

Retention and graduation rates at UHH are low, particularly among the PI population. An average of 65% of students drop out within a six-year period: 39% in the first year, 16% in the second year, and 10% in the third year or later. Over half of the dropouts leave at the end of their freshmen year. UHH's first-year retention rate is lower than its peer and benchmark institutions: only 61% of UHH first-year students continue to the second year compared to 75% at its benchmark and 69% at its peer institutions. PIs have the lowest one-year retention rate (58%) within the API category. UHH's rates are also lower compared to PIs at the main UH campus (UH Manoa in Honolulu): the average one-year retention rate of PIs at UH Manoa from the 2001-2005 period was 71%, which is 12% higher than UHH's rate.

UHH's average six-year graduation rate is 31%, 15 points lower than the 46% average of its benchmark institutions. PIs have the lowest average six-year graduation rates (27%) of any ethnic group at UHH. In terms of four-year graduation rates, first-time freshmen PIs have the lowest retention and graduation rates of all students. In the Fall 2003 cohort, 12% of all students graduated from UHH by the end of four years; however, only 8% of PI students graduated.

<i>UHH Retention and Four-Year Graduation Rates</i>						
<i>First-Time Freshmen</i>						
	Fall 2003 (Number)	Fall 2004 %	Fall 2005 %	Fall 2006 %	Fall 2007 %	Graduated %
All Students	429	62%	44%	38%	25%	12%
Pacific Islander	27	59%	30%	30%	30%	8%

Source: UHH Institutional Research Office