



Undergraduate Retention Rates

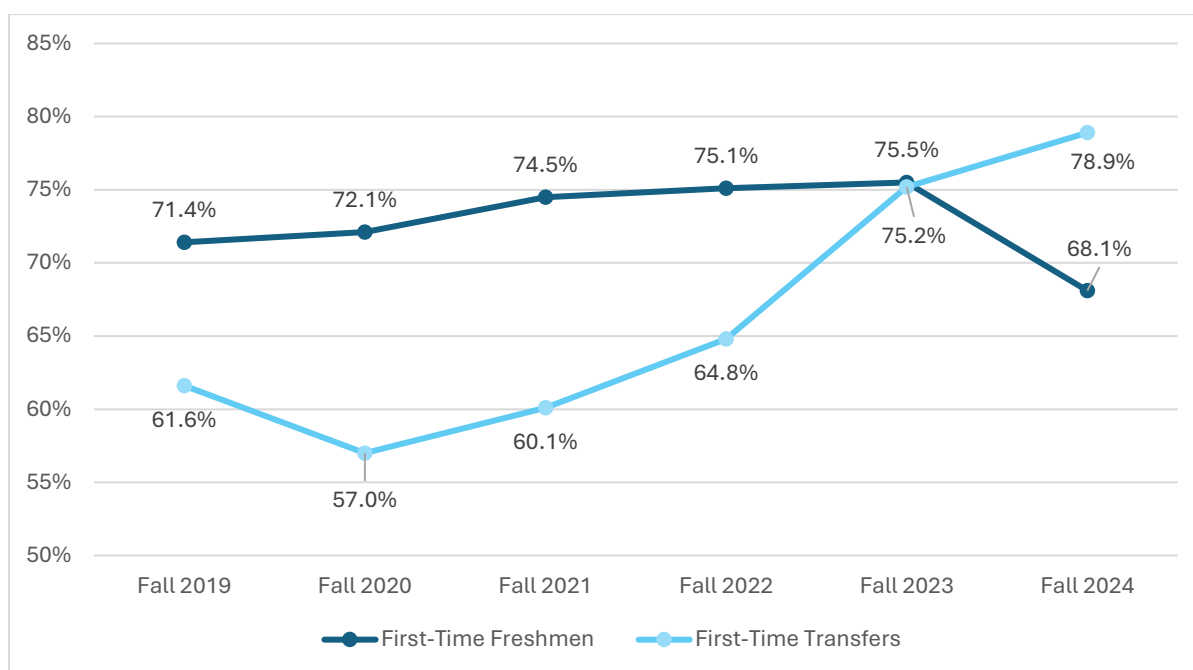
First-Time Freshmen and First-Time Transfer Students

Methodology

Retention rates represent the percentage of undergraduate students who return and enroll in at least one course at Dakota State University during the following fall semester. Students who earn a bachelor's degree before the subsequent fall term are also considered retained.

This report includes first-time, full-time bachelor's degree-seeking freshmen and first-time undergraduate transfer students.

Retention Rates by Cohort | Fall 2019 – Fall 2024



Cohort	Freshmen (n)	Freshmen Retention	Transfers (n)	Transfer Retention
Fall 2019	399	71.4%	245	61.6%
Fall 2020	355	72.1%	207	57.0%
Fall 2021	345	74.5%	183	60.1%
Fall 2022	353*	75.1%	210	64.8%
Fall 2023	383	75.5%	238	75.2%
Fall 2024	364	68.1%	266	78.9%

*One student passed away prior to the Fall 2023 term and was excluded from retention calculations.

Source: Dakota State University Student Information System. Updated annually by the DSU Office of Institutional Research.