

## University of Saint Francis Retention Rates by Program Level

Location and Degree Level		Fall 2021 # Started	Fall 2022 # Retained	# Graduated	1-year Retention %
Crown Point		69	36	0	52%
	Associate	42	27	0	64%
	Bachelor's	*	*	*	*
	Undecided	25	8	0	32%
Virtual Campus		97	42	20	55%
	Bachelor's	*	*	*	*
	Master's	96	42	20	55%
Fort Wayne		550	375	1	68%
	Associate	76	49	0	64%
	Bachelor's	398	277	1	70%
	Undecided	36	20	0	56%
	Master's	40	29	1	74%
<b>Total</b>		<b>716</b>	<b>453</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>65%</b>

Source: USF Report Bank: Summary – Student Retention by IPEDS Snapshot Comparison (431-025)

\*Note: Data has been excluded from reporting due to small cohort size (count is greater than 0 but less than 5)

### Report Definitions

**New Student** (new students are included in the counts in this report)

A student who is entering a division (graduate or undergraduate) at the university via Admissions (i.e. has an Admissions candidacy row) and has a stage between 190 and 199 (including 190 and 199) for the specific year and term.

New students in Summer are also counted as New for the following Fall term (assuming they are registered/enrolled for that term). Students are no longer considered New after the initial term of enrollment indicated by their candidacy row.

A student can be considered New again for a subsequent term when re-entering a previously enrolled division, but they must re-enter through Admissions with a candidacy row for the new year and term meeting the above criteria. (This applies mostly to readmitted students and non-degree students transitioning to degree-seeking programs).

**Returning (or Continuing) Student** (returning students are not included in the counts in this report)

A student who has been enrolled in university courses previously and is not considered a New Student for the specific year and term.

**Stop-out Rules** (stop-outs are included in the counts in this report)

The following stop-out rules apply (referring to semesters never enrolled or all courses in “Drop” status):

- Undergraduate Fort Wayne and Crown Point – one semester, but does not include summer (examples: 1. Student attends/earns all Withdraw grades spring, but does not attend summer or fall, a hold is placed 2<sup>nd</sup> week of fall. 2. Student attends fall, but not spring, a hold is placed 2<sup>nd</sup> week of spring)
- Undergraduate Virtual Campus – 2 semesters, which does include summer
- Graduate Virtual Campus – 2 semesters, which does include summer
- Graduate Main Campus – 2 semester, but does not include summer

**Cohort**

A Cohort is a group of research subjects who satisfy a specific set of criteria at a set point in time. The cohort outcomes are tracked as part of a research study. An example of a cohort is the IPEDS graduation rate cohort, which is restricted to full-time, first-time degree/certificate-seeking students who enter the institution during a particular year (NCES, n.d., IPEDS Survey Methodology).

**Retention**

Retention is usually reported from a starting semester to the next consecutive semester (i.e. fall to spring) or the same semester of the next consecutive year (fall to fall). A student shall be considered retained for a subsequent semester if officially enrolled at the university in that semester or engaging in an allowed stop out period. A student must be included as part of the retention cohort for the starting semester to be considered retained in subsequent semesters.

- Retention Cohorts may use the New student or New to USF student definitions, depending upon the reporting needs.
- Students graduating within less than one year of the starting semester will be removed from the cohort for retention calculations.
- Students starting in New to USF cohorts and exiting the university before a semester’s official count are not considered retained for that semester unless they have re-entered the university after their exit and before the official count for that semester. Despite exits or subsequent re-entries, students remain in New to USF cohorts.

- Students starting in a New (but not New to USF) cohort and exiting the university before a subsequent semester's official count are not considered retained for that semester or any semesters after the exit. These students may be considered a part of another New cohort if re-entering the university later.
- Students exiting the university after a semester's official count are considered retained for that semester if they were considered retained as of the official count and were a part of a previous starting cohort.

Most retention reporting represents retention to the university, not individual majors. Unless specifically reported, changes in major have no effect on student retention numbers.

Official undergraduate retention reporting uses a New to USF cohort of first-time, full-time, bachelor's-degree seeking students.