RETENTION RATES

RETENTION RATES OF FALL COHORTS OF NEW STUDENTS

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Number of Students in Original Cohort											**10-year average**
Original cohort	**506**	**543**	**621**	**502**	**547***	**601**	**552**	**518**	**560**	**534**	**549**
Adjusted cohort	*505*	*541*	*620*	*502*	*547*	*601*	*552*	*518*	*560*	*534*	*548*
Percent of Cohort Retained from First Year to Second Year											**10-year average**
US Students of Color	89	97	94	94	95	92	96	94	94	89	93
S White students	94	95	93	88	96	91	94	91	92	94	93
International	97	97	94	93	94	91	95	92	89	90	93
All students	**93**	**96**	**93**	**90****	**96**	**91**	**95**	**92**	**92**	**92**	**93**
Percent of Cohort Retained from First Year to Third Year											**9-year average**
US Students of Color	84	95	89	94	87	87	94	86	89		89
US White students	91	91	80	91	89	86	88	87	89		88
International	89	96	84	97	93	86	88	83	79		88
All students	**89**	**92**	**83****	**92**	**89**	**86**	**90**	**86**	**87**		**88**
Percent of Cohort Retained from First Year to Fourth Year											**8-year average**
US Students of Color	83	92	90	91	86	86	91	88			88
US White students	90	86	87	90	90	85	89	87			88
International	88	86	84	93	88	88	88	84			87
All students	**88**	**87****	**87**	**90**	**88**	**85**	**90**	**87**			**88**

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RETENTION RATES OF STUDENTS OF COLOR

	Fall 2016 Cohort	Fall 2017 Cohort	Fall 2018 Cohort	Fall 2019 Cohort	Fall 2020 Cohort	Fall 2021 Cohort	Fall 2022 Cohort	Fall 2023 Cohort	Fall 2024 Cohort	Fall 2025 Cohort	
Number of Students in Original Cohort											**10-year average**
US Students of color	**122**	**159**	**186**	**144**	**199**	**194**	**188**	**182**	**177**	**170**	**172**
Asian	42	40	65	27	56	41	39	42	46	37	44
Black	17	26	19	31	26	36	36	26	34	28	28
Hispanic	37	58	52	44	70	61	62	66	48	60	56
Native American	2	0	3	3	1	1	0	0	1	0	1
Pacific Islander	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	3	2	0	1
Two or more races	23	35	47	38	45	54	51	45	46	45	43
Percent of Cohort Retained from First Year to Second Year											**10-year average**
US Students of Color	**89**	**97**	**94**	**94**	**95**	**92**	**96**	**94**	**94**	**89**	**93**
Asian	86	98	97	93	96	90	97	90	96	89	93
Black	88	96	95	87	100	92	100	100	85	93	94
Hispanic	89	97	94	95	93	90	94	92	96	87	93
Native American	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Two or more races	96	100	89	97	96	94	94	96	98	89	95
Percent of Cohort Retained from First Year to Third Year											**9-year average**
US Students of Color	**84**	**95**	**89**	**94**	**87**	**87**	**94**	**86**	**89**		**89**
Asian	83	93	88	93	89	88	100	79	91		89
Black	82	96	100	90	88	89	100	89	82		91
Hispanic	84	97	90	95	84	89	87	83	94		89
Native American	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		*
Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		*
Two or more races	96	94	83	95	89	83	92	93	89		90
Percent of Cohort Retained from First Year to Fourth Year											**8-year average**
US Students of Color	**83**	**92**	**90**	**91**	**86**	**86**	**91**	**88**			**88**
Asian	81	88	88	89	89	88	98	83			88
Black	71	96	100	90	88	81	97	88			89
Hispanic	86	93	90	91	86	87	86	86			88
Native American	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*			*
Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*			*
Two or more races	96	94	87	92	84	85	90	93			90

*Fewer than 5 persons are in this category.

GRADUATION RATES

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	Fall 2013 Cohort	Fall 2014 Cohort	Fall 2015 Cohort	Fall 2016 Cohort	Fall 2017 Cohort	Fall 2018 Cohort	Fall 2019 Cohort	Fall 2020* Cohort	Fall 2021 Cohort	Fall 2022 Cohort	
Number of Students in Original Cohort											**10-year average**
Original cohort	**555**	**541**	**582**	**506**	**543**	**621**	**502**	**547**	**601**	**552**	**555**
*Adjusted cohort***	*554*	*540*	*582*	*505*	*541*	*620*	*502*	*547*	*601*	*552*	*554*
Percent of Cohort who Graduated within Four Years											**10-year average**
US Students of Color	85	84	81	79	87	77	80	76	77	83	81
US White students	86	90	85	85	79	74	82	86	79	82	83
International	82	85	88	83	76	68	82	87	82	83	82
Total	**86**	**88**	**85**	**83**	**81**	**74**	**81**	**82**	**79**	**82**	**82**
Percent of Cohort who Graduated within Five Years											**9-year average**
US Students of Color	89	88	86	83	90	85	88	84	84		86
US White students	91	94	88	88	88	87	89	89	82		88
International	89	89	90	87	93	88	97	91	86		90
Total	**90**	**91**	**88**	**87**	**89**	**86**	**90**	**87**	**83**		**88**
Percent of Cohort who Graduated within Six Years											**8-year average**
US Students of Color	89	88	87	83	92	88	92	85			88
US White students	92	95	90	89	89	87	89	89			90
International	89	91	92	91	95	88	97	93			92
Total	**91**	**93**	**90**	**88**	**90**	**87**	**91**	**88**			**90**

*In 2020, 14 new first-year students deferred their start term until Spring 2021. They are not included in the Fall 2020 first-time full-time cohort.
**Cohorts may only be adjusted in specific circumstances, such as if a student leaves college for military service or is deceased. The adjusted cohort is used to calculate graduation rates.
NOTE: Graduates for a given academic year include persons who completed their degrees in December, January, May, or August.

The six-year graduation rate for the fall 2020 cohort is 88%.

GRADUATION RATES

GRADUATION RATES OF STUDENTS OF COLOR

	Fall 2013 Cohort	Fall 2014 Cohort	Fall 2015 Cohort	Fall 2016 Cohort	Fall 2017 Cohort	Fall 2018 Cohort	Fall 2019 Cohort	Fall 2020 Cohort	Fall 2021 Cohort	Fall 2022 Cohort	
Number of Students in Original Cohort**											**10-year average**
US Students of color	**108**	**124**	**117**	**121**	**158**	**185**	**144**	**199**	**194**	**188**	**154**
Asian	37	33	35	42	40	64	27	56	41	39	41
Black	15	13	14	17	25	19	31	26	36	36	23
Hispanic	28	45	32	36	58	52	44	70	61	62	49
Native American	1	0	1	2	0	3	3	1	1	0	1
Pacific Islander	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1
Two or more races	26	32	35	23	35	47	38	45	54	51	39
Percent of Cohort who Graduated within Four Years											**10-year average**
US Students of Color	**85**	**84**	**81**	**79**	**87**	**77**	**81**	**76**	**77**	**83**	**81**
Asian	86	94	77	76	88	77	74	88	83	90	83
Black	87	69	86	76	92	74	74	69	67	83	78
Hispanic	86	78	78	81	88	83	86	67	79	77	80
Native American	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Two or more races	85	88	86	91	83	70	87	80	78	86	83
Percent of Cohort Who Graduated within Five Years											**9-year average**
US Students of Color	**89**	**88**	**86**	**83**	**90**	**85**	**88**	**84**	**84**		**86**
Asian	86	94	83	81	90	85	85	88	88		87
Black	93	77	93	76	92	89	87	88	78		86
Hispanic	89	84	84	86	91	85	91	79	85		86
Native American	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		*
Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		*
Two or more races	88	88	89	96	86	81	92	87	81		88
Percent of Cohort who Graduated within Six Years											**8-year average**
US Students of Color	**89**	**88**	**87**	**83**	**92**	**88**	**92**	**85**			**88**
Asian	86	94	86	81	93	91	93	88			89
Black	93	77	93	76	96	89	90	88			88
Hispanic	89	84	84	86	91	87	91	81			87
Native American	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*			*
Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*			*
Two or more races	88	91	89	96	89	83	92	87			89

*Less than 5 persons are in this category.
**Persons are removed from the original cohort if they are deceased.

RETENTION AND GRADUATION: PELL & FIRST GEN

RETENTION AND GRADUATION RATES OF PELL RECIPIENTS

	Fall 2016 Cohort	Fall 2017 Cohort	Fall 2018 Cohort	Fall 2019 Cohort	Fall 2020* Cohort	Fall 2021 Cohort	Fall 2022 Cohort	Fall 2023 Cohort	Fall 2024 Cohort	Fall 2025 Cohort
Number & Percent of Pell Recipients in Cohort										
# of Pell Recipients	79	123	114	92	136	83	79	67	80	98
% of Cohort	16%	23%	18%	18%	25%	14%	14%	13%	15%	18%
Percent of Pell Recipients & Non-Pell students who were Retained for Second Year										
Pell Recipients	90	97	93	98	93	95	92	96	91	89
Non-Pell students	93	96	93	88	97	91	95	92	92	92
Percent of Pell Recipients & Non-Pell students who Graduated within Six Years of Entering Macalester										
Pell Recipients	85	93	89	97	82	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc
Non-Pell students	88	90	87	90	90	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc

NC = Not yet calculated.

*Indicates retention rates for the fall 2020 term, which were impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

RETENTION AND GRADUATION RATES OF FIRST GEN STUDENTS

Macalester considers students "first generation to college" if no parent or guardian has completed a Bachelor's degree. Students self-report this information on incoming Admissions forms.

	Fall 2016 Cohort	Fall 2017 Cohort	Fall 2018 Cohort	Fall 2019 Cohort	Fall 2020* Cohort	Fall 2021 Cohort	Fall 2022 Cohort	Fall 2023 Cohort	Fall 2024 Cohort	Fall 2025 Cohort
Number of First Gen students in Cohort										
# of First Gen students	71	91	98	80	97	82	75	87	89	81
% of Cohort	14%	17%	16%	16%	18%	14%	14%	17%	16%	15%
Percent of First Gen & Non-first-gen students who were Retained for Second Year										
First Gen students	92	99	96	99	95	84	96	93	89	88
Non-first-gen students	93	95	93	89	96	92	94	92	92	92
Percent of First Gen & Non-first gen students who Graduated within Six Years of Entering Macalester										
First Gen students	86	95	89	95	86	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc
Non-first-gen students	88	90	87	91	88	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc

NC = Not yet calculated.

*Indicates retention rates for the fall 2020 term, which were impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

TRANSFER STUDENT RETENTION AND GRADUATION

RETENTION AND GRADUATION RATES OF TRANSFER STUDENTS

	Fall 2016 Transfers	Fall 2017 Transfers	Fall 2018 Transfers	Fall 2019* Transfers	Fall 2020 Transfers	Fall 2021 Transfers	Fall 2022 Transfers	Fall 2023 Transfers	Fall 2024 Transfers	Fall 2025 Transfers
Number of Transfers										
New Transfers	16	5	2	12	19	4	7	10	19	13
Percent of Transfers who Returned for Second Year										
US Citizens	100	80	100	82	93	67	100	100	100	92
International Students	-	-	-	100	80	100	100	100	67	-
Total	100	80	100	83	89	75	100	100	95	92
Percent of Transfers who Graduated within Four Years of Entering Macalester										
US Citizens	94	80	100	91	93	67	100	NC	NC	NC
International Students	-	-	-	100	80	100	100	NC	NC	NC
Total	94	80	100	92	90	75	100	NC	NC	NC

NC = Not yet calculated.
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The second-year retention rate for transfers averages 91% for the past decade.