



**Summary Report of Retention and Graduation Rates
UGA First-Time Full-Time Freshmen
Cohorts 1998-2005**

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Summary

This report summarizes the retention and graduation rates for UGA first-time full-time freshmen cohorts, 1998-2005. Freshmen cohorts are defined as first-time students who entered in the respective summer or fall terms and were full-time in the cohort-year fall term (consistent with IPEDS and BOR definitions). Retention is defined as being enrolled or having graduated at each successive fall term. Students are counted as enrolled the following fall if they have not earned an undergraduate degree. Students are counted as graduated through the previous summer (cumulative). Due to small numbers of students in some ethnic categories, it should be noted that retention and graduation rate comparisons by ethnicity should be interpreted with caution.

The percentage of UGA first-time full-time freshmen returning for their second year has risen from 89.2% for the 1998 cohort to 93.9% for the most recent freshman class (see Table 1). Nearly 80% of the 2000 cohort was retained through six years.

Tables 4 and 5 in the appendix present retention rates by gender and ethnicity.

- Beginning with the 2002 cohort, males were retained at slightly higher rates than females.
- For most cohorts, a higher percentage of Black/African-American freshmen than White/Caucasians returned for their second year, but those gains were mostly lost by the fourth year.

The six-year graduation rate for the 2000 cohort was 76.9%, up from 73.7% for the 1998 cohort (see Table 2). Four-year graduation rates have risen from 40.9% for the 1998 cohort to 51.1% for the 2002 cohort.

Tables 6 and 7 in the appendix present graduation rates by gender and ethnicity.

- Females graduate at higher rates than males, while generally more Asians and Hispanics graduate in six years than do African-Americans.

Table 1.

Cohort	n	Retention Rates (as of the following fall term)					
		1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	4 Years	5 Years	6 Years
1998	4384	89.2	81.4	79.4	76.3	75.5	76.4
1999	4375	89.5	82.4	80.5	78.1	77.0	77.9
2000	4203	91.1	83.8	81.8	79.2	79.1	79.7
2001	4454	92.9	86.3	83.9	80.9	80.2	
2002	4281	93.0	86.8	84.7	82.0		
2003	5156	93.3	87.4	84.9			
2004	4500	93.3	87.2				
2005	4654	93.9					

Figure 1.

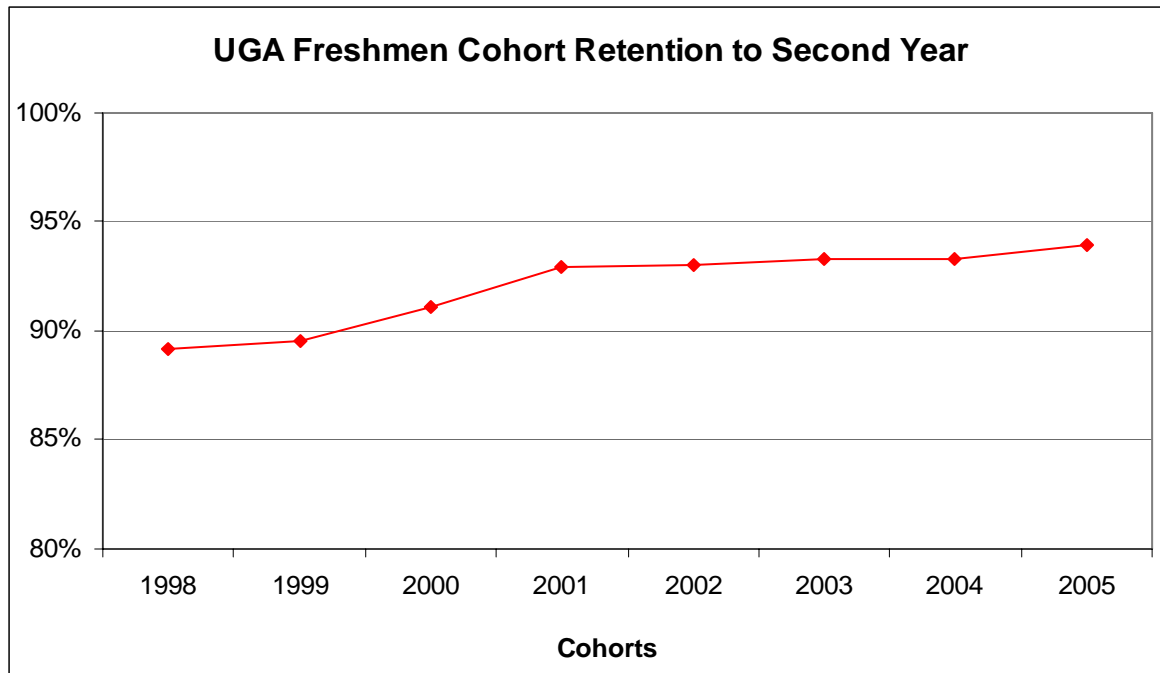
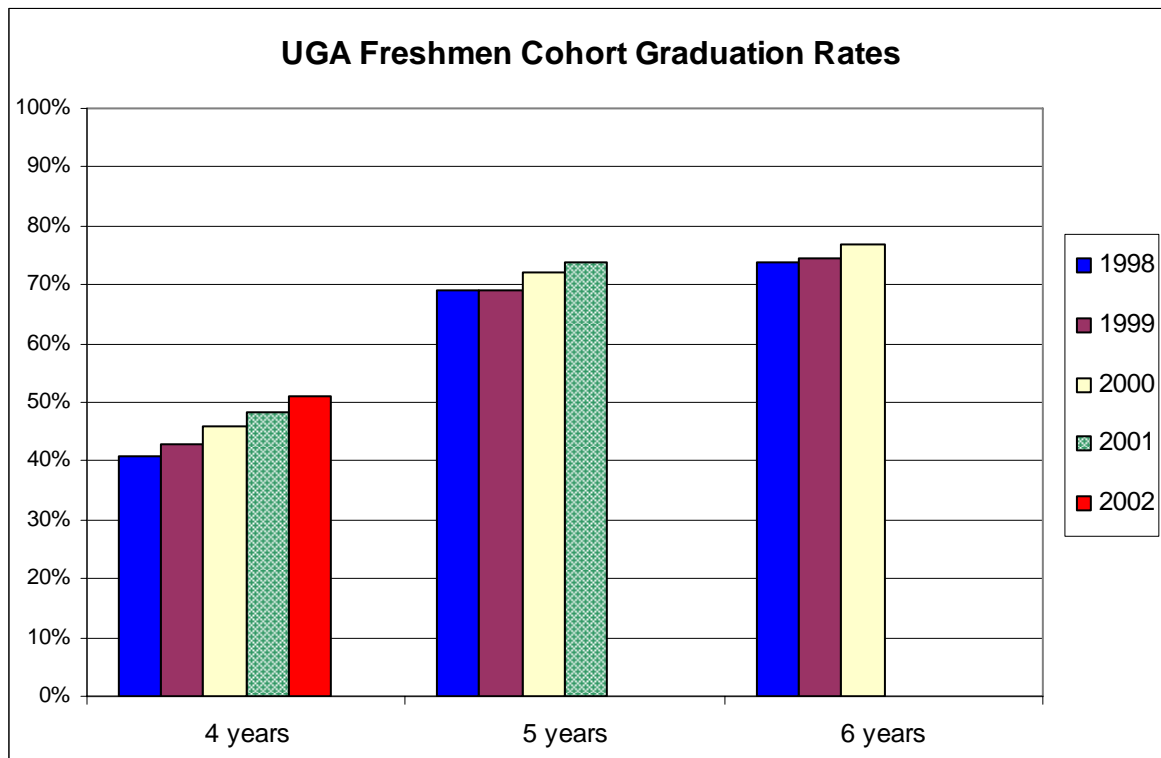


Table 2.

Cohort	n	Cumulative Graduation Rates (through summer term)			
		3 years	4 years	5 years	6 years
1998	4384	1.8	40.9	69.0	73.7
1999	4375	1.6	43.0	69.0	74.5
2000	4203	1.6	45.8	72.2	76.9
2001	4454	1.6	48.2	73.7	
2002	4281	2.0	51.1		
2003	5156	1.8			

Figure 2.



Appendix

Table 3.

Cohorts		Enrolled, Graduated, and Retained Percentages (as of the following fall term)					
		1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	4 Years	5 Years	6 Years
1998 Cohort (N=4384)	Enrolled	89.2	81.4	77.6	35.4	6.6	2.7
	Graduated	0.0	0.0	1.8	40.9	69.0	73.7
	Retained *	89.2	81.4	79.4	76.3	75.5	76.4
	Not Retained	10.8	18.6	20.6	23.7	24.5	23.6
1999 Cohort (N=4375)	Enrolled	89.5	82.4	79.0	35.2	8.0	3.4
	Graduated	0.0	0.2	1.6	43.0	69.0	74.5
	Retained *	89.5	82.4	80.5	78.1	77.0	77.9
	Not Retained	10.5	17.6	19.5	21.9	23.0	22.1
2000 Cohort (N=4203)	Enrolled	91.1	83.8	80.2	33.4	6.9	2.8
	Graduated	0.0	0.1	1.6	45.8	72.2	76.9
	Retained *	91.1	83.8	81.8	79.2	79.1	79.7
	Not Retained	8.9	16.2	18.2	20.8	20.9	20.3
2001 Cohort (N=4454)	Enrolled	92.9	86.3	82.3	32.7	6.5	
	Graduated	0.0	0.1	1.6	48.2	73.7	
	Retained *	92.9	86.3	83.9	80.9	80.2	
	Not Retained	7.1	13.7	16.1	19.1	19.8	
2002 Cohort (N=4281)	Enrolled	93.0	86.8	82.8	31.0		
	Graduated	0.0	0.1	2.0	51.1		
	Retained *	93.0	86.8	84.7	82.0		
	Not Retained	7.0	13.2	15.3	18.0		
2003 Cohort (N=5156)	Enrolled	93.3	87.4	83.1			
	Graduated	0.0	0.1	1.8			
	Retained *	93.3	87.4	84.9			
	Not Retained	6.7	12.6	15.1			
2004 Cohort (N=4500)	Enrolled	93.3	87.2				
	Graduated	0.0	0.0				
	Retained *	93.3	87.2				
	Not Retained	6.7	12.8				
2005 Cohort (N=4654)	Enrolled	93.9					
	Graduated	0.0					
	Retained *	93.9					
	Not Retained	6.1					

Note: Retained students include those that have graduated or are still enrolled (percentages may be off due to rounding).

Table 4.

Cohort	Gender	n	Retention Rates (as of the following fall term)					
			1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	4 Years	5 Years	6 Years
1998	Total	4384	89.2	81.4	79.4	76.3	75.5	76.4
	Female	2592	89.6	82.4	80.3	77.4	77.7	78.8
	Male	1792	88.7	79.9	78.0	74.7	72.4	72.9
1999	Total	4375	89.5	82.4	80.5	78.1	77.0	77.9
	Female	2592	90.3	82.8	80.9	78.4	78.0	79.2
	Male	1783	88.3	81.7	79.9	77.8	75.5	76.0
2000	Total	4203	91.1	83.8	81.8	79.2	79.1	79.7
	Female	2552	91.3	83.7	81.9	79.4	79.6	80.0
	Male	1651	90.9	83.9	81.6	78.8	78.3	79.1
2001	Total	4454	92.9	86.3	83.9	80.9	80.2	
	Female	2644	93.2	85.9	84.0	81.5	81.3	
	Male	1810	92.4	86.9	83.8	79.9	78.6	
2002	Total	4281	93.0	86.8	84.7	82.0		
	Female	2569	92.8	85.7	83.5	81.2		
	Male	1712	93.4	88.3	86.5	83.3		
2003	Total	5156	93.3	87.4	84.9			
	Female	3153	93.0	87.1	84.4			
	Male	2003	93.8	87.9	85.8			
2004	Total	4500	93.3	87.2				
	Female	2727	93.0	86.4				
	Male	1773	93.7	88.4				
2005	Total	4654	93.9					
	Female	2812	93.4					
	Male	1842	94.7					

Table 5.

Cohort	Gender	n	Retention Rates (as of the following fall term)					
			1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	4 Years	5 Years	6 Years
1998	Total	4384	89.2	81.4	79.4	76.3	75.5	76.4
	Asian	170	90.0	81.8	77.1	78.2	80.0	76.5
	Black/African Am.	270	94.8	83.3	78.9	73.0	69.3	68.9
	Hispanic	64	87.5	84.4	76.6	67.2	68.8	71.9
	Native American	8	75.0	75.0	75.0	75.0	75.0	75.0
	Multi-Racial	71	85.9	83.1	74.6	70.4	67.6	67.6
	White/Caucasian	3801	88.9	81.1	79.6	76.7	76.1	77.2
1999	Total	4375	89.5	82.4	80.5	78.1	77.0	77.9
	Asian	186	90.3	79.0	79.0	76.3	72.0	73.1
	Black/African Am.	247	94.3	85.8	79.8	75.3	74.1	73.7
	Hispanic	73	90.4	84.9	80.8	78.1	76.7	79.5
	Native American	7	71.4	57.1	57.1	42.9	42.9	42.9
	Multi-Racial	77	83.1	71.4	68.8	64.9	63.6	62.3
	White/Caucasian	3785	89.3	82.5	80.9	78.8	77.8	78.7
2000	Total	4203	91.1	83.8	81.8	79.2	79.1	79.7
	Asian	183	89.6	83.6	82.0	77.6	77.6	77.6
	Black/African Am.	264	95.8	83.7	78.8	75.0	73.1	75.4
	Hispanic	66	89.4	83.3	83.3	75.8	77.3	77.3
	Native American	4	75.0	75.0	75.0	75.0	75.0	75.0
	Multi-Racial	106	88.7	80.2	84.9	81.1	85.8	85.8
	White/Caucasian	3580	91.0	83.9	81.9	79.6	79.4	79.9
2001	Total	4454	92.9	86.3	83.9	80.9	80.2	
	Asian	218	94.5	87.2	83.0	81.2	78.9	
	Black/African Am.	201	96.5	88.1	83.6	77.6	76.6	
	Hispanic	67	91.0	83.6	77.6	74.6	76.1	
	Native American	5	100.0	80.0	60.0	60.0	60.0	
	Multi-Racial	67	92.5	82.1	82.1	76.1	74.6	
	White/Caucasian	3896	92.7	86.3	84.2	81.2	80.7	
2002	Total	4281	93.0	86.8	84.7	82.0		
	Asian	212	93.4	85.4	83.5	82.1		
	Black/African Am.	216	95.4	83.8	79.2	72.7		
	Hispanic	75	96.0	94.7	89.3	85.3		
	Native American	6	83.3	100.0	83.3	83.3		
	Multi-Racial	73	93.2	86.3	82.2	83.6		
	White/Caucasian	3699	92.8	86.8	85.1	82.5		

Table 5 (cont.).

Cohort	Gender	n	Retention Rates (as of the following fall term)					
			1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	4 Years	5 Years	6 Years
2003	Total	5156	93.3	87.4	84.9			
	Asian	278	95.7	87.4	83.8			
	Black/African Am.	269	94.1	86.6	81.8			
	Hispanic	106	92.5	86.8	84.9			
	Native American	6	66.7	50.0	50.0			
	Multi-Racial	125	91.2	81.6	79.2			
	White/Caucasian	4372	93.2	87.7	85.4			
2004	Total	4500	93.3	87.2				
	Asian	262	93.5	87.0				
	Black/African Am.	211	92.9	87.7				
	Hispanic	71	98.6	95.8				
	Native American	10	100.0	100.0				
	Multi-Racial	145	92.4	84.1				
	White/Caucasian	3801	93.2	87.1				
2005	Total	4654	93.9					
	Asian	347	95.4					
	Black/African Am.	362	93.6					
	Hispanic	88	89.8					
	Native American	10	80.0					
	Multi-Racial	119	91.6					
	White/Caucasian	3728	94.0					

Table 6.

Cohort	Gender	n	Cumulative Graduation Rates (through the summer term)			
			3 Years	4 Years	5 Years	6 Years
1998	Total	4384	1.8	40.9	69.0	73.7
	Female	2592	2.0	48.4	73.2	77.0
	Male	1792	1.3	30.0	62.8	68.8
1999	Total	4375	1.6	43.0	69.0	74.5
	Female	2592	1.7	49.5	72.2	76.8
	Male	1783	1.4	33.5	64.3	71.2
2000	Total	4203	1.6	45.8	72.2	76.9
	Female	2552	1.9	52.3	74.3	77.9
	Male	1651	1.2	35.7	69.0	75.3
2001	Total	4454	1.6	48.2	73.7	
	Female	2644	1.7	55.5	76.9	
	Male	1810	1.4	37.4	69.1	
2002	Total	4281	2.0	51.1		
	Female	2569	2.3	56.9		
	Male	1712	1.4	42.2		
2003	Total	5156	1.8			
	Female	3153	2.1			
	Male	2003	1.4			

Table 7.

Cohort	Gender	n	Cumulative Graduation Rates (through the summer term)			
			3 Years	4 Years	5 Years	6 Years
1998	Total	4384	1.8	40.9	69.0	73.7
	Asian	170	2.4	37.1	65.9	71.8
	Black/African Am.	270	0.7	41.1	61.9	66.7
	Hispanic	64	0.0	37.5	62.5	70.3
	Native American	8	12.5	37.5	50.0	62.5
	Multi-Racial	71	2.8	29.6	60.6	66.2
	White/Caucasian	3801	1.8	41.3	69.9	74.5
1999	Total	4375	1.6	43.0	69.0	74.5
	Asian	186	2.7	39.8	61.8	69.9
	Black/African Am.	247	2.0	44.1	65.6	70.0
	Hispanic	73	1.4	45.2	65.8	75.3
	Native American	7	0.0	42.9	42.9	42.9
	Multi-Racial	77	0.0	29.9	51.9	55.8
	White/Caucasian	3785	1.5	43.3	70.0	75.5
2000	Total	4203	1.6	45.8	72.2	76.9
	Asian	183	1.1	44.3	69.4	75.4
	Black/African Am.	264	1.1	39.0	62.9	68.9
	Hispanic	66	1.5	40.9	74.2	75.8
	Native American	4	25.0	50.0	75.0	75.0
	Multi-Racial	106	2.8	45.3	75.5	84.0
	White/Caucasian	3580	1.6	46.5	72.9	77.4
2001	Total	4454	1.6	48.2	73.7	
	Asian	218	0.9	43.1	68.8	
	Black/African Am.	201	1.0	44.3	72.1	
	Hispanic	67	0.0	34.3	67.2	
	Native American	5	0.0	40.0	60.0	
	Multi-Racial	67	1.5	47.8	68.7	
	White/Caucasian	3896	1.7	48.9	74.3	
2002	Total	4281	2.0	51.1		
	Asian	212	2.4	54.2		
	Black/African Am.	216	1.4	42.1		
	Hispanic	75	1.3	60.0		
	Native American	6	0.0	33.3		
	Multi-Racial	73	5.5	42.5		
	White/Caucasian	3699	1.9	51.4		
2003	Total	5156	1.8			
	Asian	278	4.3			
	Black/African Am.	269	1.1			
	Hispanic	106	1.9			
	Native American	6	0.0			
	Multi-Racial	125	0.8			
	White/Caucasian	4372	1.7			