WITTENBERG UNIVERSITY

COHORT RETENTION AND GRADUATION HISTORICAL DATABOOK

2014-2023

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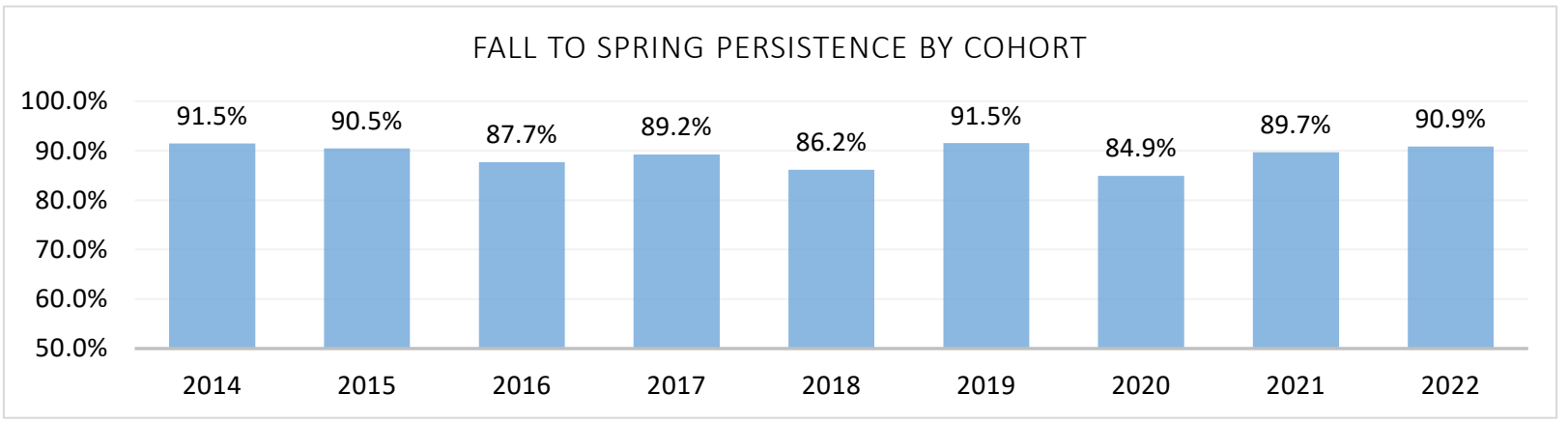
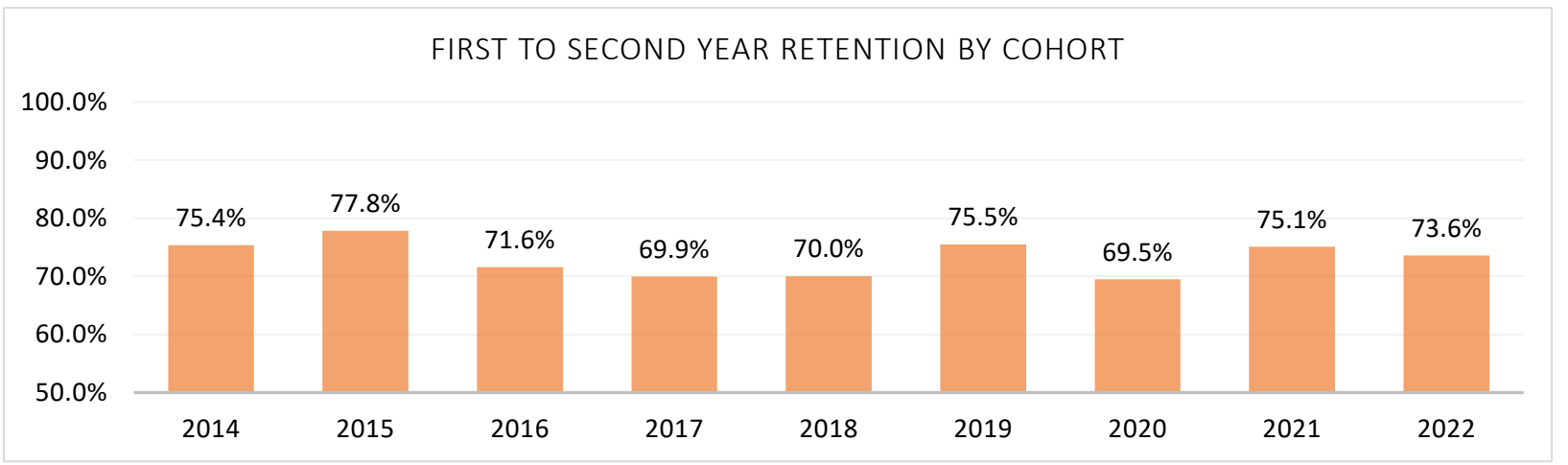
PERSISTENCE AND RETENTION RATES



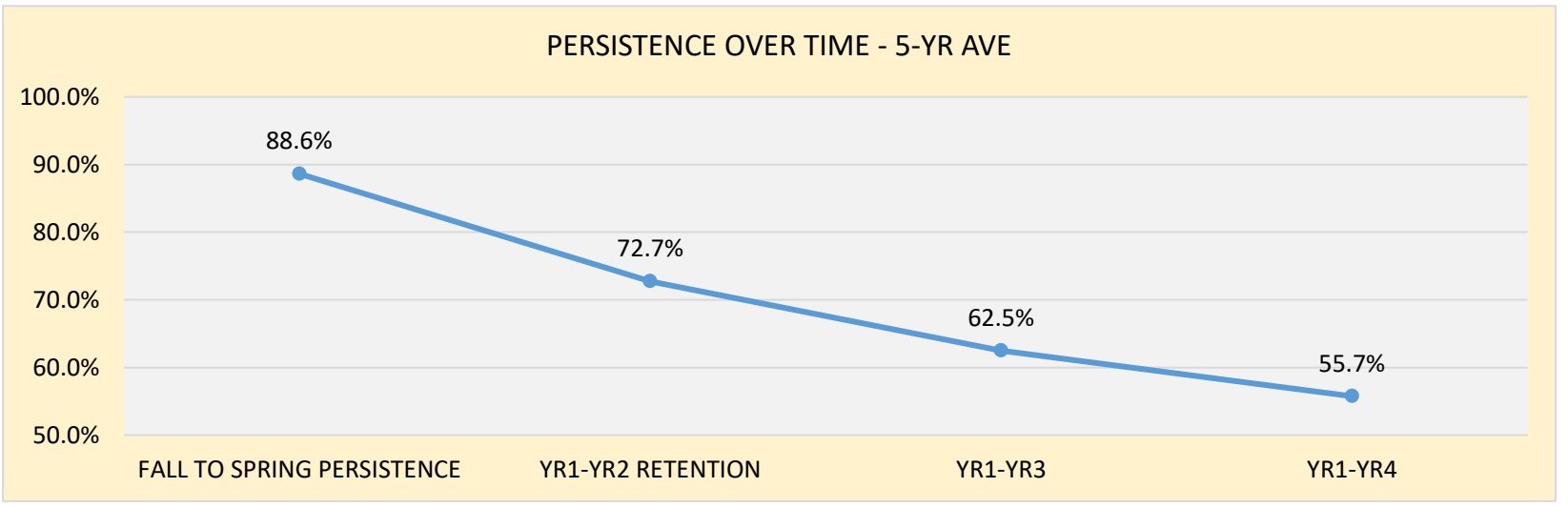


	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	5-YR AVE
COHORT TOTAL	516	492	553	539	484	343	384	358	405	
FALL TO SPRING PERSISTENCE	91.5%	90.5%	87.7%	89.2%	86.2%	91.5%	84.9%	89.7%	90.9%	88.6%
YR1-YR2 RETENTION	75.4%	77.8%	71.6%	69.9%	70.0%	75.5%	69.5%	75.1%	73.6%	72.7%
YR1-YR3	70.1%	70.5%	63.1%	59.6%	58.7%	66.2%	59.6%	68.4%		62.5%
YR1-YR4	65.7%	67.4%	58.8%	54.0%	50.8%	59.9%	55.2%			55.7%

**Adjusted YR1-YR2 Retention* *

***Adjusted 538 in YR1-YR3* **

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PERSISTENCE-RETENTION	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	5-YR AVE
	16.1%	12.6%	16.1%	19.3%	16.1%	16.0%	15.4%	14.6%	17.3%	15.9%



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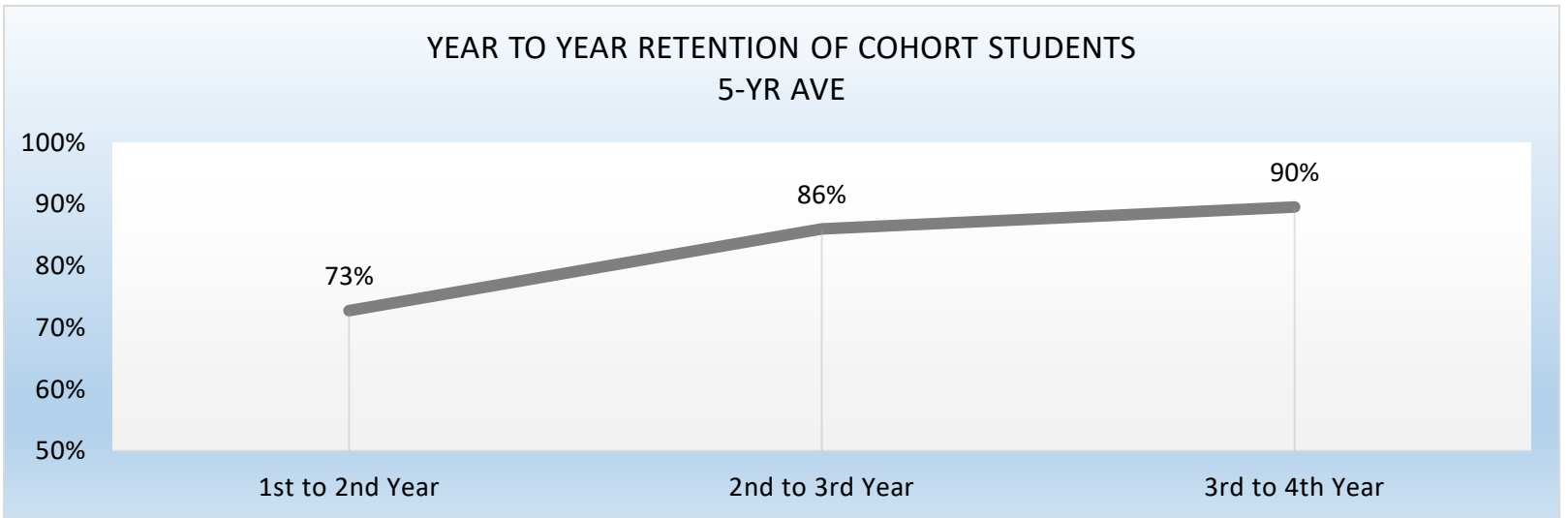
YEAR TO YEAR RETENTION

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	5-YR AVE
1st to 2nd Year	75.4%	77.8%	71.6%	69.9%	70.0%	75.5%	69.5%	75.1%	73.6%	73%
2nd to 3rd Year	92.8%	90.6%	87.4%	85.1%	82.6%	86.2%	85.0%	91.1%		86%
3rd to 4th Year	91.7%	96.0%	92.6%	89.0%	85.9%	89.4%	90.8%			90%



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RETENTION BY GENDER

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	5-YR AVE
MEN	69.3%	74.9%	67.9%	67%	64%	69%	63%	72%	69.1%	67.4%
WOMEN	80.4%	80.2%	75.0%	73%	75%	82%	76%	79%	78.3%	78.0%
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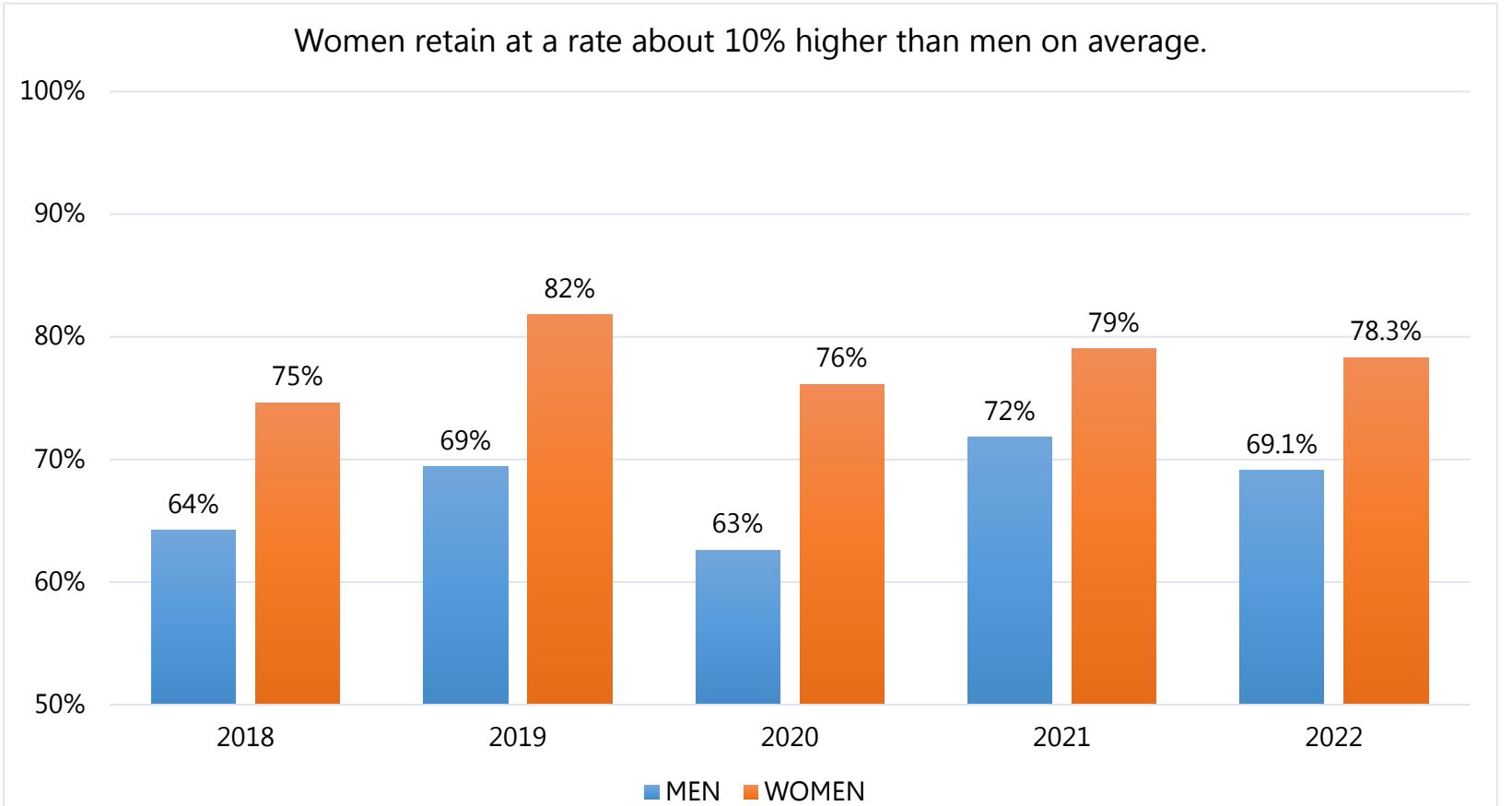
COHORT RETENTION	75.4%	77.8%	71.6%	69.9%	70.0%	76.0%	69.5%	75.1%	73.6%	72.8%



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RACE & ETHNICITY

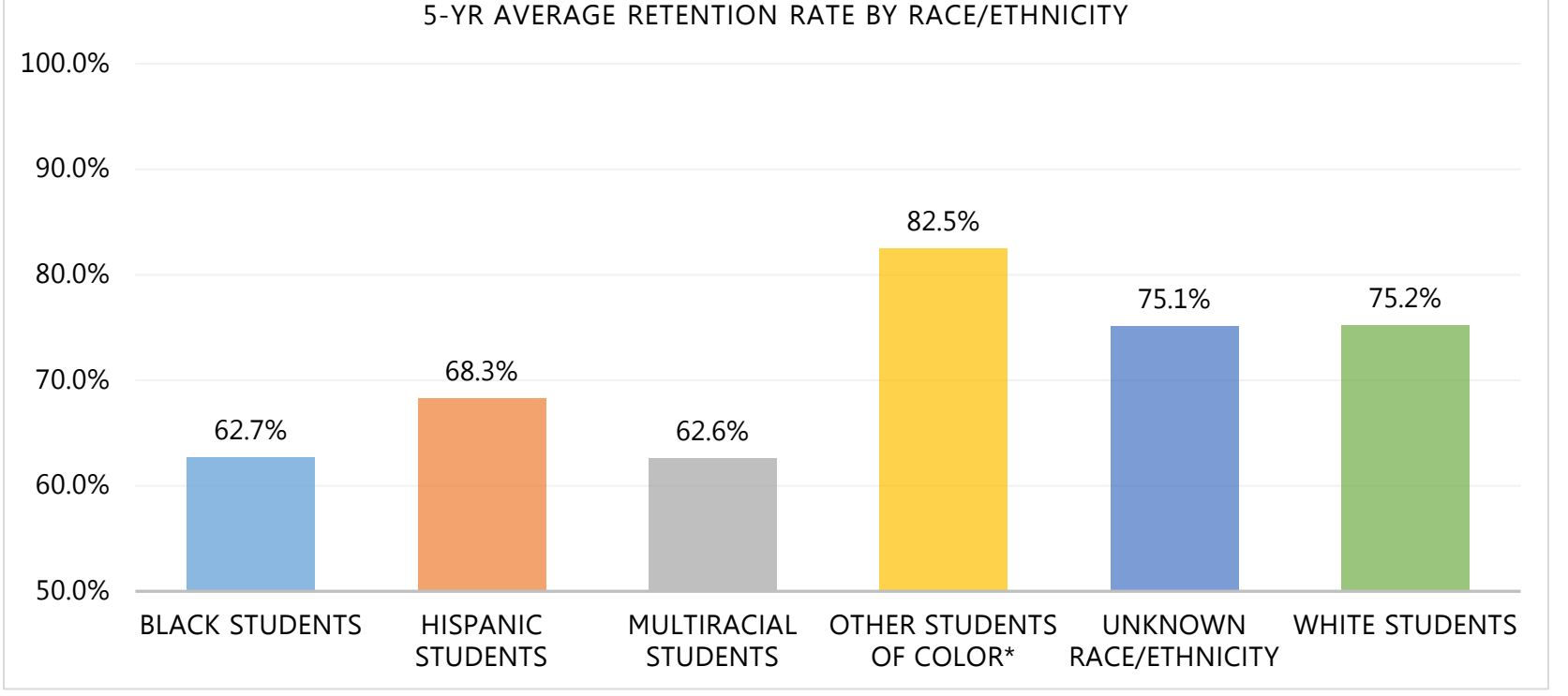
Number in Cohort	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
BLACK STUDENTS	51	46	75	70	44	34	36	35	49
HISPANIC STUDENTS	26	14	28	25	25	18	23	19	32
MULTIRACIAL STUDENTS	26	35	31	36	21	27	21	21	24
OTHER STUDENTS OF COLOR*	14	8	9	19	9	3	5	4	11
UNKNOWN RACE/ETHNICITY	3	1	5	9	18	4	8	15	12
WHITE STUDENTS	396	388	405	380	367	257	291	264	277
COHORT TOTAL	516	492	553	539	484	343	384	358	405

*AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKAN NATIVE, ASIAN, HAWIIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER, AND INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Number Retained	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
BLACK STUDENTS	30	31	42	38	29	26	20	24	23
HISPANIC STUDENTS	19	10	15	10	16	12	15	17	18
MULTIRACIAL STUDENTS	18	22	21	24	10	18	14	12	18
OTHER STUDENTS OF COLOR*	12	5	5	13	8	2	5	3	9
UNKNOWN RACE/ETHNICITY	3	1	3	7	10	4	4	13	10
WHITE STUDENTS	307	314	310	285	266	197	209	200	220
TOTAL RETAINED	389	383	396	377	339	259	267	269	298

RETENTION RATE BY RACE & ETHNICITY

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	5-YR AVE
BLACK STUDENTS	58.8%	67.4%	56.0%	54.3%	65.9%	76.5%	55.6%	68.6%	46.9%	62.7%
HISPANIC STUDENTS	73.1%	71.4%	53.6%	40.0%	64.0%	66.7%	65.2%	89.5%	56.3%	68.3%
MULTIRACIAL STUDENTS	69.2%	62.9%	67.7%	66.7%	47.6%	66.7%	66.7%	57.1%	75.0%	62.6%
OTHER STUDENTS OF COLOR*	85.7%	62.5%	55.6%	68.4%	88.9%	66.7%	100.0%	75.0%	81.8%	82.5%
UNKNOWN RACE/ETHNICITY	85.7%	100.0%	60.0%	77.8%	55.6%	100.0%	50.0%	86.7%	83.3%	75.1%
WHITE STUDENTS	77.5%	80.9%	76.5%	75.0%	72.5%	76.7%	71.8%	75.8%	79.4%	75.2%
COHORT RETENTION RATE	75.3%	77.8%	71.6%	69.9%	70.0%	75.5%	69.5%	75.1%	73.6%	72.8%



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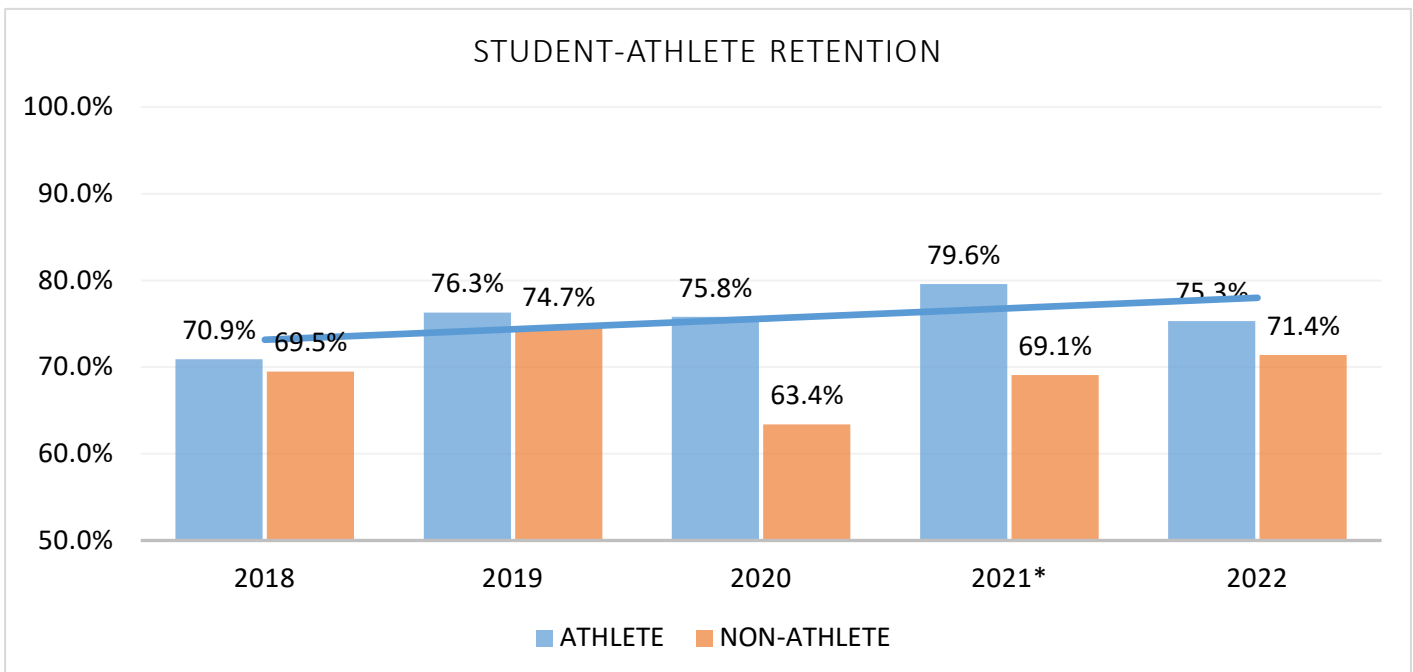
SCHOLAR-ATHLETES

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
ATHLETE	183	170	216	205	189	173	190	206	223
NON-ATHLETE	333	323	337	334	295	170	194	152	182
COHORT TOTAL	516	493	553	539	484	343	384	358	405
RETENTION RATE	**2014**	**2015**	**2016**	**2017**	**2018**	**2019**	**2020**	**2021***	**2022**
ATHLETE	75.4%	77.1%	75.5%	75.1%	70.9%	76.3%	75.8%	79.6%	75.3%
NON-ATHLETE	75.4%	78.0%	69.1%	66.8%	69.5%	74.7%	63.4%	69.1%	71.4%
COHORT RETENTION	75.4%	77.7%	71.6%	69.9%	70.0%	76.0%	69.5%	75.1%	73.6%

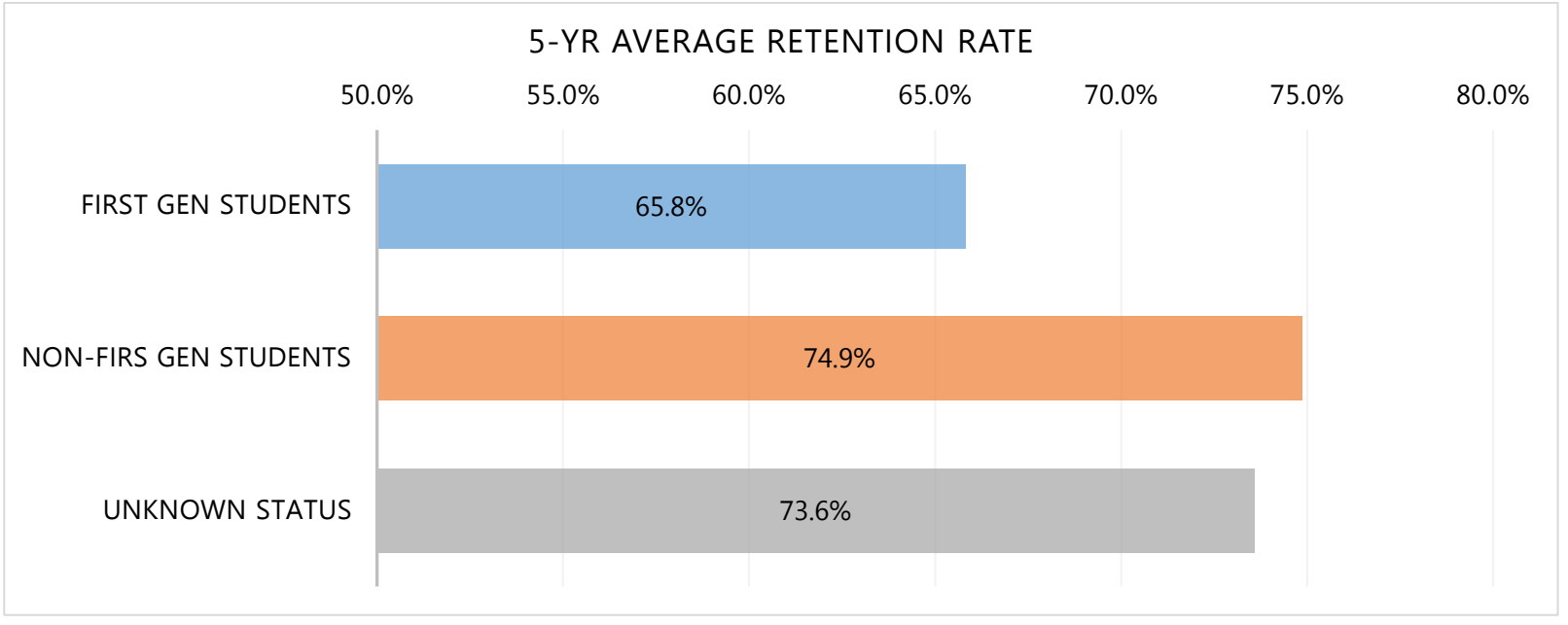


STUDENTS WHO ARE FIRST GENERATION IN COLLEGE

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	5-YR AVE
COHORT TOTAL	516	493	553	539	484	343	384	358	405	
FIRST GENERATION STATUS	133	82	127	119	127	58	91	76	72	85
PERCENT FIRST GEN	26%	17%	23%	22%	26%	17%	24%	24%	18%	22%

FIRST GEN RETENTION

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	5-YR AVE
FIRST GEN STUDENTS	57.9%	68.7%	56.7%	55.5%	66.9%	82.8%	59.3%	61.8%	58.3%	65.8%
NON-FIRS GEN STUDENTS	81.5%	79.7%	77.5%	75.2%	71.1%	74.2%	73.8%	78.4%	76.8%	74.9%
UNKNOWN STATUS				58.6%	70.4%	72.7%	61.5%	83.3%	80.0%	73.6%

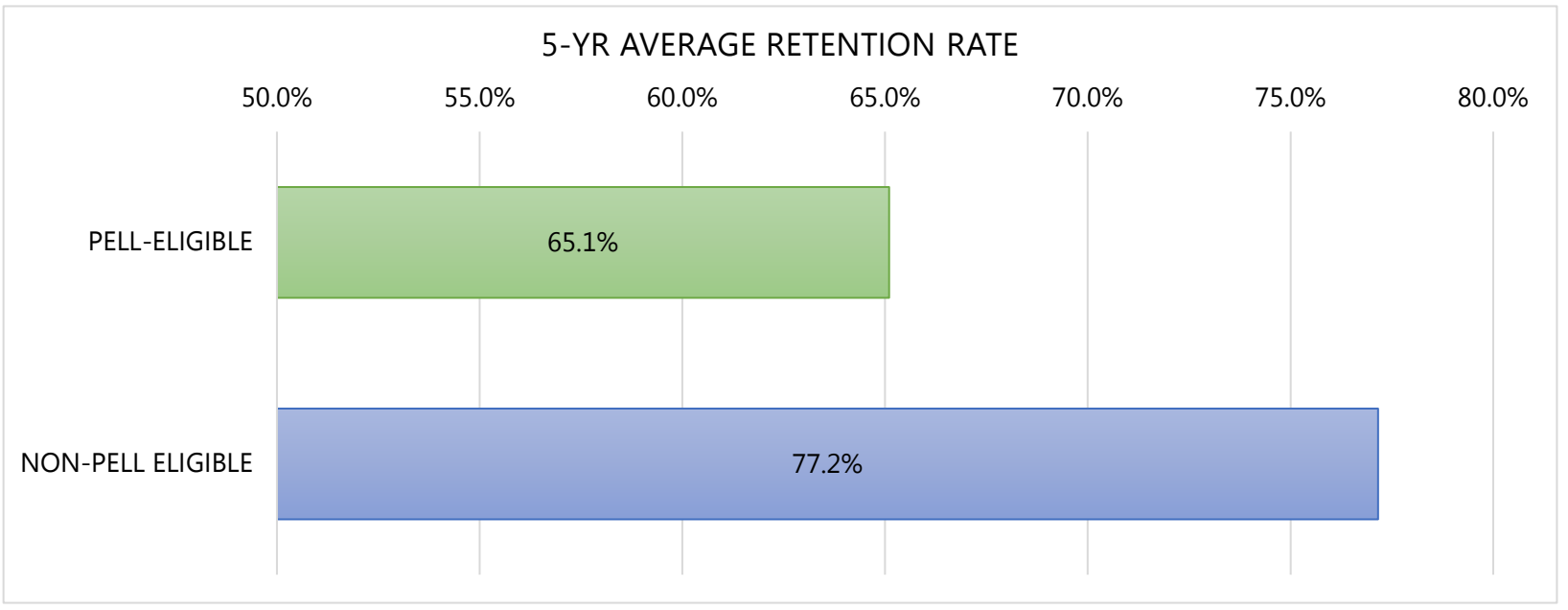


PELL-ELIGIBLE STUDENTS

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	5-YR AVE
PELL-ELIGIBLE	181	147	213	219	182	102	134	115	149	136
PERCENT PELL-ELIGIBLE	35%	30%	39%	41%	38%	30%	35%	35%	37%	35%

PELL-ELIGIBLE RETENTION

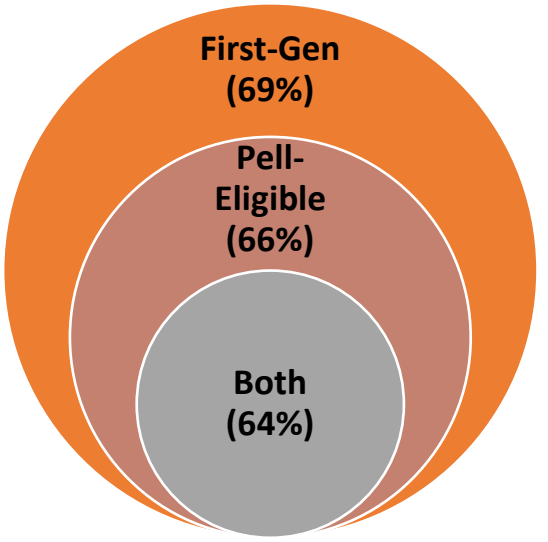
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	5-YR AVE
PELL-ELIGIBLE	66.1%	70.7%	60.6%	56.2%	61.0%	79.4%	61.2%	63.5%	60.4%	65.1%
NON-PELL ELIGIBLE	80.3%	80.6%	78.5%	79.4%	75.5%	73.9%	74.0%	81.1%	81.3%	77.2%



MULTIPLE FACTORS RETENTION

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	5-YR AVE
STUDENTS NEITHER FIRST GEN OR PELL-ELIGIBLE	80%	81%	76%	73%	76%	83%	83%	78%
FIRST GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENT	67%	75%	74%	83%	63%	63%	63%	69%
STUDENTS PELL-ELIGIBLE	66%	63%	59%	78%	63%	65%	65%	66%
BOTH FIRST GENERATION AND PELL-ELIGIBLE	52%	47%	63%	83%	57%	61%	56%	64%

5-YR AVERAGE RETENTION RATE



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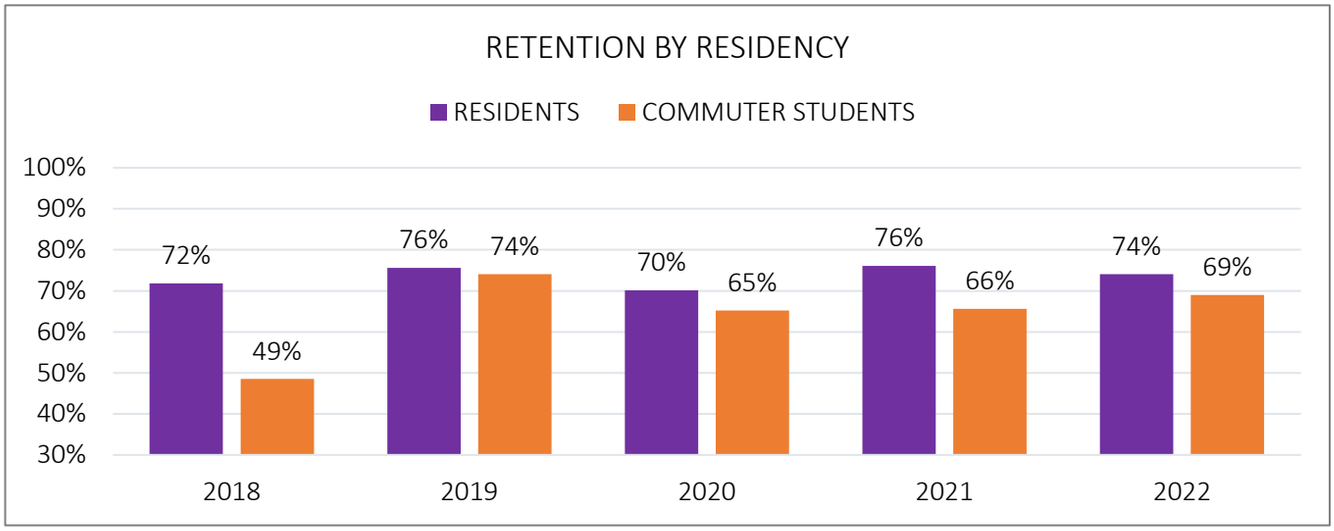

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
RESIDENT HEADCOUNT	477	453	500	496	451	316	338	326	363
COMMUTER HEADCOUNT	39	39	53	43	33	27	46	32	42
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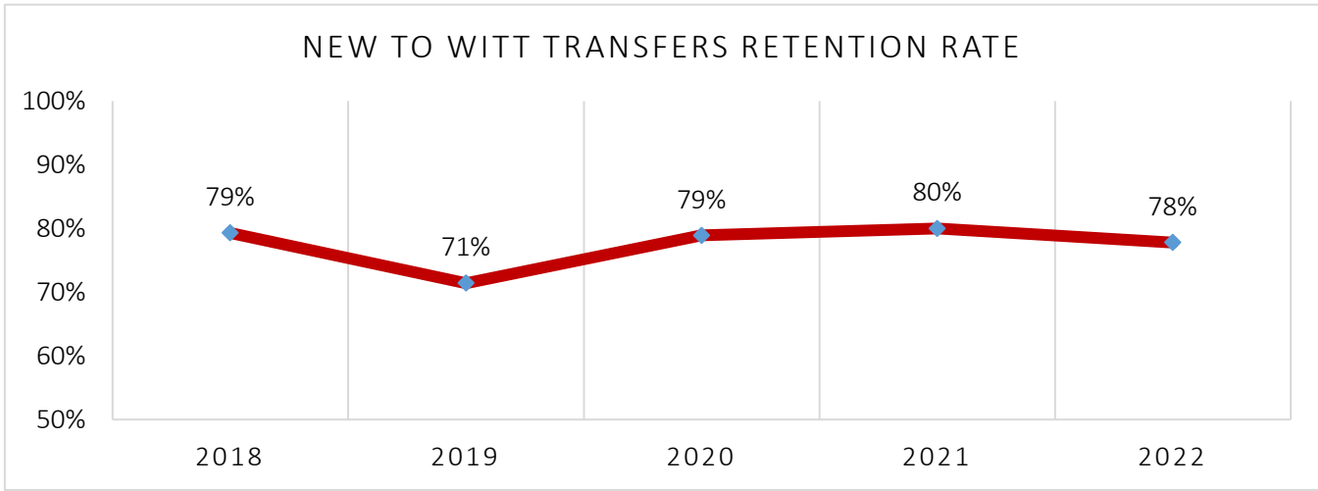
RETENTION RATE	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
RESIDENTS	77%	79%	73%	71%	72%	76%	70%	76%	74%
COMMUTER STUDENTS	62%	69%	62%	58%	49%	74%	65%	66%	69%

TRANSFER STUDENTS NEW TO WITT (1T, FT)

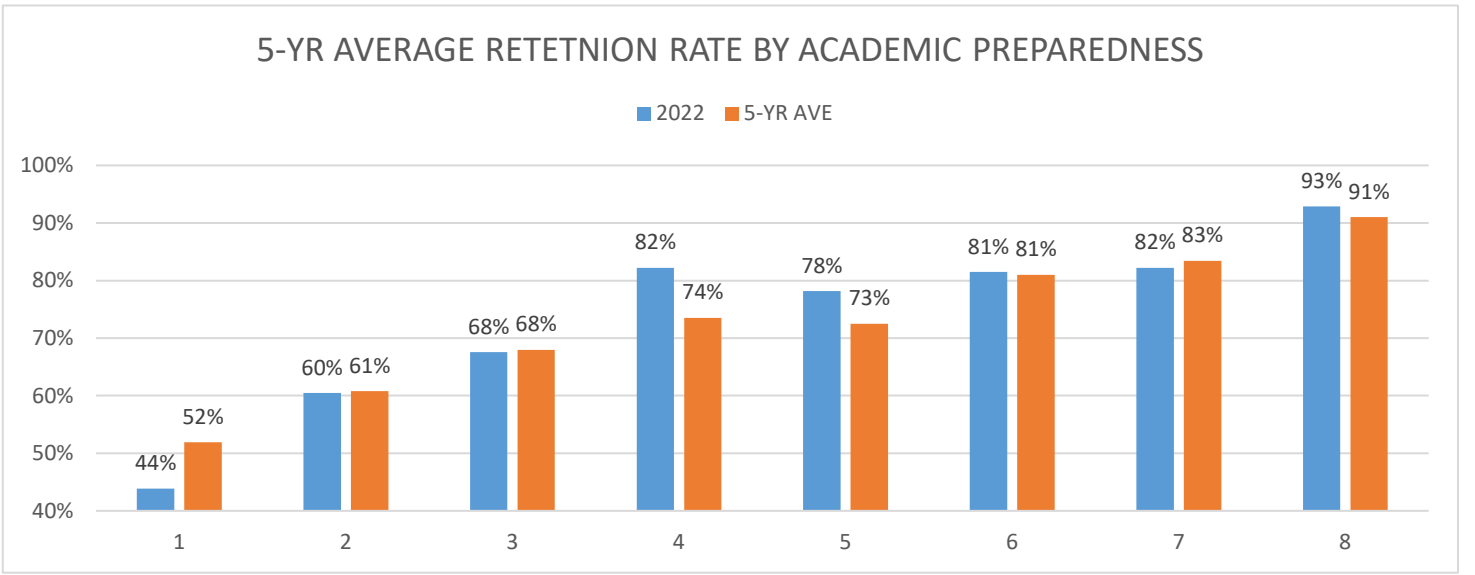
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
DOMESTIC TRANSFERS-IN	38	35	38	30	26	34	38	15	18
INTL TRANSFERS-IN	2	2	4	1	3	1	0	1	0
NEW TO WITT TRANSFERS	40	37	42	31	29	35	38	16	18



RETENTION RATE	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
NEW TO WITT TRANSFERS*	65%	84%	83%	68%	79%	71%	79%	80%	78%

Note: Not anticipated to graduate within the academic year.

ACADEMIC PREPAREDNESS (AR1: ONLY TEST OPTIONAL)



HEADCOUNT	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	5-YR AVE
1	70	72	89	65	52	38	53	39	57	48
2	60	64	49	80	69	40	46	47	43	49
3	76	74	99	98	68	58	45	45	37	51
4	55	74	67	64	74	39	43	56	45	51
5	60	45	62	57	55	35	54	52	55	50
6	74	65	84	76	76	49	52	47	81	61
7	54	48	52	52	41	42	56	39	45	45
8	64	50	51	46	48	42	35	33	42	40
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PERCENT DISTRO	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	5-YR AVE
1	14%	15%	16%	12%	11%	11%	14%	11%	14%	12%
2	12%	13%	9%	15%	14%	12%	12%	13%	11%	12%
3	15%	15%	18%	18%	14%	17%	12%	13%	9%	13%
4	11%	15%	12%	12%	15%	11%	11%	16%	11%	13%
5	12%	9%	11%	11%	11%	10%	14%	15%	14%	13%
6	14%	13%	15%	14%	16%	14%	14%	13%	20%	15%
7	10%	10%	9%	10%	8%	12%	15%	11%	11%	11%
8	12%	10%	9%	9%	10%	12%	9%	9%	10%	10%
RETAINED	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	5-YR AVE
1	34	48	41	31	23	24	30	22	25	25
2	37	48	26	47	43	24	25	31	26	30
3	54	54	69	62	45	44	29	29	25	34
4	44	56	45	42	54	30	27	41	37	38
5	47	38	45	46	34	26	38	41	43	36
6	68	50	72	60	62	38	44	37	66	49
7	47	41	48	43	32	36	44	37	37	37
8	55	48	50	45	45	37	30	31	39	36
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RETENTION RATE	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	5-YR AVE
1	49%	67%	46%	48%	44%	63%	57%	56%	44%	52%
2	62%	75%	53%	59%	62%	60%	54%	66%	60%	61%
3	71%	73%	70%	63%	66%	76%	64%	64%	68%	68%
4	80%	76%	67%	66%	73%	77%	63%	73%	82%	74%
5	78%	84%	73%	81%	62%	74%	70%	79%	78%	73%
6	92%	77%	86%	79%	82%	78%	85%	79%	81%	81%
7	87%	85%	92%	83%	78%	86%	79%	95%	82%	83%
8	86%	96%	98%	98%	94%	88%	86%	94%	93%	91%

ACADEMIC PREPAREDNESS (AR2: ALL TEST SCORES INCLUDED)

HEADCOUNT	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	5-YR AVE
1	88	93	108	93	85	46	53	55	63	60
2	62	61	59	79	59	41	46	50	42	48
3	74	73	90	94	66	52	45	45	49	51
4	43	63	61	57	72	39	43	50	83	57
5	60	47	56	45	45	25	54	48	84	51
6	71	56	74	75	66	57	52	36	41	50
7	49	48	53	49	40	36	56	38	20	38
8	66	51	52	46	50	47	35	36	23	38
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PERCENT DISTRO	**2014**	**2015**	**2016**	**2017**	**2018**	**2019**	**2020**	**2021**	**2022**	**5-YR AVE**
1	17%	19%	20%	17%	18%	13%	14%	15%	16%	15%
2	12%	12%	11%	15%	12%	12%	12%	14%	10%	12%
3	14%	15%	16%	17%	14%	15%	12%	13%	12%	13%
4	8%	13%	11%	11%	15%	11%	11%	14%	20%	14%
5	12%	10%	10%	8%	9%	7%	14%	13%	21%	13%
6	14%	11%	13%	14%	14%	17%	14%	10%	10%	13%
7	10%	10%	10%	9%	8%	10%	15%	11%	5%	10%
8	13%	10%	9%	9%	10%	14%	9%	10%	6%	10%
RETAINED	**2014**	**2015**	**2016**	**2017**	**2018**	**2019**	**2020**	**2021**	**2022**	**5-YR AVE**
1	48	62	51	47	40	30	30	31	29	32
2	34	46	28	45	38	25	25	35	26	30
3	55	52	68	61	48	39	29	32	35	37
4	37	49	42	41	50	27	27	36	70	42
5	48	40	44	37	28	21	38	38	65	38
6	66	44	63	58	56	45	44	29	33	41
7	41	41	49	42	31	30	44	35	18	32
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1	55%	67%	47%	51%	47%	65%	57%	56%	46%	53%
2	55%	75%	47%	57%	64%	61%	54%	70%	62%	63%
3	74%	71%	76%	65%	73%	75%	64%	71%	71%	71%
4	86%	78%	69%	72%	69%	69%	63%	72%	84%	73%
5	80%	85%	79%	82%	62%	84%	70%	79%	77%	74%
6	93%	79%	85%	77%	85%	79%	85%	81%	80%	82%
7	84%	85%	92%	86%	78%	83%	79%	92%	90%	83%
8	86%	96%	98%	98%	94%	89%	86%	94%	96%	92%

STUDENT SUCCESS OUTCOMES BY COHORT

AS OF FALL 2023

	2015*	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
GRADUATED	65%	58%	54%	51%	53%	3%	0%	0%
STILL ENROLLED	0%	0%	0%	1%	8%	55%	69%	74%
TRANSFERRED	23%	28%	30%	30%	27%	23%	18%	14%
LEFT COLLEGE	12%	14%	16%	18%	11%	19%	13%	12%
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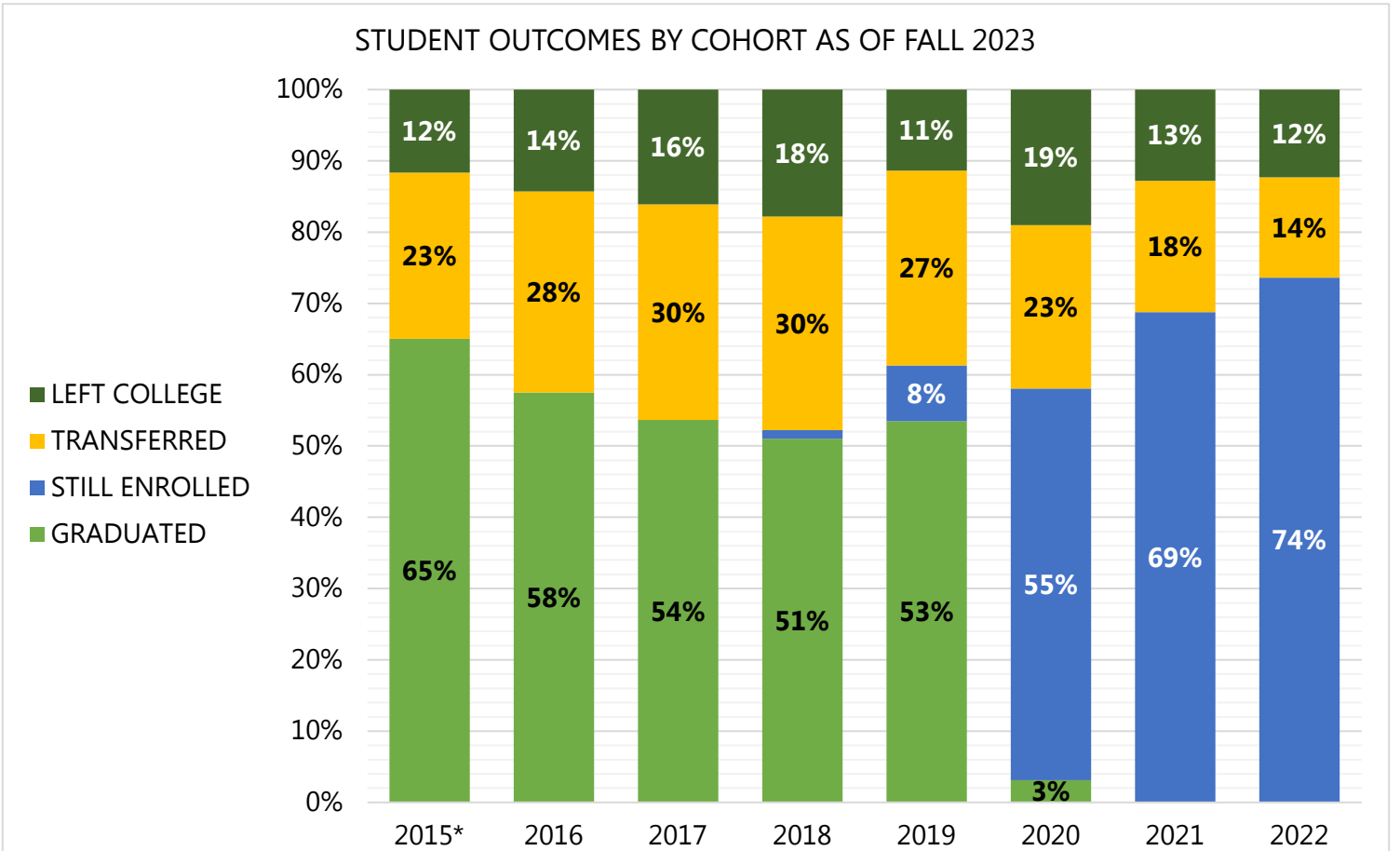

TRANSFER-OUT RATES

	2015*	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
TRANSFER-OUT within 1-YR	14%	16%	16%	15%	15%	14%	12%	14%
TRANSFER-OUT within 4-YRS	23%	26%	29%	29%	27%			
TRANSFER-OUT within 6-YRS	23%	28%	30%					
TRANSFER-OUT within 8-YRS	23%							

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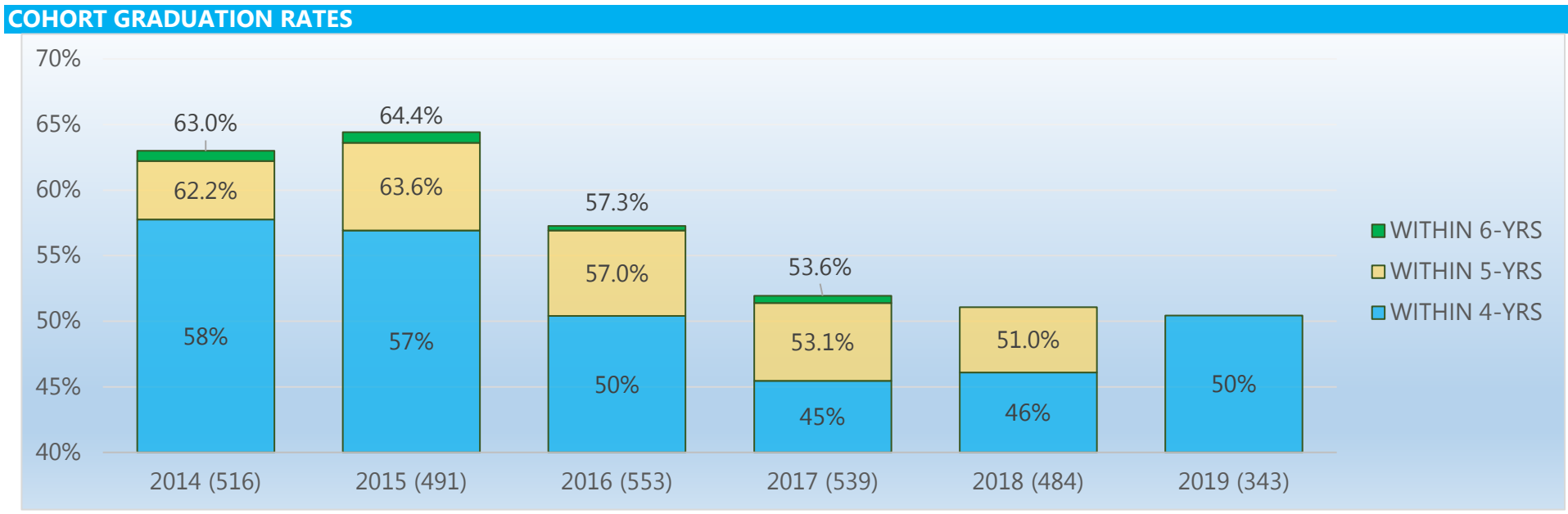
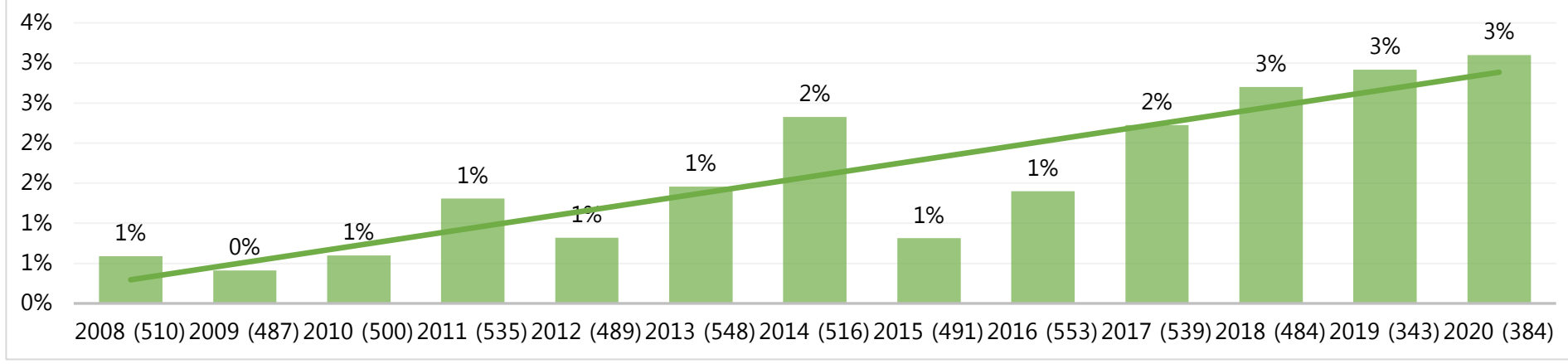
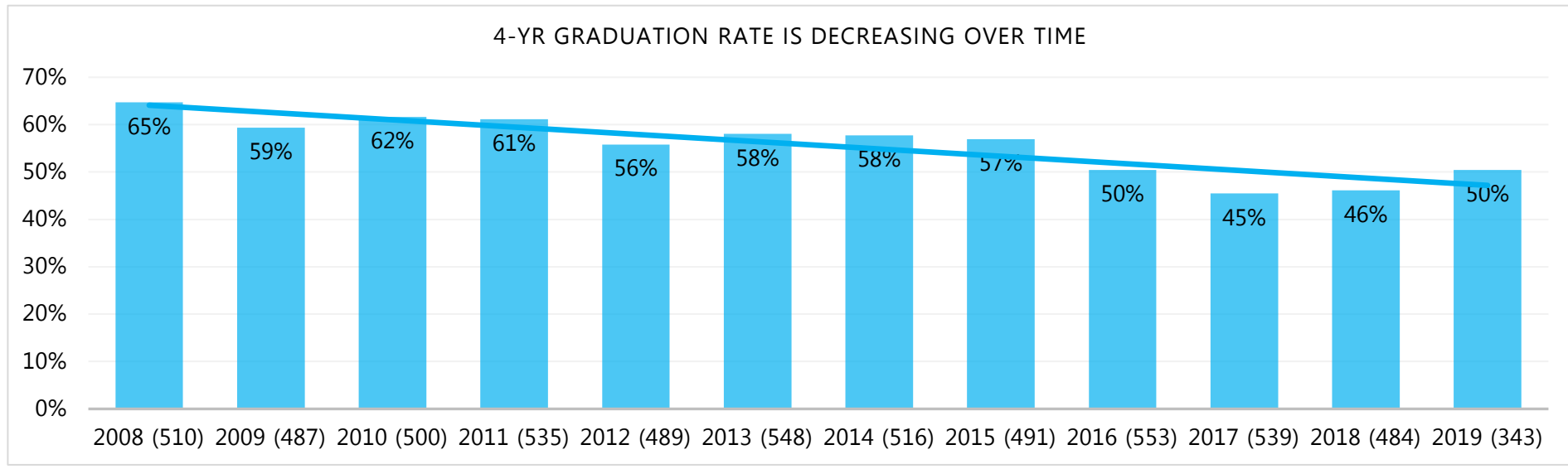
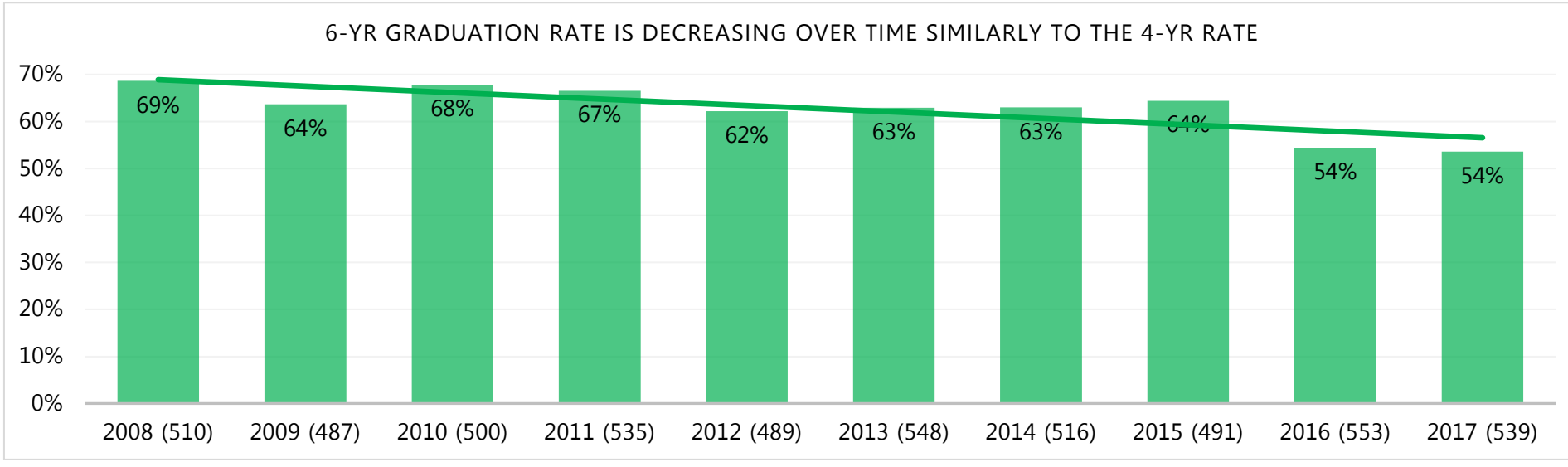


COHORT ADJUSTMENTS
**Adjusted for retention*
***Adjusted for six-yr grad rate*

2015	2017	2019
492 *	539 **	343 *







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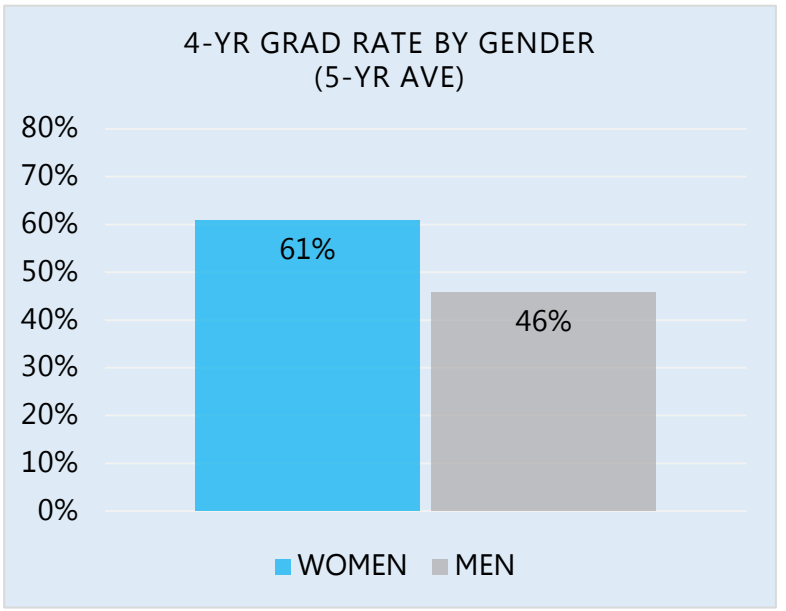

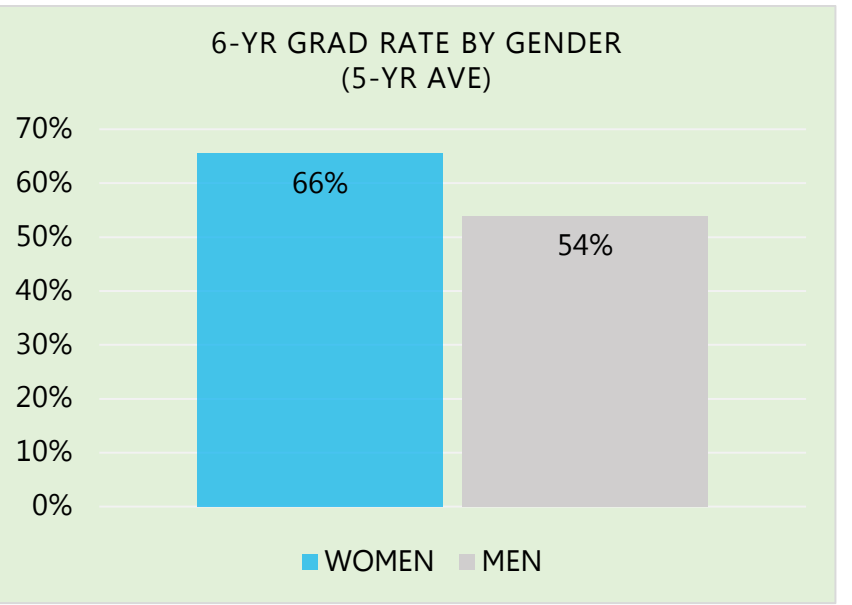

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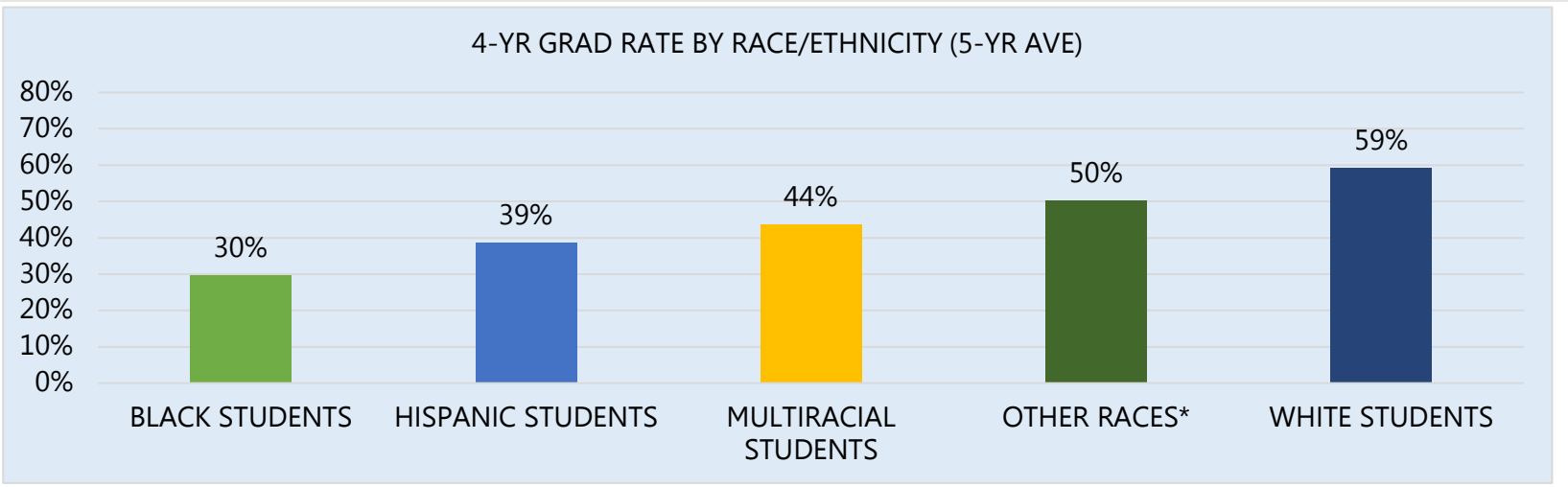

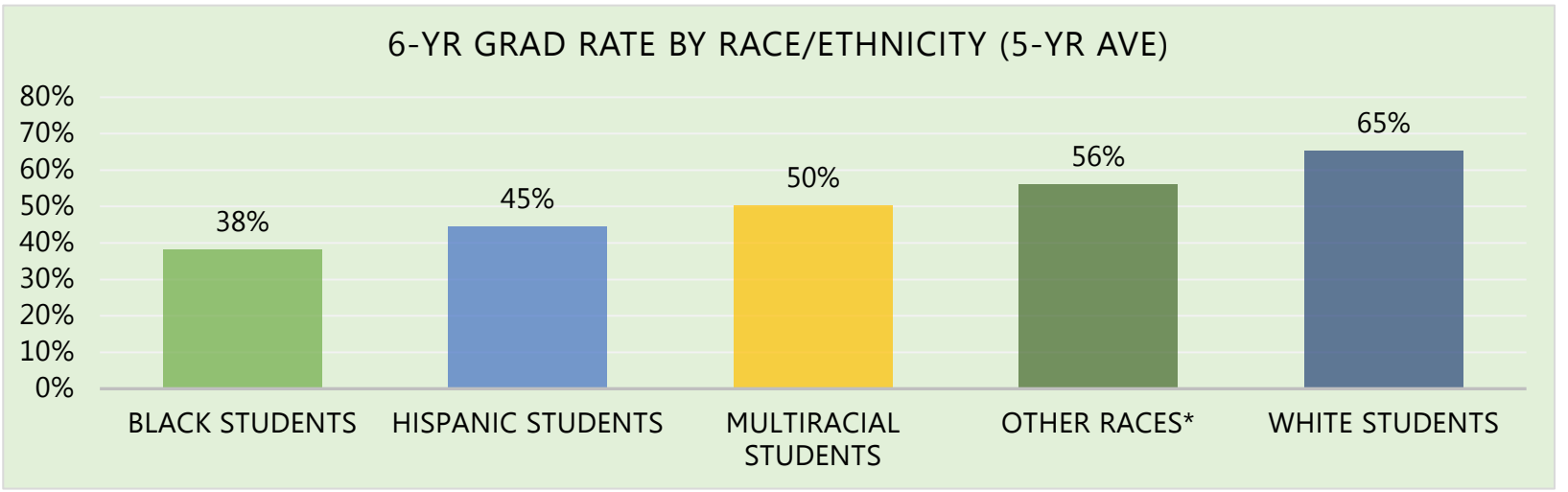
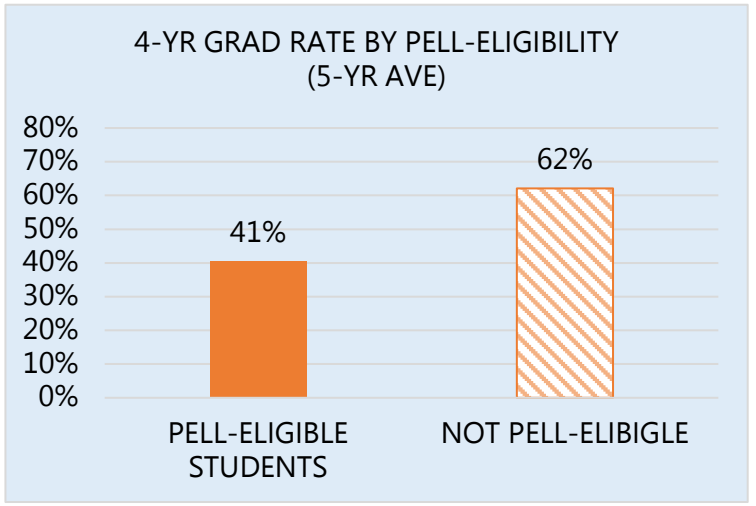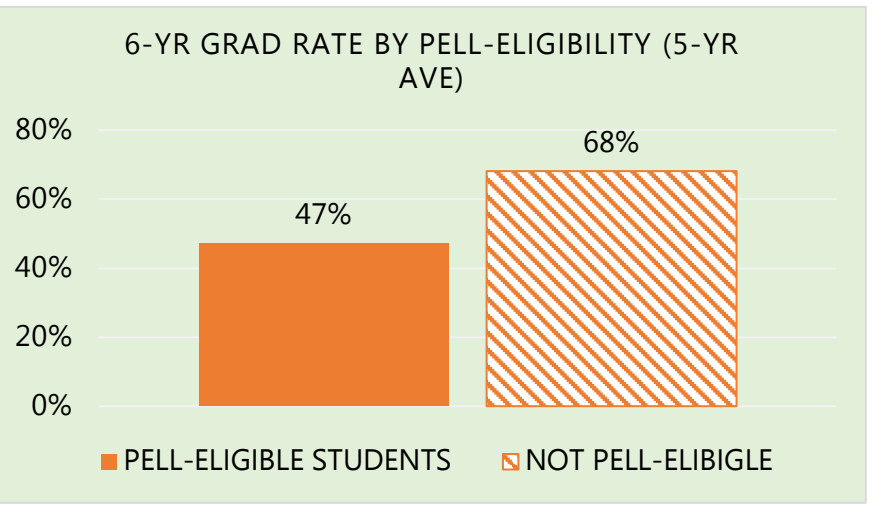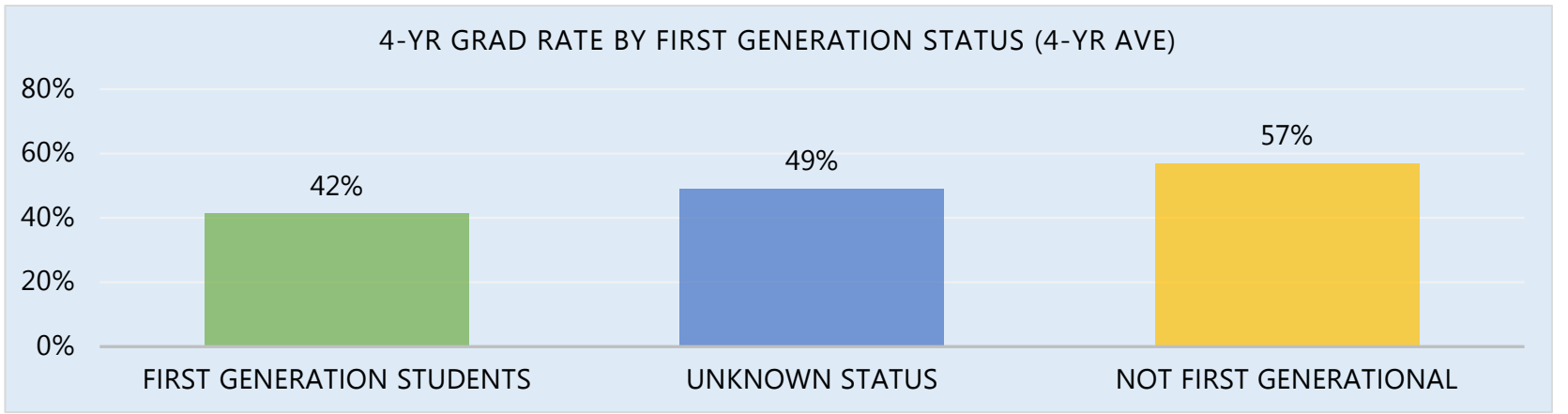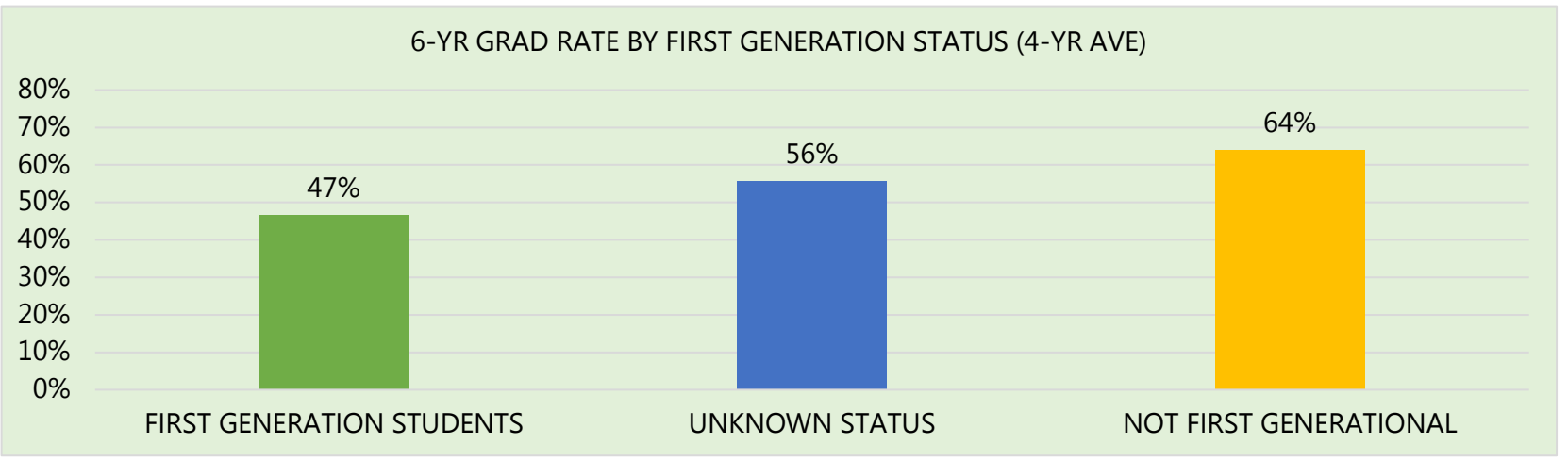
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