

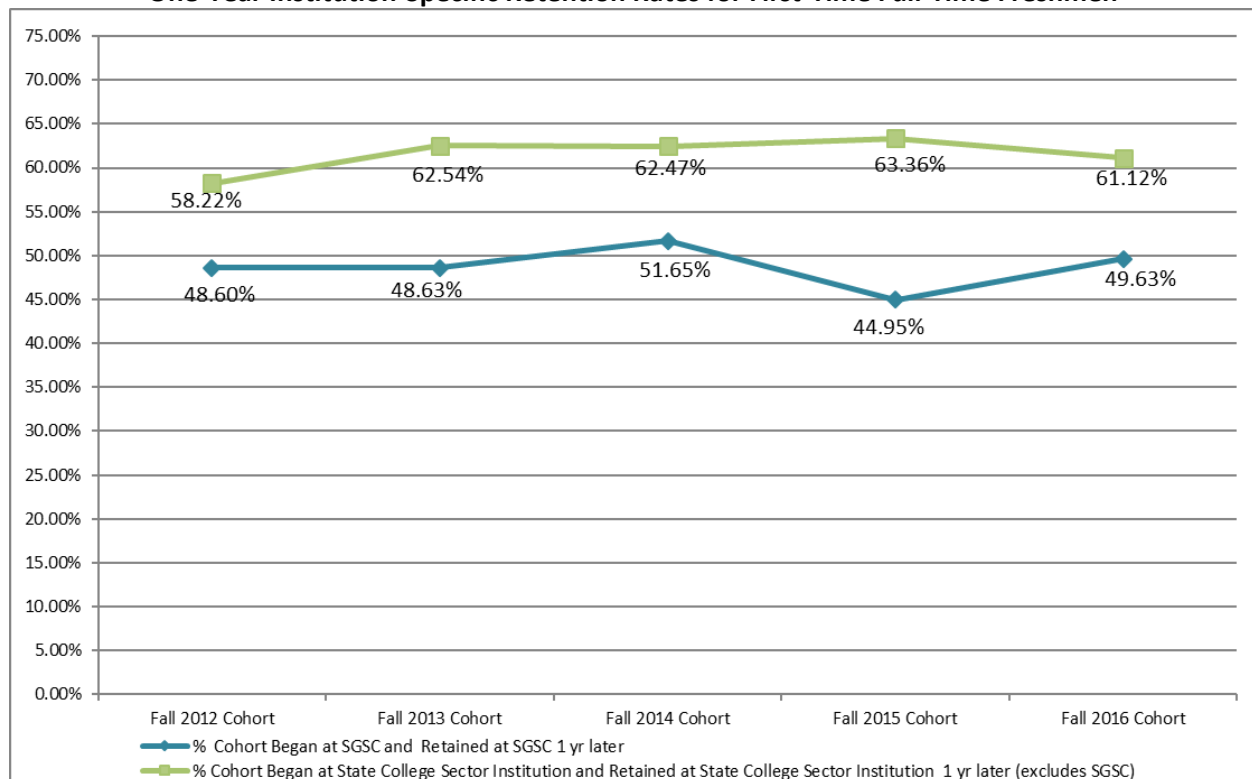


One-Year Retention Rates for First-Time Full-Time Freshmen

The College monitors one-year retention rates for first-time full-time freshmen as a measure of success compared against the University System of Georgia's state college sector first-time full-time freshmen one-year retention rates. The target is to meet or exceed the state college sector one year institution-specific and system-wide retention rates.

Exhibit 1 illustrates SGSC's institution-specific retention rates for the institution in comparison to the state college sector. Institution-specific retention rates can be defined as a cohort beginning at home institution and returning to the home institution one year later. SGSC's one-year institution-specific retention rate decreased by 6.70 percent between fall 2014 and fall 2015; however, retention rate improved by 4.68 percent between fall 2015 and fall 2016. SGSC has not met or exceeded the state college sector institution-specific retention rates, which demonstrates the need for improvement in retention efforts.

Exhibit 1: South Georgia State College vs. University System of Georgia State College Sector, One-Year Institution-Specific Retention Rates for First-Time Full-Time Freshmen



Source: USG Retention Rate Reports

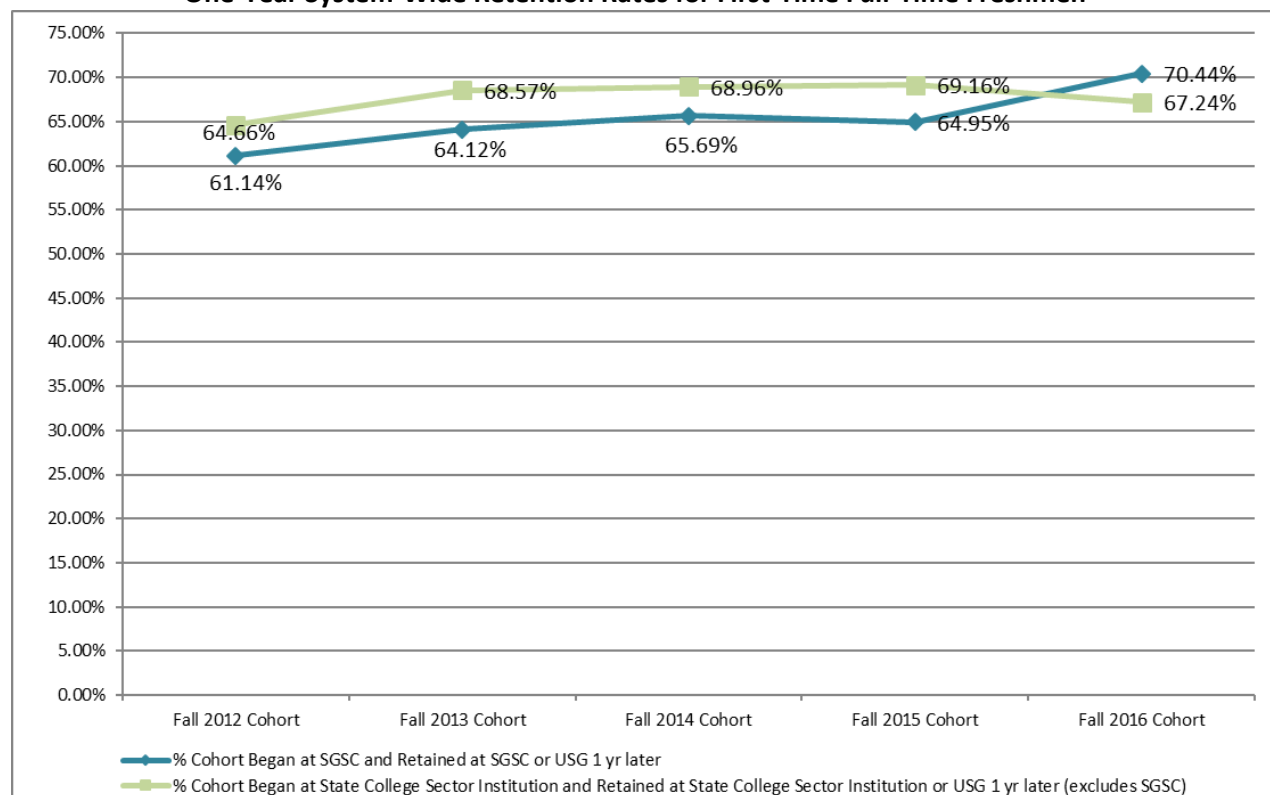
Note: **The benchmark identifies one-year retention rates for the state college sector excluding South Georgia State College.** Retention rates are defined as the percentages of students in a given cohort who are enrolled in a USG institution in a specified term (in this case, one year later) or are not enrolled in the specified term but have graduated from a USG institution between matriculation and that term. The number of students in the cohort is the denominator of the rate; the number of students enrolled or graduated but not enrolled one year later is the numerator of the rate. The one-year institution-specific retention rates for South Georgia State College are the sum of the first-time full-time freshmen retained at SGSC divided by the total SGSC first-time full-time freshmen cohort. The one-year institution-specific retention rates for

the state college sector are the sum of the state college sector first-time full-time freshmen retained at state college sector institutions divided by the total state college sector first-time full-time freshmen cohort.

Note: Data for all years prior to Fall 2013 are combined for South Georgia College and Waycross College data. **AY 2013-2014 is the first year of institutional consolidation.**

Exhibit 2 illustrates SGSC's retention rates system-wide in comparison to the state college sector. System-wide retention rates can be defined as a cohort starting at home institution and returning to the home institution or within the University System of Georgia one year later. For the first time since consolidation, SGSC's fall 2016 cohort has exceeded the state college sector system-wide retention rate. This increase displays a 5.49 increase from fall 2015 to fall 2016.

Exhibit 2: South Georgia State College vs. University System of Georgia State College Sector, One-Year System-Wide Retention Rates for First-Time Full-Time Freshmen



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**Exhibit 3: South Georgia State College vs. University System of Georgia State College Sector,
One-Year Retention Rates for First-Time Full-Time Freshmen**

South Georgia State College			Benchmark	
	Institution-Specific	System-Wide	Institution-Specific	System-Wide
	% Cohort Began at SGSC and Retained at SGSC 1 yr later	% Cohort Began at SGSC and Retained at SGSC or USG 1 yr later	% Cohort Began at State College Sector Institution and Retained at State College Sector Institution 1 yr later (excludes SGSC)	% Cohort Began at State College Sector Institution and Retained at State College Sector Institution or USG 1 yr later (excludes SGSC)
Fall 2010 Cohort	46.78%	56.34%	55.95%	61.57%
Fall 2011 Cohort	51.46%	60.83%	54.15%	60.35%
Fall 2012 Cohort	48.19%	61.14%	57.36%	63.75%
Fall 2013 Cohort	48.63%	64.12%	60.58%	67.24%
Fall 2014 Cohort	51.65%	65.69%	62.48%	68.65%

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