

E. Student Outcomes

Nearly 59% of all full-time, first-time freshmen who entered MSU in the fall of 2000 earned a degree within six years of entry (see Table II.E.1.a). Six-year graduation rates were generally 50% or higher for all racial/ethnic groups, with White students having the highest graduation rate of 63%.

	Graduated in 4 Years		Graduated in 5 Years		Graduated in 6 Years	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
African Amer.						
Cohort=170	47	27.6%	82	48.2%	91	53.5%
Asian						
Cohort=73	20	27.4%	40	54.8%	42	57.5%
Latino/a						
Cohort=229	50	21.8%	109	47.6%	121	52.8%
White						
Cohort=776	221	28.5%	436	56.2%	489	63.0%
Non-Res. Alien						
Cohort=33	8	24.2%	16	48.5%	20	60.6%
Other*						
Cohort=43	5	11.6%	13	30.2%	15	34.9%
Total						
Cohort=1,324	351	26.5%	696	52.6%	778	58.8%

* Includes Native American and Unknown Race/Ethnicity.

Income appeared to have some influence on graduation rates for members of the 2000 cohort of full-time, first-time freshmen. Low income students had a six-year graduation rate that was more than 8 percentage points below that of non-low income students (see Table II.E.1.b).

**TABLE II.E.1.b: Four-, Five-, and Six-Year Graduation Rates of Fall 2000
Full-Time, First-Time Freshmen by Income**

	Graduated in 4 Years		Graduated in 5 Years		Graduated in 6 Years	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Low Income*						
Cohort=279	61	21.9%	132	47.3%	151	54.1%
Non-Low Inc.						
Cohort=714	209	29.3%	406	56.9%	445	62.3%
Unknown						
Cohort=331	81	24.5%	158	47.7%	182	55.0%
Total						
Cohort=1,324	351	26.5%	696	52.6%	778	58.8%

* A low income student is one who has a NJ Eligibility Index between 1 and 2,499.

Eighty-one percent of all full-time, first-time freshmen who entered MSU in fall 2005 re-enrolled in fall 2006 (see Table II.E.2.a).

**TABLE II.E.2.a: Third-Semester Retention of Full-Time, First-Time Freshmen
by Race/Ethnicity, Fall 2005 to Fall 2006**

	Original Cohort	Retained		Not Retained	
	Number	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Native Amer.	3	2	66.7%	1	33.3%
African Amer.	201	151	75.1%	50	24.9%
Asian	130	108	83.1%	22	16.9%
Latino/a	346	277	80.1%	69	19.9%
White	1,146	948	82.7%	198	17.3%
Non-Res. Alien	29	21	72.4%	8	27.6%
Missing	13	7	53.8%	6	46.2%
Total	1,868	1,514	81.0%	354	19.0%

The one-year retention rate was nearly five percentage points lower for low income students than for non-low income students (see Table II.E.2.b).

TABLE II.E.2.b: Third-Semester Retention of Full-Time, First-Time Freshmen by Income, Fall 2005 to Fall 2006

	Original Cohort		Retained		Not Retained	
	Number		Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Low Income*	313		246	78.6%	67	21.4%
Non-Low Inc.	1,169		974	83.3%	195	16.7%
Unknown	386		294	76.2%	92	23.8%
Total	1,868		1,514	81.0%	354	19.0%

* A low income student is one who has a NJ Eligibility Index between 1 and 2,499.

The six-year graduation rate for full-time transfer students who entered MSU in fall 2000 was 73%. The one-year retention rate for full-time transfer students who entered in fall 2005 was 84%.

Fall 2006 New Transfer Students

MSU received 3,022 applications from students hoping to transfer to the University, up 6% from fall 2002. The University accepted 66% of these applicants (acceptance rate), and 65% of those accepted enrolled at the University (yield). The fall 2006 cohort of newly enrolled transfer students was 9% larger than the cohort that entered in fall 2002.

Full- and part-time transfer students made up 36% of the fall 2006 entering class (see Table II.E.3), which is down 5 percentage points from fall 2002. Bergen Community College, County College of Morris, and Essex County College sent the most transfer students to MSU.

TABLE II.E.3: Entering Undergraduates by Admission Status And Attendance Status, Fall 2006

	New Transfer		First-Time		Total	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Full-Time	1,001	32.8%	2,047	67.2%	3,048	100.0%
Part-Time	194	62.8%	115	37.2%	309	100.0%
Total	1,195	35.6%	2,162	64.4%	3,357	100.0%

Other Student Outcomes

A survey of post-collegiate activities of alumni who earned their baccalaureate degrees in FY03 revealed that, one year after graduation, 21% of respondents were enrolled in graduate school, and 88% were gainfully employed. A majority (89%) of employed alumni said they were contributing to the State's economy by working in New Jersey, and over 70% said they held jobs that were "somewhat" to "very" related to their MSU majors.