

**RETENTION AND GRADUATION RATES OF NEW FRESHMEN
LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY
FALL 1987 THROUGH FALL 2009**

	# OF	AVERAGE	% RETURNING	% RETURNING	% RETURNING	CUMULATIVE %	% RETURNING	CUMULATIVE %	% RETURNING	CUMULATIVE %	IPEDS*
FALL	NEW	ACT	FALL OF	FALL OF	FALL OF	GRADUATING	FALL OF	GRADUATING	FALL OF	GRADUATING	GRADUATION
SEMESTER	FRESHMEN	COMPOSITE	SECOND YEAR	THIRD YEAR	FOURTH YEAR	AFTER 4 YRS	FIFTH YEAR	AFTER 5 YRS	SIXTH YEAR	AFTER 6 YRS	RATE
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1987	4,740	19.9	68.4%	57.0%	50.7%	12.4%	36.4%	32.1%	15.4%	39.4%	N/A
1988	4,278	21.1	72.6%	60.4%	54.9%	14.7%	38.1%	35.9%	16.2%	44.2%	N/A
1989	3,837	21.5	74.0%	64.7%	58.4%	15.7%	40.4%	38.4%	17.3%	47.2%	N/A
1990	3,361	23.1	79.6%	66.5%	57.8%	16.4%	40.2%	37.9%	17.7%	47.3%	N/A
1991	3,343	23.0	78.0%	64.5%	57.9%	17.3%	38.6%	38.9%	16.0%	46.7%	N/A
1992	3,503	23.2	76.4%	65.0%	58.7%	18.5%	38.6%	39.7%	16.1%	48.3%	50.2%
1993	3,178	23.3	79.2%	67.3%	61.4%	18.4%	41.1%	41.8%	16.3%	50.2%	52.3%
1994	3,374	23.3	78.7%	69.1%	63.0%	18.1%	43.3%	43.5%	17.0%	52.4%	53.7%
1995	3,649	23.3	81.7%	72.4%	66.0%	20.4%	43.8%	46.4%	17.0%	56.3%	57.8%
1996	3,991	23.2	80.3%	72.1%	66.4%	21.7%	42.9%	48.2%	15.3%	56.7%	58.0%
1997	4,443	23.5	82.5%	73.4%	66.1%	21.6%	43.2%	47.7%	15.7%	56.0%	57.5%
1998	5,063	23.4	82.7%	71.8%	65.5%	23.7%	39.6%	48.7%	13.2%	55.8%	57.5%
1999	5,174	23.5	82.3%	72.7%	67.1%	24.4%	39.4%	49.2%	13.1%	56.8%	58.9%
2000	5,071	23.7	83.3%	73.6%	66.4%	24.2%	39.9%	49.7%	13.5%	57.3%	59.0%
2001	5,216	23.8	84.2%	73.5%	67.3%	24.5%	41.0%	50.9%	12.8%	58.3%	59.8%
2002	5,172	24.2	83.8%	72.9%	67.5%	26.2%	38.6%	52.3%	11.4%	58.9%	60.7%
2003	5,361	24.3	85.1%	73.3%	66.8%	26.0%	38.1%	52.0%	11.4%	58.9%	N/A
2004	5,696	24.5	83.1%	72.0%	65.9%	26.2%	37.4%	53.0%	9.5%	N/A	N/A
2005	4,967	24.8	82.6%	72.0%	65.7%	29.0%	35.1%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2006	4,503	25.1	84.7%	75.8%	70.7%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2007	4,582	25.3	85.4%	76.5%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2008	5,130	25.2	83.6%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2009	4,772	25.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Source: ACT Tracking

Included in this report are full-time, degree-seeking new freshmen who enrolled in the fall semester or prior summer term.

Note* The six -year graduation rate reported on the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) Graduation Rate Survey allows institutions to count those students who successfully complete a transfer preparatory program, including pre-nursing and pre-allied health at LSU A&M.

Additional notes: In 1988 LSU implemented admission requirements which designated 17 1/2 units of high school courses. In 1990, a minimum high school grade point average of 2.0/4.0 was added to the unit requirements. In 1995, the minimum grade point average was raised to 2.3/4.0. In Fall 2000, requirements increased to a 2.5/4.0 grade point average and a 20 on the ACT. In Fall 2002, requirements again increased to a 2.8/4.0 grade point average and a 20 on the ACT. In Fall 2005, requirements increased to a 3.0/4.0 grade point average and a 22 on the ACT.

Beginning in 1990 ACT scores are enhanced.

Beginning in 1994, students who did not meet all requirements for admission to LSU were able to apply for admission to the ACCESS program. Included in the "New Freshmen" numbers above are: 70 ACCESS freshmen in 1994, 261 ACCESS freshmen in 1995, 378 ACCESS freshmen in 1996, and 202 ACCESS freshmen in 1997.

Tuition Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) began in Fall 1998.