

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Spring 2002 to Fall 2002

The attrition and retention statistics in this document provide select data on Plattsburgh State University undergraduate matriculated students for the spring 2002 to fall 2002 semesters. The initial cohort refers to undergraduate matriculated students enrolled in the spring 2002 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 freshman (16.8%) and seniors (18.1%).
- **Table 1-2** indicates the **full-time** attrition rate is 14.1%. The highest percent of full-time attritors are freshman (16.4%) and seniors (16.0%).
- **Table 1-3** indicates the **EOP** attrition rate is 13.6%. The highest percent of EOP attritors are freshman (15.6%) and seniors (17.5%).
- **Table 2-1** indicates **all New York State** students attrite at the lowest rate (15.1%), compared with International students (18.1%), and domestic out of state students (16.5%).
- **Table 2-2** indicates that **full-time New York State** students attrite at the lowest rate (13.7%), compared with full-time International students (17.7%), and domestic out of state students (15.2%).
- **Table 3-1** indicates that **all** males (17.6%) attrite at a higher rate than females (13.7%). The table contains additional data by ethnicity.
- **Table 3-2** indicates that all **full-time** males (16.5%) attrite at a higher rate than full-time females (12.2%). 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 (25.8%), followed by all off-campus seniors (19.5%).
- **Table 5-3** indicates that **full-time** freshmen living off-campus have the highest attrition rate (24.6%) followed by seniors living off campus (17.4%).
- **Table 6-1** provides attrition rates for all **New York State** students by County. The largest feeder counties have the following attrition rates: Albany (13.4%), Clinton (17.7%), Essex (16.4%), Franklin (15.8%), Monroe (13.5%), Orange (20.0%), St. Lawrence (15.7%), Saratoga (12.4%), Suffolk (16.0%), and Westchester (7.1%).

- **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 (13.0%), Clinton (15.2%), Essex (13.9%), Franklin (13.8%), Monroe (12.8%), Orange (19.6%), St. Lawrence (14.2%), Saratoga (11.8%), Suffolk (15.2%), and Westchester (7.1%).
- **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**. EOP students have the lowest attrition rate (13.6% followed by regular admits (15.4%) and other special admits (16.4%).
- **Table 8-2** provides attrition rates for **all full-time students by enrollment status**. EOP students have the lowest attrition rate (13.3% followed by regular admits (14.2%) and other special admits (16.4%).
- **Table 9-1** provides specific attrition rates **for all matriculated by their cumulative GPA**. 51.7% of students with a cumulative GPA below 2.00 attrited. Conversely, 11.7% of students with a cumulative GPA at or above 2.00 attrited.
- **Table 9-2** provides specific attrition rates **for full-time matriculated by their cumulative GPA**. 50.3% of students with a cumulative GPA below 2.00 attrited. Conversely, 10.4% of students with a cumulative GPA at or above 2.00 attrited.
- **Table 9-3** provides data on **full-time PSU students by class level and cumulative GPA ranges**.
- **Table 10** provides specific attrition data by **PSU class level by mean cumulative PSU credit hours and total cumulative credit hours**.

ATTRITION STATISTICS CAVEATS

- Data in this report concentrate on students that were enrolled during the spring 2002 semester and did not return for the fall 2002 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 20 students that applied for graduation during the Spring 2002 semester. Those students did not graduate as of the date these data were generated. As such, they are listed as non-returners.
- 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." Definitions of those terms are presently under review for appropriate Banner coding.