

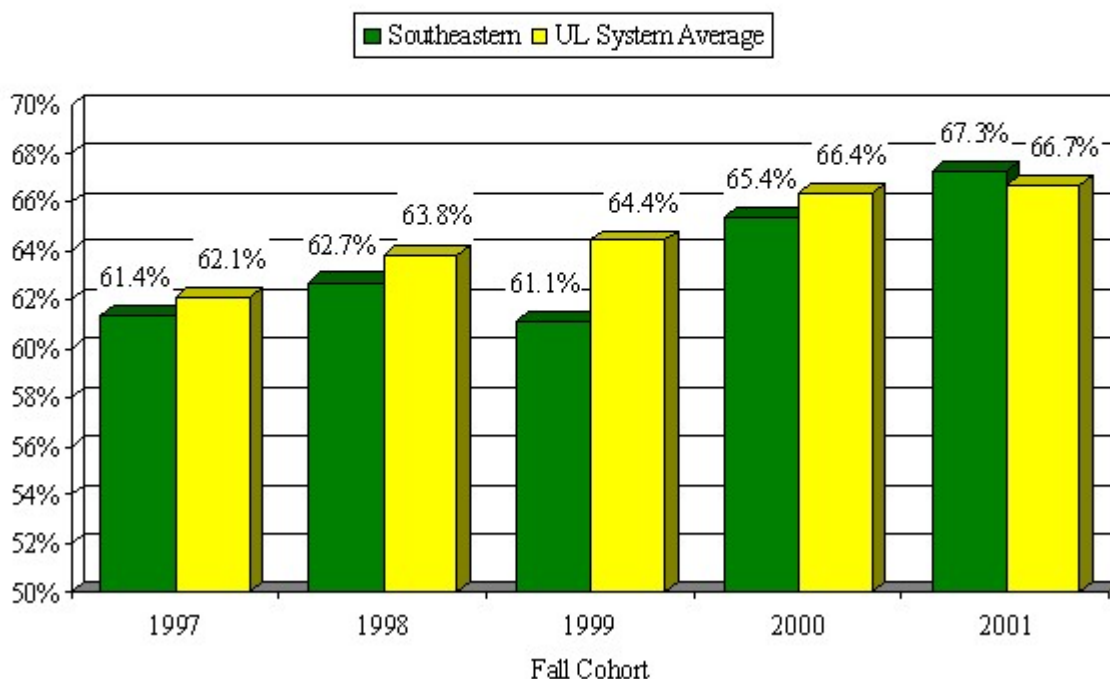
# Retention Rates of Southeastern Louisiana University's First-Time, Full-Time, Degree-Seeking Freshmen Fall 1997 - Fall 2001

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- Retention rates for this Research Brief are based on a Fall-to-Fall methodology. Incoming cohorts of first-time, full-time, degree-seeking freshman who started their college career in a fall semester, were tracked to see if they are were still enrolled one year later.

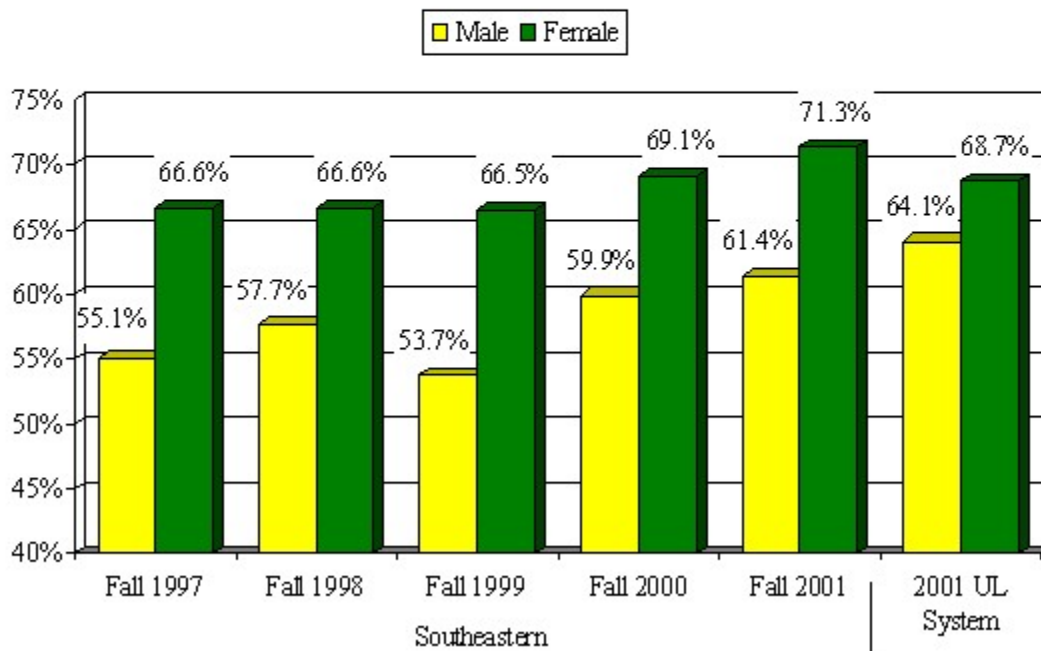
One-Year Retention Rates  
Southeastern vs. University of Louisiana System Average  
First-Time, Full-Time, Degree Seeking Freshman  
By Cohort Year



- Southeastern shows a growing trend in overall retention rates. Southeastern's growth in retention is consistent with the increasing retention rate for the University of Louisiana System schools.
- Southeastern's Fall 2001 Entering Freshmen Cohort was retained at a higher rate than the University of Louisiana System's Average.

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**One-Year Retention Rates  
Male and Female for Southeastern  
First-Time, Full-Time, Degree Seeking Freshman  
By Cohort Year**



- The retention rate for Southeastern's Females has shown a slight increase over the past five years. The retention rate for Southeastern's Males has shown a larger increase for the same five years.
  - Females are consistently retained at a higher rate than males. This is true for all University of Louisiana System schools for all five cohort years.
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Louisiana Tech University						Southeastern Louisiana University					
1997	76.1%	79.8%	72.4%	75.6%	75.9%	1997	61.4%	66.6%	55.1%	64.9%	61.1%
1998	73.2%	74.3%	72.2%	71.4%	73.6%	1998	62.7%	66.6%	57.7%	66.4%	62.2%
1999	73.3%	75.1%	71.7%	67.1%	74.7%	1999	61.1%	66.5%	53.7%	61.8%	60.9%
2000	73.5%	75.4%	71.8%	69.3%	74.7%	2000	65.4%	69.1%	59.9%	66.3%	65.3%
2001	71.6%	71.6%	71.5%	62.7%	73.9%	2001	67.3%	71.3%	61.4%	67.8%	67.4%
McNeese State University						University of Louisiana at Lafayette					
1997	55.1%	56.6%	53.5%	46.4%	57.0%	1997	62.9%	64.7%	60.6%	57.1%	65.0%
1998	61.3%	63.3%	58.7%	56.0%	63.2%	1998	64.4%	66.2%	62.1%	55.8%	67.7%
1999	62.3%	67.6%	57.1%	53.2%	63.9%	1999	68.6%	70.7%	66.2%	67.2%	68.5%
2000	63.9%	66.4%	60.4%	58.8%	64.9%	2000	72.0%	73.3%	70.3%	71.1%	72.0%
2001	64.7%	65.2%	64.0%	64.7%	64.8%	2001	72.1%	73.1%	70.9%	75.2%	71.6%
Nicholls State University						University of Louisiana System					
1997	58.3%	63.6%	50.2%	38.3%	64.3%	1997	62.1%	65.1%	58.3%	57.2%	63.9%
1998	57.3%	62.6%	50.1%	39.4%	60.8%	1998	63.8%	66.3%	60.5%	59.8%	65.3%
1999	57.9%	61.8%	52.3%	40.4%	63.0%	1999	64.4%	67.4%	60.7%	61.2%	65.6%
2000	56.3%	59.6%	51.2%	43.6%	59.9%	2000	66.4%	68.4%	63.6%	63.8%	67.2%
2001	55.5%	59.6%	49.4%	44.8%	59.0%	2001	66.7%	68.7%	64.1%	64.0%	67.8%
University of Louisiana at Monroe											
1997	64.0%	65.7%	61.2%	60.2%	65.7%						
1998	60.9%	62.3%	58.6%	55.4%	63.6%						
1999	63.2%	66.4%	58.3%	60.4%	64.7%						
2000	61.8%	63.5%	59.0%	57.5%	63.8%						
2001	63.3%	65.7%	59.4%	60.9%	63.7%						

\* Grambling State University is a historically black college.

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**Source:** All data used in this Research Brief came from the Louisiana Board of Regent's Statewide Student Profile System (SSPS).