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Graduation, Transfer-Out, and Retention Rates: NOVA's Student Right-to-Know Information

This Research Brief presents data for Northern Virginia Community College in compliance with the federal Student Right-to-Know Act. The Act requires NOVA to disclose graduation, transfer-out, and retention rates to current and prospective students. The source of this data is the U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS). Based on the data made available through IPEDS, graduation and transfer-out rates are disaggregated by gender and race/ethnicity, while Fall-to-Fall retention rates are disaggregated by enrollment status (full- or part-time).

Graduation Rates

Table 1 presents graduation rates for first-time, full-time degree- or certificate-seeking students who graduated within 150 percent of normal time to completion. Graduation rates are presented for the Fall 2010 through Fall 2012 cohorts.

Table 1. Graduation Rates by Gender and by Race/Ethnicity: Fall 2010 through Fall 2012 Cohorts

	Fall 2010			Fall 2011			Fall 2012		
	N	Graduated		N	Graduated		N	Graduated	
		#	%		#	%		#	%
Total Graduation Rate	4,577	1,043	23%	4,848	1,115	23%	5,137	1,158	23%
Gender									
Male	2,408	476	20%	2,602	503	19%	2,723	527	19%
Female	2,169	567	26%	2,246	612	27%	2,414	631	26%
Race/Ethnicity									
American Indian/Alaska Native	12	2	17%	13	1	8%	7	2	29%
Asian	732	220	30%	815	260	32%	854	274	32%
Black or African American	676	102	15%	762	107	14%	859	121	14%
Hispanic	904	190	21%	1,088	228	21%	1,215	248	20%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	34	9	27%	33	6	18%	29	7	24%
White	1,723	387	23%	1,653	386	23%	1,740	408	23%
Two or More Races	168	33	20%	220	57	26%	226	43	19%
Race/Ethnicity Unknown	150	41	27%	75	14	19%	75	16	21%
Nonresident Alien	178	59	33%	189	56	30%	132	39	30%

Transfer-Out Rates

Table 2 presents transfer-out rates for first-time, full-time degree- or certificate-seeking students who transferred out of NOVA within 150 percent of normal time to completion without first earning a degree. Transfer-out rates are presented for the Fall 2010 through Fall 2012 cohorts.

Table 2. Transfer-Out Rates: Fall 2010 through Fall 2012 Cohorts

	Fall 2010			Fall 2011			Fall 2012		
	N	Transferred		N	Transferred		N	Transferred	
		#	%		#	%		#	%
Total Transfer-Out Rate	4,577	726	16%	4,848	703	15%	5,137	799	16%
Gender									
Male	2,408	375	16%	2,602	370	14%	2,723	408	15%
Female	2,169	351	16%	2,246	333	15%	2,414	391	16%
Race/Ethnicity									
American Indian/Alaska Native	12	3	25%	13	3	23%	7	0	0%
Asian	732	89	12%	815	86	11%	854	120	14%
Black or African American	676	131	19%	762	138	18%	859	163	19%
Hispanic	904	98	11%	1,088	121	11%	1,215	143	12%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	34	7	21%	33	5	15%	29	5	17%
White	1,723	322	19%	1,653	287	17%	1,740	307	18%
Two or More Races	168	24	14%	220	20	9%	226	37	16%
Race/Ethnicity Unknown	150	31	21%	75	16	21%	75	8	11%
Nonresident Alien	178	21	12%	189	27	14%	132	16	12%

Retention Rates

Table 3 presents the Fall-to-Fall retention rates of first-time degree- or certificate-seeking students who re-enrolled at NOVA the following Fall for the Fall 2012 through Fall 2014 cohorts.

Table 3. Retention Rates by Enrollment Status: Fall 2012 through Fall 2014 Cohorts

Enrollment Status	Fall 2012			Fall 2013			Fall 2014		
	N	Retained		N	Retained		N	Retained	
		#	%		#	%		#	%
Full-Time	5,137	3,571	70%	5,819	4,014	69%	5,818	4,168	72%
Part-Time	3,146	1,425	45%	3,307	1,580	48%	3,323	1,619	49%