

## Undergraduate Retention Rates

The American College Testing Program annually compiles postsecondary first to second year retention rates from its ACT Institutional Data File. The table reproduced below displays ACT-compiled First to Second Year Retention Rates for Four-Year Public Colleges by Admission Selectivity and Type of Degree Granting Institution.

**First to Second Year Retention Rates  
for Four-Year Public Colleges by  
Admission Selectivity**

Admission Selectivity*		Offering Only Bachelors	Offering Bachelors and Masters	Offering Bachelors, Masters and Doctoral	All Institutions in Row
Highly selective	Mean % =	93.0	91.5	92.6	92.6
	N =	2	2	19	23
	SD** =	1.4	4.9	4.2	3.9
Selective	Mean % =	87.7	81.0	81.7	81.7
	N =	3	28	62	93
	SD =	4.0	6.5	7.0	3.9
Traditional	Mean % =	72.7	71.3	73.4	72.3
	N =	26	84	72	182
	SD =	9.0	8.2	7.8	8.2
Liberal	Mean % =	64.7	65.9	69.2	66.3
	N =	6	17	6	29
	SD =	7.7	6.9	7.4	7.1
Open	Mean % =	59.2	67.3	68.8	66.5
	N =	13	42	27	82
	SD =	13.4	9.1	21.6	15.1
All Institutions in Column	Mean % =	69.9	71.6	77.3	74.0
	N =	50	173	186	409
	SD =	13.1	9.5	12.5	11.8

Source: ACT Institutional Data File, 2006

For comparative purposes, Morehead State University's ACT Composite cut-off score for unconditional freshman admission in fall 2006 was 14 with an Admissions Index (AI) of at least 400 (AI=high school GPA x 100), whereas the average ACT Composite score for MoSU's fall 2006 first-time freshmen was about 21(rounded). In terms of institutional admissions selectivity, an average ACT Composite score of 20 would place MoSU somewhere between "Open" (ACT 17-20) and Traditional (ACT 20-23) selectivity with retention rates between about 67.3% and 71.3%. MoSU's fall 2005 first-time freshman retention to fall 2006 was 63.4%, slightly below the average "Open" selectivity institutions offering Bachelors and Masters degrees.

\* Highly Selective = ACT Score Range 27-31, SAT Score Range 1220-1380

Selective = ACT Score Range 22-27, SAT Score Range 1030-1220

Traditional = ACT Score Range 20-23, SAT Score Range 960-1070

Liberal = ACT Score Range 18-21, SAT Score Range 870-990

Open = ACT Score Range 17-20, SAT Score Range 830-950

\*\*Standard Deviation

## Undergraduate Retention Rates by CPE Classification Fall 2005 to Fall 2006

	Enrolled Fall 2005	Returned Fall 2006	Left with No Degree	Graduated and Left	<i>Graduated and Returned</i>	Retention Rate	Adjusted Retention Rate*
<b><i>Degree-Seeking</i></b>							
Freshmen	2,230	1,368	862	---	---	61.3%	61.3%
<i>First-Time Freshmen</i>	<i>1,300</i>	<i>824</i>	<i>476</i>	---	---	63.4%	63.4%
Sophomore	1,296	975	306	15	7	75.2%	76.4%
Junior	1,372	1,095	229	48	11	79.8%	83.3%
Senior	2,003	893	278	832	102	44.6%	86.1%
Post-bacc.	70	36	30	4	0	51.4%	57.1%
<b>All UG Degree Seeking</b>	<b>6,971</b>	<b>4,367</b>	<b>1,705</b>	<b>899</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>62.6%</b>	<b>75.5%</b>
<b><i>Non-degree-Seeking</i></b>							
UG Non-degree	230	27	203	0	0	11.7%	11.7%
Post-Bacc. Non-degree	76	20	56	0	0	26.3%	26.3%
High School	266	152	114	---	---	57.1%	57.1%
<b>All UG Non-degree Seeking</b>	<b>572</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>34.8%</b>	<b>34.8%</b>
<b>All UG</b>	<b>7,543</b>	<b>4,566</b>	<b>2,078</b>	<b>899</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>60.5%</b>	<b>72.5%</b>

\*Adjusted Retention Rates are calculated as the number returned plus graduated and left divided by original enrollment.  
Source: Enrollment reports to CPE.

Note: The First-Time Freshmen row is in italics as a reminder that this group is a subset of all Freshmen. Likewise, the Graduated and Returned column is in italics as a reminder that these groups are part of Returned Fall 2006.