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## Retention of Fall 2017 First-Time Freshmen: Six-Year Update

This study tracks the enrollment of 3,320 first-time freshmen that entered Baylor University during Summer and Fall 2017. Student data were examined for the period between Fall 2017 and Fall 2023. Summary information about retention and graduation rates is displayed by selected characteristics. Of the 3,320 first-time freshmen, 40 percent were males and 38 percent were students in racial and ethnic minority groups.

As depicted in Table 1, these first-time freshmen had the following enrollment pattern:

After entering the University in Fall 2017, 88.8% continued their enrollment in Fall 2018.

In Fall 2019, 83.0% of the original students continued their enrollment. Within three years after entering Baylor, 2,609 (78.6%) remained enrolled, 600 (18.1%) had left the University, and 111 (3.3%) had graduated.

Within four years after entering Baylor:

2,312	(69.6%)	had graduated,
643	(19.4%)	left the University (attrition), and
365	(11.0%)	remained enrolled

Within five years after entering Baylor:

2,628	(79.2%)	had graduated,
651	(19.6%)	left the University (attrition), and
41	(1.2%)	remained enrolled.

Within six years after entering Baylor:

2,660	(80.1%)	had graduated,
645	(19.4%)	left the University (attrition), and
15	(0.5%)	remained enrolled.

Table 1 displays the general flow of enrollment for the first-time freshmen that entered Baylor in Summer and Fall 2017. These students are displayed by sex, racial/ethnic group, minority status, Baptist affiliation, Texas status, citizenship status, first generation college student status, legacy status, highest entrance test score\*, high school class ranking, and Pell status. Retention, attrition, and graduation rates are listed for this six-year period. The reader is reminded that the attrition statistics include those students who completely withdrew from school as well as those who elected to enroll at other postsecondary institutions. The table also appropriately accounts for those students who "stopped out" and later returned to reenroll in the University. A graphic summary of this enrollment flow across the entire six years is displayed in Figure 1.

*\*Some students submitted scores for both SAT and ACT entrance tests. For this report, each student's highest SAT score was compared to the student's highest ACT score, and only the better score was retained. In March 2016, the College Board began administering a redesigned SAT exam. All SAT scores in this report are presented on the redesigned scale.*





























**Table 8**  
**Fall 2017 First-Time Freshmen**  
**by Ending Cumulative GPA**

<b>Continuing Students</b>	<b>Male</b>		<b>Female</b>		<b>All</b>	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
0.00 - 0.499	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
0.50 - 0.999	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
1.00 - 1.499	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
1.50 - 1.999	1	11.1	0	0.0	1	6.7
2.00 - 2.499	5	55.6	1	16.7	6	40.0
2.50 - 2.999	0	0.0	5	83.3	5	33.3
3.00 - 3.499	2	22.2	0	0.0	2	13.3
3.50 - 4.000	1	11.1	0	0.0	1	6.7
<b>All</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<b>Non-Returning Students</b>	<b>Male</b>		<b>Female</b>		<b>All</b>	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
No GPA	1	0.3	0	0	1	0.2
0.00 - 0.499	21	6.7	15	4.5	36	5.6
0.50 - 0.999	9	2.9	5	1.5	14	2.2
1.00 - 1.499	25	8.0	14	4.2	39	6.0
1.50 - 1.999	57	18.3	28	8.4	85	13.2
2.00 - 2.499	62	19.9	47	14.1	109	16.9
2.50 - 2.999	64	20.5	71	21.3	135	20.9
3.00 - 3.499	44	14.1	78	23.4	122	18.9
3.50 - 4.000	29	9.3	75	22.5	104	16.1
<b>All</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>645</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<b>Graduated Students</b>	<b>Male</b>		<b>Female</b>		<b>All</b>	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
0.00 - 0.499	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
0.50 - 0.999	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
1.00 - 1.499	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
1.50 - 1.999	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2.00 - 2.499	25	2.5	11	0.7	36	1.4
2.50 - 2.999	124	12.2	99	6.0	223	8.4
3.00 - 3.499	431	42.4	542	33.0	973	36.6
3.50 - 4.000	437	43.0	991	60.3	1428	53.7
<b>All</b>	<b>1017</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1643</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2660</b>	<b>100.0</b>