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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Retention is defined as the number of first-time students enrolled in the fall semester who re-enrolled in the subsequent fall semester. The Center for Institutional Data Exchange (CSRDE) provides retention and graduation data for over 400 colleges and universities. The CSRDE retention study focuses on the retention and graduation of first-time, full-time, baccalaureate degree-seeking freshmen. In addition to regental retention and graduation data, DSU has selected peer institutions for various studies.

### Retention Study Findings from the Comparison with System Peer Institutions:

- DSU's six-year graduation rate ranges from 35.3% to 40.6%; average system graduation rate is 51%. (Data from Center for Institutional Data Exchange for the Fall 2008-Fall 2011 cohorts and the FY18 FactBook.)

## REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

- For the fall 2011 cohort, the College of Arts and Sciences had the highest first-year retention rate (67.6%) and the College of Business & Information Systems had the highest second-year freshmen retention rate (54.2%), and College of Education had the highest third-year rate (46.7%) compared to the other colleges. **(Table 1)**
- For the fall 2011 cohort, the College of Arts & Sciences had the lowest six-year graduation rate compared to the other colleges (35.1%). **(Table 2)**
- For the fall 2008 and fall 2009 cohorts, females had a higher six-year graduation rate than males. For the fall 2010 and fall 2011 cohorts, males had a higher six-year graduation rate than females, 42.0% (males) to 30.7% (females) for fall 2011 cohort. **(Table 3)**
- For the fall 2011 cohort, Management had the lowest first-year (26.7%), second-year (26.7%) and the lowest third-year (13.3%) retention rate. (Compared to the other programs with ten or more students) **(Table 4)**
- For the fall 2011 cohort, Digital Arts and Design had the highest first-year retention (76.7%), Computer Game Design the highest second-year (68.0%) and Computer and Network Security the highest third-year (63.0%) retention rate compared to the other programs with ten or more students. **(Table 4)**
- For the fall 2011 cohort, here are the programs with the **lowest** six-year graduation rate compared to the other programs with ten or more students **(Table 5)**
  1. Physical Education (8.3%)
  2. Management (13.3%)
  3. Undecided / pre-professional (17.6%)
- For the fall 2011 cohort, here are the programs with the **highest** six-year graduation rate compared to the other programs with ten or more students **(Table 5)**
  1. Computer and Network Security (55.6%)
  2. Computer Game Design (50.0%)
  3. Elementary Education / Special Education (44.0%)
- Comparing the average ACT Composite for the fall 2010 and fall 2011 cohorts, students with an ACT composite of 26 had the largest six-year graduation rate decrease from fall 2010 (75.0%) to fall 2011 (50.0%). (Only used composites with 10 or more students for each cohort) **(Table 6)**

- Comparing the average ACT Composite for the fall 2010 and fall 2011 cohorts, students with an ACT composite of 23 had the largest six-year graduation rate increase from fall 2010 (38.1%) to fall 2011 (50.0%). (Only used composites with 10 or more students for each cohort) **(Table 6)**
- For the fall 2011 cohort, students with a high school GPA greater than or equal to 3.5 had the highest six-year graduation rate compared to the other high school GPA categories. **(Table 7)**
- For the fall 2011 cohort, students with a first-term GPA greater than or equal to 3.5 had the highest six-year graduation rate compared to the other first-term GPA categories. **(Table 8)**

TABLE 1: RETENTION RATES FOR ALL FIRST-TIME, FULL-TIME, BACCALAUREATE DEGREE-SEEKING FRESHMEN BY COLLEGE (FALL 2011 COHORT)

	1st Year Retention				2nd Year Retention				3rd Year Retention			
	Did <b>not</b> return 1st year		Returned 1st year (FA12)		Did <b>not</b> return 2nd year		Returned 2nd year (FA13)		Did <b>not</b> return 3rd year		Returned 3rd year (FA14)	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>Colleges</b>												
College of Arts and Sciences	24	32.4%	50	67.6%	38	51.3%	36	48.7%	43	58.1%	31	41.9%
College of Business & Info. Systems	44	37.0%	75	63.0%	54	45.8%	64	54.2%	65	55.1%	53	44.9%
College of Education	37	48.7%	39	51.3%	41	54.7%	34	45.3%	40	53.3%	35	46.7%
Interdisciplinary College	6	75.0%	2	25.0%	5	62.5%	3	37.5%	6	75.0%	2	25.0%
DSU Overall	111	40.1%	166	59.9%	138	50.2%	137	49.8%	154	56.0%	121	44.0%

A student may be counted in more than one major or college, but only once at the university level. \*Two students from the 2011 cohort passed away in 2014 (January and April). These students are not included in the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> year, retention rates and the graduation rates. (e.g. there were 277 students in the 1<sup>st</sup> year retention calculations and 275 used in the subsequent retention and graduation calculations.)

TABLE 2: GRADUATION RATES FOR FIRST-TIME, FULL-TIME, BACCALAUREATE DEGREE-SEEKING FRESHMEN BY COLLEGE (FALL 2011 COHORT)

Colleges	4-year Graduation				5-year Graduation				6-year Graduation			
	Did not graduate within 4 years		Graduated within 4 years		Did not graduate within 5 years		Graduated within 5 years		Did not graduate		Graduated within 4, 5, or 6 years	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
College of Arts & Sciences	61	82.4%	13	17.6%	52	70.3%	22	29.7%	48	64.9%	26	35.1%
College of Business & Info. Systems	91	77.1%	27	22.9%	78	66.1%	40	33.9%	75	63.6%	43	36.4%
College of Education	66	88.0%	9	12.0%	51	68.0%	24	32.0%	48	64.0%	27	36.0%
Interdisciplinary College	8	100.0%	0	0	7	87.5%	1	12.5%	7	87.5%	1	12.5%
<b>DSU Overall</b>	226	82.2%	49	17.8%	188	68.4%	87	31.6%	178	64.7%	97	35.3%

Undecided/Pre-professional: This included any student who is undecided or is in a pre-professional program. This would include any student who has a D.NODEG as their program.

A student may be counted in more than one major or college, but only once at the university level.

4-year means a student graduated with a bachelor's degree within 4-years of the initial start date (received a degree before 2015FA).

5-year means a student graduated with a bachelor's degree within 5-years of the initial start date (received a degree before 2016FA).

6-year means a student graduated with a bachelor's degree within 6-years of the initial start date (received a degree before 2017FA).

TABLE 3: SIX-YEAR GRADUATION RATES BY GENDER FOR FIRST-TIME, FULL-TIME, BACCALAUREATE DEGREE-SEEKING FRESHMEN (FALL 2008-FALL 2011 COHORTS)

	Fall 2008 Cohort		Fall 2009 Cohort		Fall 2010 Cohort		Fall 2011 Cohort	
	Total Number of students (Avg. ACT)	Six-year Graduation Rate	Total Number of students (Avg. ACT)	Six-year Graduation Rate	Total Number of students (Avg. ACT)	Six-year Graduation Rate	Total Number of students (Avg. ACT)	Six-year Graduation Rate
Gender								
Male	136 (21.4)	38.2%	164 (22.3)	37.0%	194 (22.5)	40.2%	163 (21.9)	42.0%
Female	115 (20.7)	43.5%	111 (21.6)	42.3%	108 (21.0)	32.4%	112 (21.5)	30.7%
<b>DSU Total</b>	<b>251 (21.1)</b>	<b>40.6%</b>	<b>275* (22.0)</b>	<b>39.2%</b>	<b>302 (22.0)</b>	<b>37.4%</b>	<b>275** ( 21.7 )</b>	<b>35.3%</b>

\*A student passed away in January 2010; therefore, the student is not included in the retention and graduation calculations. A student passed away in June 2014; therefore, the student is not included in the graduation calculations. \*\*Two students from the 2011 cohort passed away in 2014 (January and April). These students are not included in the 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> year retention rates and the graduation rates.

The 6-year graduation rate means a student graduated with a bachelor's degree within 6-years of the initial start date.





	1st Year Retention				2nd Year Retention				3rd Year Retention			
	Did <b>not</b> return 1st year		Returned 1st year (FA12)		Did <b>not</b> return 2nd year		Returned 2nd year (FA13)		Did <b>not</b> return 3rd year		Returned 3rd year (FA14)	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>BS in Respiratory Care</b>	0	0.0%	4	100%	2	50.0%	2	50.0%	3	75.0%	1	25.0%
<b>BSED in Biology Education</b>	2	100.0%	0	0.0%	2	100.0%	0	0.0%	2	100.0%	0	0.0%
<b>BSED in Business Education</b>	3	100.0%	0	0.0%	3	100.0%	0	0.0%	3	100.0%	0	0.0%
<b>BSED in Computer Education</b>	1	50.0%	1	50.0%	2	100.0%	0	0.0%	2	100.0%	0	0.0%
<b>BSED in Elementary Educ/Spec Education</b>	10	40.0%	15	60.0%	11	44.0%	14	56.0%	11	44.0%	14	56.0%
<b>BSED in Elementary Education</b>	9	40.9%	13	59.1%	12	57.1%	9	42.9%	11	52.4%	10	47.6%
<b>BSED in English Education</b>	0	0.0%	1	100.0%	0	0.0%	1	100.0%	0	0.0%	1	100.0%
<b>BSED in Mathematics</b>	0	0.0%	3	100.0%	2	66.7%	1	33.3%	2	66.7%	1	33.3%
<b>BSED in Physical Education</b>	8	66.7%	4	33.3%	8	66.7%	4	33.3%	8	66.7%	4	33.3%
<b>Undecided / Pre-professional</b>	10	58.8%	17	41.2%	12	70.6%	5	29.4%	13	76.5%	4	23.5%

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TABLE 5: GRADUATION RATES FOR FIRST-TIME, FULL-TIME, BACCALAUREATE DEGREE-SEEKING FRESHMEN BY PROGRAM (FALL 2011 COHORT)

	4-year Graduation				5-year Graduation				Graduated from DSU within 6 years			
	Did not graduate within 5 years		Graduate within 4 years		Did not graduate within 5 years		Graduate within 5 years		Did not graduate		Graduate in 4,5, or 6 years	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>Program</b>												
<b>BBA in Accounting</b>	6	100.0%	0	0.0%	6	100.0%	0	0.0%	5	83.3%	1	16.7%
<b>BBA in Finance</b>	4	66.7%	2	33.3%	4	66.7%	2	33.3%	4	66.7%	2	33.3%
<b>BBA in Management</b>	15	100.0%	0	0.0%	14	93.3%	1	6.7%	13	86.7%	2	13.3%
<b>BBA in Marketing</b>	1	100.0%	1	100.0%	1	50.0%	1	50.0%	1	50.0%	1	50.0%
<b>BBA in Management Information Systems</b>	1	100.0%	0	0.0%	1	100.0%	0	0.0%	1	100.0%	0	0.0%
<b>BS in Biology for Information Systems</b>	4	66.7%	2	33.3%	3	50.0%	3	50.0%	3	50.0%	3	50.0%
<b>BS in Computer Game Design</b>	22	88.0%	3	12.0%	16	64.0%	9	36.0%	16	64.0%	9	36.0%
<b>BS in Computer Information Systems</b>	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
<b>BS in Computer Science</b>	17	70.8%	7	29.2%	12	50.0%	12	50.0%	12	50.0%	12	50.0%
<b>BS in Computer and Network Security</b>	15	55.6%	12	44.4%	13	48.2%	14	51.9%	12	44.4%	15	55.6%
<b>BS in Digital Arts and Design</b>	27	90.0%	3	10.0%	23	76.7%	7	23.3%	19	63.3%	11	36.7%
<b>BS in English for New Media</b>	3	60.0%	2	40.0%	2	40.0%	3	60.0%	2	40.0%	3	60.0%
<b>BS in Exercise Science</b>	13	76.5%	4	23.5%	11	64.7%	6	35.3%	11	64.7%	6	35.3%
<b>BGS in General Studies</b>	8	100.0%	0	0.0%	7	87.5%	1	12.5%	7	87.5%	1	12.5%
<b>BS in Health Information Administration</b>	2	100.0%	0	0.0%	2	100.0%	0	0.0%	2	100.0%	0	0.0%
<b>BS in Information Systems</b>	4	80.0%	1	20.0%	4	80.0%	1	20.0%	4	80.0%	1	20.0%
<b>BS in Mathematics for Information</b>	2	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	100.0%	0	0.0%	2	100.0%

	4-year Graduation				5-year Graduation				Graduated from DSU within 6 years			
	Did not graduate within 5 years		Graduate within 4 years		Did not graduate within 5 years		Graduate within 5 years		Did not graduate		Graduate in 4,5, or 6 years	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>Systems</b>												
<b>BS in Network &amp; System Administration</b>	1	33.3%	2	66.7%	1	33.3%	2	66.7%	1	33.3%	2	66.7%
<b>BS in Physical Science</b>	3	60.0%	2	40.0%	3	60.0%	2	40.0%	3	60.0%	2	40.0%
<b>BS in Professional Accountancy</b>	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
<b>BS in Respiratory Care</b>	3	75.0%	1	25.0%	3	75.0%	1	25.0%	3	75.0%	1	25.0%
<b>BSED in Biology Education</b>	2	100.0%	0	0.0%	2	100.0%	0	0.0%	2	100.0%	0	0.0%
<b>BSED in Business Education</b>	3	100.0%	0	0.0%	3	100.0%	0	0.0%	3	100.0%	0	0.0%
<b>BSED in Computer Education</b>	2	100.0%	0	0.0%	2	100.0%	0	0.0%	2	100.0%	0	0.0%
<b>BSED in Elementary Educ/Spec Education</b>	24	96.0%	1	4.0%	15	60.0%	10	40.0%	14	56.0%	11	44.0%
<b>BSED in Elementary Education</b>	17	81.0%	4	19.0%	14	64.7%	7	33.3%	12	57.2%	9	42.9%
<b>BSED in English Education</b>	1	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	100.0%	0	0.0%	1	100.0%
<b>BSED in Mathematics</b>	2	66.7%	1	33.3%	2	66.7%	1	33.3%	2	66.7%	1	33.3%
<b>BSED in Physical Education</b>	12	100.0%	0	0.0%	11	91.7%	1	8.3%	11	91.7%	1	8.3%
<b>Undecided</b>	15	88.2%	2	11.8%	14	82.4%	3	17.6%	14	82.4%	3	17.6%

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6-year means a student graduated with a bachelor's degree within 6--years of the initial start date (received a degree before 2017FA).

TABLE 6: SIX-YEAR GRADUATION RATES FOR FIRST-TIME, FULL-TIME, BACCALAUREATE DEGREE-SEEKING FRESHMEN BY ACT COM16.0POSITE (FALL 2008-FALL 2011 COHORTS)

ACT Composite	Fall 2008 Cohort		Fall 2009 Cohort		Fall 2010 Cohort		Fall 2011 Cohort	
	Total Number of students	Six-year Graduation Rate	Total Number of students	Six-year Graduation Rate	Total Number of students	Six-year Graduation Rate	Total Number of students	Six-year Graduation Rate
<b>No ACT</b>	24	16.7%	20	25.0%	15	26.7%	14	21.4%
<b>11</b>	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a
<b>12</b>	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a
<b>13</b>	2	0.0%	0	n/a	3	0.0%	4	25.0%
<b>14</b>	6	0.0%	1	0.0%	2	0.0%	2	0.0%
<b>15</b>	9	11.1%	5	20.0%	4	50.0%	5	20.0%
<b>16</b>	6	33.3%	10	20.0%	8	25.0%	8	12.5%
<b>17</b>	11	27.3%	16	12.5%	13	23.1%	18	22.2%
<b>18</b>	24	20.8%	17	5.9%	22	27.3%	26	26.9%
<b>19</b>	21	66.7%	23	34.8%	31	16.1%	25	16.0%
<b>20</b>	27	40.7%	33	42.4%	32	25.0%	19	26.3%
<b>21</b>	18	22.2%	15	46.7%	24	37.5%	20	20.0%
<b>22</b>	23	69.6%	23	43.5%	23	39.1%	25	28.0%
<b>23</b>	17	52.9%	21	23.8%	<b>21</b>	<b>38.1%</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>50.0%</b>
<b>24</b>	18	61.1%	22	50.0%	27	33.3%	23	30.4%
<b>25</b>	15	66.7%	18	50.0%	27	55.6%	23	65.2%
<b>26</b>	20	45.0%	13	23.1%	<b>12</b>	<b>75.0%</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>50.0%</b>
<b>27</b>	4	25.0%	7	85.7%	9	55.6%	10	70.0%
<b>28</b>	1	100.0%	11	81.8%	13	53.9%	6	83.3%
<b>29</b>	3	33.3%	10	70.0%	8	62.5%	9	66.7%
<b>30</b>	1	0.0%	2	100.0%	6	83.3%	1	100.0%
<b>31</b>	1	0.0%	3	66.7%	2	100.0%	3	66.7%
<b>32</b>	0	n/a	2	100.0%	0	n/a	1	0.0%
<b>33</b>	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a
<b>34</b>	0	n/a	1	100.0%	0	n/a	0	n/a
<b>35</b>	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	1	100.0%
<b>36</b>	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a
<i>Average ACT</i>	<b>251 (21.1)</b>	<b>40.6%</b>	<b>275* (22.0)</b>	<b>39.2%</b>	<b>302 (22.0)</b>	<b>37.4%</b>	<b>275**(21.7)</b>	<b>35.3%</b>

The ACT composite is from the census extract file. BOR policy requires ACT scores for students who are 21 years of age or younger. The No ACT category is due to COMPASS, SAT or ACCUPLACER scores. 6-year means a student graduated with a bachelor's degree within 6-years of the initial start date \*A student passed away in January 2010; therefore, the student is not included in the retention and graduation calculations. A student passed away in June 2014; therefore, the student is not included in the graduation calculations. \*\*Two students passed away and are not included in the graduation calculations.

TABLE 7: SIX-YEAR GRADUATION RATES FOR FIRST-TIME, FULL-TIME, BACCALAUREATE DEGREE-SEEKING FRESHMEN BY HIGH SCHOOL GPA (FALL 2008-FALL 2011 COHORTS)

	Fall 2008 Cohort		Fall 2009 Cohort		Fall 2010 Cohort		Fall 2011 Cohort	
High School GPA	Total Number of students	Six-year Graduation Rate	Total Number of students	Six-year Graduation Rate	Total Number of students	Six-year Graduation Rate	Total Number of students	Six-year Graduation Rate
<b>No HS GPA</b>	6	33.3%	6	33.3%	5	40.0%	7	14.3%
<b>0.0 to 1.9</b>	8	12.5%	9	11.1%	5	0.0%	8	12.5%
<b>2.0 to 2.4</b>	22	9.1%	38	10.5%	38	18.4%	32	3.1%
<b>2.5 to 2.9</b>	77	32.5%	61	21.3%	78	21.8%	68	13.2%
<b>3.0 to 3.4</b>	74	37.8%	91	47.3%	86	38.4%	82	45.1%
<b>3.5 to 4.0+</b>	64	68.8%	68	64.7%	90	60.0%	78	61.5%
<i>Total Cohort Average HS GPA</i>	<b>251 (3.08)</b>	<b>40.6%</b>	<b>275* (3.07)</b>	<b>39.2%</b>	<b>302 (3.11)</b>	<b>37.4%</b>	<b>275**(3.10)</b>	<b>35.3%</b>

\*A student passed away in January 2014 and a student passed away in April 2014 and are not included in the graduation rates. \*\* Two students passed away and are not included in the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> year retention and graduation rates. Six-year graduation rates means a student graduated with a bachelor's degree within 6-years of the initial start date. Six-year graduation rates means a student graduated with a bachelor's degree within 6-years of the initial start date.

TABLE 8: SIX-YEAR GRADUATION RATES FOR FIRST-TIME, FULL-TIME, BACCALAUREATE DEGREE-SEEKING FRESHMEN BY FIRST-TERM GPA (FALL 2008-FALL 2011 COHORTS)

First-term GPA	Fall 2008 Cohort		Fall 2009 Cohort		Fall 2010 Cohort		Fall 2011 Cohort	
	Total Number of students	Six-year Graduation Rate	Total Number of students	Six-year Graduation Rate	Total Number of students	Six-year Graduation Rate	Total Number of students	Six-year Graduation Rate
<b>Withdrew</b>	4	0.0%	4	0.0%	8	0.0%	12	0.0%
<b>0.0 to 1.9</b>	48	10.4%	56	3.6%	52	13.5%	60	5.0%
<b>2.0 to 2.4</b>	33	24.2%	39	23.1%	35	20.0%	30	20.0%
<b>2.5 to 2.9</b>	47	40.4%	41	43.9%	54	29.6%	53	37.7%
<b>3.0 to 3.4</b>	69	56.5%	67	43.3%	73	39.7%	63	47.6%
<b>3.5 to 4.0+</b>	50	62.0%	66	74.2%	80	67.5%	57	66.7%
<i>Total Cohort Average First-term GPA</i>	<b>251 (2.60)</b>	<b>40.6%</b>	<b>275* (2.69)</b>	<b>39.2%</b>	<b>302 (2.78)</b>	<b>37.4%</b>	<b>275 **(2.56)</b>	<b>35.3%</b>

Only used institutional first-term GPA for the first fall attended at DSU.

Counted as graduated if the student graduated with a baccalaureate degree within six years. \*A student passed away in January 2014 and a student passed away in April 2014 and are not included in the graduation rates. \*\* Two students passed away and are not included in the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> year retention and the graduation rates.

Six-year graduation rates means a student graduated with a bachelor's degree within 6-years of the initial start date.