

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 2017, 2018 or 2019 who returned the following fall semester (i.e., Fall 2018, 2019, or 2020). The three-year average return rate for full-time new students for fall 2017, 2018, and 2019 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 the 2017 fall semester, 2,133 first-time, full-time, degree-seeking undergraduate students entered Montgomery College. After three years (as of August 31, 2020), 27.9% of these students had graduated, and 20.2% did not graduate but had transferred to other post-secondary institutions of higher education – making the combined graduation or transfer rate 48.1%. The four-year average (for students entering in the fall semesters of 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017) of three-year graduation or completion rates is 23.7% and the transfer-out rates is 21.8%.