

Student Right to Know

Fall-to-Fall Retention Rates and Graduation/Transfer-out Rates

Montgomery College is pleased to provide the following information regarding our institution's retention and graduation/transfer-out rates. The information is provided in compliance with the Student-Right-to-Know Act of 1990 (P.L. 101-542).

Retention rates examine the percentage of first-time degree/certificate seeking students enrolled in the fall of the prior year who graduated by or enrolled in the fall of the current year. In accordance with the Higher Education Act of 1965, and the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008, Montgomery College is reporting the fall-to-fall retention (return) rates for new full-time and new part-time students. The data below represent the percentage of students who entered in fall 2018, 2019 or 2020 who returned the following fall semester (i.e., Fall 2019, 2020, or 2021). The three-year average return rate for full-time new students for fall 2018, 2019, and 2020 is 74.7% and for students beginning on a part-time basis is 53%.

Fall-to-Fall Retention Rates

	Fall-2017 to Fall-2018	Fall-2018 to Fall-2019	Fall-2019 to Fall-2020
Full-Time New Students	75%	75%	74%
Part-Time New Students	52%	55%	52%

The graduation/transfer rates reflect the completion and transfer-out status three years after entry in the College during a fall term. During 2018-fall semester, 2,009 first-time, full-time, degree-seeking undergraduate students entered Montgomery College. After three years (as of August 31, 2021), 28.6% of these students had graduated, and 21.4% did not graduate but had transferred to other post-secondary institutions of higher education – making the combined graduation or transfer rate 50%. The four-year average (for students entering in the fall semesters of 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018) of three-year graduation or completion rates is 25.2% and the transfer-out rates is 21.4%.