## Freshman Retention Rates

**First-Time Full-Time Cohort, Fall 2021 to Fall 2022**

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**Retention rate is based on first-time, full-time freshmen.**

**The rate is the percentage of students who returned for the second fall term.**

**Underrepresented Minorities (URM) includes:**
- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- Black or African American
- Hispanic or Latino
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

**Students of Color include all non-white, non-international students.**

Source: CU System & Campus Offices of Institutional Research
Freshman Retention Rates

**Boulder**
- First-Time Freshman Cohort
- Fall 2012: 84.6%
- Fall 2013: 84.1%
- Fall 2014: 86.0%
- Fall 2015: 86.8%
- Fall 2016: 87.5%
- Fall 2017: 87.5%
- Fall 2018: 86.9%
- Fall 2019: 85.0%
- Fall 2020: 87.5%
- Fall 2021: 87.8%

**UCCS**
- First-Time Freshman Cohort
- Fall 2012: 70.9%
- Fall 2013: 67.0%
- Fall 2014: 67.6%
- Fall 2015: 69.3%
- Fall 2016: 66.3%
- Fall 2017: 68.8%
- Fall 2018: 68.3%
- Fall 2019: 70.7%
- Fall 2020: 66.6%
- Fall 2021: 66.7%

**Denver**
- First-Time Freshman Cohort
- Fall 2012: 75.1%
- Fall 2013: 72.0%
- Fall 2014: 68.0%
- Fall 2015: 71.1%
- Fall 2016: 66.9%
- Fall 2017: 71.5%
- Fall 2018: 69.8%
- Fall 2019: 72.8%
- Fall 2020: 74.7%
- Fall 2021: 69.5%

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*Fall 2021 to Fall 2022*
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- The year indicates the entering fall cohort.
- The rate is the percentage of students enrolled the following fall term.
Freshman Retention Rates – Residency

Fall 2021 to Fall 2022

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### Boulder
- **Resident**
  - Fall 2016: 89.9%
  - Fall 2017: 90.2%
  - Fall 2018: 89.7%
  - Fall 2019: 87.6%
  - Fall 2020: 87.8%
  - Fall 2021: 88.2%
- **Non Resident**
  - Fall 2016: 84.9%
  - Fall 2017: 84.7%
  - Fall 2018: 83.9%
  - Fall 2019: 82.1%
  - Fall 2020: 87.0%
  - Fall 2021: 87.5%

### UCCS
- **Resident**
  - Fall 2016: 67.1%
  - Fall 2017: 69.9%
  - Fall 2018: 69.6%
  - Fall 2019: 72.9%
  - Fall 2020: 66.7%
  - Fall 2021: 69.8%
- **Non Resident**
  - Fall 2016: 62.5%
  - Fall 2017: 63.8%
  - Fall 2018: 61.9%
  - Fall 2019: 60.7%
  - Fall 2020: 66.5%
  - Fall 2021: 57.6%

### Denver
- **Resident**
  - Fall 2016: 68.9%
  - Fall 2017: 72.6%
  - Fall 2018: 70.9%
  - Fall 2019: 74.4%
  - Fall 2020: 75.9%
  - Fall 2021: 72.9%
- **Non Resident**
  - Fall 2016: 56.1%
  - Fall 2017: 65.9%
  - Fall 2018: 61.5%
  - Fall 2019: 60.8%
  - Fall 2020: 65.2%
  - Fall 2021: 55.6%
Freshman Retention Rates – Students of Color

Fall 2021 to Fall 2022

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- The year indicates the entering fall cohort.

- The rate is the percentage of students enrolled the following fall term.

Students of Color includes:
- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- Asian American
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- More than one race
Freshman Retention Rates – URM

**Boulder**

- **Fall 2016**: 87.7% White, 59.9% URM
- **Fall 2017**: 87.8% White, 63.1% URM
- **Fall 2018**: 87.5% White, 66.2% URM
- **Fall 2019**: 84.8% White, 66.6% URM
- **Fall 2020**: 88.2% White, 62.7% URM
- **Fall 2021**: 89.3% White, 68.5% URM

**UCCS**

- **Fall 2016**: 68.5% White, 59.9% URM
- **Fall 2017**: 70.6% White, 63.1% URM
- **Fall 2018**: 69.1% White, 66.2% URM
- **Fall 2019**: 72.1% White, 66.6% URM
- **Fall 2020**: 68.3% White, 62.7% URM
- **Fall 2021**: 68.5% White, 60.1% URM

**Denver**

- **Fall 2016**: 66.7% White, 63.4% URM
- **Fall 2017**: 69.1% White, 68.1% URM
- **Fall 2018**: 67.2% White, 68.6% URM
- **Fall 2019**: 71.0% White, 68.2% URM
- **Fall 2020**: 71.1% White, 72.8% URM
- **Fall 2021**: 65.8% White, 69.5% URM

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Source: CU System & Campus Offices of Institutional Research
**Freshman Retention Rates – Pell Recipients**

**Boulder**
- **Overall**
- **Pell Recipients**
  - Fall 2016: 87.5%, 66.3%
  - Fall 2017: 82.8%, 60.3%
  - Fall 2018: 87.5%, 68.8%
  - Fall 2019: 84.3%, 64.5%
  - Fall 2020: 86.9%, 68.3%
  - Fall 2021: 83.0%, 66.3%

**UCCS**
- **Overall**
- **Pell Recipients**
  - Fall 2016: 66.3%, 71.5%
  - Fall 2017: 60.3%, 75.2%
  - Fall 2018: 68.8%, 74.2%
  - Fall 2019: 64.5%, 72.8%
  - Fall 2020: 66.3%, 75.0%
  - Fall 2021: 66.5%, 74.7%

**Denver**
- **Overall**
- **Pell Recipients**
  - Fall 2016: 66.9%, 66.9%
  - Fall 2017: 69.3%, 71.5%
  - Fall 2018: 75.2%, 74.2%
  - Fall 2019: 72.8%, 75.0%
  - Fall 2020: 79.1%, 74.7%
  - Fall 2021: 69.5%, 69.5%

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**Pell Recipient** includes students receiving a full or partial Federal Pell Grant during their enrollment.

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Freshman Retention Rates – First Generation Status

PILLAR 1: Affordability & Student Success

Fall 2021 to Fall 2022

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First Generation Status based on self-reported student information, whether or not parent(s) earned a bachelor's degree.

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First-Time Full-Time Cohort, Fall 2020 to Fall 2021

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IPEDS 2021

- IPEDS 2021 is the most available data.
- Freshman retention rates are based on first-time, full-time freshmen returning for their sophomore year.
- The Anschutz Medical Campus does not enroll first-time freshmen.
**Freshman Retention Rate – Peer Comparison**

- **CU Boulder**: 87%
- **Peer Average**: 93%
- **UCCS**: 67%
- **Peer Average**: 76%
- **Denver**: 75%
- **Peer Average**: 73%

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- Peers based on IPEDS peer institutions.

Source: CU System & Campus Offices of Institutional Research; IPEDS 2021

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Transfer Student Retention Rates

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- Incoming Full-Time Transfers

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Transfer Student Retention Rates – Residency

**Boulder**
- Resident: 89.9% (Fall 2016), 90.2% (Fall 2017), 89.7% (Fall 2018), 87.6% (Fall 2019), 87.9% (Fall 2020), 88.2% (Fall 2021)
- Non Resident: 84.9% (Fall 2016), 84.7% (Fall 2017), 83.9% (Fall 2018), 82.1% (Fall 2019), 87.0% (Fall 2020), 87.5% (Fall 2021)

**UCCS**
- Resident: 70% (Fall 2016), 70% (Fall 2017), 71% (Fall 2018), 70% (Fall 2019), 69% (Fall 2020), 73% (Fall 2021)
- Non Resident: 70% (Fall 2016), 67% (Fall 2017), 60% (Fall 2018), 54% (Fall 2019), 62% (Fall 2020), 62% (Fall 2021)

**Denver**
- Resident: 75% (Fall 2016), 75% (Fall 2017), 77% (Fall 2018), 77% (Fall 2019), 86% (Fall 2020), 83% (Fall 2021)
- Non Resident: 78% (Fall 2016), 79% (Fall 2017), 77% (Fall 2018), 80% (Fall 2019), 85% (Fall 2020), 83% (Fall 2021)

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Transfer Student Retention Rates – Students of Color

**Boulder**

- **Fall 2016**: 85% (White/Unknown), 33% (Students of Color)
- **Fall 2017**: 86% (White/Unknown), 36% (Students of Color)
- **Fall 2018**: 84% (White/Unknown), 33% (Students of Color)
- **Fall 2019**: 83% (White/Unknown), 39% (Students of Color)
- **Fall 2020**: 85% (White/Unknown), 36% (Students of Color)
- **Fall 2021**: 84% (White/Unknown), 32% (Students of Color)

**UCCS**

- **Fall 2016**: 73% (White/Unknown), 67% (Students of Color)
- **Fall 2017**: 71% (White/Unknown), 67% (Students of Color)
- **Fall 2018**: 68% (White/Unknown), 72% (Students of Color)
- **Fall 2019**: 69% (White/Unknown), 64% (Students of Color)
- **Fall 2020**: 69% (White/Unknown), 69% (Students of Color)
- **Fall 2021**: 72% (White/Unknown), 69% (Students of Color)

**Denver**

- **Fall 2016**: 71% (White/Unknown), 75% (Students of Color)
- **Fall 2017**: 73% (White/Unknown), 74% (Students of Color)
- **Fall 2018**: 74% (White/Unknown), 76% (Students of Color)
- **Fall 2019**: 75% (White/Unknown), 76% (Students of Color)
- **Fall 2020**: 75% (White/Unknown), 75% (Students of Color)
- **Fall 2021**: 77% (White/Unknown), 77% (Students of Color)

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Transfer Student Retention Rates – Pell Recipients

**Boulder**
- Fall 2016: Overall 84.1%, Pell Recipients 83.5%
- Fall 2017: Overall 86.0%, Pell Recipients 82.4%
- Fall 2018: Overall 83.8%, Pell Recipients 83.3%
- Fall 2019: Overall 83.5%, Pell Recipients 80.6%
- Fall 2020: Overall 85.3%, Pell Recipients 83.1%
- Fall 2021: Overall 83.8%, Pell Recipients 81.1%

**UCCS**
- Fall 2016: Overall 70.3%, Pell Recipients 74%
- Fall 2017: Overall 69.5%, Pell Recipients 70%
- Fall 2018: Overall 69.5%, Pell Recipients 71%
- Fall 2019: Overall 67.5%, Pell Recipients 71%
- Fall 2020: Overall 68.8%, Pell Recipients 71%
- Fall 2021: Overall 71.4%, Pell Recipients 73%

**Denver**
- Fall 2016: Overall 75.6%, Pell Recipients 77%
- Fall 2017: Overall 75.9%, Pell Recipients 82%
- Fall 2018: Overall 76.7%, Pell Recipients 79%
- Fall 2019: Overall 77.9%, Pell Recipients 78%
- Fall 2020: Overall 78.6%, Pell Recipients 78%
- Fall 2021: Overall 79.9%, Pell Recipients 76%

**Fall 2021 to Fall 2022**
- The retention rate is based on incoming full-time, undergraduate transfer students enrolled in fall.
- The year indicates the entering fall cohort.
- The rate is the percentage of students enrolled the following fall term.

Pell Recipient includes students receiving a full or partial Federal Pell Grant during their enrollment.

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