

Student Achievement Data

This page provides frequently-requested information about student enrollment and completion at Georgia Highlands College. Some information comes from GHC's Office of Planning, Assessment, Accreditation, and Research (PAAR), including excerpts from the GHC Fact Book. Some reports come from the University System of Georgia (USG). Information is available in the following categories:

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Student Demographics

Demographics for the GHC student body for Fall 2016 are shown below.

Georgia Highlands College Students – Fall 2016			
Total Enrollment	6,013	Residency	
Gender		Georgia Residents	97%
Female	63%	Full or Part Time	
Male	37%	Full Time	46%
Race/Ethnicity		Part Time	54%
White	65%	Financial Aid	
Black or African American	17%	Percent receiving some aid	67%
Hispanic/Latino	13%	Pell awardees	42%
Two or More Races	3%	HOPE awardees, all categories	25%
Asian	2%	New Students	
Other		Total new students	1,351
All Adult Learners (25+)	20%	Started in Learning Support	50%
Veterans	2%	First time Adult Learners (25+)	3%

Student Enrollment

GHC's total enrollment of 6,013 students in Fall 2016 is an increase of 4.6% over the prior fall term.

Multi-Year Total Enrollment



Enrollments grouped by Gender, Race/Ethnicity, and Age Group

- [Fall 2015](#)
- [Spring 2015](#)
- [Fall 2014](#)

[Fact Book](#) (for most recent Fall term and historically, enrollment by Campus, Gender, Race/Ethnicity, Residency, Academic Class, Full Time/Part Time, Age, and other qualities)

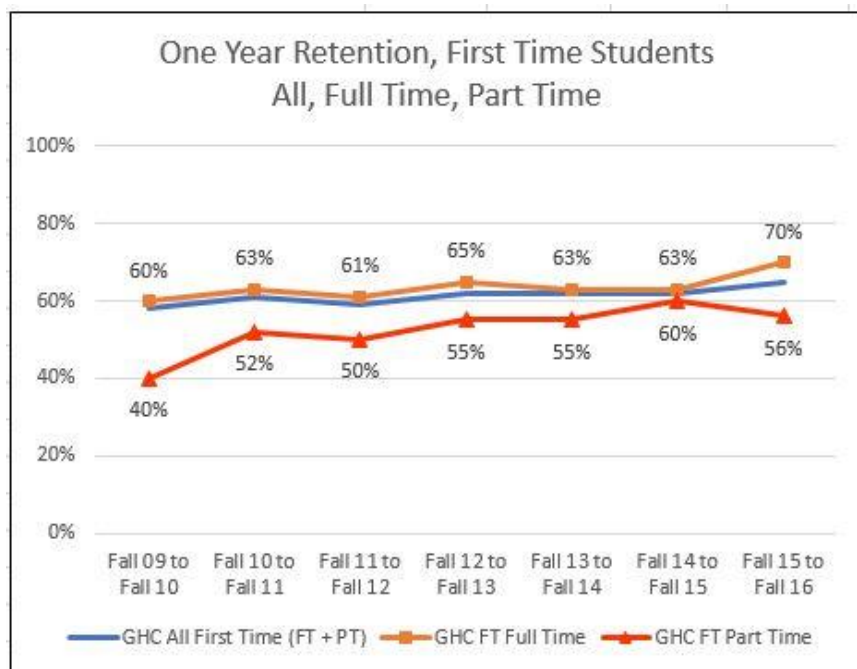
Retention Rates

Retention rates are most frequently measured from a fall term to a fall term (one-year or fall-to-fall retention). Retention from a fall term to the following spring term (fall-to-spring) is also reported in this section. First time students are often a special focus, as are groups sorted by gender, race/ethnicity, and age.

One Year Retention Rates

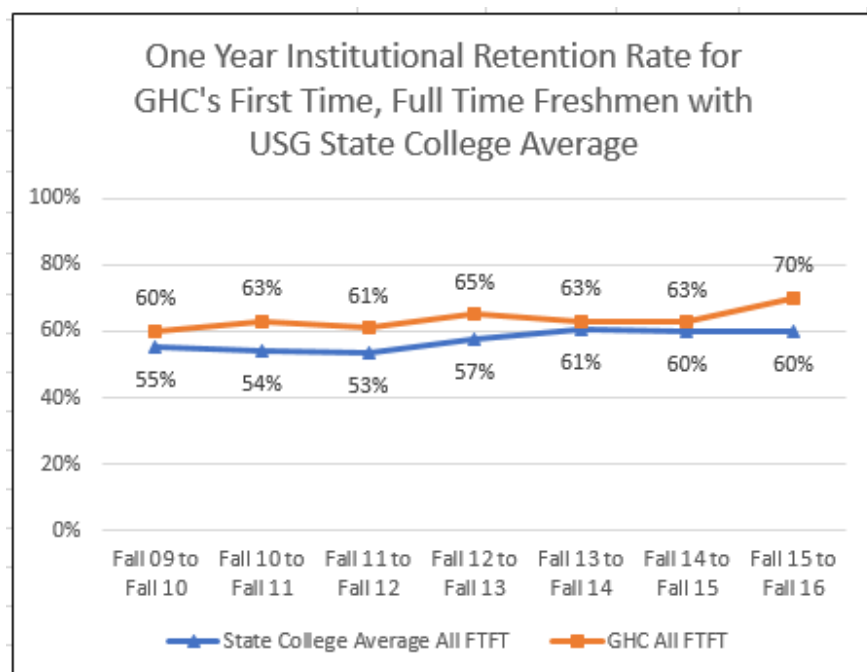
The University System of Georgia publishes two one-year retention figures for each fall cohort: an institutional retention rate (students retained at the same institution) and a system-wide retention rate (student retained at any USG institution). The figures below are the institutional retention rates, which are usually lower than the system-wide rates. GHC continues to track the progress of the students who returned to the institution the following fall.

Two graphs of one-year retention information are included below.



One-year retention of first time, full time students is up by 7% at 70% for Fall 2016, its highest level in the past seven years. Several new initiatives focused on one-year retention for first time, full time students began in Fall 2015, including a success coaching program for new freshmen.

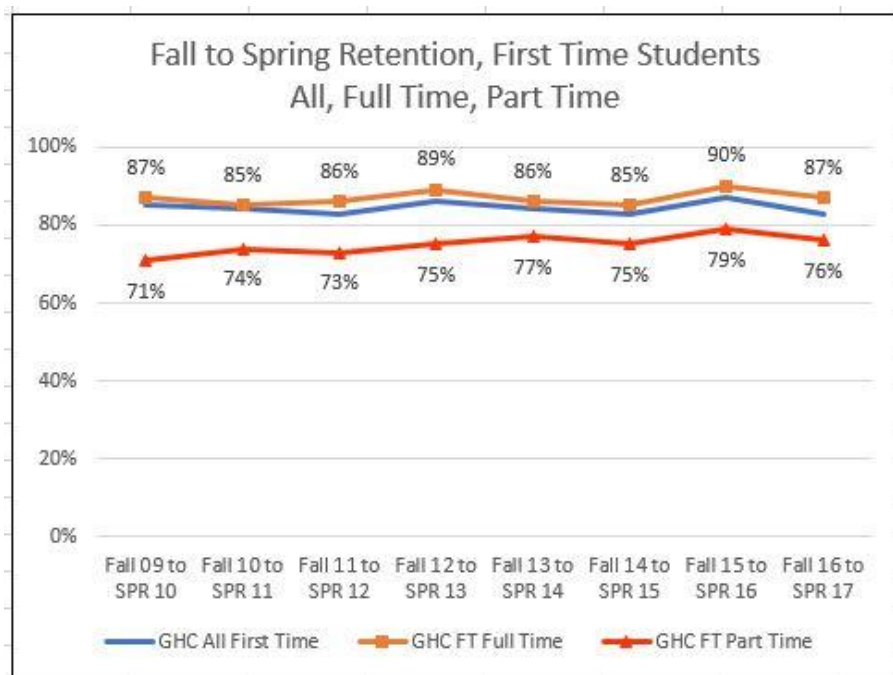
GHC's one-year retention rates compare favorably with the average one-year retention rates among State Colleges in USG (GHC's peer institutions).



More data on GHC's one-year retention may be found in the [Fact Book](#) (GHC data only).

Fall to Spring Retention Rates

GHC's fall-to-spring retention rates have typically been high. A spike for the Fall 2015 cohort reflects multiple initiatives focused on retention begun that term. The current rate of 87% for first-time, full-time students is within a typical range.

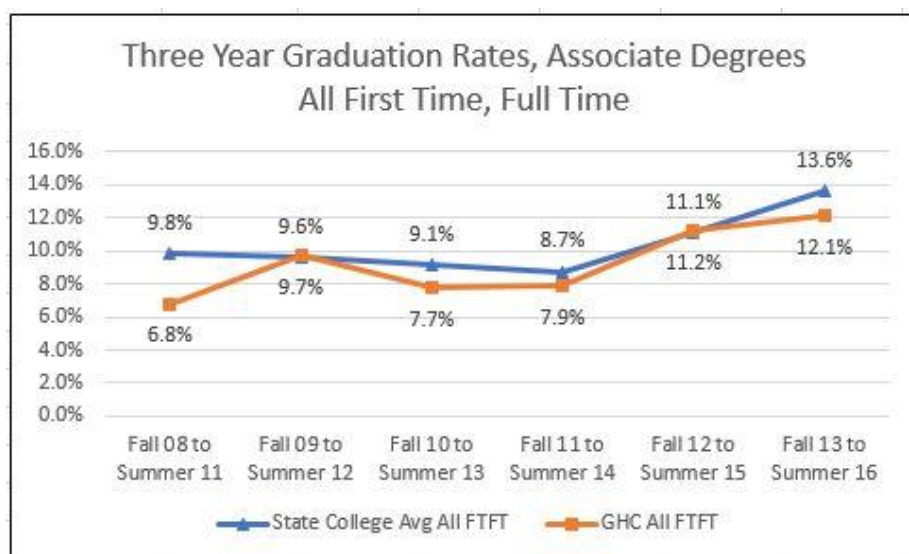


Graduation Rates

Graduation rates for associate degrees are measured on a three-year basis by the University System of Georgia. The rate is the number of students who complete an associate degree within three years divided by the number of students who started at the college in the same term.

As with retention figures, the University System of Georgia publishes two figures for three-year graduation rate: the Institutional rate (students who graduated from the same institution) and the system-wide graduation rate (students who graduated from any USG institution). The rates shown below are the institutional graduation rates, which are typically lower than the system-wide rates.

GHC's three-year graduation rates are up by 0.9% for the most recent cohort of students, to a high of 12.1% over the past six years. Here is how they compare with the average graduation rates for associate degrees among State Colleges in USG (GHC's peer institutions).



More data on GHC's graduation rates may be found in the [Fact Book](#) (GHC data only).

Complete College Georgia Plans and Annual Updates

Georgia Highlands College participates in the [Complete College Georgia](#) initiative within the University System of Georgia.

- [Complete College Georgia Plan](#)
- [Complete College Georgia 2013 Update](#)
- [Complete College Georgia 2014 Update](#)
- [Complete College Georgia 2015 Update](#)
- [Complete College Georgia 2016 Update](#)

Other Resources

The most recent survey results from the **Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE)** are [here](#).

- [CCSSE Key Findings Report-2014](#)

A searchable database is provided by the University System of Georgia (USG) to help interested parties research enrollment, retention, graduation rates, and degrees conferred at any USG institution.

- USG by the Numbers (USG123): <http://www.info.usg.edu/>