

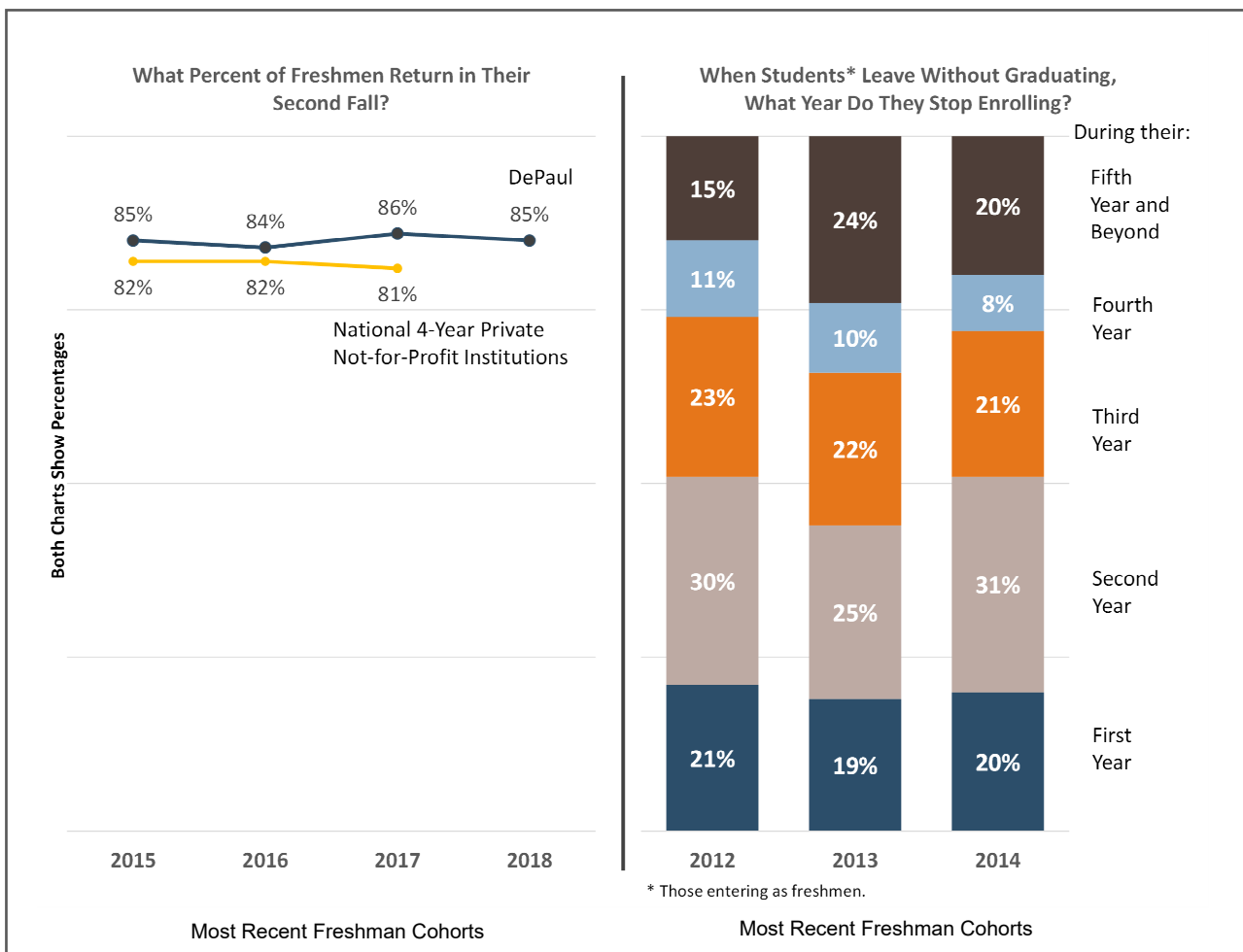
## Freshman Student Retention Patterns at DePaul

Eighty-five percent of the freshmen who enrolled in the fall of 2018 returned their second year. DePaul's freshman retention rate compares favorably with the national average for four-year private institutions. Freshman retention rates vary by college and other factors. For example, for the 2018 cohort, freshman retention was above 90% for students in the EDGE Program, in the University Honors Program, employed on campus, or in the Pathway Honors Program.

Freshman retention has fluctuated between 83%

and 85% for the past five years. The majority of DePaul freshmen who do not return for their second fall term stop enrolling after the spring term of their first year.

However, fall-to-fall retention is only part of the picture. Based on the most recent freshman cohorts with data across six years, the largest proportion of freshmen who leave DePaul before graduating leave during their second and third academic years.



Source: [IRMA Freshman Retention and Graduation Report, November 2019](#). Different methodologies are used to calculate freshman retention and the year leaving without graduating after six years. For more information contact [Liz Holder](#).