

## RETENTION RATES

IPEDS Standard Retention Rate calculation compares the number of “firsttime /full-time” students entering the institution in the fall of one year as compared with those “first-time/full-time” students entering in the fall of the previous academic year. The “first-time” designation is for those students who are entering post-secondary education for the first time. This retention rate calculation is primarily designed for traditional students -- those immediately out of high school who are proceeding to college on a full-time basis.

The Carver student body profile does not fit the IPEDS profile of “traditional” college students and therefore the traditional calculation for retention of “first-time college attendees and full-time enrollees each fall” does not effectively represent our student profile.

The statistical analysis below was calculated to reflect a “year-to-year” retention rate of first-time Carver students over the last ten years. The calculation includes all unduplicated, new undergraduate students from the fall, spring, and summer semesters that were retained from the previous academic year. The Fall 2023 retention rate was 66%.

The following table shows the percentage of first-time undergraduate students (full and part-time) who enrolled in either semester of one academic year that returned in the fall of the following academic year.

<b>Academic Years</b>	<b># First-time enrolled all aca. yr.</b>	<b># Retained in Fall of next Aca. Yr.</b>	<b>Percentage Retained</b>
Fall 2013 to Fall 2014	7	3	43%
Fall 2014 to Fall 2015	7	4	57%
Fall 2015 to Fall 2016	3	3	100%
Fall 2016 to Fall 2017	8	3	37.5%
Fall 2017 to Fall 2018	1	1	100%
Fall 2018 to Fall 2019	15	8	53%
Fall 2019 to Fall 2020	9	2	22%
Fall 2020 to Fall 2021	5	5	100%
Fall 2021 to Fall 2022	7	1	14%
Fall 2022 to Fall 2023	6	4	66%

The average retention rate for undergraduates is 59% over 10 years.