	45.8		41.8	49.7	41.9		21.1	20.9	21.1	
	13	44.9	46.5			45.7	46.6			43.7	51.0			21.1	22.4		
	14	47.2	49.1			47.8	49.3			48.1	53.2			22.4	22.4		
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## Cumulative Enrolled or Degree Received Rates

The bottom section of the second page of each 4-year report grouping is used to calculate the percentage of students from an entering year or cohort that are either still enrolled in the current semester or graduated by the previous semester.

In the example highlighted below, in semester 17, 55.5% of full-time freshmen from the 2003 cohort are still enrolled or have graduated: 5.7% of these are still enrolled in semester 17 and 49.8% of the cohort have graduated by semester 16. This number is actually a sum of the two 5.7% + 49.8% = 55.5%

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(since matriculation)	3	75.4	76.1	74.6	76.7	75.6	76.0	75.3	77.4	76.9	77.6	68.8	70.4	63.2	73.1	65.8	51.2
	4	70.6	71.1	69.9	70.9	70.9	71.2	70.4	71.6	70.1	74.0	65.8	63.2	60.5	52.2	65.8	51.2
	5	64.3	64.6	63.9	65.3	64.7	64.8	64.4	66.0	64.9	67.9	61.2	58.6	48.7	43.3	50.0	48.8
	6	61.8	61.9	60.8	62.7	62.1	62.1	61.3	63.4	62.7	63.8	58.5	56.6	46.1	43.3	44.7	37.2
	7	57.7	59.3	57.6	60.3	58.1	59.5	58.0	61.0	60.1	62.2	55.8	54.6	38.2	41.8	39.5	37.2
	8	54.5	56.4	54.5	58.1	54.9	56.6	55.0	58.8	56.7	58.3	51.5	52.6	35.5	38.8	39.5	30.2
	9	44.3	44.3	42.7	46.0	44.5	45.0	43.0	46.8	45.1	41.0	40.0	38.8	35.5	34.3	42.1	18.6
	10	33.9	33.2	32.3	34.3	33.6	33.4	32.7	34.4	38.8	31.4	26.9	36.2	26.3	32.8	34.2	20.9
	11	20.1	21.7	19.7	20.4	19.7	22.1	19.7	20.2	24.6	18.3	18.5	25.0	17.1	20.9	28.9	16.3
	12	15.6	17.5	15.3		15.3	17.7	15.4		20.1	15.1	14.6		11.8	22.4	18.4	
	13	11.4	12.4	10.5		10.8	12.7	10.1		17.5	11.2	13.8		7.9	7.5	21.1	
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Cumulative percentage of entering cohort that have completed a baccalaureate degree or were PharmD completers as of semester number. . . :	2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	6	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.8	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	7	1.3	1.3	2.0	1.7	1.5	1.3	1.9	1.7	0.4	1.6	3.8	2.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	8	10.8	12.8	13.2	12.5	11.1	12.3	13.2	12.7	10.1	18.6	14.6	13.2	1.3	4.5	0.0	0.0
	9	21.0	22.9	22.9	23.3	21.7	22.7	22.9	24.0	18.7	27.9	25.4	17.1	6.6	6.0	2.6	2.3
	10	34.0	34.8	36.1	36.8	34.7	34.5	36.5	37.8	33.6	41.7	36.2	25.7	10.5	11.9	7.9	7.0
	11	38.4	39.3	40.6		39.1	39.3	40.9		37.7	44.9	40.4		17.1	11.9	15.8	
	12	43.1	44.5	45.1		43.9	44.4	45.8		41.8	49.7	41.9		21.1	20.9	21.1	
	13	44.9	46.5			45.7	46.6			43.7	51.0			21.1	22.4		
	14	47.2	49.1			47.8	49.3			48.1	53.2			22.4	22.4		
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plus cumulative percentage that have completed a baccalaureate degree or were	4	70.6	71.1	69.9	70.9	70.9	71.2	70.4	71.6	70.1	74.0	65.8	63.2	60.5	52.2	65.8	51.2
	5	64.3	64.6	63.9	65.3	64.7	64.8	64.4	66.0	64.9	67.9	61.2	58.6	48.7	43.3	50.0	48.8
	6	61.8	61.9	60.9	62.8	62.1	62.1	61.3	63.5	62.7	63.8	58.8	56.6	46.1	43.3	44.7	37.2
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	11	54.1	56.4	55.8	57.2	54.5	56.6	56.2	58.1	58.2	59.9	54.6	50.7	27.6	32.8	36.8	23.3
	12	54.0	56.8	55.9		54.4	57.0	56.3		57.8	59.9	55.0		28.9	34.3	34.2	
	13	54.5	56.9	55.6		54.7	57.1	55.8		59.3	60.9	55.8		28.9	28.4	42.1	

PharmD completers	14	54.7	56.9	55.0	57.2	59.7	60.6	27.6	26.9
by the prior	15	55.0	56.9	55.3	57.2	59.3	61.2	30.3	26.9
semester	16	55.6		56.0		59.0		28.9	
	17	55.5		55.7		60.1		34.2	
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