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San Germán Campus
Retention Rate – Cohorts 2017-2021
Bachelor’s Degree Level

Introduction

In order to calculate the rate of retention that is reported annually in the Institutional Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS), first you select the tracking cohort. The retention rate is reported one year after establishing the tracking cohort. In the case of four-year institutions, cohort follow-up, for students of bachelor’s degree level, is defined as follows:

- New students to the institution, aiming for a bachelor's degree.
- Students that have no prior college experience (First Timers).
- Defined in BANNER as students with a Regular type of Admission
- Students enrolled full-time (Full Timers) in their first FALL term.
- In Term 10 or Term 13

Once you select the base (number of students) of the cohort for the year of enrollment, we wait until the next academic year (first term of FALL), to determine how many of the cohort students returned to enroll at the institution. Then, we divide the number of retained students between the base of the cohort and multiply by 100 to calculate the rate of retention.

Retention rate from the 1st to the 2nd year of studies – bachelor’s degree students

Cohort	Base	Retention	%
2017	725	567	78%
2018	640	515	80%
2019	654	520	80%
2020	410	307	75%
2021	401	321	80%

Source: IPEDS enrollment 2018-19 (cohort 2017), 2019-20 (cohort 2018), 2020-21 (cohort 2019, 2021-22 (cohort 2020) and 2022-23 (cohort 2021) surveys.