



# Institutional Research Newsletter

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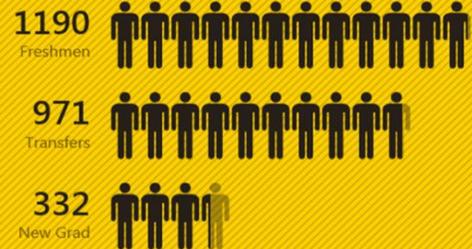
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## New Semester, New Enrollment Records!

A record breaking 1,190 new Freshmen and 332 new Graduate students registered for the Fall 2016 semester at Stockton.

The University's total student population increased 1% from the previous fall to 8,728, which includes 7,854 undergraduate students and 874 graduate students. Stockton enrolled a total of 2,493 new students this fall, including 1,190 first time freshmen, 971 transfer students, and 332 graduate students.

### New Students - Fall 2016



Visit [Stockton's new interactive Enrollment Webpages](#) for more enrollment details, including a 5 year comparison of enrollment trends.



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## U.S. News and Forbes Recognize Stockton in their College Rankings

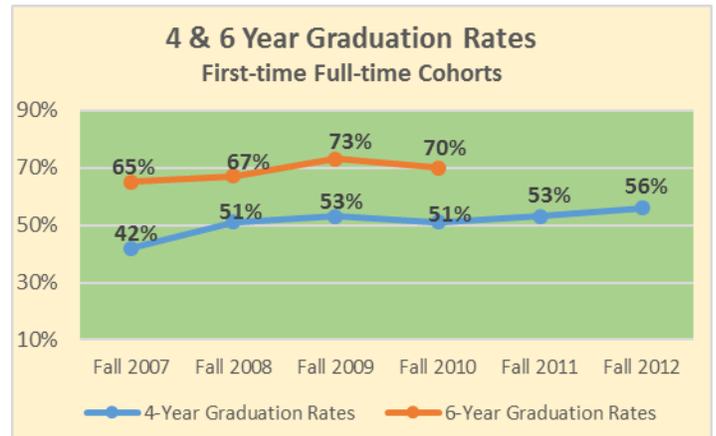
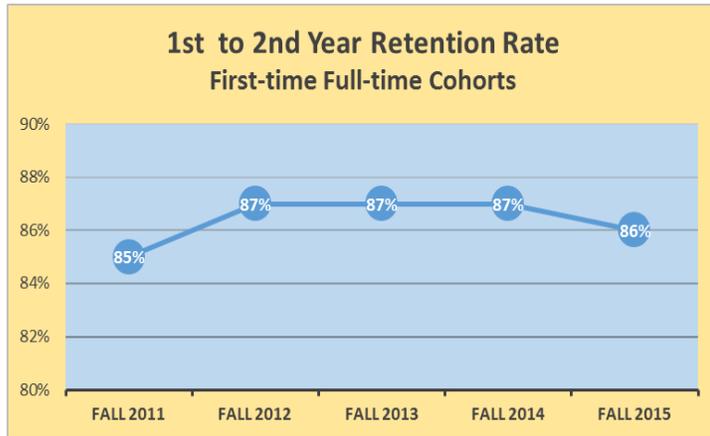
Stockton University is overall ranked #51 this year in the top tier of U.S. News annual ranking of "Best Colleges" in the "Regional Universities – North" category. Other rankings for Stockton in the same region include #14 among the top 15 public institutions, and #29 among the top 50 best schools for veterans.

Stockton is ranked #489 by Forbes Magazine among the 660 best colleges nationwide in 2016. Forbes recognizes outstanding performance of colleges and universities in student outcomes. The magazine's ranking methodology emphasizes retention/graduation rates, post-graduation success, and level of student debt.



## Stockton's Retention and Graduation Rates Remain High

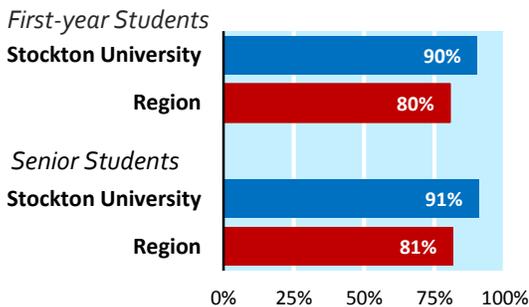
Stockton's 1<sup>st</sup> year to 2<sup>nd</sup> year retention for the Fall 2015 freshmen cohort is at 86%, as illustrated in the left chart below, compared with our previous four cohorts. Freshmen retention is one of the important factors in a timely graduation in 4 or 6 years. Stockton's 4-year graduation rates have been above 50% for the last five freshmen cohorts. Our most recent 4-year graduation rate of 56% is the highest in the University's history, though recent 6-year graduation rate is at 70%, second highest rate ever. See chart on the right below for more details.



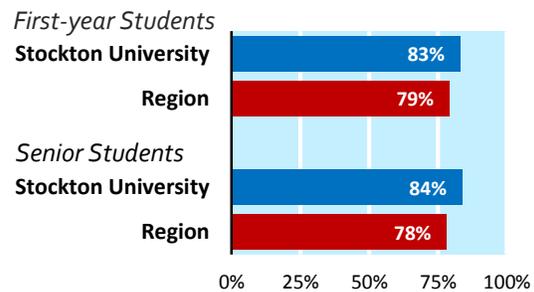
## How Students Feel about Their Experience at Stockton 2016 NSSE Results

During Spring 2016, more than 1,000 first-year and senior class students at Stockton participated in the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE). This represents an overall response rate of 39%. Below are major highlights of the comparative survey results with our regional peer institutions, which include participating public colleges/universities in the Mid-East region of the U.S.

*Percentage Rating Their Overall Experience as "Excellent" or "Good"*



*Percentage Who Would Choose This Institution Again*



In summary, students at Stockton are more satisfied with their college experience than those at peer institutions. NSSE survey questions represent a number of engagement indicators in the themes of academic challenge, learning with peers, experiences with faculty, and campus environment. For most of these indicators, our students' response results were significantly higher than our peer institutions. To view Stockton's 2016 NSSE snapshot, please click [here](#).