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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 HCHC's students complete the full program of study. The third one (default rate) provides information about the students' ability to pay their student loans.

According to the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES),

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. This indicator examines how retention and graduation rates for first-time, full-time degree/certificate-seeking undergraduate students vary among different types of postsecondary institutions.¹

Retention rates and graduation rates are calculated based on the number of first-time, full-time degree/certificate-seeking undergraduate students (FTFT). This number is smaller than the total number of students in most higher education institutions, but it is consistently used in the NCES reports and using these rates allows comparisons with national averages.

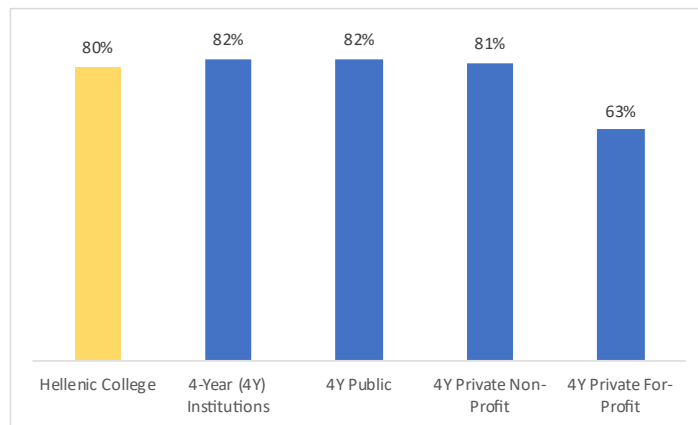
Hellenic College Holy Cross's retention rate (80%) was slightly below the rate for all four-year institutions (82%) and four-year private institutions (81%). Its graduation rate (58%) was also below the same as the average for all four-year institutions (64%), and four-year private institutions (68%). The default rate for HCHC students who borrowed from selected federal loan programs, entered repayment, and defaulted by 2019 was 0%, lower than the default rate for private institutions (1.7%) and the national average (2.3%).

¹ The Condition of Education, "Undergraduate Retention and Graduation Rates" (May 2022). Retrieved from <https://nces.ed.gov/programs/coe/indicator/ctr>.

1) Retention rate

Hellenic College's retention rate for freshman students who matriculated in the Fall of 2020 and returned the next year was 80%, slightly below the national retention average for four-year institutions and private non-profit institutions, (82% and 81% respectively).

Figure 1. FTFT Retention Rate (Accepted Fall 2020, returned 2021)



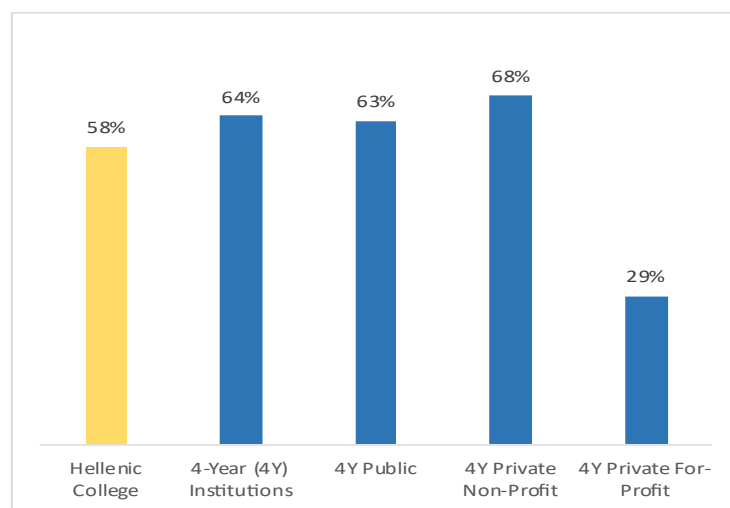
Source: Data from the National Center for Statistics and College Navigator.
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2) Graduation rate

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.

Figure 2. Graduation rate 6 Years (Cohort entry year 2015)



Source: Data from the National Center for Statistics and College Navigator.
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Among those FTFT students who enrolled in 2015, Hellenic College's graduation was 58%, below the national average (64%) and the average for four-year private non-profit institutions (68%).

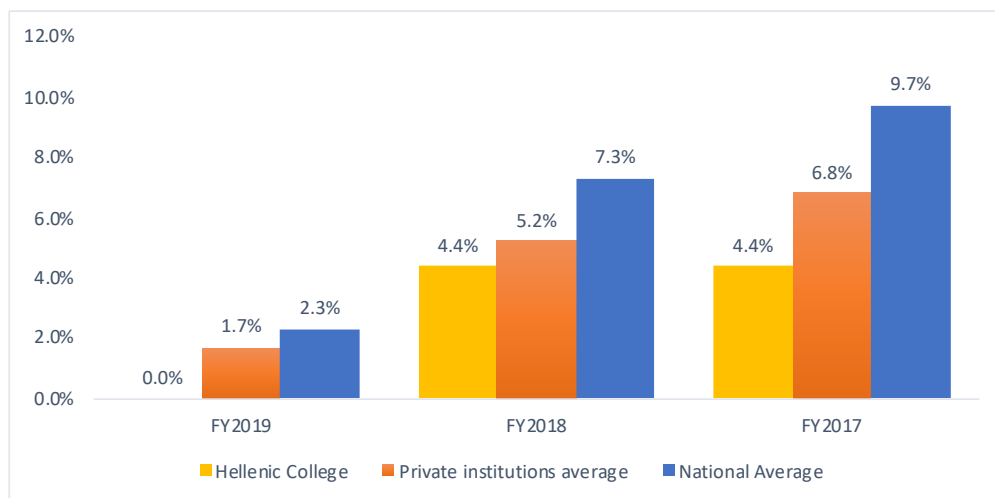
3) Student Loan Default Rate

According to the 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).

The default rate for HCHC’s students who enrolled in 2019 a was zero, following both a national descent trend, motivated for government policies, and an institutional trend with default rates lower than the national and private institutions averages.

Figure 3. Student Loan Default Rate 2017 - 2019



Source: Data from Federal Student Aid
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