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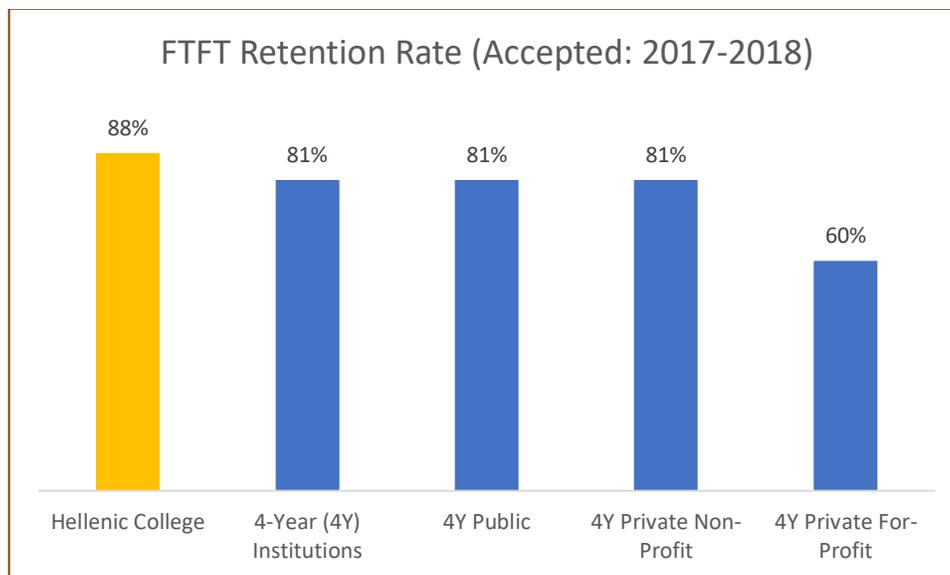
This report includes three indicators that are frequently used to assess students' success: 1) retention rate, 2) graduation rate, and 3) student default rate. The first two indicators (retention rate and graduation rate) provide information about how the institution's students complete the full programs of study offered. The third one (default rate) provides information about the students' ability to pay their credit loans after they conclude their studies.

In this report you will find a brief definition of each indicator and a comparison of Hellenic College with the national averages. In all three indicators, the institution rates are satisfactory. Our retention rate and graduation rate are higher than the national average and the rates of public and private four-year institutions. Our default rate has been significantly lower than the national rate, except for year 2016, when they were almost identical. These are all good news for our community.

## 1) Retention rate

Retention rates measure the percentage of first-time undergraduate students who return to the same institution the following fall, and graduation rates measure the percentage of first-time undergraduate students who complete their program at the same institution within a specified period of time<sup>1</sup>.

As illustrated below, Hellenic College's retention rate for freshman students who matriculated in 2017 was 88%, better than the national retention average for four-year institutions, which was 81%<sup>2</sup>.



**Source:** Data from the National Center for Statistics, National Student Clearing House, College Navigator. Graph prepared for this report.

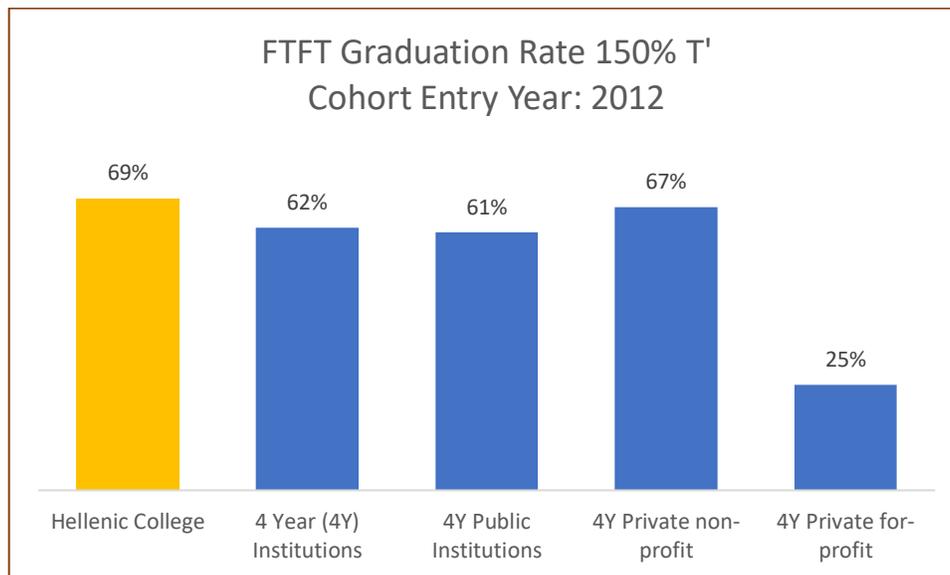
<sup>1</sup> The Condition of Education, "Undergraduate Retention and Graduation Rates" (April 2020). Retrieved from [https://nces.ed.gov/programs/coe/indicator\\_ctr.asp](https://nces.ed.gov/programs/coe/indicator_ctr.asp).

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## 2) Graduation rate

The National Center for Statistics tracks First-Time Full-Time (FTFT) students' graduation rate, which it defines as:

"The percentage of a school's first-time, first-year undergraduate students who complete their program within 150% of the published time for the program. For example, for a four-year degree program, entering students who complete within six years are counted as graduates"



**Source:** Data from National Center for Statistics. National Student Clearing House, based on (IPEDS), Winter 2018–19, Graduation Rates component: *Digest of Education Statistics 2019*, [table 326.10](#).

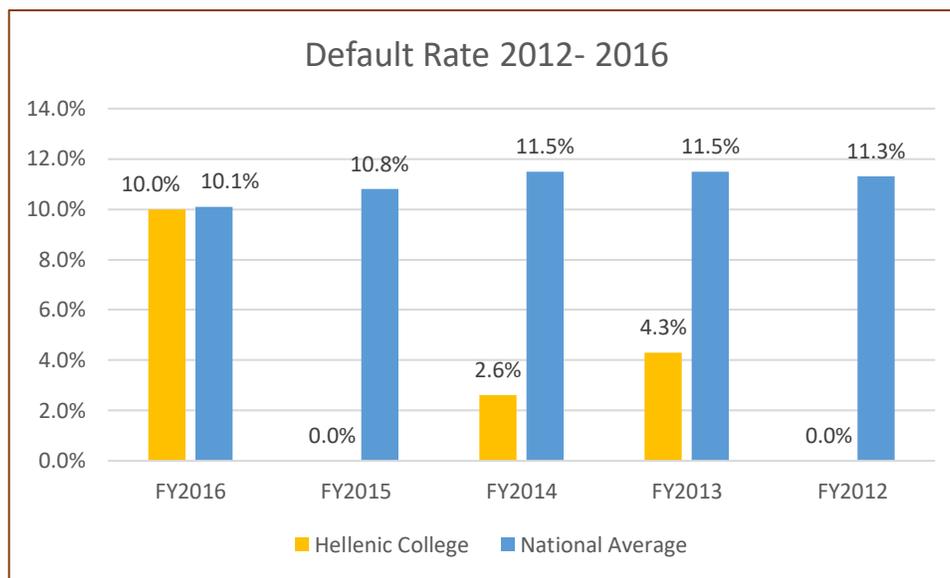
Among those FTFT students who enrolled in 2012, Hellenic College's graduation was 69%, better than the national average of 62%, and slightly better than the average for private non-profit institutions (67%).

### 3) Student Loan Default Rate

According to U.S. Department of Education’s Federal Student Aid office:

A cohort default rate is the percentage of a **school's borrowers who enter repayment** on certain Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program or William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan (Direct Loan) Program loans during a particular federal fiscal year (FY), October 1 to September 30, and default or meet other specified conditions prior to the end of the second following fiscal year (emphasis added).

HCHC’s Student’s Loan Default Rate has been consistently low, and in two years (2012 and 2015) is was zero. Default rate for 2016 was particularly high for the institution, yet on pair with the national average. The school’s rate for FY2017 is 4.4% and the national average rate for this year has not been released by the date of publication of this report (April 2020).



Source: Data from College Navigator and Office of Financial Aid

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