

E. Student Outcomes

Over 61% of all full-time, first-time freshmen who entered MSU in the fall of 2001 earned a degree within six years of entry (see Table II.E.1.a). Six-year graduation rates were 53% or higher for all racial/ethnic groups, with Non-Resident Alien students having the highest graduation rate of 74%.

**TABLE II.E.1.a: Four-, Five-, and Six-Year Graduation Rates of Fall 2001  
Full-Time, First-Time Freshmen by Race/Ethnicity**

	Graduated in 4 Years		Graduated in 5 Years		Graduated in 6 Years	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>African Amer.</b>						
Cohort=178	41	23.0%	84	47.2%	94	52.8%
<b>Asian</b>						
Cohort=97	31	32.0%	46	47.4%	55	56.7%
<b>Latino/a</b>						
Cohort=208	38	18.3%	101	48.6%	118	56.7%
<b>White</b>						
Cohort=785	240	30.6%	451	57.5%	504	64.2%
<b>Non-Res. Alien</b>						
Cohort=34	5	14.7%	19	55.9%	25	73.5%
<b>Other*</b>						
Cohort=76	16	21.1%	42	55.3%	47	61.8%
<b>Total</b>						
Cohort=1,378	371	26.9%	743	53.9%	843	61.2%

\* Includes Native American and Unknown Race/Ethnicity.

Income appeared to have some influence on graduation rates for members of the 2001 cohort of full-time, first-time freshmen. Students who were classified as “non-low income” students had a six-year graduation rate that was nearly 8 percentage points higher than that achieved by low income students (see Table II.E.1.b).

**TABLE II.E.1.b: Four-, Five-, and Six-Year Graduation Rates of Fall 2001  
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
<b>Low Income*</b>						
Cohort=283	60	21.2%	138	48.8%	158	55.8%
<b>Non-Low Inc.</b>						
Cohort=786	241	30.7%	449	57.1%	498	63.4%
<b>Unknown</b>						
Cohort=309	70	22.7%	156	50.5%	187	60.5%
<b>Total</b>						
Cohort=1,378	371	26.9%	743	53.9%	843	61.2%

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

Nearly 82% of all full-time, first-time freshmen who entered MSU in fall 2006 re-enrolled in fall 2007 (see Table II.E.2.a).

**TABLE II.E.2.a: Third-Semester Retention of Full-Time, First-Time Freshmen  
by Race/Ethnicity, Fall 2006 to Fall 2007**

	Original Cohort	Retained		Not Retained	
	Number	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Native Amer.</b>	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>African Amer.</b>	212	175	82.5%	37	17.5%
<b>Asian</b>	124	101	81.5%	23	18.5%
<b>Latino/a</b>	375	304	81.1%	71	18.9%
<b>White</b>	1,261	1,030	81.7%	231	18.3%
<b>Non-Res. Alien</b>	24	17	70.8%	7	29.2%
<b>Missing</b>	22	18	81.8%	4	18.2%
<b>Total</b>	2,018	1,645	81.5%	373	18.5%

The one-year retention rates for both low income and non-low income students were nearly identical (see Table II.E.2.b).

**TABLE II.E.2.b: Third-Semester Retention of Full-Time, First-Time Freshmen by Income, Fall 2006 to Fall 2007**

	Original Cohort		Retained		Not Retained	
	Number		Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Low Income*</b>	344		279	81.1%	65	18.9%
<b>Non-Low Inc.</b>	1,290		1,053	81.6%	237	18.4%
<b>Unknown</b>	384		313	81.5%	71	18.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,018</b>		<b>1,645</b>	<b>81.5%</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>18.5%</b>

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#### Fall 2007 New Transfer Students

MSU received 3,188 applications from students hoping to transfer to the University, up 6% from the 3,011 transfer applications received in fall 2003. The University accepted 63% of these applicants (acceptance rate), and 66% of those accepted enrolled at the University (yield). The fall 2007 cohort of newly enrolled transfer students was 5% larger than the cohort that entered in fall 2003.

Full- and part-time transfer students made up 34% of the fall 2007 entering class (see Table II.E.3), which is down 7 percentage points from fall 2003. Bergen Community College (233), County College of Morris (121), and Essex County College (102) sent the most transfer students to MSU.

**TABLE II.E.3: Entering Undergraduates by Admission Status And Attendance Status, Fall 2007**

	New Transfer (all are Degree-seeking)		All First-Time (incl. Degree & Non-Degree)		Total First-Time Undergrads at MSU	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Full-Time</b>	1,062	30.7%	2,401	69.3%	3,463	100.0%
<b>Part-Time</b>	236	66.1%	121	33.9%	357	100.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,298</b>	<b>34.0%</b>	<b>2,522</b>	<b>66.0%</b>	<b>3,820</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

The six-year graduation rate for full-time transfer students who entered MSU in fall 2001 was 73%. The one-year retention rate for full-time transfer students who entered in fall 2006 was 85%.

### Other Student Outcomes

A survey of recent graduates 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.