

Hellenic College



Indicators of Student Success, 2025

About this report

This document consists of two sections. The first one includes relevant indicators of student success used by Hellenic College Holy Cross (HCHC), corresponding to fiscal year (FY) 2025, based on information from the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS), as reported by HCHC.

The second section includes comparison of HCHC indicators with some national averages, based on reports prepared by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), using data from FY 2022-2024.

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Retention rate

Percentage of students who began their studies in fall 2022 and returned in fall 2023. **100%**

Graduation rate (2018 Cohort)

Percentage of full-time, first-time students who graduated or transferred out within 150% of "normal time" to completion for their program. **44%**

Cohort default rate (Fiscal Year 2022)

Percentage of a school's borrowers who enter repayment on certain loans. **0%**

Source: IPEDS based on data reported by HCHC

Indicators of Student Success 2024 in Perspective

This section includes a comparative perspective of Hellenic College indicators of student success, based on national reports prepared by the National Center for Statistics (NCES).

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 Hellenic College's students complete the full program of study. The third one (default rate) provides information about students who were unable to repay their student loans.

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.

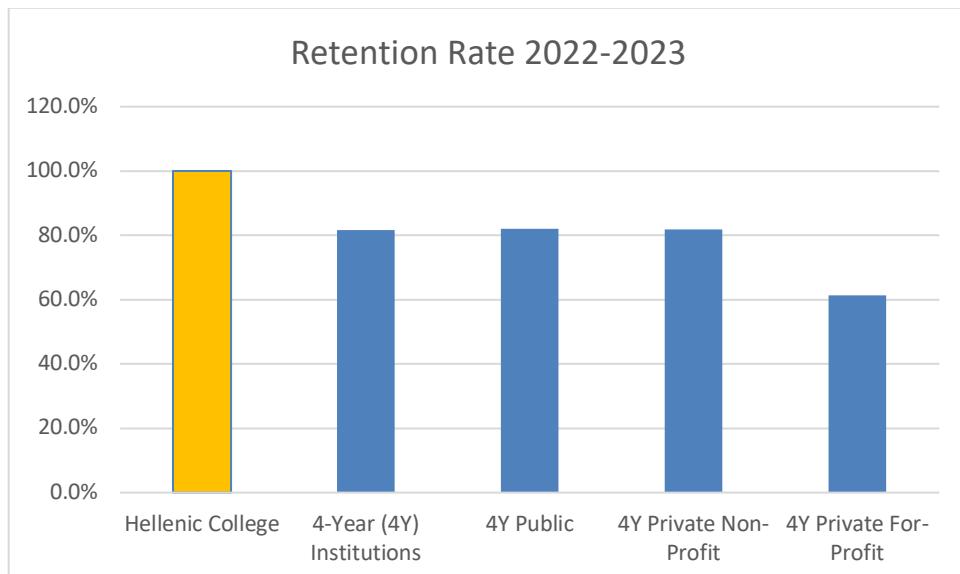
Retention rate

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

Hellenic College's retention rate for freshman students who matriculated in the Fall of 2022 and returned the next year was 100%, well above the national retention average for four-year institutions and private non-profit institutions, (81.7% and 81.8% respectively).

Figure 1. FTFT Retention Rate (Enrolled Fall 2022, returned 2023)



Source: Data from the National Center for Statistics and College Navigator.
Graph prepared for this report.

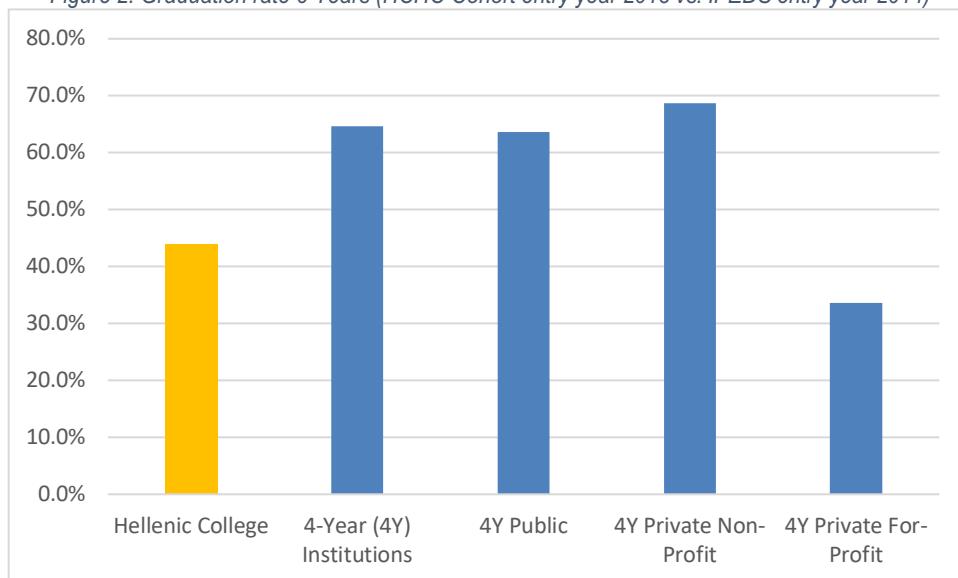
¹ The Condition of Education, "Undergraduate Retention and Graduation Rates" (May 2022). Retrieved from <https://nces.ed.gov/programs/coe/indicator/ctr>.

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 (HCHC Cohort entry year 2018 vs. IPEDS entry year 2014)



Source: Data from the National Center for Statistics and College Navigator.
Graph prepared for this report.

Among those FTFT students who enrolled in 2018, Hellenic College's graduation was 44%, below the most recently reported national average in Fall 2014 (64.60%) and the average for four-year private non-profit institutions (68.70%). HCHC's graduation rate appears lower than the national average, but is based on a cohort of only nine students. Four students graduated within four years while the remaining students transferred or stopped-out. Since the Fall of 2022, HCHC has seen consistent cohort enrollment growth, with 50 full time students enrolled for the fall of 2025, demonstrating growth of over 450%.

Student Loan Default Rate

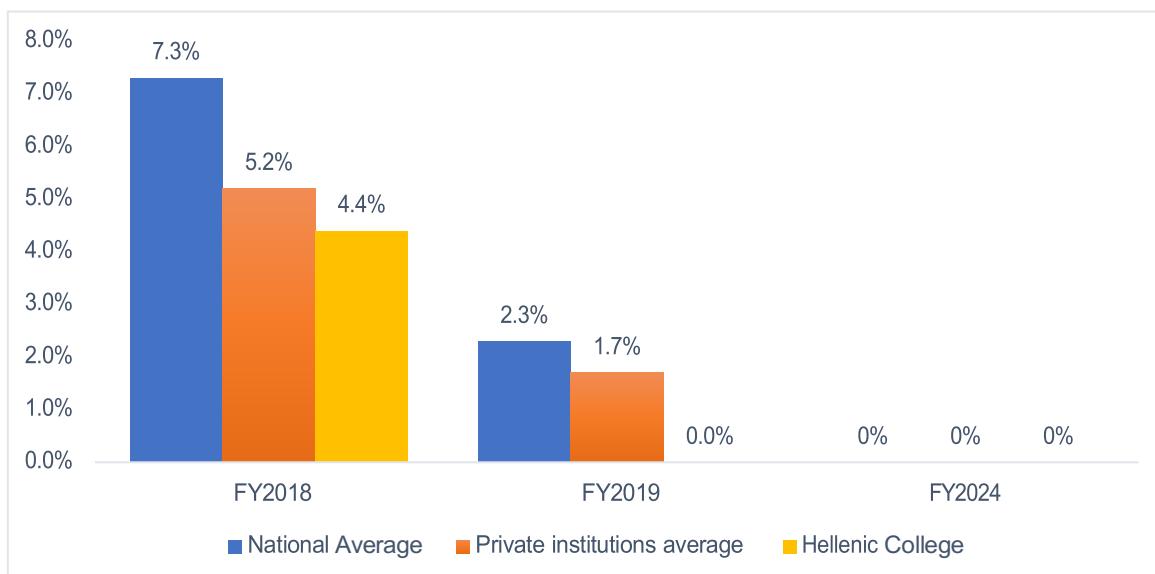
According to the U.S. Department of Education's Federal Student Aid office:

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.

Loan Default Rates are calculated based on the year in which the students enrolled in the first semester.

The default rate for Hellenic College's students who enrolled in 2024 was zero, the same as in the previous six years. In the national context, the Covid payment pause stopped new defaults on most federal student loans since March 2020, as illustrated in the graph below.

Figure 3. Student Loan Default Rate 2018 - 2020



Source: Data from Federal Student Aid
Graph prepared for this report.