

Texas State University-San Marcos



REPORT

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Graduation Rates on the Rise at Texas State

TEXAS STATE FAST FACTS Fall 2005

- **Enrollment:**
 - Undergraduate 22,986
 - Graduate 4,143
- **Enrollment by Gender:**
 - Male 11,834
 - Female 15,295
- **Enrollment by Ethnicity:**
 - White 72.0%
 - African American 4.8%
 - Hispanic 20.4%
 - Other 2.8%
- **Enrollment by College (Undergrad/Grad):**
 - Applied Arts 2,553/194
 - Business 2,698/416
 - Education 3,427/1,509
 - Fine Arts 3,967/207
 - Health Professions 1,150/417
 - Liberal Arts 4,215/899
 - Science 2,337/496
 - University College 2,639/5*
- **Semester Credit Hours:**
 - Lower-level 175,969
 - Upper-level 118,161
 - Graduate 24,568
- **Retention Rate by Ethnicity:**
 - White 74.3%
 - African American 73.2%
 - Hispanic 76.9%
 - Other 66.7%
 - Total 74.5%
- **Graduation Rate by Ethnicity:**
 - White 53.2%
 - African American 54.3%
 - Hispanic 47.3%
 - Other 50.7%
 - Total 52.1%

* Students pursuing a 2nd bachelor's degree.

Texas State is one of the most selective public universities in Texas, and recent improvements in student success lend support to our claim as the Rising Star of Texas. Increased undergraduate admission standards that were implemented in fall 1992, along with a number of programs designed to encourage student retention and success, have led to a significantly improved graduation rate.

Typically, graduation rates are reported as the percentage of an entering freshmen cohort who complete a degree within six years. The graduation rate for fall 1991 freshmen, the last class to enter Texas State prior to the admission standard change, was 32%. The most recent rate, calculated for freshmen who first enrolled in fall 1999, is 52%. No other Texas public university has improved their graduation rate as much during this time period.

Eight years ago, when Texas State graduated only 32% of its first-time freshmen within six years, we ranked 10th among all Texas public universities in graduation rates. Texas A&M University (69%), the University of Texas at Austin (65%), Texas Tech University (44%), the University of Texas at Dallas (38%), Stephen F. Austin State University (38%), the University of Houston (37%), the University of North Texas (35%), Texas A&M University-Commerce (33%), and Sam Houston State University (33%) all graduated a higher percentage of their entering freshmen than Texas State.

Comparative data from other Texas institutions are not available yet for our newest rate of 52%. As of last year (2004), our 48% graduation rate for the entering class of fall 1998 placed us 5th among Texas public universities, with higher rates reported by Texas A&M University (76%), the University of Texas at Austin (74%), the University of Texas at Dallas (56%) and Texas Tech University (54%).

(Source: First-time, full-time, freshmen cohorts as defined by U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, in IPEDS database)



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 - Tuition & Fee Survey
 - U.S. News Graduation
 - Campus Crime Survey
 - Barron's Profile of American Colleges Survey
 - TSUS Report of Administrative, Faculty, and New Student Diversity
 - Enrollment Trends & SCH
 - RRHEC Enrollment Maps
 - House Bill 3015 - Affordability Report
 - U.S. News Graduate School of Education Survey
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