

Student Right to Know Fall-to-Fall Retention Rates and Graduation/Transfer-out Rates (three years later)

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 2015, or 2016, or 2017 who returned the following Fall semester (i.e., Fall 2016, 2017, or 2018). 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 53%.

Fall-to-Fall Retention Rates

	Fall-2015 to Fall-2016	Fall-2016 to Fall-2017	Fall-2017 to Fall-2018
Full-Time New Students	76%	75%	75%
Part-Time New Students	53%	55%	52%

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 2015, 1,998 first-time, full-time, degree-seeking undergraduate students entered Montgomery College. After three years (i.e., as of August 31, 2018), 21.8% of these students had graduated, and 22.1% did not graduate but had transferred to other baccalaureate institutions of higher education – making the combined graduation and/or transfer rate 43.9%. The four-year average (for students entering in the Fall semesters of 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015) of three-year graduation or completion rate was 16.8% and the transfer-out rate was 22.8%.