



Stephen F. Austin State University
One-Year Retention Report
Fall 2007 to Fall 2008

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Executive Summary

The tables in this document report on Fall 2008 one-year retention rates for Stephen F. Austin State University. Most tables reflect retention rates for full-time first-time (FT-FT) freshmen; however, a small number of tables include data for other classifications. All data reflect student status on the census date for the fall semesters. Additionally, Fall 2007 first-time freshman cohorts include first-time college students who began at SFA in Summer 2007 and enrolled again in Fall 2007.

FULL-TIME FIRST-TIME (FT-FT) FRESHMAN RETENTION

Select observations concerning the retention of FT-FT freshman include the following:

- The overall one-year retention rate for FT-FT freshmen from Fall 2007 to Fall 2008 was **62.5%**, which reflects a decrease of 1.3% compared to the previous year's rate (63.8%).
- Retention rates for both African-American students and White Non-Hispanic students decreased slightly from the previous year while the retention rate for Hispanic students **increased by 0.4%**. (Table 1)
- Students who returned had significantly higher average **SAT scores** and average **1-year GPA's** than students who did not return. In contrast, there was no significant difference in average ACT scores between the two populations. (Table 2)
- The College of Fine Arts (FNA) boasts the highest retention rate among colleges for FT-FT freshmen. (Tables 1, 3, 4, and 6)
 - Overall retention for FNA was **69.7%**.
 - FNA displayed the lowest net loss in number of FT-FT freshmen majors at **(-40)**.
 - Of Fall 2007 returned FNA majors, **88.7%** of students returned Fall 2008 as FNA majors. The College of Education, the College of Forestry and Agriculture, and the College of Liberal and Applied Arts trailed only slightly in retained majors at 83% to 84% each.
- Students who rank in the **top 25% of high school graduating classes** appear to have higher return rates than peers ranked at lower levels. (Table 11)
- FT-FT freshman retention rates were highest for students originating from high school classes of **more than 500 students**. (Tables 14 and 19)
- FT-FT freshmen who received the Academic Excellence Scholarship had retention rates of **more than 70%** - much higher than students without the scholarship. (Table 13)
- Students who apply during the fall term of the high school senior year appear to be **more likely** to return after one year than students who apply later. (Table 15)
- Retention rates for local students (students from the **East Texas Region** and/or students who originate from within 100 miles of SFA) exceed those for students from other Texas regions. (Tables 17 and 18)
- Retention rates for first-generation students were **5.7 points lower** than rates for students who were not first-generation. (Table 23)

FULL-TIME SOPHOMORE RETENTION

For full-time SFA sophomores, the following facts are observed:

- The overall one-year retention rate for full-time sophomores from Fall 2007 to Fall 2008 was **79.5%**. (Table 8)
- Although the one-year retention rate for College of Forestry and Agriculture FT-FT freshmen was not significantly higher than fellow colleges, the rate for full-time sophomores was SFA's highest at **86.6%**. (Table 8)

POINTS TO NOTE

The Table of Contents outlines specific information available in the tables. Significant points to note about the data in this document include the following:

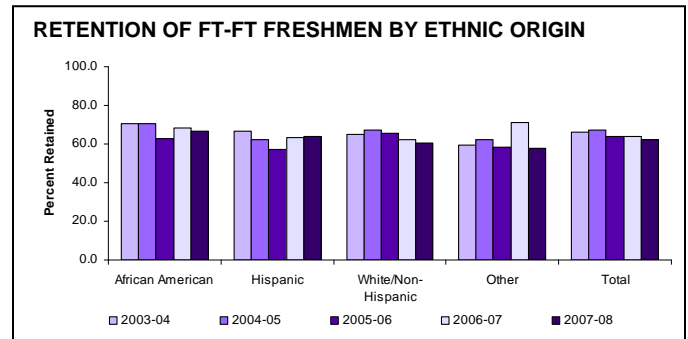
- In some instances, cohort breakdowns produce very small populations; therefore, care should be taken in interpreting results for those cohorts.
- Table 2 provides averages for academic indicators for success. Table 9 also provides academic indicator information in the form of frequency distributions, and Table 11 provides retention rates by high school class rank.
- Table 6 provides FT-FT freshman retention rates by academic unit/department. Interpretation value is limited for this data since cohort sizes are often small.
- In Table 8, full-time sophomore population includes transfer students.
- Table 10 describes retention rates for top feeder high schools; small population sizes limit interpretation value.
- Table 16 provides retention rates by state origin. Small cohort sizes prevent meaningful analysis.
- Table 19 cross-references high school class size with Texas region of origin. This table provides context for the success rates of students from high population areas.
- Table 20 confirms that the retention by county is consistent with the retention by region.
- Table 21 provides detailed retention rates for students from individual Texas counties. Data is informational, and small populations prevent in-depth analysis.
- Table 24 provides retention rates for FT-FT freshmen residential versus commuter students. Since campus residency is required of most lower level students, the population of commuter students is very small.
- Table 25 provides retention rates for all “Lower Level” students which includes students classified as freshmen or sophomores in Fall 2007.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

The following tables and charts may be of interest to SFA administration, faculty, students, and constituents:

RETENTION OF FT-FT FRESHMEN BY ACADEMIC COLLEGE

COLLEGE	Enrolled	Returned Fall 2008	
	Fall 2007	Number	Percent
Business	442	262	59.3
Education	364	236	64.8
Fine Arts	152	106	69.7
Forestry & Agriculture	112	70	62.5
Liberal & Applied Arts	634	391	61.7
Sciences & Mathematics	563	351	62.3
ALL FT-FT Freshmen	2,267	1,416	62.5



RETENTION OF FT-FT FRESHMEN BY TEXAS REGION

REGION	Enrolled	Returned Fall 2008	
	Fall 2007	Number	Percent
East Texas Region	400	263	65.8
Dallas Region	686	411	59.9
Houston Region	785	511	65.1
Other Texas Region	350	207	59.1
Outside Texas/Unknown	46	24	52.2

RETENTION OF FT-FT FRESHMEN BY FAMILY INCOME

INCOME RANGE	Enrolled	Returned Fall 2008	
	Fall 2007	Number	Percent
Less Than 20,000	233	139	59.7
20,000 to 39,999	366	225	61.5
40,000 to 59,999	318	197	61.9
60,000 to 79,999	286	163	57.0
More Than 79,999	776	501	64.6

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**Table 1: Population Demographics for
First-Time Full-Time (FT-FT) Freshmen**

CATEGORY	Fall 2007		Fall 2008	
	Enrolled	% of all FT-FT Fr.	# Returned	Returned
ALL FT-FT FRESHMEN	2,267	100.0%	1,416	62.5%
BY ETHNIC ORIGIN				
African American	552	24.3%	369	66.8%
American Indian	10	0.4%	5	50.0%
Asian/Pacific Islander	34	1.5%	20	58.8%
Hispanic	229	10.1%	146	63.8%
White/Non-Hispanic	1,420	62.6%	863	60.8%
Foreign	15	0.7%	9	60.0%
Unknown	7	0.3%	4	57.1%
BY COLLEGE				
Business	442	19.5%	262	59.3%
Education	364	16.1%	236	64.8%
Fine Arts	152	6.7%	106	69.7%
Forestry & Agriculture	112	4.9%	70	62.5%
Liberal & Applied Arts	634	28.0%	391	61.7%
Sciences & Mathematics	563	24.8%	351	62.3%
BY HOURS TAKEN FALL 2007				
12 hrs.	215	9.5%	107	49.8%
13	522	23.0%	294	56.3%
14	540	23.8%	329	60.9%
15	387	17.1%	256	66.1%
16	447	19.7%	312	69.8%
17	139	6.1%	108	77.7%
18	15	0.7%	8	53.3%
19	2	0.1%	2	100.0%
BY GENDER				
Male	899	39.7%	550	61.2%
Female	1,368	60.3%	866	63.3%
BY AGE (in 2007)				
18 and under	1,361	60.0%	863	63.4%
19-21	877	38.7%	537	61.2%
22-24	7	0.3%	2	28.6%
25 and over	22	1.0%	14	63.6%

NOTE: Since some populations are very small, results that appear significant may actually be insignificant.

NOTE: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding.

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**Table 2: First-Time Full-Time Freshman Averages
Returned vs. Not Returned**

CATEGORY	Fall 2007 to Fall 2008	
	Returned	Not Returned
HIGH SCHOOL STATISTICS		
Average Quartile	1.7	2.0
Average Class Rank	69.7	63.2
Average Class Size	422.9	399.1
TEST SCORES		
Average SAT (Recentered)*	1,467.2	1,440.0
Average ACT**	20.5	20.1
GPA		
Average After 1 Semester*	2.70	1.84
Average After 1 Year*	2.61	1.52
HOURS ATTEMPTED		
Average Fall 2007	14.5	14.1

NOTE: More detailed information with retention rate frequencies are available in subsequent tables.

*NOTE: The difference between the means is significant at the .005 level.

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**Table 3: Distribution of Returned FT-FT Freshmen
by Fall 2007 College of Major**

COLLEGE*	Enrolled Fall 2007 (Original College)	Enrolled at SFA Fall 2008*	Percent Returned Fall 2008
Business	442	262	59.3%
Education	364	236	64.8%
Fine Arts	152	106	69.7%
Forestry & Agriculture	112	70	62.5%
Liberal & Applied Arts	634	391	61.7%
Sciences & Mathematics	563	351	62.3%
TOTAL ENROLLED	2,267	1,416	62.5%

* Students may be enrolled in any SFA college for Fall 2008.

**Table 4: Distribution of Returned FT-FT Freshmen
by Fall 2008 College Affiliation**

COLLEGE*	Enrolled Fall 2007	Returned Students Enrolled in This College Fall 2008*	College's Net Gain/Loss
Business	442	236	-206
Education	364	300	-64
Fine Arts	152	112	-40
Forestry & Agriculture	112	67	-45
Liberal & Applied Arts	634	422	-212
Sciences & Mathematics	563	279	-284
TOTAL ENROLLED	2,267	1,416	-851

* Students may not have started in this college in Fall 2007.

**Table 5: Distribution of Returned FT-FT Freshmen
by Fall 2007 Major Decision**

MAJOR STATUS	Enrolled Fall 2007	Returned Fall 2008	Percent Returned Fall 2008
Decided	1,959	1,238	63.2%
Undecided	308	178	57.8%
TOTAL ENROLLED	2,267	1,416	62.5%

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Table 6: Distribution and Migration of Returned FT-FT Freshmen by College

FALL 2007 COLLEGE	Enrolled Fall 2007	Returned Fall 2008	% Returned Fall 2008	FALL 2008 COLLEGE OF RETURNING STUDENTS	Enrolled Fall 2008	Percent of Fall 2007 College's Returned Fall 2008
All FT-FT Freshmen	2,267	1,416	62.5%			
Business	442	262	59.3%	Business	198	75.6%
				Education	16	6.1%
				Fine Arts	6	2.3%
				Forestry & Agri.	2	0.8%
				Liberal & Appl. Arts	33	12.6%
Education	364	236	64.8%	Education	196	83.1%
				Business	3	1.3%
				Fine Arts	2	0.8%
				Forestry & Agri.	0	0.0%
				Liberal & Appl. Arts	25	10.6%
Fine Arts	152	106	69.7%	Fine Arts	94	88.7%
				Business	2	1.9%
				Education	3	2.8%
				Forestry & Agri.	0	0.0%
				Liberal & Appl. Arts	5	4.7%
Forestry & Agriculture	112	70	62.5%	Forestry & Agri.	59	84.3%
				Business	1	1.4%
				Education	4	5.7%
				Fine Arts	1	1.4%
				Liberal & Appl. Arts	2	2.9%
Liberal & Applied Arts	634	391	61.7%	Liberal & Appl. Arts	328	83.9%
				Business	16	4.1%
				Education	32	8.2%
				Fine Arts	6	1.5%
				Forestry & Agri.	3	0.8%
Sciences & Mathematics	563	351	62.3%	Sciences & Math.	251	71.5%
				Business	16	4.6%
				Education	49	14.0%
				Fine Arts	3	0.9%
				Forestry & Agri.	3	0.9%
				Liberal & Appl. Arts	29	8.3%

Note: Percentages may not total 100% because of rounding.

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Table 7: Distribution of Returned FT-FT Freshmen by College & Department

FALL 2007 COLLEGE	FALL 2007 DEPARTMENT	Enrolled Fall 2007	Returned Fall 2008	% Returned Fall 2008
All FT-FT Freshmen		2,267	1,416	62.5%
Business (59.3%)	Accounting	82	56	68.3%
	Computer Science	62	36	58.1%
	Economics & Finance	47	25	53.2%
	General Business	76	47	61.8%
	Mgt, Mktg, & Intl. Bus.	118	71	60.2%
	Undecided-Business	57	27	47.4%
Education (64.8%)	Elementary Education	137	95	69.3%
	Human Sciences	65	38	58.5%
	Human Services	36	26	72.2%
	Kinesiology & Health Sci.	101	65	64.4%
	Undecided-Education	25	12	48.0%
Fine Arts (69.7%)	Art	35	23	65.7%
	Music	73	50	68.5%
	Theatre	41	32	78.0%
	Undecided-Fine Arts	3	1	33.3%
Forestry & Agriculture (62.5%)	Agriculture	64	39	60.9%
	Forestry	47	30	63.8%
	Undecided-Forestry & Agri.	1	1	100.0%
Liberal & Applied Arts (61.7%)	Applied Arts & Sciences	3	2	66.7%
	Communication	85	52	61.2%
	Criminal Justice	70	44	62.9%
	English & Philosophy	23	15	65.2%
	History	39	22	56.4%
	Interdisciplinary Studies	3	1	33.3%
	Modern Languages	3	2	66.7%
	Political Sci./Geog./Publ. Admin.	39	26	66.7%
	Psychology	97	65	67.0%
	Social Work	22	13	59.1%
	Sociology	7	4	57.1%
	Special Advising	243	145	59.7%
	Sciences & Mathematics (62.3%)	Biology	100	61
Chemistry		41	23	56.1%
Geology		9	6	66.7%
Mathematics & Statistics		18	13	72.2%
Nursing		259	164	63.3%
Physics/Astronomy		38	28	73.7%
Pre-Professional Programs		75	42	56.0%
Undecided-Sci. & Math.		23	14	60.9%
ALL DECIDED MAJORS		1,915	1,216	63.5%
ALL UNDECIDED MAJORS		352	200	56.8%

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Table 8: Returned Full-Time First-Time Freshmen & Full-Time Sophomores

CATEGORY	Full-Time First-Time Freshmen			Full-Time Sophomores		
	Enrolled Fall 2007	Returned Fall 2008	% Returned	Enrolled Fall 2007	Returned Fall 2008	% Returned
ALL STUDENTS	2,267	1,416	62.5%	1,784	1,418	79.5%
BY ETHNIC ORIGIN						
African American	552	369	66.8%	323	248	76.8%
American Indian	10	5	50.0%	20	12	60.0%
Asian/Pacific Islander	34	20	58.8%	26	22	84.6%
Hispanic	229	146	63.8%	139	112	80.6%
White/Non-Hispanic	1,420	863	60.8%	1,246	1,005	80.7%
Foreign	15	9	60.0%	19	9	47.4%
Unknown	7	4	57.1%	11	10	90.9%
BY COLLEGE						
Business	442	262	59.3%	343	267	77.8%
Education	364	236	64.8%	428	361	84.3%
Fine Arts	152	106	69.7%	122	100	82.0%
Forestry & Agriculture	112	70	62.5%	97	84	86.6%
Liberal & Applied Arts	634	391	61.7%	474	356	75.1%
Sciences & Mathematics	563	351	62.3%	320	250	78.1%
BY GENDER						
Male	899	550	61.2%	720	570	79.2%
Female	1,368	866	63.3%	1,064	848	79.7%

NOTE: Sophomore cohort includes students who transferred to SFA and rates are not reflective of native students only. Students who were classified as freshmen in Fall 2007 but were not "First-Time" freshmen are not represented in this table.

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**Table 9: Returned Full-Time First-Time Freshmen
by Academic Indicators**

ACADEMIC INDICATORS	1st-Time Freshmen		
	Enrolled Fall 2007	Returned Fall 2008	% Returned
All FT-FT Freshmen	2,267	1,416	62.5%
BY GPA RANGE - End of Fall 2007 (One-Semester)			
Less Than 2.0	770	275	35.7%
2.0 and Above	1,497	1,141	76.2%
BY GPA RANGE - Beginning of Fall 2008 (One-Year)			
Less Than 2.0	818	258	31.5%
2.0 and Above	1,449	1,158	79.9%
BY ACT SCORES			
1-13	19	13	68.4%
14-17	224	139	62.1%
18-19	231	136	58.9%
20-22	322	202	62.7%
23-24	139	91	65.5%
25-27	101	67	66.3%
28-30	35	25	71.4%
31-36	6	6	100.0%
No ACT Score	1,190	737	61.9%
BY SAT SCORES (Recentered)			
0-1070	39	23	59.0%
1080-1310	433	253	58.4%
1320-1430	445	293	65.8%
1440-1610	531	326	61.4%
1620-1730	226	151	66.8%
1740-1910	146	101	69.2%
1920-2090	27	20	74.1%
2100-2400	5	5	100.0%
No SAT Score (Recentered)	415	244	58.8%

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**Table 10: Returned Full-Time First-Time Freshmen
by Top 35 Feeder Texas High Schools**

ACADEMIC INDICATORS	1st-Time Freshmen		
	Enrolled Fall 2007	Returned Fall 2008	% Returned
BY TOP FEEDER TEXAS HIGH SCHOOLS			
NACOGDOCHES HIGH SCHOOL	57	36	63.2%
LUFKIN HIGH SCHOOL	28	21	75.0%
HUMBLE HIGH SCHOOL	22	17	77.3%
JERSEY VILLAGE HIGH SCHOOL	21	15	71.4%
PEARLAND HIGH SCHOOL	19	14	73.7%
DEER PARK HIGH SCHOOL - TEXAS	16	8	50.0%
SACHSE HIGH SCHOOL	16	9	56.3%
CYPRESS FALLS HIGH SCHOOL	15	8	53.3%
DESOTO HIGH SCHOOL	15	12	80.0%
DUNCANVILLE HIGH SCHOOL	15	10	66.7%
MARSHALL HIGH SCHL-MISSOURI CITY	15	12	80.0%
ROWLETT HIGH SCHOOL	14	8	57.1%
CLEMENTS HIGH SCHOOL	13	9	69.2%
KLEIN OAK HIGH SCHOOL	13	8	61.5%
ALLEN HIGH SCHOOL - TEXAS	12	9	75.0%
CLEAR LAKE HIGH SCHOOL-HOUSTON	12	9	75.0%
CYPRESS CREEK HIGH SCHOOL-TEXAS	12	8	66.7%
GARLAND HIGH SCHOOL	12	7	58.3%
HIGHTOWER HIGH SCHOOL	12	8	66.7%
JACKSONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL - TEXAS	12	7	58.3%
KLEIN HIGH SCHOOL	12	10	83.3%
LAKE HIGHLANDS HIGH SCHOOL	12	9	75.0%
LANGHAM CREEK HIGH SCHOOL	12	7	58.3%
LIVINGSTON HIGH SCHOOL - TEXAS	12	10	83.3%
MABANK HIGH SCHOOL	12	9	75.0%
PLANO HIGH SCHOOL - TEXAS	12	8	66.7%
POTEET HIGH SCHOOL - MESQUITE	12	8	66.7%
TEXAS CITY HIGH SCHOOL	12	5	41.7%
WESTFIELD HIGH SCHOOL - HOUSTON	12	9	75.0%
BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL - ARLINGTON	11	6	54.5%
GILMER HIGH SCHOOL	11	9	81.8%
HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL	11	9	81.8%
LANCASTER E ROBERTSON HIGH SCH	11	9	81.8%
MCKINNEY HIGH SCHOOL	11	6	54.5%
WESTERN HILLS HIGH SCHOOL	11	5	45.5%

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**Table 11: Returned Full-Time First-Time Freshmen
by High School Quartile Ranking**

Quartile Rank	1st-Time Freshmen		
	Enrolled Fall 2007	Returned Fall 2008	% Returned
1	925	654	70.7%
2	821	490	59.7%
3	363	185	51.0%
4	72	40	55.6%
Unknown	86	47	54.7%

**Table 12: Returned Full-Time First-Time Freshmen
by High School Class Rank**

HS Class Rank	1st-Time Freshmen		
	Enrolled Fall 2007	Returned Fall 2008	% Returned
Top 10 Percent	276	217	78.6%
81 to 90	412	278	67.5%
71 to 80	390	256	65.6%
61 to 70	333	203	61.0%
51 to 60	304	173	56.9%
41 to 50	193	95	49.2%
31 to 40	139	75	54.0%
21 to 30	75	43	57.3%
11 to 20	34	16	47.1%
Bottom 10 Percent	13	8	61.5%
Unknown	98	52	53.1%

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**Table 13: Returned Full-Time First-Time Freshmen
by Academic Excellence Scholarships**

Scholarship Eligibility	1st-Time Freshmen		
	Enrolled Fall 2007	Returned Fall 2008	% Returned
In Top 10% of HS Class	318	251	78.9%
In Top Quartile of HS Class / ACT > 23 or SAT >1090	198	141	71.2%
Did Not Receive	1,751	1,024	58.5%

**Table 14: Returned Full-Time First-Time Freshmen
by High School Class Size**

HS Class Size	1st-Time Freshmen		
	Enrolled Fall 2007	Returned Fall 2008	% Returned
1 to 100	280	176	62.9%
101 to 200	267	166	62.2%
201 to 300	218	128	58.7%
301 to 400	266	160	60.2%
401 to 500	403	246	61.0%
501 to 600	269	174	64.7%
601 to 700	161	107	66.5%
More than 700	305	207	67.9%
Unknown	98	52	53.1%

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**Table 15: Returned Full-Time First-Time Freshmen
by Application Dates**

Application Date Range	1st-Time Freshmen		
	Enrolled Fall 2007	Returned Fall 2008	% Returned
Through Sept. 2006	169	114	67.5%
Oct. 2006 to Dec. 2006	799	543	68.0%
Jan. 2007 to March 2007	894	547	61.2%
April 2007 to Aug. 2007	293	147	50.2%
Unknown	112	65	58.0%

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**Table 16: Returned Full-Time First-Time Freshmen
by State Residence**

State	1st-Time Freshmen		
	Enrolled Fall 2007	Returned Fall 2008	% Returned
Alabama	2	0	0.0%
Colorado	3	1	33.3%
Florida	1	1	100.0%
Georgia	2	1	50.0%
Illinois	3	3	100.0%
Indiana	1	1	100.0%
Louisiana	4	3	75.0%
Nevada	1	1	100.0%
New Hampshire	1	1	100.0%
North Carolina	1	0	0.0%
Oklahoma	3	2	66.7%
South Carolina	1	0	0.0%
Texas	2,221	1,392	62.7%
Virginia	2	1	0.0%
Foreign	13	9	69.2%
Unknown	8	0	0.0%

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**Table 17: Returned Full-Time First-Time Freshmen
by Texas Region**

Region	1st-Time Freshmen		
	Enrolled Fall 2007	Returned Fall 2008	% Returned
East Texas Region	400	263	65.8%
Dallas Region	686	411	59.9%
Houston Region	785	511	65.1%
Other Texas Region	350	207	59.1%
Outside Texas or Unknown	46	24	52.2%

**Table 18: Returned Full-Time First-Time Freshmen
by Distance from SFA for Texas Residents**

Distance from SFA	1st-Time Freshmen		
	Enrolled Fall 2007	Returned Fall 2008	% Returned
ALL TEXAS	2,221	1,392	62.7%
From 0 to 100 Miles	477	310	65.0%
From 100 to 200 Miles	1,604	995	62.0%
From 200 to 300 Miles	109	68	62.4%
From 300 to 400 Miles	17	11	64.7%
From 400 to 500 Miles	13	7	53.8%
From 500 to 600 Miles	0	---	---
From 600 to 700 Miles	1	1	100.0%

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Table 19: First-Time Full-Time Freshmen by High School Class Size and Texas Region

High School Class Size	Texas Region																	
	East Texas			Dallas Region			Houston Region			Other Texas Regions			Not Texas			All FT-FT Freshmen		
	Enrolled F07	Returned F08	% Returned	Enrolled F07	Returned F08	% Returned	Enrolled F07	Returned F08	% Returned	Enrolled F07	Returned F08	% Returned	Enrolled F07	Returned F08	% Returned	Enrolled F07	Returned F08	% Returned
1 TO 100	144	88	61.1%	31	22	71.0%	35	28	80.0%	67	36	53.7%	3	2	66.7%	280	176	62.9%
101 TO 200	55	39	70.9%	55	29	52.7%	62	43	69.4%	93	54	58.1%	2	1	50.0%	267	166	62.2%
201 TO 300	42	30	71.4%	74	48	64.9%	70	37	52.9%	28	11	39.3%	4	2	50.0%	218	128	58.7%
301 TO 400	47	31	66.0%	104	63	60.6%	69	38	55.1%	42	26	61.9%	4	2	50.0%	266	160	60.2%
401 TO 500	73	52	71.2%	165	90	54.5%	91	53	58.2%	69	48	69.6%	5	3	60.0%	403	246	61.0%
501 TO 600	4	1	25.0%	110	70	63.6%	128	85	66.4%	26	18	69.2%	1	0	0.0%	269	174	64.7%
601 TO 700	3	2	66.7%	68	43	63.2%	77	54	70.1%	12	7	58.3%	1	1	100.0%	161	107	66.5%
More Than 700	4	3	75.0%	65	41	63.1%	235	163	69.4%	0	---	---	1	0	0.0%	305	207	67.9%
Unknown	28	17	60.7%	14	5	35.7%	18	10	55.6%	13	7	53.8%	25	13	52.0%	98	52	53.1%
Total	400	263	65.8%	686	411	59.9%	785	511	65.1%	350	207	59.1%	46	24	52.2%	2267	1416	62.5%

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**Table 20: Returned Full-Time First-Time Freshmen
by Top 30 Feeder Texas Counties**

Feeder Counties	1st-Time Freshmen		
	Enrolled Fall 2007	Returned Fall 2008	% Returned
Harris	435	287	66.0%
Dallas	290	185	63.8%
Tarrant	165	92	55.8%
Nacogdoches	118	76	64.4%
Fort Bend	114	76	66.7%
Collin	71	43	60.6%
Denton	68	39	57.4%
Montgomery	56	32	57.1%
Angelina	55	37	67.3%
Galveston	45	28	62.2%
Brazoria	36	25	69.4%
Gregg	36	28	77.8%
Travis	33	20	60.6%
Williamson	33	19	57.6%
Ellis	30	17	56.7%
Jefferson	30	16	53.3%
Kaufman	25	14	56.0%
Liberty	24	17	70.8%
Bell	22	16	72.7%
McLennan	22	14	63.6%
Houston	21	14	66.7%
Cherokee	19	11	57.9%
Bexar	18	12	66.7%
Smith	18	9	50.0%
Polk	17	13	76.5%
Shelby	17	9	52.9%
Upshur	17	12	70.6%
Harrison	16	12	75.0%
Anderson	14	7	50.0%
Rusk	14	12	85.7%

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**Table 21: Returned Full-Time First-Time Freshmen
by Texas County**

County	1st-Time Freshmen			County	1st-Time Freshmen			County	1st-Time Freshmen		
	Enrolled Fall 2007	Returned Fall 2008	% Returned		Enrolled Fall 2007	Returned Fall 2008	% Returned		Enrolled Fall 2007	Returned Fall 2008	% Returned
Anderson	14	7	50.0%	Goliad	1	0	0.0%	Montgomery	56	32	57.1%
Angelina	55	37	67.3%	Grayson	8	4	50.0%	Morris	3	1	33.3%
Austin	3	3	100.0%	Gregg	36	28	77.8%	Nacogdoches	118	76	64.4%
Bastrop	6	3	50.0%	Grimes	3	2	66.7%	Navarro	6	3	50.0%
Bee	3	1	33.3%	Guadalupe	6	4	66.7%	Newton	3	1	33.3%
Bell	22	16	72.7%	Hardin	10	7	70.0%	Nueces	5	4	80.0%
Bexar	18	12	66.7%	Harris	435	287	66.0%	Orange	6	2	33.3%
Bowie	10	6	60.0%	Harrison	16	12	75.0%	Palo Pinto	1	1	100.0%
Brazoria	36	25	69.4%	Hays	5	4	80.0%	Panola	2	2	100.0%
Brazos	8	4	50.0%	Henderson	12	8	66.7%	Parker	10	6	60.0%
Burleson	3	2	66.7%	Hidalgo	2	1	50.0%	Polk	17	13	76.5%
Burnet	4	2	50.0%	Hill	2	2	100.0%	Randall	1	0	0.0%
Caldwell	1	0	0.0%	Hood	4	2	50.0%	Red River	3	3	100.0%
Calhoun	2	0	0.0%	Hopkins	8	2	25.0%	Rockwall	9	3	33.3%
Cameron	5	4	80.0%	Houston	21	14	66.7%	Rusk	14	12	85.7%
Camp	1	1	100.0%	Hunt	4	4	100.0%	Sabine	8	5	62.5%
Cass	6	3	50.0%	Jackson	1	1	100.0%	San Augustine	9	6	66.7%
Chambers	8	6	75.0%	Jasper	9	6	66.7%	San Jacinto	11	8	72.7%
Cherokee	19	11	57.9%	Jefferson	30	16	53.3%	San Patricio	4	2	50.0%
Collin	71	43	60.6%	Johnson	12	7	58.3%	Shelby	17	9	52.9%
Comal	2	1	50.0%	Karnes	1	1	100.0%	Smith	18	9	50.0%
Comanche	2	1	50.0%	Kaufman	25	14	56.0%	Starr	1	0	0.0%
Cooke	2	2	100.0%	Kendall	1	1	100.0%	Tarrant	165	92	55.8%
Coryell	4	2	50.0%	Kleberg	1	0	0.0%	Taylor	3	3	100.0%
Crosby	1	0	0.0%	Lamar	3	1	33.3%	Titus	1	0	0.0%
Dallas	290	185	63.8%	Lampasas	2	1	50.0%	Travis	33	20	60.6%
Delta	1	1	100.0%	Lee	1	0	0.0%	Trinity	7	3	42.9%
Denton	68	39	57.4%	Leon	1	1	100.0%	Tyler	5	4	80.0%
Donley	1	0	0.0%	Liberty	24	17	70.8%	Upshur	17	12	70.6%
El Paso	1	1	100.0%	Limestone	1	0	0.0%	Van Zandt	7	4	57.1%
Ellis	30	17	56.7%	Llano	1	1	100.0%	Walker	4	3	75.0%
Falls	1	0	0.0%	Lubbock	1	1	100.0%	Waller	3	2	66.7%
Fannin	6	0	0.0%	Marion	2	1	50.0%	Washington	5	4	80.0%
Fayette	1	1	100.0%	Matagorda	7	6	85.7%	Wharton	1	1	100.0%
Fort Bend	114	76	66.7%	McLennan	22	14	63.6%	Wichita	1	0	0.0%
Franklin	10	7	70.0%	Medina	1	1	100.0%	Williamson	33	19	57.6%
Freestone	6	2	33.3%	Midland	1	1	100.0%	Wise	2	1	50.0%
Galveston	45	28	62.2%	Milam	3	1	33.3%	Wood	9	4	80.0%

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**Table 22: Returned Full-Time First-Time Freshmen
by Gross Family Income**

Income Range	1st-Time Freshmen		
	Enrolled Fall 2007	Returned Fall 2008	% Returned*
Less Than 20,000	233	139	59.7%
20,000 to 39,999	366	225	61.5%
40,000 to 59,999	318	197	61.9%
60,000 to 79,999	286	163	57.0%
More Than 79,999	776	501	64.6%
Unknown	288	191	66.3%

NOTE: Family Income information is self-reported by students.

*NOTE: Statistically there is no evidence that family income influences student retention.

**Table 23: Returned Full-Time First-Time Freshmen
First Generation Students**

First Generation Status	1st-Time Freshmen		
	Enrolled Fall 2007	Returned Fall 2008	% Returned
Yes - 1st Generation	1,073	641	59.7%
No - Not 1st Generation	1,001	646	64.5%
Unknown	193	129	66.8%

NOTE: "Not 1st Generation" = All students who reported at least one parent with an earned college degree.

*NOTE: There is evidence (at the .05 level) that 1st generation students are less likely than their counterparts to return after 1 year.

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Table 24: Full-Time First-Time Freshmen Residential vs. Commuter Students

CATEGORY	Residential Students			Commuter Students		
	Enrolled Fall 2007	Returned Fall 2008	% Returned	Enrolled Fall 2007	Returned Fall 2008	% Returned
ALL FT-FT FRESHMEN	2,012	1,260	62.6%	255	156	61.2%
BY GENDER						
Male	787	487	61.9%	112	63	56.3%
Female	1,225	773	63.1%	143	93	65.0%
BY ETHNIC ORIGIN						
African American	530	355	67.0%	22	14	63.6%
American Indian	8	4	50.0%	2	1	50.0%
Asian/Pacific Islander	30	18	60.0%	4	2	50.0%
Hispanic	200	126	63.0%	29	20	69.0%
White/Non-Hispanic	1,224	744	60.8%	196	119	60.7%
Foreign	14	9	64.3%	1	0	0.0%
Unknown	6	4	66.7%	1	0	0.0%
BY GPA RANGE - Beginning of Fall 2008						
Less Than 2.0	723	233	32.2%	95	25	26.3%
2.0 and Above	1,289	1,027	79.7%	160	131	81.9%
BY ACT SCORES						
1-13	18	13	72.2%	1	0	0.0%
14-17	207	130	62.8%	17	9	52.9%
18-19	202	122	60.4%	29	14	48.3%
20-22	287	183	63.8%	35	19	54.3%
23-24	119	77	64.7%	20	14	70.0%
25-27	85	54	63.5%	16	13	81.3%
28-30	33	24	72.7%	2	1	50.0%
31-36	6	6	100.0%	0	---	---
No ACT Score	1,055	651	61.7%	135	86	63.7%
BY SAT SCORES (Recentered)						
0-1070	37	21	56.8%	2	2	100.0%
1080-1310	411	244	59.4%	22	9	40.9%
1320-1430	413	273	66.1%	32	20	62.5%
1440-1610	479	298	62.2%	52	28	53.8%
1620-1730	201	132	65.7%	25	19	76.0%
1740-1910	129	88	68.2%	17	13	76.5%
1920-2090	24	17	70.8%	3	3	100.0%
2100-2400	4	4	100.0%	1	1	100.0%
No SAT Score (Recentered)	314	183	58.3%	101	61	60.4%
BY COLLEGE						
Business	393	232	59.0%	49	30	61.2%
Education	325	213	65.5%	39	23	59.0%
Fine Arts	136	96	70.6%	16	10	62.5%
Forestry & Agriculture	94	61	64.9%	18	9	50.0%
Liberal & Applied Arts	561	345	61.5%	73	46	63.0%
Sciences & Mathematics	503	313	62.2%	60	38	63.3%

NOTE: Since FT-FT Freshman are required to live in University housing, commuter cohort is small and results can be misleading or insignificant.

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Table 25: Lower Level* Residential vs. Commuter Students

CATEGORY	Residential Students			Commuter Students		
	Enrolled Fall 2007	Returned Fall 2008	% Returned	Enrolled Fall 2007	Returned Fall 2008	% Returned
ALL FT-FT FRESHMEN	3,768	2,625	69.7%	1,616	1,030	63.7%
BY GENDER						
Male	1,501	1,039	69.2%	746	482	64.6%
Female	2,267	1,586	70.0%	870	548	63.0%
BY ETHNIC ORIGIN						
African American	1,005	712	70.8%	209	124	59.3%
American Indian	21	13	61.9%	18	10	55.6%
Asian/Pacific Islander	46	30	65.2%	25	18	72.0%
Hispanic	358	244	68.2%	147	98	66.7%
White/Non-Hispanic	2,282	1,592	69.8%	1,189	774	65.1%
Foreign	38	20	52.6%	19	3	15.8%
Unknown	18	14	77.8%	9	3	33.3%
BY GPA RANGE - Beginning of Fall 2008						
Less Than 2.0	1,067	382	35.8%	463	160	34.6%
2.0 and Above	2,701	2,243	83.0%	1,153	870	75.5%
BY ACT SCORES						
1-13	27	19	70.4%	11	5	45.5%
14-17	374	262	70.1%	139	93	66.9%
18-19	397	268	67.5%	136	87	64.0%
20-22	494	362	73.3%	200	127	63.5%
23-24	212	149	70.3%	91	61	67.0%
25-27	153	113	73.9%	61	44	72.1%
28-30	52	41	78.8%	16	7	43.8%
31-36	9	9	100.0%	3	2	66.7%
No ACT Score	2,050	1,402	68.4%	959	604	63.0%
BY SAT SCORES (Recentered)						
0-1070	54	35	64.8%	8	3	37.5%
1080-1310	662	435	65.7%	66	43	65.2%
1320-1430	661	466	70.5%	81	56	69.1%
1440-1610	812	577	71.1%	145	77	53.1%
1620-1730	360	263	73.1%	77	55	71.4%
1740-1910	212	161	75.9%	51	28	54.9%
1920-2090	45	36	80.0%	14	9	64.3%
2100-2400	5	5	100.0%	5	4	80.0%
No SAT Score (Recentered)	957	647	67.6%	1,169	755	64.6%
BY COLLEGE						
Business	745	491	65.9%	301	215	71.4%
Education	707	526	74.4%	317	227	71.6%
Fine Arts	258	197	76.4%	78	43	55.1%
Forestry & Agriculture	174	132	75.9%	103	68	66.0%
Liberal & Applied Arts	1,036	701	67.7%	545	310	56.9%
Sciences & Mathematics	848	578	68.2%	272	167	61.4%

NOTE: "Lower Level" includes all full- and part-time freshman and sophomore level students.