



Student Achievement - Persistence

Goal:	Increase student persistence
Vision 2023 Goal:	Foster Student Success
Criteria:	Increase 1-year persistence rate for First-Time, Degree-Seeking Undergraduate students (FTIC) by 1% annually
Threshold of Acceptability:	Expected to be greater than the baseline and/or previous year's results, depending on which is greater

1-Year Persistence Rate

One year persistence rates for First-time, Degree-Seeking, Undergraduate students enrolled in at least 12 semester credit hours in the fall semester who are still enrolled at the same or another Texas public or private (independent) institution the following fall semester.

Fall-to-Fall Persistence Rate				
Fall Entering Cohort	Fall-to-Fall Persistence	Rate	Previous Year Difference	
2015	271	70.5%		Baseline Cohort
2016	382	77.2%	+6.7%	Target Achieved
2017	394	70.8%	-6.4%	Not Achieved
2018	508	69.5%	-1.3%	Not Achieved
2019	797	66.8%	-2.7%	Not Achieved
2020	711	64.6%	-2.2%	Not Achieved
2021	571	69.5%	+4.9%	Target Achieved

Results:

Texas Southmost College (TSC) regularly tracks the First-time, Degree-Seeking, Undergraduate students (FTIC) through the Office of Institutional Research. This data tracking takes place as part of the TSC's Vision 2023 Strategic Plan. Institutional data for this outcome was derived from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB), Accountability System – Persistence Rates (2016 – 2022 reports) for Community, State, and Technical Colleges. The Fall 2015 FTIC entering student cohort had a 70.5% Fall-to-Fall persistence rate. The fall 2016 entering cohort increased to 77.2%. In the next four years TSC experienced a decline; until this past year where there was an increase of 4.9% in persistence (from 64.6% to 69.5%).