

**University of Connecticut  
Compared to Other Public Research Peer Universities  
Average Freshmen to Sophomore Retention Rate, Fall 2003**

Rank	Institution	Average Freshmen Retention Rate (%)	
1	U. of Virginia	97	*
2	U. of California at Berkeley	96	*
2	U. of California at Los Angeles	96	*
2	U. of Michigan at Ann Arbor	96	*
5	U. of North Carolina-Chapel Hill	95	*
6	U. of California at San Diego	94	*
7	U. of California at Irvine	93	*
8	Pennsylvania State University	92	*
8	U. of California at Davis	92	*
8	U. of Florida	92	*
8	U. of Georgia	92	*
8	U. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	92	*
8	U. of Maryland at College Park	92	*
14	U. of California at Santa Barbara	91	*
14	U. of Texas at Austin	91	*
14	U. of Wisconsin at Madison	91	*
17	Georgia Institute of Technology	90	
17	U. of Washington	90	*
19	Michigan State University	89	*
19	North Carolina State University	89	
19	Purdue University-West Lafayette	89	*
19	Texas A & M University-College Station	89	*
23	Indiana U. at Bloomington	88	*
23	Rutgers State U. of New Brunswick,NJ	88	*
23	U. of Connecticut	88	
26	U. of Pittsburgh	87	*
26	Virginia Polytechnic Institute	87	
28	Florida State University	86	
28	Ohio State University	86	*
28	State U. of New York at Stony Brook	86	*
31	State U. of New York at Buffalo	85	*
32	Iowa State University	84	*
32	U. of Massachusetts at Amherst	84	
32	U. of Minnesota - Twin Cities	84	*
32	U. of Missouri at Columbia	84	*
36	Louisiana State U. A & M-Baton Rouge	83	
36	U. of Alabama at Birmingham	83	
36	U. of Colorado at Boulder	83	*
36	U. of Iowa	83	*
40	Colorado State University	82	
41	U. of Nebraska at Lincoln	81	*
42	Oregon State University	80	
42	Temple University	80	
42	U. of Kansas	80	*
45	U. of Kentucky	79	
46	U. of Hawaii at Manoa	78	
46	U. of Illinois at Chicago	78	
46	Virginia Commonwealth U.	78	
49	U. of Arizona at Tucson	77	*
49	U. of Tennessee at Knoxville	77	
49	U. of Utah	77	
49	West Virginia University	77	
53	Arizona State University at Tempe	76	
53	Wayne State University	76	
55	U. of Cincinnati	74	
55	U. of New Mexico	74	
57	New Mexico State University	72	
58	Utah State University	71	

\* Indicates the institution is a member of the Association of American Universities (AAU.)

Retention rate: Average percent of 1999-2002 freshmen returning the following fall.

Source: U.S. News & World Report "America's Best Colleges" 2005 edition. Fall 2003 data was requested.

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