

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The attrition and retention statistics in this document provide select data on Plattsburgh State University undergraduate matriculated students for the Spring 2003 to Fall 2003 semesters. The initial cohort refers to undergraduate matriculated students enrolled in the spring 2003 semester.

Attrition rate is defined as the ratio of the number of attritors over the number of eligible persistors (initial cohort minus graduates). The data were generated to conform to PSU processes on what constitutes an enrolled student (they registered for courses and have an accept charges = Y from the Bursar). Enrolled students are reported to SUNY and become the institution's official enrollment for a given term. Attrition is calculated by comparing official files from one term to another.

- **Table 1-1** indicates **overall** attrition rate is 15.4%. The highest percent of attritors are seniors (20.0%) and freshmen (18.7%).
- **Table 1-2** indicates the **full-time** attrition rate is 14.2%. The highest percent of full-time attritors are freshmen (18.6%) and seniors (17.2%).
- **Table 1-3** indicates the **full-time new transfer** attrition rate is 20.7%. The highest percent of transfer attritors are upper division students (22.1%) while lower division full-time new transfer attrite at a lower rate (18.9%).
- **Table 2-1** indicates **all New York State** students attrite at the lowest rate (15.2%), compared with domestic out of state students (16.5%), and international students (17.1%).
- **Table 2-2** indicates that **full-time New York State** students attrite at the lowest rate (13.9%), compared with full-time domestic out of state students (15.6%), and international students (17.0%).
- **Table 2-3** indicates that **first-time full-time freshmen** domestic out of state (0.0%) and New York State students (14.3%) attrite at the lowest rate, compared with international students (21.4%).
- **Table 3-1** indicates that **all** males (17.0%) attrite at a higher rate than females (14.3%). The table contains additional data by ethnicity.
- **Table 3-2** indicates that all **full-time** males (15.9%) attrite at a higher rate than full-time females (13.0%). The table contains additional data by ethnicity.
- **Table 3-3** indicates that **first-time full-time** males (20.0%) attrite at a higher rate than first-time full-time females (14.3%). The table contains additional data by ethnicity.
- **Table 4-1 and 4-2** provide detailed attrition rates for **all students and full-time students** by **PSU class level by ethnicity**. These data should be viewed in context with the numbers of students in the initial cohort.
- **Table 5-1** provides detailed attrition rates for **all students** living in specific dormitories by PSU class levels.
- **Table 5-2** indicates **all** freshmen **living off-campus** have the highest attrition rate (26.4%), followed by all off-campus seniors (22.3%). Students living in PSU dormitories have a lower attrition rate (13.4%) than off-campus students (17.5%).
- **Table 5-3** indicates that **full-time** freshmen living off-campus have the highest attrition rate (25.7%) followed by seniors living off-campus (19.4%).

- **Table 5-4** provides detailed attrition rates for all **first-time full-time freshmen** students by PSU dormitory.
- **Table 6-1** provides attrition rates for all **New York State** students by County. The largest feeder counties have the following attrition rates: Albany (11.0%), Clinton (19.4%), Essex (12.7%), Franklin (13.7%), Monroe (8.8%), Orange (13.3%), St. Lawrence (21.7%), Saratoga (14.1%), Suffolk (15.8%), and Westchester (14.8%).
- **Table 6-2** provides attrition rates for **full-time New York State** students by County. The largest feeder counties have the following attrition rates: Albany (11.1%), Clinton (16.6%), Essex (10.6%), Franklin (13.5%), Monroe (8.9%), Orange (13.4%), St. Lawrence (17.2%), Saratoga (12.2%), Suffolk (15.4%), and Westchester (14.8%).
- **Table 6-3** provides attrition rates for **first-time full-time New York State** students by County.
- **Table 7-1** provides attrition rates for **all students** by PSU major.
- **Table 7-2** provides attrition rates for **full-time students** by PSU major.
- **Table 7-3** provides attrition rates for **first-time full-time freshmen** by PSU major.
- **Table 8-1** provides attrition rates for **all students by enrollment status**. Other special admit students have the lowest attrition rate (10.3%) followed by EOP students (15.3%) and regular admits (15.5%).
- **Table 8-2** provides attrition rates for **all full-time students by enrollment status**. Other special admit students have the lowest attrition rate (10.3%) followed by EOP students (13.5%) and regular admits (14.4%).
- **Table 8-3** provides attrition rates for **first-time full-time freshmen students by enrollment status**.
- **Table 8-4** provides attrition rates for **all EOP students by PSU class level**. EOP freshmen have the highest attrition rate (22.0%) and EOP sophomores have the lowest attrition rate (11.4%).
- **Table 9** provides specific attrition rates **by PSU class level based on mean cumulative PSU credit hours/mean cumulative credit hours**.
- **Table 10-1** provides attrition and retention statistics **and level advancement for persisters** for full-time matriculated students.
- **Table 10-2** provides more detailed attrition/retention information by grouping full-time students by PSU level and ethnicity.
- **Table 11** provides specific attrition rates **for full-time matriculated by their cumulative GPA**. 38.1% of students with a cumulative GPA below 2.00 attrited. Conversely, 11.4% of students with a cumulative GPA at or above 2.00 attrited.

ATTRITION STATISTICS CAVEATS

- Data in this report concentrate on data pertaining to students that were enrolled during the spring 2003 semester and did not return for the fall 2003 semester.
- These data are based on official PSU files that are frozen after the third week of a given semester. Thus enrolled students are defined as having registered for courses and received an Accept Charges = Y from the Bursar's Office.
- As with any attrition study, the information supplied can only capture data at a specific point in time. The accuracy of the data is predicated on coding that exists in appropriate files when the data are generated.
- Attrition rate defined as the ratio of the number of attritors over the number of eligible persistors (initial cohort minus graduates). There were 52 students that applied for graduation during the Spring 2003 semester and were not enrolled for Fall 2003. Those students did not graduate as of the date these data were generated. As such, they are listed as attritors.
- There is no guarantee the self-selected ethnic codes listed for students are 100% accurate. There are also large numbers of students that choose not to list their ethnic codes.
- Class level data are generated by the PSU catalogue definition.
- The withdrawal category equates to both "Voluntary Withdrawal" and "Leave of Absence." Any withdrawals that are student initiated belong to this category.