



### **Student Achievement - Persistence**

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| <b>Goal:</b>                       | Increase student persistence   |
| <b>Vision 2023 Goal:</b>           | Foster Student Success   |
| <b>Criteria:</b>                   | Increase 1-year persistence rate for First-Time, Degree-Seeking Undergraduate students (FTIC) by 1% annually |
| <b>Threshold of Acceptability:</b> | 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 |
| 2022                          | 503                      | 66.0% | -3.5%                    | Not 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 originated from the TSC Strategic Plan – Vision 2023 Strategic Goals, and continues to be part of the Strategic Priorities FY24. Institutional data for this outcome was compiled from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB), Accountability System – Persistence Rates (2016 – 2023) for Community, State, and Technical Colleges. The most recent Accountability Report was published in October 2024; it contained data for the Fall 2022 Entering Cohort.

TSC achieved two of the seven targets in the “1-Year Persistence Rate”. The target is presented as the difference in persistence rates from one year to the next. Throughout the eight-year span, the highest increase was 6.7%, which corresponded to the Fall 2016 entering cohort. The second highest increase was 4.9%, which corresponded to the Fall 2021 entering cohort. All other differences (targets) show a negative trend. The lowest difference was -6.4%, which corresponded to the Fall 2017 entering cohort.