

Freshman Retention Increased and Graduate Rates Decreased in Fall 2021

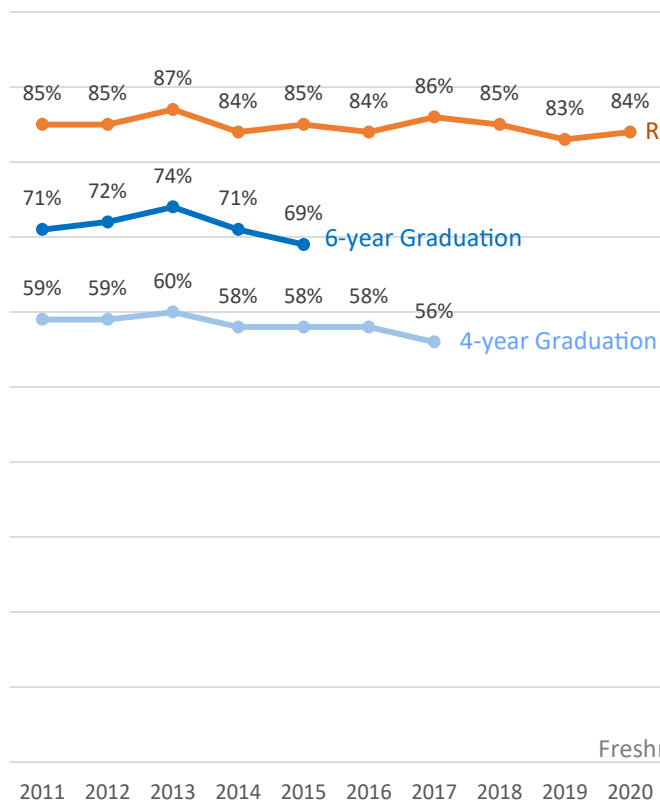
In fall 2021, 84% of the fall 2020 full-time freshmen cohort returned for their sophomore year, compared with 83% of the prior year's freshman class. This means DePaul retained 2,320 freshmen who began in 2020, compared with 2,174 freshmen who began in 2019, or 147 more freshmen.

The fall-to-fall retention rate increased for the 2020 cohort, despite decreases in fall-to-winter and fall-to-spring retention. Of the 2020 cohort, 238 freshmen left after the first fall quarter. This compares with 136 students, on average, for the

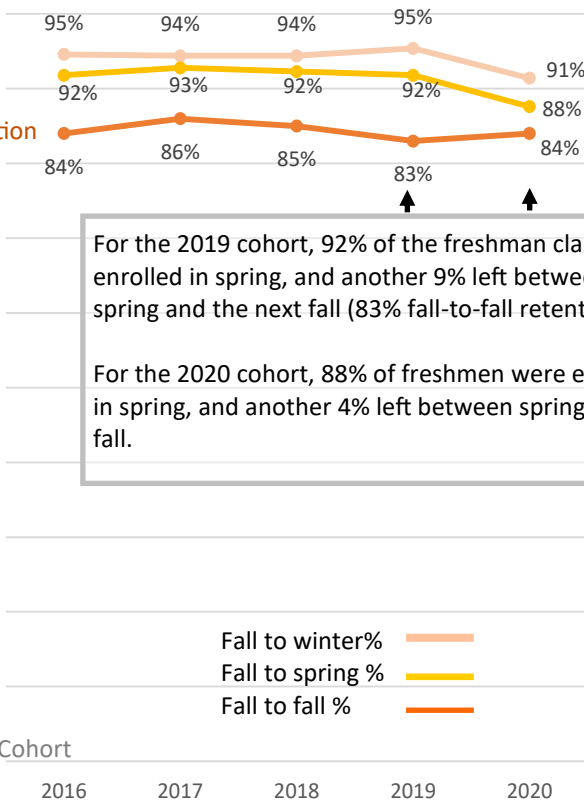
three previous cohorts. These trends are no doubt a result of pandemic pressures. The fall-to-fall retention increased because a smaller percentage of students left between spring and the second fall than in prior years.

The four- and six-year graduation rates declined this year. Despite this decline, the six-year graduation rate continues to exceed the national average for private four-year universities, based on most recent figures from last year (68% for four-year national private institutions).

Freshman Retention and Graduation Rates



Freshman Retention by Quarter



For the 2019 cohort, 92% of the freshman class was enrolled in spring, and another 9% left between spring and the next fall (83% fall-to-fall retention).

For the 2020 cohort, 88% of freshmen were enrolled in spring, and another 4% left between spring and fall.