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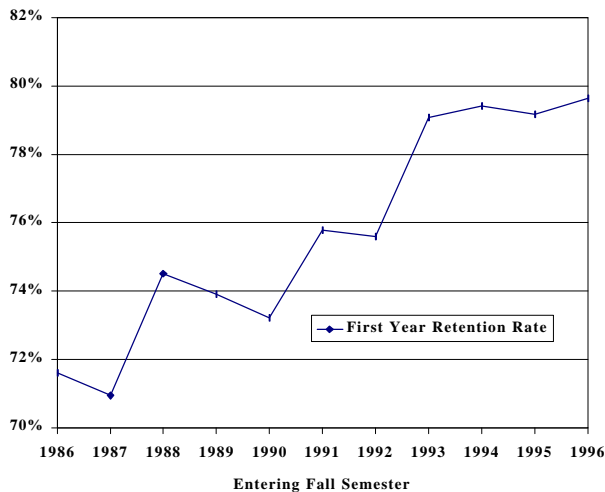
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Retention and graduation information for all first-time freshmen and undergraduate transfers has been collected for a 10 year period beginning with their first semester enrolled at the University. The tracking begins with the fall 1986 cohorts and provides the data needed to calculate retention and graduation rates. Retention rates are the percentage of entering students that continued undergraduate enrollment in successive fall terms. Graduation rates are the percentage of entering students that graduate by the end of the academic year. Recent results have shown overall improvements in retention and graduation rates for first-time freshmen and undergraduate transfers.

Undergraduate Transfers

The latest **one and two year retention rates** of 80 percent and 57 percent, respectively, are the highest rates reported since the beginning of the tracking study.

San Diego County Community Colleges transfer students' one and two year retention rates are slightly higher at 81 percent and 59 percent. The three to six year rates have remained stable.

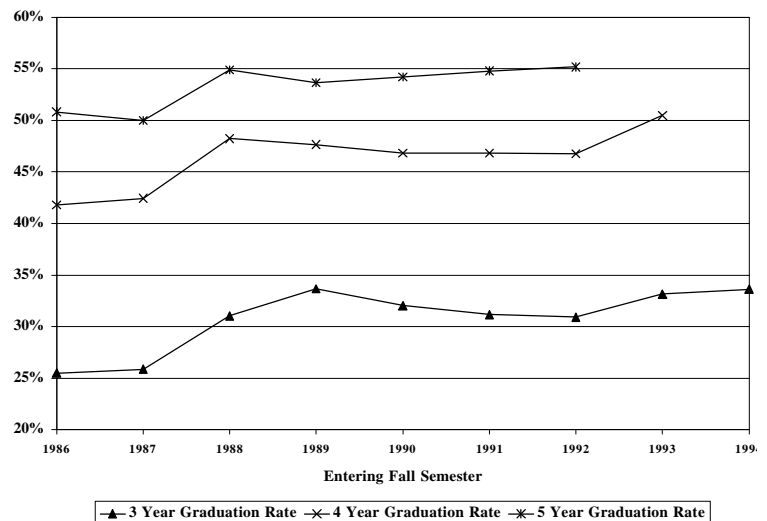


The **three year graduation rate** has increased from a 25 percent for the 1986 transfer cohort to the current rate of 34 percent.

The **four year graduation rate** has increased from 42 percent to 50 percent; the five year rate has increased from 51 percent to 55 percent..

As with the retention rates, transfers from San Diego County Community Colleges have reported similar increases in graduation rates.

The three, four, five year undergraduate transfer graduation rates are:



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