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A COMPARISON OF RETENTION RATES
AS PERCENTAGES OF FULL-TIME, FIRST-TIME FRESHMEN ENTERING IN
FALL 1998 THROUGH FALL 2014
University of Kansas
Lawrence and Medical Center

Full-time First-time Freshmen	Fall 1998	Fall 1999	Fall 2000	Fall 2001	Fall 2002	Fall 2003	Fall 2004	Fall 2005	Fall 2006	Fall 2007	Fall 2008	Fall 2009	Fall 2010	Fall 2011	Fall 2012	Fall 2013	Fall 2014
Initial Cohort*	3,702	3,790	4,128	4,029	4,022	3,984	4,193	4,122	4,094	4,034	4,441	3,897	3,492	3,495	3,653	3,898	3,977
Cohort minus Exclusions**	3,696	3,783	4,117	4,023	4,011	3,971	4,182	4,106	4,091	4,028	4,435	3,894	3,489	3,492	3,651	3,894	3,975
 Number of Years																	
1	77.9%	80.3%	78.1%	81.0%	81.8%	82.7%	82.3%	80.6%	79.3%	79.7%	77.8%	79.3%	79.9%	79.2%	79.9%	80.4%	80.0%
2	69.3	71.0	69.8	72.1	74.0	72.8	72.7	71.3	73.0	71.3	69.3	71.4	72.5	72.1	72.9	73.3	

At the end of the third year students begin graduating from their programs and the rate of students still enrolled no longer reflects the full retention rate.

* Only full-time students are included. Full-time status is based on the number of hours enrolled (12 or more) during the initial semester at KU.

** Beginning Fall 1998, students have been removed from the cohort based on federal regulations which allow exclusions for the following reasons: 1) student is deceased or is totally and permanently disabled, 2) student left school to serve in the armed forces or was called to active duty.

Source: *Attendance Patterns of Entering Freshman Classes*, February 23, 2016, Institutional Research and Planning.