

Retention Rates

Under the recently enacted Higher Education Opportunity Act (2008), Boston College is required to make available the retention rate of certificate- or degree-seeking, first time undergraduate students as reported in IPEDS (the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System), which is a system of interrelated surveys conducted annually by the U.S. Department's National Center for Education Statistics:

2021 Cohort Freshman-to-Sophomore Retention Rate	
Full-time Fall 2021 Total	2,516
Returned in Fall 2022	2,388
Retention Rate	95%

Data source: IPEDS Fall Enrollment 2022-2023

2020 Cohort Freshman-to-Sophomore Retention Rate	
Full-time Fall 2020 Total	2,408
Returned in Fall 2021	2,284
Retention Rate	95%

Data source: IPEDS Fall Enrollment 2021-2022

2019 Cohort Freshman-to-Sophomore Retention Rate	
Full-time Fall 2019 Total	2,297
Returned in Fall 2020	2,127
Retention Rate	93%

Data source: IPEDS Fall Enrollment 2020-2021

2018 Cohort Freshman-to-Sophomore Retention Rate	
Full-time Fall 2018 Total	2,326
Returned in Fall 2019	2,202
Retention Rate	95%

Data source: IPEDS Fall Enrollment 2019-2020

2017 Cohort Freshman-to-Sophomore Retention Rate	
Full-time Fall 2017 Total	2,410
Returned in Fall 2018	2,287
Retention Rate	95%

Data source: IPEDS Fall Enrollment 2018-2019

2016 Cohort Freshman-to-Sophomore Retention Rate	
Full-time Fall 2016 Total	2,240
Returned in Fall 2017	2,201
Retention Rate	95%

Data source: IPEDS Fall Enrollment 2017-2018

2015 Cohort Freshman-to-Sophomore Retention Rate	
Full-time Fall 2015 Total	2,309
Returned in Fall 2016	2,188
Retention Rate	95%

Data source: IPEDS Fall Enrollment 2016-2017

2014 Cohort Freshman-to-Sophomore Retention Rate	
Full-time Fall 2014 Total	2,342
Returned in Fall 2015	2,225
Retention Rate	95%

Data source: IPEDS Fall Enrollment 2015-2016

2013 Cohort Freshman-to-Sophomore Retention Rate	
Full-time Fall 2013 Total	2,305
Returned in Fall 2014	2,214
Retention Rate	96%

Data source: IPEDS Fall Enrollment 2014-2015

2012 Cohort Freshman-to-Sophomore Retention Rate	
Full-time Fall 2012 Total	2,289
Returned in Fall 2013	2,171
Retention Rate	95%

Data source: IPEDS Fall Enrollment 2013-2014

2011 Cohort Freshman-to-Sophomore Retention Rate	
Full-time Fall 2011 Total	2,238
Returned in Fall 2012	2,115
Retention Rate	95%

Data source: IPEDS Fall Enrollment 2012-2013

2010 Cohort Freshman-to-Sophomore Retention Rate	
Full-time Fall 2010 Total	2,237
Returned in Fall 2011	2,120
Retention Rate	95%

Data source: IPEDS Fall Enrollment 2011-2012

2009 Cohort Freshman-to-Sophomore Retention Rate	
Full-time Fall 2009 Total	2,337
Returned in Fall 2010	2,241
Retention Rate	96%

Data source: IPEDS Fall Enrollment 2010-2011

2008 Cohort Freshman-to-Sophomore Retention Rate	
Full-time Fall 2008 Total	2,268
Returned in Fall 2009	2,153
Retention Rate	95%

Data source: IPEDS Fall Enrollment 2009-2010

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