

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 2016, 2017 or 2018 who returned the following Fall semester (i.e., Fall 2017, 2018, or 2019). The three-year average return rate for full-time new students for Fall 2016, 2017, and 2018 was 75%, and for students beginning on a part-time basis was 54%.

Fall-to-Fall Retention Rates

	Fall-2016 to Fall-2017	Fall-2017 to Fall-2018	Fall-2018 to Fall-2019
Full-Time New Students	75%	75%	75%
Part-Time New Students	55%	52%	55%

The graduation/transfer rates reflect the completion and transfer-out status of the general student body three years after they entered the College during a Fall term. During the Fall semester of 2016, 2,070 first-time, full-time, degree-seeking undergraduate students entered Montgomery College. After three years (as of August 31, 2019), 22.2% of these students had graduated, and 22% did not graduate but had transferred to other post secondary institutions of higher education – making the combined graduation and/or transfer rate 44.2%. The four-year average (for students entering in the Fall semesters of 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016) of three-year graduation or completion rate was 21% and the transfer-out rate was 22.8%.