

**Table 21: Persistence and Graduation of New, Full-time Freshmen Seeking a Baccalaureate Degree
Fall Semesters 1995-2002 (10th-day cohorts)**

Entering Fall Semester	Cohort Headcount	Continued to 2nd Yr	Continued to 3rd Yr	Graduated within 4 Yrs	Continued to 5th Yr	Graduated within 5 Yrs	Continued to 6th Yr	Graduated within 6 Yrs	Continued to 7th Yr
1995	2,115	65.0%	51.4%	17.5%	27.8%	34.5%	9.3%	40.3%	3.4%
1996	2,197	65.5%	54.3%	17.1%	27.7%	33.8%	8.9%	38.7%	4.2%
1997	2,303	67.7%	54.6%	19.6%	28.9%	38.0%	8.9%	43.2%	3.3%
1998	2,558	68.8%	54.7%	21.2%	26.6%	37.9%	7.9%		
1999	2,500	65.5%	52.8%						
2000	2,354	65.3%	52.6%						
2001	2,128	70.9%	59.0%						
2002	2,424	68.4%							

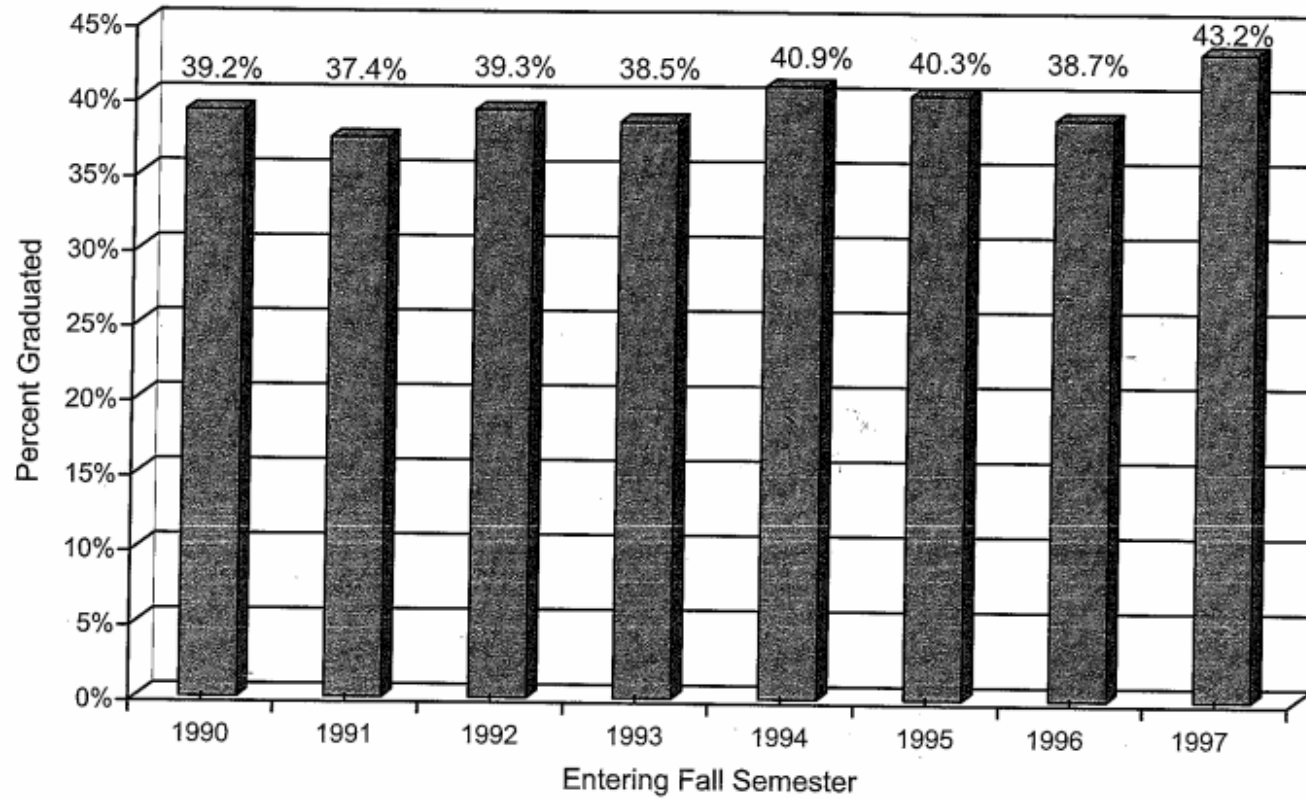
NOTES: Percents are cumulative rather than annual percents.

Each graduation year contains all recorded graduations of students in a given cohort during December, May, and August. Each cohort consists of all new full-time freshmen entering SIUC in the respective summer and continuing into fall or entering in that fall semester for the first time. On and off-campus, degree-seeking students are included in each cohort. All 10th-day cohorts were tracked through Fall Semester 2003, and the status of the student is recorded before each fall semester following the fall semester as a new freshman: did the student graduate, is the student still persisting, or is the student a non-persister.

Continued to 2nd Year, 3rd Year, etc. is defined as a student who returns for the Fall semester of that year. The cohort headcount for new, full-time freshmen will not match Fact Book Table 2 because Table 2 includes associate degree-seeking students in addition to baccalaureate degree-seeking students.

SOURCE: IR&S Longitudinal Student History File and 10th-day student census files.

Figure 16: Graduation Rates - Six Years



FACT BOOK

2003 – 2004

~Eighteenth Edition~
January 2004

Lawrence Schilling, Director
Institutional Research and Studies

Linda Benz, Team Leader

Staff Contributors:

Aimee Dasher
Christine Blackburn
Tim Bogard
Kathy Capel
Sherin Kuriakose
Hui Pan
Lawrence Schilling

Cover design by Sherin Kuriakose