

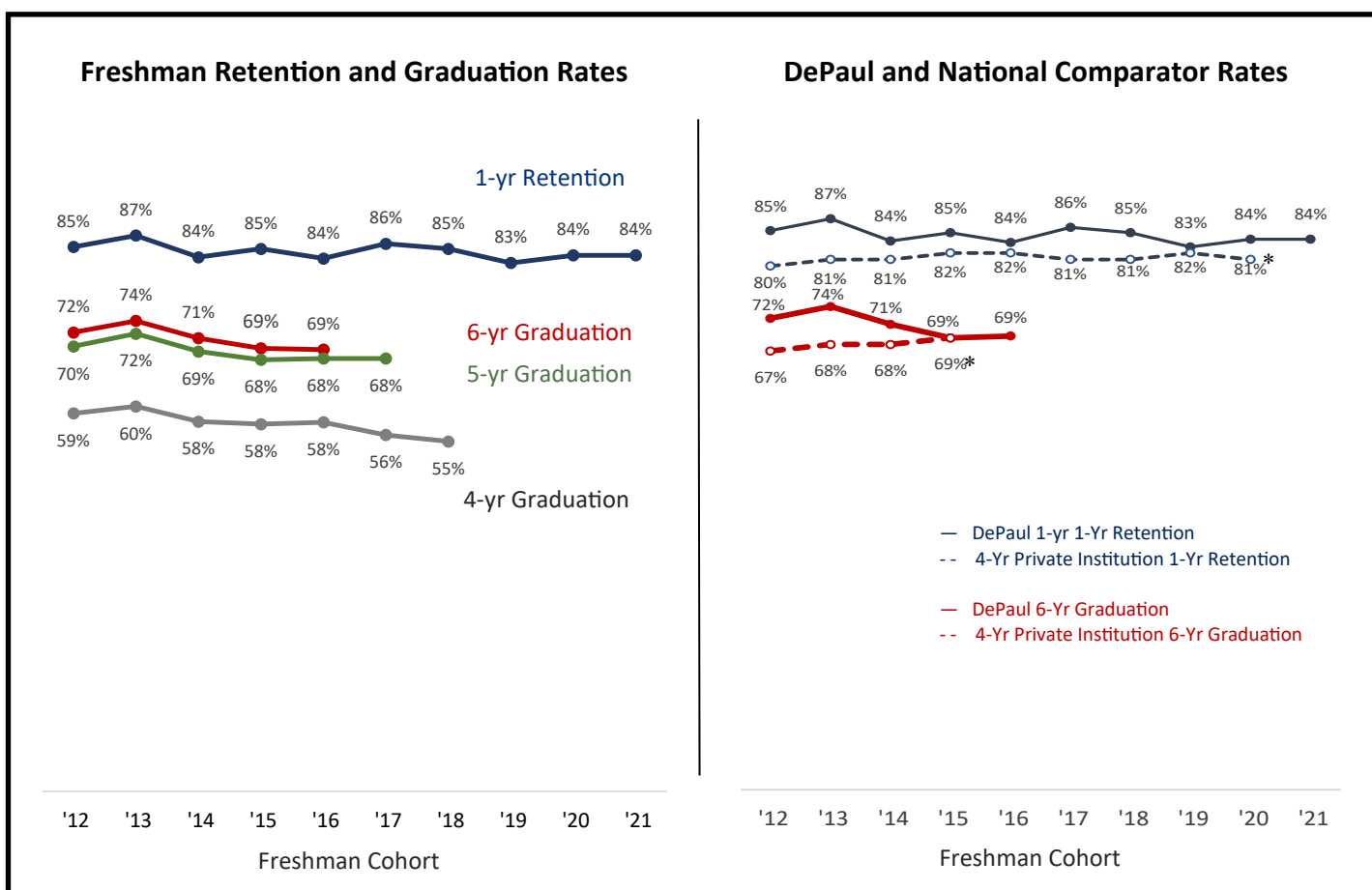
Freshman Retention Holds Steady in Fall 2022

In fall 2022, 84% of the fall 2021 full-time freshman cohort returned for their sophomore year, consistent with the prior year's freshman retention rate. Of the freshmen who left after their first year, 30% left after fall term, 17% after winter and over half after spring term. These rates were consistent with pre-pandemic trends.

The four-year graduation rate declined for a second year. Both the five- and six-year graduation rates were steady, compared with last year. The graduation rate increased 11% points on average

from the four-year to the five-year rate, while the increase from the five- to six-year rate is only about 2% points, based on the most recent 2012 to 2016 cohorts with all three graduation rates.

DePaul continues to out-perform its national 4-year private peer institutions on freshman retention. DePaul is similar to the private comparison institutions on the 6-year graduation rate, no longer out-performing peer institutions, based on most recent figures available.



Source: IRMA Trends in Freshman Retention and Graduation Report, December 2022. National graduation comparisons from the National Center for Education Statistics, Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS).

* Most recent year of available national data.

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