

University of Maine at Fort Kent

Retention & Graduation Analysis, Fall 2010

Cohort Retention, Persistence, and Graduation Rates

First Time Students

After three years of small but steady increases, retention of first time full time baccalaureate students showed a marked rise last year (to 76%). This year retention fell back to Our current 65% retention rate means is nevertheless comparable to other previous high rates (e.g., 66% with the class entering in fall of 2003). Our 65% rate is also comparable to the national average of 67% (at 4 year public colleges), but is substantially less than the overall UMaine System of 77% reported for this year. The most recent six year graduation rate is down from last year's (which was itself down from the previous year), but the four year graduation rate increased (again, following an increase last year), and it is now certain that six year graduation rates will be higher within the next 2-3 years.

Transfer Students

Because of the continued sharp decline in Certification students, the overall number of transfer students has continued to fall despite increased recruitment of other transfer students. In turn, this decline in Certification students has begun to have an effect on our transfer retention rates, which fell from 67% last year to 58% this year. Our most recent 4-year graduation rate for baccalaureate transfer student also declined from last year, to 64%. It is likely that these rates will continue to fall as the pool of extremely persistent and successful certification students evaporates.

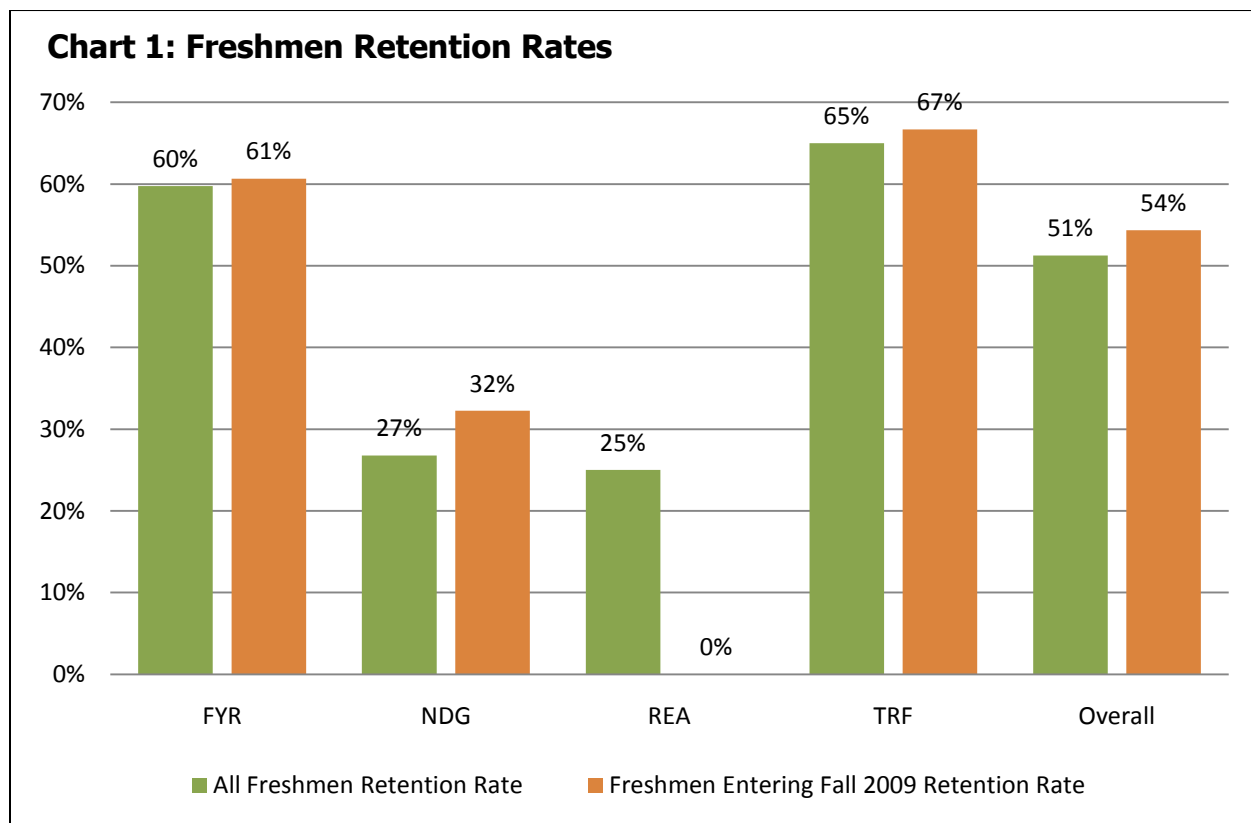
YEAR (FALL)	COHORT SIZE	% RETURNED FOLLOWING FALL	% GRADUATED UMFK WITHIN 4 YEARS	% GRADUATED UMFK WITHIN 6 YEARS	% STILL HERE
2009	98	65% (N=64)			65% (N=64)
2008	91	76% (N=69)			63% (N=57)
2007	104	63% (N=66)			45% (N=46)
2006	88	62% (N=55)	38% (N=33)		14% (N=12)
2005	93	60% (N=56)	22% (N=20)		6% (N=5)
2004	124	49% (N=61)	18% (N=23)	28% (N=35)	1% (N=1)
2003	90	66% (N=59)	21% (N=19)	34% (N=31)	0%
2002	101	55% (N=56)	38% (N=38)	42% (N=42)	0%
2001	78	53% (N=41)	29% (N=23)	37% (N=29)	0%

YEAR (FALL)	COHORT SIZE	% RETURNED FOLLOWING FALL	% GRADUATED UMFK WITHIN 4 YEARS	% GRADUATED UMFK WITHIN 6 YEARS	% STILL HERE
2009	117	58% (N=68)			58% (N=68)
2008	113	67% (N=76)			28% (N=31)
2007	178	66% (N=117)			7% (N=13)
2006	173	68% (N=118)	64% (N=111)		2% (N=4)
2005	188	75% (N=141)	69% (N=130)		1% (N=2)
2004	188	75% (N=141)	72% (N=136)	76% (N=149)	1% (N=1)
2003	181	59% (N=106)	61% (N=111)	64% (N=115)	0
2002	157	98% (N=146)	63% (N=100)	73% (N=107)	0
2001	164	63% (N=147)	61% (N=100)	71% (N=116)	0

Overall Freshman Retention Rates

As a whole, freshman retention continues at a reasonably high rate (see Table 3 and Chart 1), though it declined somewhat from the previous year. For all students who were freshmen in Fall 2009 (both two and four year, including those who were continuing as freshmen in their second year) the retention rate was 51%, compared with 59% the previous year; for Freshmen who entered in Fall 2009, the rate was 54%, compared with 62% in the previous year. This overall rate is held down by the decline in retention of first time full time baccalaureate students (see above).

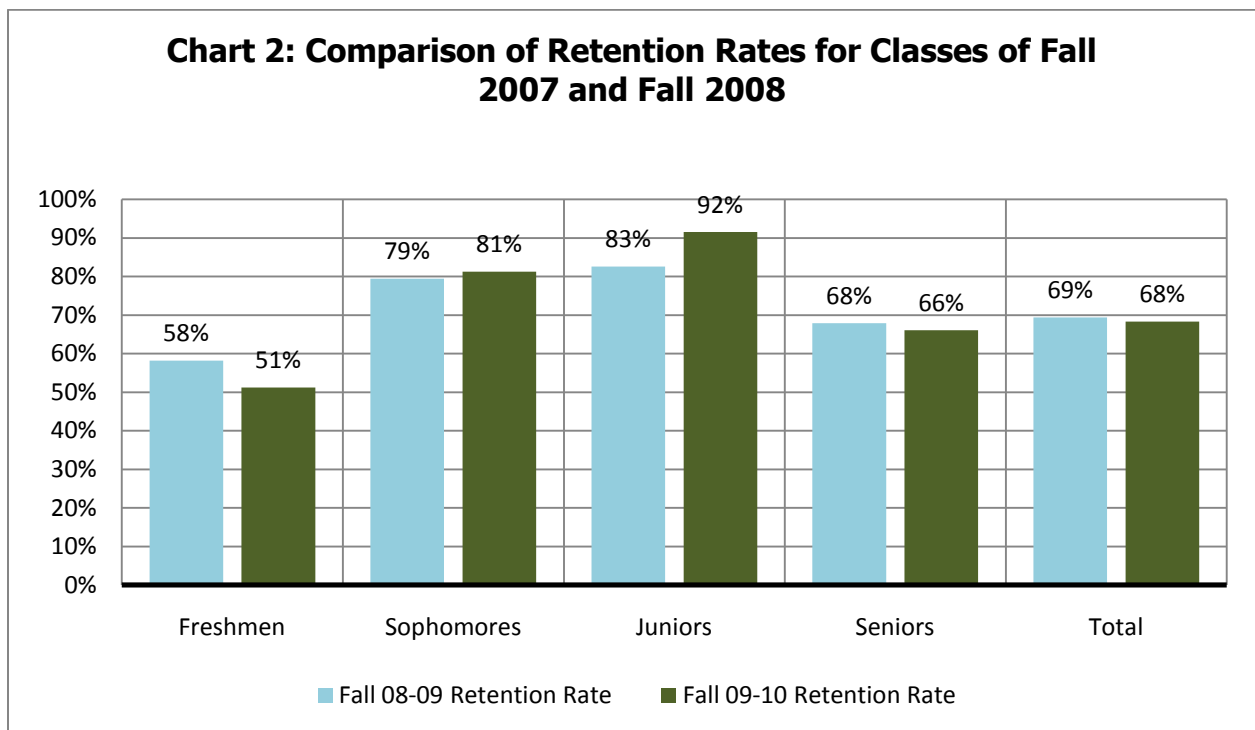
	All Freshmen			Freshmen Entering Fall 2009		
	Fall 2009	Returned Fall 2010	Retention Rate	Fall 2009	Returned Fall 2010	Retention Rate
FYR	154	92	60%	122	74	61%
NDG	56	15	27%	31	10	32%
REA	8	2	25%	5	0	0%
TRF	20	13	65%	15	10	67%
Overall	238	122	51%	173	94	54%



Class Level Retention, Persistence, and Graduation Rates

The drop in retention for Freshman students is reflected in the student body as a whole, although sophomore and junior persistence was in fact better than last year (see Table 4 and Chart 2). Overall, 68% of students attending in Fall 2009 returned in Fall 2010, a drop of 1 percentage point from last year’s persistence rate. There was a rise in retention for our sophomore class, from 79% to 81%. Last year the sophomore class had a vbeyr large jump in retention: this group continued to show increased persistence as juniors, with a rise of 9 percentage points in retention rate over last year’s juniors. This class was the first to be subject to more intensive retention efforts from the Student Success office and the VPAA, and the increase in retention reflects this effort.

	Fall 2009 to Fall 2010 Retention All UMFK Non-Cert Students (No Distance Ed)				Fall 2008 to Fall 2009 Retention All UMFK Non-Cert Students (No Distance Ed)			
	Fall 2009	Returned in Fall 2010	Graduated in AY 2010	Fall 09-10 Retention Rate	Fall 2008	Returned in Fall 2009	Graduated in AY 2009	Fall 08-09 Retention Rate
Freshmen	238	122	0	51%	221	128	1	58%
Sophomores	168	117	24	81%	167	120	16	79%
Juniors	112	97	6	92%	94	71	8	83%
Seniors	191	70	85	66%	195	76	83	68%
Total	709	406	115	68%	677	395	108	69%

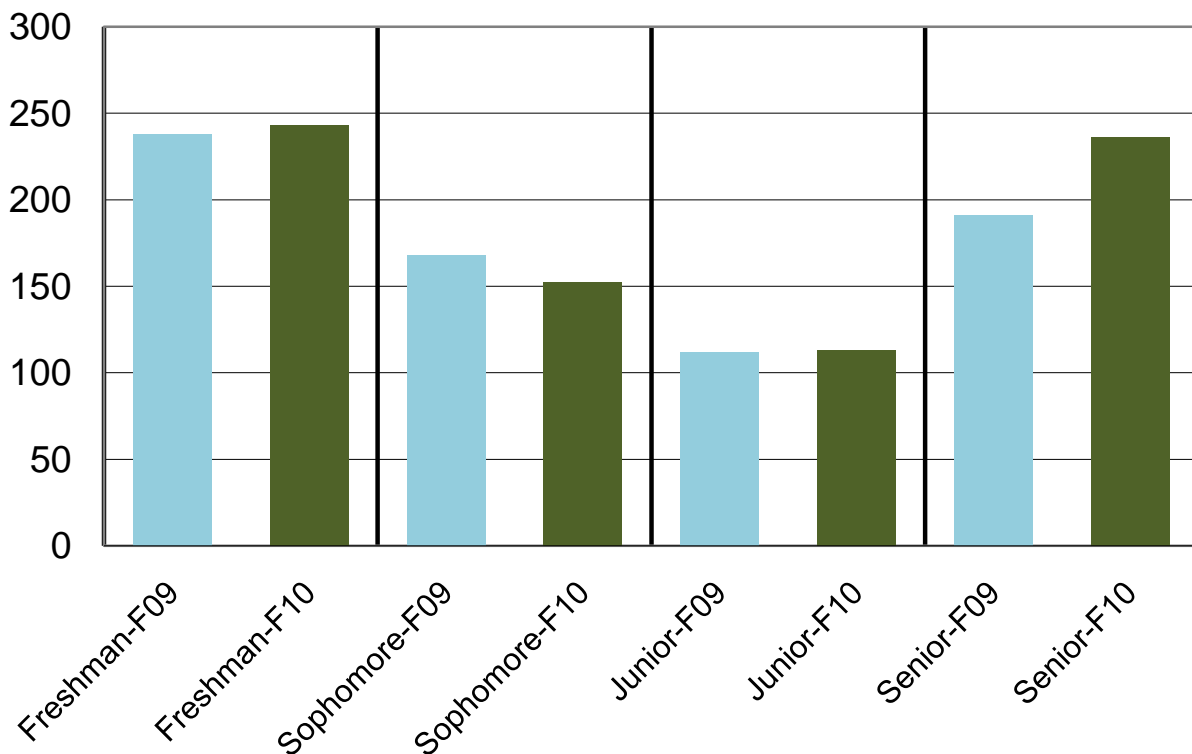


The increased retention of sophomore and junior students (and a still high retention of freshmen) again helped to offset the precipitous drop in enrollment from the loss of Teacher Certification students. Excluding the certification students, there was another *increase* in the population of degree seeking students (i.e., non distance ed) in the freshman and junior class years (see Table 5 and Chart 3).

Table 5: Comparison of Class Year Composition, Fall 2009 to Fall 2010

All UMFK Students (No Distance Ed); Class Year Population by Degree					All Non-Cert UMFK Students (No Distance Ed); Class Year Population by Degree				
	ND	Assoc	Bach	Total		ND	Assoc	Bach	Total
Freshman-F09	57	34	148	239	Freshman-F09	57	34	147	238
Freshman-F10	44	48	151	243	Freshman-F10	44	48	151	243
Sophomore-F09	0	47	126	173	Sophomore-F09	0	47	121	168
Sophomore-F10	2	40	113	155	Sophomore-F10	2	40	110	152
Junior-F09	0	0	122	122	Junior-F09	0	0	112	112
Junior-F10	0	0	119	119	Junior-F10	0	0	113	113
Senior-F09	6	0	267	273	Senior-F09	6	0	185	191
Senior-F10	7	0	270	277	Senior-F10	7	0	229	236
Total-F09	63	81	663	807	Total-F09	63	81	565	710
Total-F10	53	88	653	794	Total-F10	53	88	603	744

Chart 3: All Non-Cert UMFK Students - Class Year Population Comparison



Detailed Retention Tables

		Bachelor Degrees						
Entered	Entering	To 2nd year	To 3rd year	To 4th Year	To 5th Year	To 6th Year	To 7th year	
Fall 2010	First Time Full Time	125						
	First Time Part Time	0						
	Transfer	98						
Fall 2009	First Time Full Time	98	64 (65%)					
	First Time Part Time	5	2 (40%)					
	Transfer	97	63 (65%)					
Fall 2008	First Time Full Time	91	69 (76%)	57 (63%)				
	First Time Part Time	3	2 (76%)	2 (66%)				
	Transfer	113	76 (67%)	31 (28%)				
Fall 2007	First Time Full Time	104	66 (63%)	47 (45%)	46 (45%)			
	First Time Part Time	4	2 (50%)	1 (25%)	0			
	Transfer	178	117 (66%)	30 (17%)	13 (7%)			
Fall 2006	First Time Full Time	88	55 (63%)	46 (52%)	37 (42%)	12 (14%)		
	First Time Part Time	3	2 (67%)	2 (67%)	1 (33%)	0		
	Transfer	173	118 (68%)	13 (8%)	6 (3%)	4 (2%)		
Fall 2005	First Time Full Time	93	56 (60%)	38 (41%)	34 (37%)	14 (15%)	5 (6%)	
	First Time Part Time	2	0	0	0	0	0	
	Transfer	188	141 (75%)	20 (11%)	6 (3%)	5 (3%)	2 (1%)	
Fall 2004	First Time Full Time	124	61 (49%)	41 (33%)	39 (31%)	20 (16%)	3 (2%)	1 (1%)
	First Time Part Time	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Transfer	188	141 (75%)	36 (19%)	24 (13%)	8 (2%)	3 (2%)	0
Fall 2003	First Time Full Time	90	59 (66%)	40 (44%)	37 (41%)	21 (23%)	6 (7%)	0
	First Time Part Time	4	4 (100%)	2 (50%)	1 (25%)	1 (25%)	1 (25%)	0
	Transfer	181	106 (59%)	19 (10%)	12 (7%)	7 (4%)	4 (2%)	1 (1%)

		Associate Degrees				
Entered	Entering	To 2nd year	To 3rd year	To 4th Year	To 5th Year	
Fall 2010	First Time Full Time	29				
	First Time Part Time	3				
	Transfer	11				
Fall 2009	First Time Full Time	20	12 (60%)			
	First Time Part Time	2	0			
	Transfer	10	5 (50%)			
Fall 2008	First Time Full Time	19	15 (79%)	11 (58%)		
	First Time Part Time	5	1 (20%)	1 (20%)		
	Transfer	11	4 (36%)	1 (11%)		
Fall 2007	First Time Full Time	20	12 (60%)	8 (40%)	4 (20%)	
	First Time Part Time	1	1 (100%)	1 (100%)	1 (100%)	
	Transfer	7	2 (29%)	2 (29%)	1 (14%)	
Fall 2006	First Time Full Time	18	12 (67%)	6 (33%)	5 (28%)	1 (6%)
	First Time Part Time	1	1 (100%)	1 (100%)	1 (100%)	1 (100%)
	Transfer	5	3 (60%)	3 (60%)	3 (60%)	0
Fall 2005	First Time Full Time	28	18 (64%)	14 (50%)	9 (32%)	2 (7%)
	First Time Part Time	1	1 (100%)	0	0	0
	Transfer	12	5 (42%)	2 (17%)	1 (8%)	0
Fall 2004	First Time Full Time	40	24 (60%)	19 (48%)	18 (45%)	7 (18%)
	First Time Part Time	3	2 (67%)	2 (67%)	1 (33%)	0
	Transfer	8	6 (75%)	5 (63%)	1 (13%)	2 (25%)
Fall 2003	First Time Full Time	34	20 (59%)	15 (44%)	9 (26%)	5 (15%)
	First Time Part Time	1	0	0	0	0
	Transfer	8	5 (63%)	4 (50%)	1 (13%)	1 (13%)

Detailed Graduation Tables

		Bachelor Degrees						
		Entering Headcount	Within 1 Years	Within 2 Years	Within 3 Years	Within 4 Years	Within 5 Years	Within 6 Years
Fall 2010	First Time Full Time	125						
	First Time Part Time	0						
	Transfer	98						
Fall 2009	First Time Full Time	98	0 (0%)					
	First Time Part Time	5	0 (0%)					
	Transfer	97	7 (7%)					
Fall 2008	First Time Full Time	91	0 (0%)	3 (3%)				
	First Time Part Time	3	0 (0%)	0 (0%)				
	Transfer	113	4 (4%)	40 (36%)				
Fall 2007	First Time Full Time	104	0 (0%)	6 (6%)	10 (10%)			
	First Time Part Time	4	0 (0%)	1 (25%)	1 (25%)			
	Transfer	164	1 (1%)	77 (47%)	100 (61%)			
Fall 2006	First Time Full Time	88	0 (0%)	2 (2%)	5 (6%)	34 (38%)		
	First Time Part Time	3	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)		
	Transfer	173	1 (1%)	95 (55%)	105 (61%)	111 (64%)		
Fall 2005	First Time Part Time	93	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	3 (3%)	20 (22%)	26 (28%)	
	First Time Full Time	2	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	
	Transfer	188	2 (2%)	116 (62%)	127 (68%)	130 (69%)	132 (69%)	
Fall 2004	First Time Full Time	123	0 (0%)	1 (1%)	3 (2%)	23 (19%)	32 (26%)	34 (28%)
	First Time Part Time	1	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (100%)	1 (100%)	1 (100%)
	Transfer	188	0 (0%)	113 (62%)	125 (68%)	136 (72%)	139 (74%)	141 (75%)
Fall 2003	First Time Full Time	90	0 (0%)	1 (1%)	3 (3%)	19 (21%)	28 (31%)	31 (34%)
	First Time Part Time	4	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (25%)	1 (25%)
	Transfer	181	2 (2%)	99 (55%)	106 (66%)	111 (72%)	115 (64%)	115 (64%)

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	Transfer	11			
Fall 2009	First Time Full Time	20			
	First Time Part Time	2			
	Transfer	10			
Fall 2008	First Time Full Time	19	0 (0%)		
	First Time Part Time	5	0 (0%)		
	Transfer	11	1 (1%)		
Fall 2007	First Time Full Time	20	0 (0%)	2 (10%)	
	First Time Part Time	1	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	
	Transfer	7	0 (0%)	1 (14%)	
Fall 2006	First Time Full Time	18	0 (0%)	1 (6%)	3 (17%)
	First Time Part Time	1	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
	Transfer	5	0 (0%)	1 (20%)	3 (60%)
Fall 2005	First Time Full Time	28	0 (0%)	2 (27%)	12 (43%)
	First Time Part Time	1	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
	Transfer	12	0 (0%)	3 (25%)	3 (25%)
Fall 2004	First Time Full Time	40	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	6 (15%)
	First Time Part Time	3	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (67%)
	Transfer	8	0 (0%)	1 (13%)	2 (25%)
Fall 2003	First Time Full Time	34	0 (0%)	2 (6%)	8 (24%)
	First Time Part Time	1	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
	Transfer	8	0 (0%)	1 (13%)	2 (25%)