## Retention Rates of Southeastern Louisiana University's

# First-Time, Full-Time, Degree-Seeking Freshmen

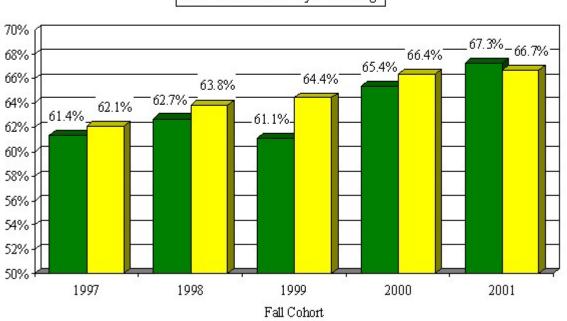
### Fall 1997 - Fall 2001

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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.

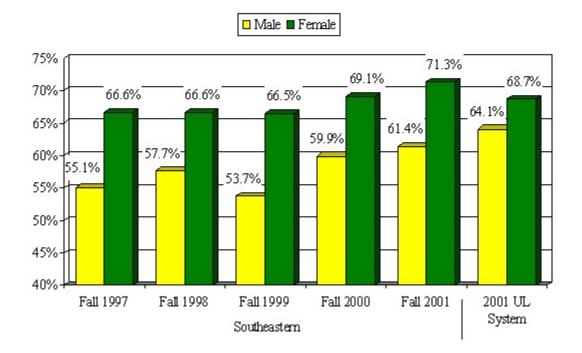
### One-Year Retention Rates Southeastern vs. University of Louisiana System Average First-Time, Full-Time, Degree Seeking Freshman By Cohort Year



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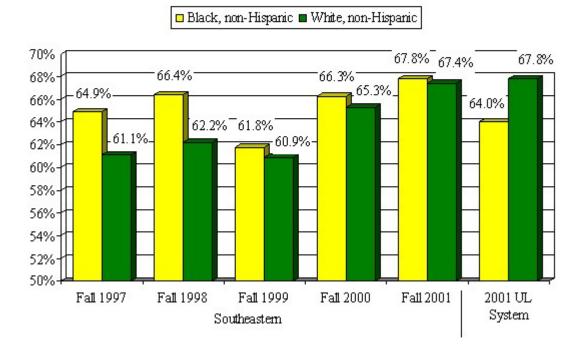
- Southeastern shows a growing trend in overall retention rates. Southeastern's growth in retention is consistent with the increasing retention rate for the University of Louisiana System schools.
- Southeastern's Fall 2001 Entering Freshmen Cohort was retained at a higher rate than the University of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

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



- The retentions 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.

### One-Year Retention Rates Black, non-Hispanic and White, non-Hispanic for Southeastern First-Time, Full-Time, Degree Seeking Freshman By Cohort Year



- Southeastern's Black, non-Hispanic students are retained at a higher rate than White, non-Hispanics.
- Southeastern Louisiana University and Northwestern State University are the only two schools in the University of Louisiana System that retain Black, non-Hispanics at a higher rate than White, non-Hispanics.

Year	Total	Female	Male	Black, non- Hispanic	White, non- Hispanic	Year	Total	Female		Black, non- Hispanic	White, non- Hispanic
Grambling State University*					Northwestern State University						
1997	59.8%	64.0%	55.5%	59.7%	0.0%	1997	58.6%	61.6%	53.7%	54.7%	60.6%
1998	64.7%	71.6%	58.8%	65.5%	0.0%	1998	65.3%	67.0%	62.3%	65.7%	65.1%
1999	64.1%	69.4%	57.9%	64.0%	33.3%	1999	62.4%	62.9%	61.7%	63.0%	62.4%
2000	66.7%	70.5%	61.8%	67.4%	0.0%	2000	65.8%	67.1%	63.6%	66.7%	65.0%
2001	66.0%	71.0%	60.1%	65.6%	100.0%	2001	67.3%	68.6%	65.2%	64.7%	68.2%

Percent Retained for First-Time, Full-Time, Degree Seeking Freshmen by Gender, by Race, by University, by Starting Cohort Year (Fall Semester)

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%	
	Ν	<b>AcNeese</b>	State U	niversity		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 Ur	niversity		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%	
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\* Grambling State University is a historically black college.

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