



Success and Retention Definitions

We use the Chancellor's Office methodology to calculate the success and retention rates.

Retention Rate

The retention rate is the percentage of students who remain enrolled through the end of a course out of all students enrolled on census date (definition below). In essence, it is the percentage of students who did not drop late or withdraw.

Formula:

Numerator (top): Number of enrollments with grade of A, B, C, D, F, IPP*, P, INP*

Denominator: Number of enrollments with grade of A, B, C, D, F, IPP*, P, INP, or W

Success Rate

The success rate is the percentage of students who receive an A, B, C, P or IPP as a final course grade out of all students enrolled as of the census date.

Formula:

Numerator (top): Number of enrollments with grade of A, B, C, P or IPP*

Denominator: Number of enrollments with grade of A, B, C, D, F, IPP*, P, INP, or W

Census Date

The census date is the day on which the College records students as "enrolled" in a given term. It typically follows the add deadline, but a specific formula is used to calculate this date based on course criteria such as number of days and weeks a class meets.

**Grades/Notations Most grades and notations in this report are easily identifiable but two warrant a brief explanation. The IPP grade includes IA, IB, IC, IP and IPP because they all equal a successful completion. The INP grade includes ID, IF and INP because they all equal an unsuccessful completion.*