



DC TAG Top Institutions for Student Retention¹

Retention rate: The percentage of a school's first-time, first-year undergraduate students who continue at that school the next year. For example, a student who studies full-time in the fall semester and keeps on studying in the program in the next fall semester is counted in this rate.

Understanding graduation rates is critical to making smart college choices.

Public 4-Year Institutions	DC TAG Retention Rate ⁴	4-Year Graduation Rate ²	6-Year Graduation Rate ³	Out of State Tuition [†] (2013/2014)	Setting [‡]	SAT Critical Reading ^{†, 5}	Student to Faculty [‡]
		DC TAG	DC TAG				
University of Michigan	94.7%	100.0%	100.0%	\$40,392	City: Midsize	620-720	12 to 1
Temple University*	91.3%	63.9%	86.1%	\$24,122	City: Large	500-610	14 to 1
University of Pittsburgh - Pittsburgh	90.0%	56.3%	75.0%	\$27,106	City: Large	570-660	14 to 1
University of Maryland at College Park	88.2%	57.1%	85.7%	\$28,346	Suburb Large	580-690	18 to 1
University of Virginia	83.3%	88.9%	100.0%	\$40,054	City: Small	620-720	16 to 1
University of Wisconsin – Madison	80.0%	86.4%	90.9%	\$26,653	City: Midsize	530-650	18 to 1
Virginia Commonwealth University*	80.0%	27.1%	54.2%	\$29,473	City: Midsize	500-610	17 to 1
Pennsylvania State University*	75.3%	46.7%	63.3%	\$29,566	City: Small	530-620	17 to 1
George Mason University*	70.0%	36.4%	77.3%	\$28,592	Suburb: Large	520-620	16 to 1
University of Akron	63.6%	n/a	n/a	\$18,418	City: Midsize	450-590	20 to 1
Public 4-Year HBCU Institutions							
Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University	92.3%	29.4%	70.6%	\$17,725	City: Midsize	430-520	17 to 1
North Carolina Agricultural & Technical University	92.3%	26.7%	53.3%	\$16,503	City: Large	400-480	16 to 1
North Carolina Central University	92.3%	20.8%	45.8%	\$16,099	City: Midsize	390-460	15 to 1
Morgan State University*	80.6%	34.5%	51.7%	\$16,632	City: Large	410-490	16 to 1
University of Maryland - Eastern Shore*	76.2%	25.0%	40.9%	\$15,504	Town: Fringe	400-480	14 to 1
Lincoln University Pennsylvania	73.9%	55.6%	55.6%	\$15,084	Suburb Large	380-470	17 to 1
Norfolk State University	73.9%	18.5%	44.4%	\$20,596	City: Midsize	400-480	18 to 1
Bowie State University*	68.2%	21.6%	37.8%	\$17,538	Suburb Large	410-490	16 to 1
Virginia State University*	64.8%	44.4%	59.3%	\$17,192	Suburb: Large	370-450	16 to 1
Central State University*	55.6%	12.5%	62.5%	\$13,510	Rural Fringe	370-470	13 to 1
Delaware State University*	51.9%	23.5%	32.4%	\$15,692	City: Small	410-480	16 to 1
South Carolina State University	50.0%	20.0%	20.0%	\$18,910	Town: Distant	400-416	14 to 1
National, Public 4-Year Institutions⁶		32.8%	57.2%				



		4-Year Graduation Rate ³	6-Year Graduation Rate ⁴				
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Private, non-profit, 4-Year HBCU Institutions		DC TAG	DC TAG				
Bennett College [*]	71.4%	46.2%	53.8%	\$17,355	City: Large	not available	10 to 1
Benedict College	70.0%	20.0%	40.0%	\$18,254	City: Midsize	Open	18 to 1
Howard University	50.0%	40.0%	73.3%	\$22,683	City: Large	490-590	10 to 1
Private, non-profit, 4-Year Institutions							
George Washington University	88.9%	80.0%	90.0%	\$47,343	City: Large	600-690	13 to 1
Catholic University of America	66.7%	100.0%	100.0%	\$38,526	City: Large	500-610	8 to 1
Georgetown University	66.7%	100.0%	100.0%	\$44,805	City: Large	650-750	11 to 1
Marymount University	66.7%	60.0%	80.0%	\$26,430	City: Midsize	470-570	13 to 1
Trinity University [*]	54.8%	31.0%	39.4%	\$21,630	City: Large	not available	11 to 1
National, Private, non-profit 4-Year Institutions⁶		59.2%	65.5%				
DC TAG Rates, Private and Public⁷		34.8%	51.0%				
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Citations

¹ The DC TAG Top Institutions for Student Retention are DC institutions and 4-year institutions with 10 or more DC TAG 2011 high school graduates during academic year 2011/2012.

² The DC TAG 4-Year Graduation Rate reflects students who were awarded DC TAG for the first time in academic year 2007/2008 and graduated from any institutions within four (4) years of their first year in college.

³ The DC TAG 6-Year Graduation Rate reflects students who were awarded DC TAG for the first time in academic year 2007/2008 and graduated from any institutions within six (6) years of their first year in college.

⁴ The DC TAG Retention Rate reflects 2011 high school graduates that enrolled in college, with DC TAG, in academic year 2011/2012 and enrolled in the same institution, with DC TAG, in academic year 2012/2013.

[‡] National Center for Educational Statistics. *College Navigator*. Retrieved from: <http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/>

⁵ 50% of the Students at the institution have SAT Critical Reading scores that fall within indicated range.

^{*} Institution is among the DC TAG Most Attended Institutions for DC TAG 2013 high school graduates.

⁶ National Center for Education Statistics. *Digest of Education Statistics, 2013, Table 326.10*. Cohort 2006. Retrieved from http://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/d13/tables/dt13_326.10.asp

⁷ The DC TAG graduation rates verified by: National Student Clearing House (NSC), for institutions that participate in NSC; and, individual institutions for institutions that do not participate in NSC.