

Retention of Joliet Junior College and Illinois Community College Students

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Retention rates follow cohorts of first-time, first-year students.

Rates are calculated by dividing the number of students who either completed their academic program or returned the following Fall semester by the total number in the initial cohort. See the example below for the Fall 2000 first-time, first-year student cohort.

Joliet Junior College	Total	
Initial Cohort Number	889	Initial number of first-time, first-year students in Fall 2000
Completed 2001	2	Number who completed by 2001
Completed 2002	0	Number who completed by 2002
Returned or Completed	571	Number who returned to JJC in the Fall 2001 semester and/or completed their program
Not Returned or Completed	318	Number who did not return to JJC in the Fall 2001 semester
Retention Rate	64.2%	=571/889

The Office of Institutional Effectiveness also tracks retention rates for ALL students by program, gender, and ethnicity. These rates are available in the JJC Fact Book at <http://www.jjc.edu/admin/ie/FactBook/factbook.htm>