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**TABLE 9-505**  
A COMPARISON OF RETENTION RATES  
AS PERCENTAGES OF FULL-TIME, FIRST-TIME FRESHMEN ENTERING IN  
FALL 2000 THROUGH FALL 2015  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence and Medical Center

Full-time First-time Freshmen	Fall <u>2000</u>	Fall <u>2001</u>	Fall <u>2002</u>	Fall <u>2003</u>	Fall <u>2004</u>	Fall <u>2005</u>	Fall <u>2006</u>	Fall <u>2007</u>	Fall <u>2008</u>	Fall <u>2009</u>	Fall <u>2010</u>	Fall <u>2011</u>	Fall <u>2012</u>	Fall <u>2013</u>	Fall <u>2014</u>	Fall <u>2015</u>
Initial Cohort*	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	4,032
Cohort minus Exclusions**	4,117	4,023	4,011	3,971	4,182	4,106	4,091	4,028	4,435	3,894	3,489	3,491	3,650	3,893	3,974	4,028
 Number of Years																
1	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%	80.9%
2	69.8	72.1	74.0	72.8	72.7	71.3	73.0	71.3	69.3	71.4	72.5	72.1	72.8	73.3	71.4	

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.

\*\* 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 21, 2017, Institutional Research and Planning.