

## SECTION E

### STUDENT OUTCOMES – GRADUATION, RETENTION AND TRANSFER

#### 1. What percentage of full-time freshmen graduate or transfer within 3 years?

The figures below reflect 3-year graduation and transfer rates (i.e., combined success rates) for first-time, full-time matriculated students. For the 1994 - 1996 entering cohorts, transfer rates are limited only to New Jersey senior public institutions. To the extent that Brookdale students transferred to private colleges or to out-of-state public colleges, the figures for these cohorts under-represent the transfer rate.

The figures for the 1997 - 2003 entering cohorts include National Student Loan Clearinghouse data on transfers to most baccalaureate-granting institutions. Note that the reported transfer rates refer only to those students who *did not* graduate within 150% of time to degree completion. More specifically, if a student graduated within three years and then transferred to another institution, (s)he would be identified only in the graduation rate and not the transfer rate. The data below have been reported on the annual Federal Graduation Rate Survey (GRS). On the Graduation Rate Survey, students have until the end of the Summer of their 3<sup>rd</sup> year to either graduate or transfer to another institution (i.e., members of the Fall 2003 cohort had until the end of Summer 2006 to graduate or transfer).

The self-reported transfer rate for Brookdale **graduates** of transfer programs (approximately 70%) is substantially higher than those reported below for **incoming** classes.

#### 1994 – 2003 Entering Cohorts:

<i>Entering Cohort</i>	<i>Total in Cohort</i>	<i>Graduates within 3 years</i>	<i>Graduation Rate</i>	<i>Transfers (non graduates)</i>	<i>Transfer Rate*</i>	<i>Combined Graduates + Transfers</i>	<i>Combined Graduation + Transfer Rate</i>
1994	1,496	215	14.4%	125	8.4%	340	22.8%
1995	1,559	244	15.7%	163	10.5%	407	26.1%
1996	1,516	242	16.0%	177	11.7%	419	27.6%
1997	1,525	229	15.0%	333	21.8%	562	36.9%
1998	1,712	276	16.1%	324	18.9%	600	35.0%
1999	1,920	343	17.9%	376	19.6%	719	37.4%
2000	1,913	342	17.9%	351	18.3%	693	36.2%
2001	2,031	380	18.7%	395	19.4%	775	38.2%
2002	2,128	400	18.8%	363	17.1%	763	35.9%
2003	2,327	402	17.3%	460	19.8%	862	37.0%

**2. What are Brookdale's two- and three- year combined success rates by ethnic group for the Fall 2003 entering cohort of first-time, full-time freshman?**

<i>Ethnic Group</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Success After Two Years</i>		<i>Success After Three Years</i>	
		<i>N</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>%</i>
White	1736	234	13.5	534	30.8
Black	221	14	6.3	35	15.8
Hispanic	173	12	6.9	40	23.1
Asian	94	14	14.9	33	35.1
Alien	9	0	0.0	2	22.2
Other*	94	11	11.7	27	28.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>2327</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>671</b>	<b>28.8</b>

\*Other includes American Indian and Unknowns

In this item and the one below, 2-year "success rate" is defined as "graduated within 2 years or transferred to a New Jersey Senior Public Institution by the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the Spring semester of the 2<sup>nd</sup> year." Three-year "success rate" is defined as "graduated within 3 years or transferred to a New Jersey Senior Public Institution by the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the Spring semester of the 3<sup>rd</sup> year." Unlike the cohort used on the Graduation Rate Survey, students who transfer or graduate in the Summer prior to starting their 4<sup>th</sup> year are not included in the success rate.

**3. What are the two- and three- year combined success rates by income category for the Fall 2003 entering cohort of first-time, full-time freshman?**

<i>Income Category</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Success After Two Years</i>		<i>Success After Three Years</i>	
		<i>N</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>%</i>
Low Income*	380	45	11.8	89	23.4
Not Low Income	854	138	16.2	278	32.6
Unknown	1093	102	9.3	304	27.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>2327</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>671</b>	<b>28.8</b>

\*Low Income is defined as a student with a NJ Eligibility Index between 1 and 2,499.

**4. What are Brookdale's two- and three- year graduation rates by ethnic group for the Fall 2003 entering cohort of first-time, full-time freshman?**

<i>Ethnic Group</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Graduate After Two Years</i>		<i>Graduate After Three Years</i>	
		<i>N</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>%</i>
White	1736	132	7.6	310	17.9
Black	221	4	1.8	16	7.2
Hispanic	173	4	2.3	24	13.9
Asian	94	11	11.7	20	21.3
Alien	9	0	0.0	2	22.2
Other*	94	4	4.3	12	12.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>2327</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>384**</b>	<b>16.5</b>

\*Other includes American Indian and Unknowns

\*\*This figure differs from the 402 graduates identified in item #1 because it does not include Summer 2006 graduates.

**5. What are the two- and three- year graduation rates by income category for the Fall 2003 entering cohort of first-time, full-time freshman?**

<i>Income Category</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Graduate After Two Years</i>		<i>Graduate After Three Years</i>	
		<i>N</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>%</i>
Low Income*	380	19	5.0	39	10.3
Not Low Income	854	73	8.5	157	18.4
Unknown	1093	63	5.8	188	17.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>2327</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>384**</b>	<b>16.5</b>

\*Low Income is defined as a student with a NJ Eligibility Index between 1 and 2,499.

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**6. What is the three-year transfer rate of Fall 2003 first-time, full-time students to New Jersey Senior Public Institutions? What is the overall three-year transfer rate?**

- Of the 2,327 entering students in the Fall 2003 cohort, 300 (12.9%) transferred to one of New Jersey's senior public institutions. Overall, just over 400 members of this cohort (404 or 17.4%) transferred to one of New Jersey's senior public institutions, community colleges, or one of the 9 independent colleges & universities that participate in the Commission on Higher Education's student enrollment system. Neither of these transfer rates include students who graduated from Brookdale prior to transferring.

**7. What is the third-semester (Fall to Fall) retention rate for first-time, full-time students, by ethnicity?**

<i>Ethnic Group</i>	<i>Fall 2005 Cohort Total</i>	<i>Number and Percent Retained in Third Semester (Fall 2006)</i>	
		<i>N</i>	<i>%</i>
White	2,006	1,339	66.7
Black	255	134	52.5
Hispanic	223	151	67.7
Asian	92	66	71.7
American Indian	5	3	60.0
Alien	13	3	23.1
Unknown	73	48	65.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,667</b>	<b>1,744</b>	<b>65.4</b>

**8. Do third-semester retention rates vary as a function of income level?**

<i>Income Level</i>	<i>Fall 2005 Cohort Total</i>	<i>Number and Percent Retained in Third Semester (Fall 2006)</i>	
		<i>N</i>	<i>%</i>
Low Income	378	210	55.6
Not Low Income	1,073	712	66.4
Unknown	1,216	822	67.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,667</b>	<b>1,744</b>	<b>65.4</b>