

Retention Rate (Student Right-to-Know Act)

Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) Retention Rate (Fall-to-Fall) Definition: IPEDS measures the rate at which students persist in their educational program at an institution, expressed as a percentage of first-time degree/certificate-seeking students from the previous fall who either re-enrolled or successfully completed their program by the current fall (see Table 1). The first-time, full-time IPEDS retention rate is accessible and viewable by the public via the National Center for Education Statistic (NCES), via websites such as College Navigator, via the U.S. Department of Education College Scorecard, and via the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The first-time, full-time IPEDS retention rate is also utilized as the Student Right-to-Know retention rate.

Table 1.

