

# TCC'S FOCUS ON STUDENT SUCCESS



## KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS OF FIRST TIME IN COLLEGE STUDENTS

SUCCESSFUL COURSE COMPLETION, FALL-TO-FALL RETENTION,  
AND FOUR-YEAR GRADUATION RATES

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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

First-term successful course completion, fall-to-fall retention, and four-year graduation rates are often used to gauge the academic progress of first time in college (FTIC) students. The first-term successful course completion rate (A, B, C, or CR) is an evaluation of success for FTIC students early in their college experience. For FTIC students who intend to earn a degree or certificate at TCC (Degree-seeking FTIC), the fall-to-fall retention rate measures the percentage of students who return to TCC a year after their first fall term to continue making advancement. The four-year graduation rate is an indicator of degree/certificate completion at TCC for degree-seeking FTIC.

In this report, five years of data are presented for these outcome measures. The first-term successful course completion rate was 70.7% in 2019FL then decreased substantially to 64.4% in 2020FL; it increased to markedly to 72.3% in 2021FL and then decreased to 68.0% by 2023FL. From 2018FL to 2020FL, the fall-to-fall retention ranged from 51.1% to 54.8%. It reached a historical high of 60.8% in 2021FL and then decreased to 57.0% in 2022FL. Since 2015FL, the four-year graduation rate increased from a low of 15.1% (2016FL) to a high of 19.2% (2019FL).

## Most recent measures at a glance:

First-Term Successful  
Course Completion for the  
2023FL FTIC cohort

**68.0%**

- a 0.7 percentage point decrease from 2022

Fall-to-Fall Retention for the  
2022FL Degree-Seeking  
FTIC cohort

**57.0%**

- a 3.8 percentage point decrease from 2021

Four-Year Graduation for the  
2019FL Degree-Seeking  
FTIC cohort

**19.2%**

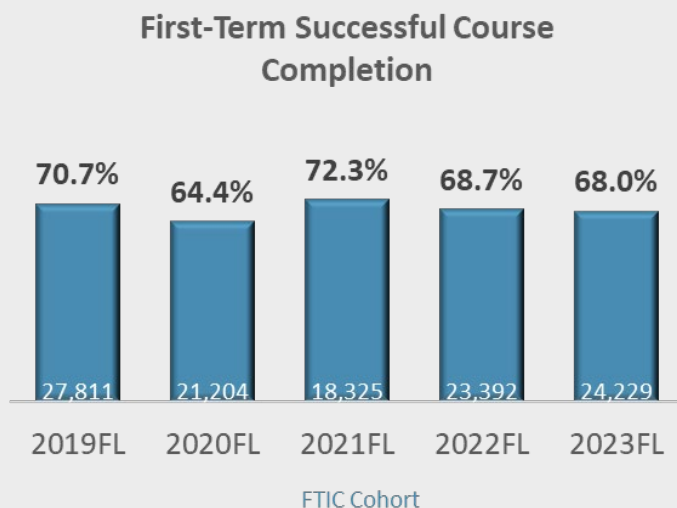
- a 1.4 percentage point increase from 2018



# Key Performance Indicators of First Time in College Students

## FTIC First-Term Successful Course Completion

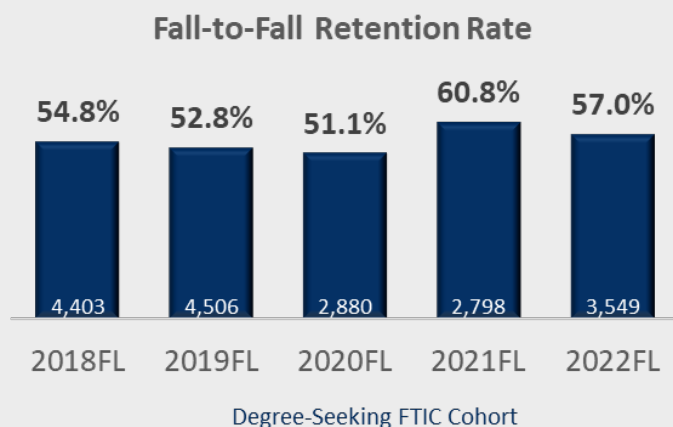
The **first-term success rate** for FTIC students ranged from 64.4% for the 2020FL cohort to 72.3% for the 2021FL cohort. Most recently, there was a **0.7 percentage point decrease** from 2022FL to 2023FL.



Total course enrollments are shown in bar

## Degree-Seeking FTIC Fall-to-Fall Retention

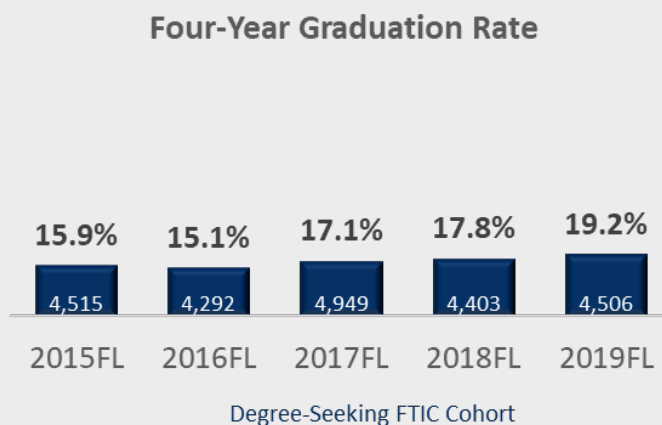
The **fall-to-fall retention rate** for **degree-seeking FTIC** ranged from 51.1% for the 2020FL cohort to 60.8% for the 2021FL cohort. Most recently there was a **3.8 percentage point decrease** from 60.8% for the 2021FL cohort to 57.0% for the 2022FL cohort.



Cohort sizes are shown in bar

## Degree-Seeking FTIC Four-Year Graduation

The **four-year graduation rate** for **degree-seeking FTIC** fairly consistently increased year over year. In total, there was a 3.3 percentage point increase from 2015FL to 2019FL. Most recently, there was a **1.4 percentage point increase** from 17.8% for the 2018FL cohort to 19.2% for the 2019FL cohort.



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# Appendix: Data Tables

## Successful Course Completion:

Enrolled Campus	FTIC Cohort	Total Course Enrollments in First Fall Term	Success (A, B, C, or CR)	Success Rate
District	2019FL	27,811	19,673	70.7%
	2020FL	21,204	13,659	64.4%
	2021FL	18,325	13,252	72.3%
	2022FL	23,392	16,065	68.7%
	2023FL	24,229	16,472	68.0%
	Total	114,961	79,121	68.8%
CN	2019FL	1,467	1,007	68.6%
	2020FL	1,813	1,259	69.4%
	2021FL	1,718	1,259	73.3%
	2022FL	3,033	2,105	69.4%
	2023FL	3,493	2,348	67.2%
	Total	11,524	7,978	69.2%
NE	2019FL	7,071	4,982	70.5%
	2020FL	5,274	3,372	63.9%
	2021FL	4,877	3,536	72.5%
	2022FL	5,821	4,055	69.7%
	2023FL	5,879	4,041	68.7%
	Total	28,922	19,986	69.1%
NW	2019FL	5,081	3,776	74.3%
	2020FL	3,937	2,606	66.2%
	2021FL	3,459	2,454	70.9%
	2022FL	3,830	2,674	69.8%
	2023FL	3,744	2,593	69.3%
	Total	20,051	14,103	70.3%
SE	2019FL	6,555	4,550	69.4%
	2020FL	4,890	3,017	61.7%
	2021FL	3,810	2,766	72.6%
	2022FL	4,299	2,894	67.3%
	2023FL	4,117	2,815	68.4%
	Total	23,671	16,042	67.8%
SO	2019FL	4,521	3,022	66.8%
	2020FL	2,935	1,808	61.6%
	2021FL	2,544	1,779	69.9%
	2022FL	3,686	2,406	65.3%
	2023FL	4,014	2,604	64.9%
	Total	17,700	11,619	65.6%
TR	2019FL	3,116	2,336	75.0%
	2020FL	2,355	1,597	67.8%
	2021FL	1,917	1,458	76.1%
	2022FL	2,723	1,931	70.9%
	2023FL	2,982	2,071	69.5%
	Total	13,093	9,393	71.7%

Source: Enrollment by Term and ODR

\* credit type L and N, audits, and missing grades excluded



## Fall-to-Fall Retention:

Home Campus	Degree-Seeking FTIC Cohort	Cohort Size	Returned Following Fall	Fall-to-Fall Retention Rate
District	2018FL	4,403	2,411	54.8%
	2019FL	4,506	2,377	52.8%
	2020FL	2,880	1,473	51.1%
	2021FL	2,798	1,701	60.8%
	2022FL	3,549	2,024	57.0%
	Total	18,136	9,986	55.1%
CN	2018FL	89	42	47.2%
	2019FL	73	28	38.4%
	2020FL	124	61	49.2%
	2021FL	93	51	54.8%
	2022FL	112	60	53.6%
	Total	491	242	49.3%
NE	2018FL	1,039	588	56.6%
	2019FL	980	516	52.7%
	2020FL	723	366	50.6%
	2021FL	633	387	61.1%
	2022FL	920	528	57.4%
	Total	4,295	2,385	55.5%
NW	2018FL	783	440	56.2%
	2019FL	680	388	57.1%
	2020FL	407	206	50.6%
	2021FL	409	242	59.2%
	2022FL	444	258	58.1%
	Total	2,723	1,534	56.3%
SE	2018FL	971	553	57.0%
	2019FL	855	462	54.0%
	2020FL	525	288	54.9%
	2021FL	406	261	64.3%
	2022FL	495	300	60.6%
	Total	3,252	1,864	57.3%
SO	2018FL	783	388	49.6%
	2019FL	1,166	568	48.7%
	2020FL	505	239	47.3%
	2021FL	588	359	61.1%
	2022FL	739	405	54.8%
	Total	3,781	1,959	51.8%
TR	2018FL	738	400	54.2%
	2019FL	752	415	55.2%
	2020FL	596	313	52.5%
	2021FL	669	401	59.9%
	2022FL	839	473	56.4%
	Total	3,594	2,002	55.7%

Source: ODR

## Four-Year Graduation:

Home Campus	Degree-Seeking FTIC Cohort	Cohort Size	Graduated in Four Years	Four-Year Graduation Rate
District	2015FL	4,515	717	15.9%
	2016FL	4,292	646	15.1%
	2017FL	4,949	847	17.1%
	2018FL	4,403	784	17.8%
	2019FL	4,506	864	19.2%
	Total	22,665	3,858	17.0%
CN	2015FL	23	4	17.4%
	2016FL	41	4	9.8%
	2017FL	82	18	0.22
	2018FL	89	24	0.27
	2019FL	73	11	0.151
	Total	308	61	0.198
NE	2015FL	1,086	152	14.0%
	2016FL	1,104	164	14.9%
	2017FL	1,106	171	15.5%
	2018FL	1,039	183	17.6%
	2019FL	980	195	19.9%
	Total	5,315	865	16.3%
NW	2015FL	846	150	17.7%
	2016FL	748	120	16.0%
	2017FL	854	178	20.8%
	2018FL	783	153	19.5%
	2019FL	680	140	20.6%
	Total	3,911	741	18.9%
SE	2015FL	1,021	150	14.7%
	2016FL	996	144	14.5%
	2017FL	1,012	149	14.7%
	2018FL	971	151	15.6%
	2019FL	855	169	19.8%
	Total	4,855	763	15.7%
SO	2015FL	752	127	16.9%
	2016FL	691	110	15.9%
	2017FL	1,079	169	15.7%
	2018FL	783	146	18.6%
	2019FL	1,166	200	17.2%
	Total	4,471	752	16.8%
TR	2015FL	787	134	17.0%
	2016FL	712	104	14.6%
	2017FL	816	162	19.9%
	2018FL	738	127	17.2%
	2019FL	752	149	19.8%
	Total	3,805	676	17.8%

Source: ODR and DA Degrees

\* Field of study, marketable skills, and occupational skills were removed

