

Duquesne University
First Year Retention Rate ¹ Comparisons: Key Competition ²
Freshman Cohorts Fall 2017 to Fall 2021

Institution	Fall 2017	Fall 2018	Fall 2019	Fall 2020	Fall 2021
Ohio State University ³	95%	94%	94%	94%	93%
University of Pittsburgh ⁴	93%	93%	93%	93%	93%
Pennsylvania State University ⁵	93%	88%	87%	87%	91%
University of Delaware	90%	91%	90%	91%	91%
Drexel University	89%	89%	88%	90%	87%
University of Scranton	87%	88%	89%	87%	85%
Duquesne University	84%	85%	86%	84%	84%
Temple University	89%	89%	87%	86%	84%
University of Buffalo (SUNY)	87%	86%	87%	83%	84%
Robert Morris University	81%	83%	81%	79%	82%
West Chester University	84%	86%	85%	85%	82%
Chatham University	78%	80%	76%	79%	80%
West Virginia University	76%	79%	82%	81%	79%
Kent State University ⁶	81%	81%	82%	81%	78%
Indiana University of Pennsylvania	71%	72%	72%	71%	71%
Pennsylvania Western University ⁷					70%
Average of Group (excluding Duquesne)	87%	87%	87%	87%	86%
Duquesne's Difference from Group Average	(3%)	(2%)	(1%)	(3%)	(2%)

¹ Retention rate is the percentage of first-time, full-time baccalaureate degree-seeking undergraduates from the previous fall who enrolled again in the most recent fall term.

² List of the top 15 institutions where Duquesne enrolled freshmen were accepted but did not attend, as well as the those institutions where non-matriculated accepted freshmen enrolled.

³ Columbus campus

⁴ Pittsburgh (Oakland) campus

⁵ University Park campus

⁶ Kent campus

⁷ Pennsylvania Western University was created by the merger of California University of Pennsylvania, Clarion University, and Edinboro University and began operations as a unified university on 7/1/22.

Sources: Enrollment Management Group; US Department of Education; National Center for Education Statistics