

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 2020, 2021 or 2022 who returned the following fall semester (i.e., Fall 2021, 2022 or 2023). The three-year average return rate for full-time new students for fall 2020, 2021, and 2022 is 75% and for students beginning on a part-time basis is 51%.

Fall-to-Fall Retention Rates

	Fall-2020 to Fall-2021	Fall-2021 to Fall-2022	Fall-2022 to Fall-2023
Full-Time New Students	72%	75%	78%
Part-Time New Students	46%	56%	52%

The graduation/transfer rates reflect the completion and transfer-out status three years after entry in the College during a fall term. During 2021-fall semester, 1,486 first-time, full-time, degree-seeking undergraduate students entered Montgomery College. After three years (as of August 31, 2024), 32.4% of these students had graduated, and 19.3% did not graduate but had transferred to other post-secondary institutions of higher education – making the combined graduation or transfer rate 51.7%. The four-year average (for students entering in the fall semesters of 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021) of three-year graduation or completion rates is 29.0% and the transfer-out rates is 20.7%.

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