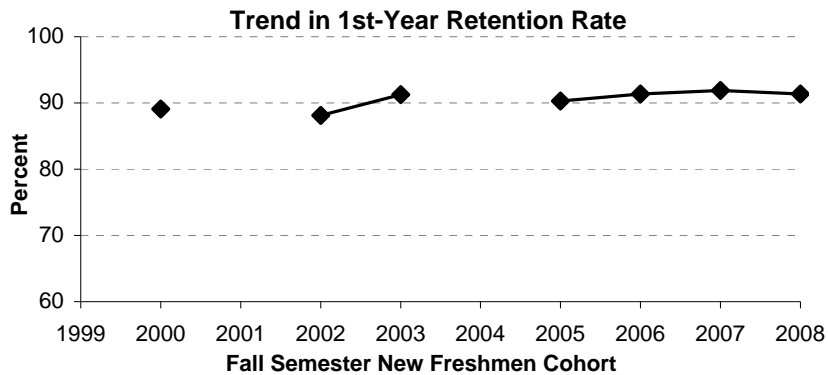


Retention and Graduation Rates of New Freshmen First Generation College Students by Fall Semester Entrance Cohort

Fall Semester of Entrance	Cohort Head Count	Cumulative Graduation / Retention Rates									
		Retention Rate After—			After 4 Years		After 5 Years		After 6 Years		
		1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	Graduated	Retained	Graduated	Retained	Graduated	Retained	
1999											
2000	64	89.1	84.4	81.3	48.4	29.7	75.0	3.1	78.1	1.6	
2001											
2002	84	88.1	83.3	77.4	33.3	44.0	64.3	10.7	70.2	1.2	
2003	126	91.3	89.7	84.9	46.0	38.1	78.6	2.4	82.5		
2004											
2005	1,195	90.3	82.7	79.1	41.7	36.4					
2006	1,182	91.4	85.6	80.5							
2007	1,230	91.9	85.0								
2008	1,170	91.4									



Notes: When neither of a student's parents have completed an undergraduate degree, the student is considered to be a "first generation" college student. The Fall 2000 and Fall 2003 first generation students were identified from a random sample who participated in NSSE surveys conducted in Spring 2001 and Spring 2004 respectively. The Fall 2002 first generation students were identified from a UW-Madison Undergraduate Survey conducted in Spring 2003. This latter survey was conducted with a random sample except that targeted minority students were over-sampled. The results shown above have been adjusted to remove the affects of the over-sampling. Beginning with Fall 2005 new freshmen, first generation students are identified from the admissions application, which now includes an item asking "Have either of your parents earned a four-year college/university degree?"