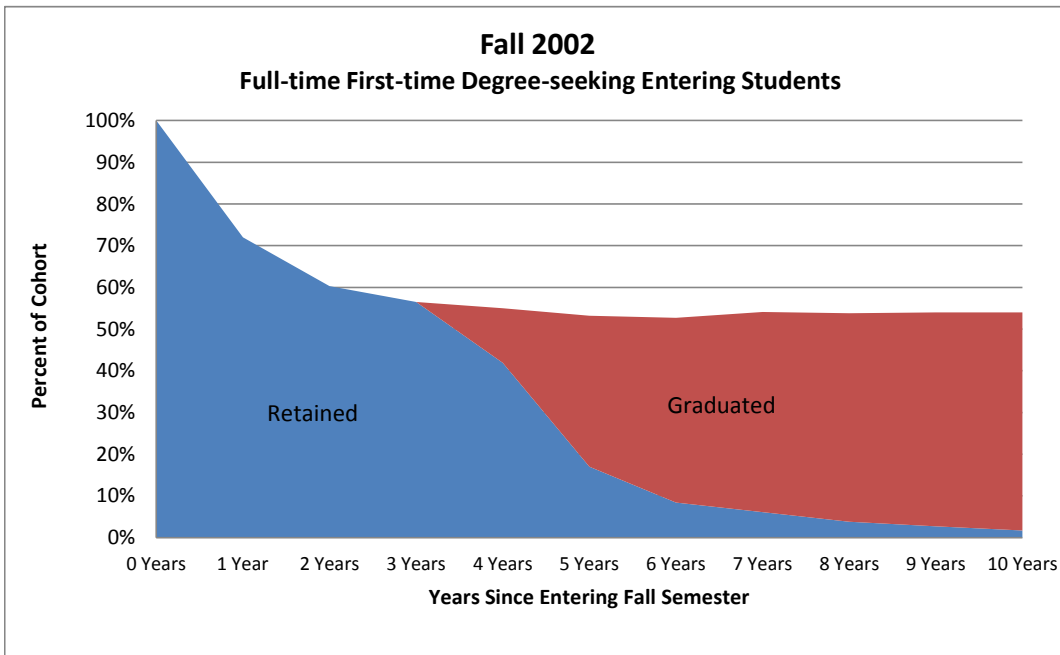


**Full-time First-time Degree-seeking Entering Student Cohorts  
Fall 1997 through Fall 2011  
New Mexico State University, Main Campus**

**All Full-time Students**

Cohort	Headcount	Retention Rates			Graduation/Retention Rates							
		1 Year	2 Year	3 Year	4 Year		6 Year		8 Year		10 Year	
					Graduated	Retained	Graduated	Retained	Graduated	Retained	Graduated	Retained
Fall 1997	1,693	73.1%	60.3%	53.7%	12.0%	39.6%	43.0%	8.8%	48.2%	3.3%	50.1%	2.2%
Fall 1998	2,077	72.9%	61.3%	54.8%	12.3%	40.6%	43.4%	8.4%	48.7%	3.3%	50.5%	1.9%
Fall 1999	2,210	70.3%	57.8%	53.9%	12.3%	40.7%	42.4%	8.9%	48.1%	3.1%	49.5%	1.9%
Fall 2000	1,959	72.7%	62.8%	57.7%	12.3%	44.8%	46.1%	8.2%	51.9%	3.5%	53.6%	2.3%
Fall 2001	2,047	71.6%	61.2%	57.0%	12.3%	42.3%	45.4%	8.3%	50.6%	3.9%	52.7%	1.7%
Fall 2002	1,970	72.0%	60.3%	56.5%	13.1%	41.9%	44.3%	8.4%	50.0%	3.8%	52.3%	1.7%
Fall 2003	2,011	73.2%	60.9%	57.7%	12.8%	43.0%	45.0%	10.1%	51.3%	3.4%		
Fall 2004	2,058	70.3%	60.4%	56.9%	12.7%	41.5%	44.8%	7.5%	48.5%	3.4%		
Fall 2005	1,945	72.1%	61.3%	57.0%	14.9%	41.4%	45.8%	8.4%				
Fall 2006	2,078	73.4%	62.9%	57.1%	13.8%	40.8%	44.0%	8.1%				
Fall 2007	2,105	72.4%	61.0%	57.8%	15.6%	38.7%						
Fall 2008	2,171	73.6%	62.8%	57.9%	15.4%	40.8%						
Fall 2009	2,453	72.6%	60.5%	54.0%								
Fall 2010	2,257	70.2%	59.1%									
Fall 2011	2,178	72.0%										



Fall 2002, presented in the chart to the left, is the most recent cohort with 10 years of data. The chart shows both retention and graduation rates. Notice that after the first two years, the combined rates have a much slower decline. The rise from 6 to 7 years indicates students returned to finish their degree.