

KPI 1: Retention Rates

Retention rates represent the percentage of a school's full-time, first-time undergraduate students who are enrolled in the Fall and continue at that college the next Fall term. Retention rates are directly related to the Strategic Plan 2025 Priority #1: Academic Excellence. Students who are retained are more likely to complete the required coursework to earn a credential or degree.

EMCC will retain FTFT students. This rate is compared to state and national rates, and identified within the parameter of institutional performance range.

	Mississippi CC Average	National CC Average	Threshold	Goal	Actual Retention
Fall 2025 (fall 2023 cohort)	66%	64%	60%	70%	66%

Source: IPEDS Data Feedback Report 2025

NOTE: Retention rates are measured from the fall of first enrollment to the following fall. Academic reporting institutions report retention data for the Fall 2023 cohort of students who are still enrolled as of the institution's official fall reporting date or as of October 15, 2024.

