

## **Retention and Graduation Rates**

UMUC is setting the global standard of excellence in adult education by providing respected, accredited, accessible, and affordable educational opportunities to working adults who must balance multiple demands such as full-time jobs, family and community responsibilities. As such, the majority of students who attend UMUC are part time or transfer students, and occasionally take a semester off for personal or professional reasons. Due to this unique population, the retention and graduation rates reported by UMUC are for all full-time and part-time, first-time and transfer students.

The retention rate for UMUC students is defined as the percentage of UMUC students who began in the Fall and returned in any semester in the following 12 months. For the Fall 2008 new students, the UMUC retention rate is 68%.

The ten-year graduation rate for UMUC's Fall 1998 new students is 41%.

These rates differ from those reported by traditional institutions. IPEDS (The Integrated Post-secondary Education Data System) collects and reports information designed for traditional institutions that enroll first-time, full-time degree seeking undergraduate students. These students represent only a small percentage of the total population of students new to UMUC.

**For the retention and graduation rates reported to IPEDS for first-time, full-time undergraduates, click the link below.**

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