

2020 Student Achievement Report

Measure: First Year Persistence Rate (Figure 1)

Definition: The percentage of first-time, full-time students seeking bachelor's degrees who returned to Texas A&M International University for their second year (fall-to-fall retention).

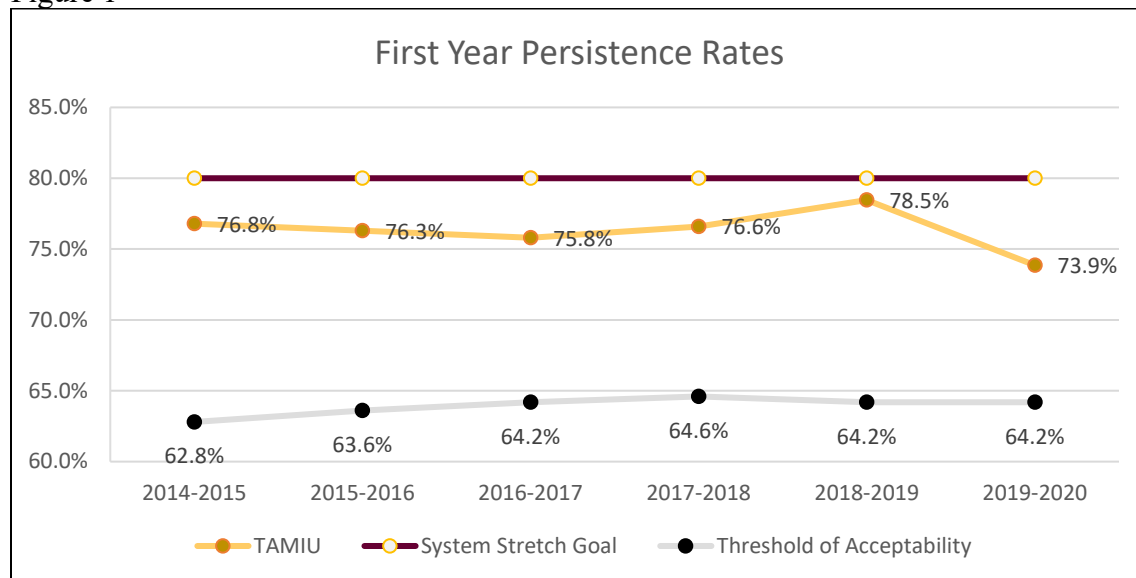
Source: EmpowerU and TAMIU Institutional Research Office

Threshold of Acceptability: The prior five years' average rate for the eight similar A&M System regional universities

Goal: Stretch Goal set by Institution and reported by A&M System

Status for Current Year: Above threshold of acceptability but below goal

Figure 1



Overall, the female persistence rate (Figure 2) is consistently higher than the male persistence rate, however, this is similar to other A&M System regional universities. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2019-2020 freshman cohort had a lower than expected persistence rate, which artificially depresses the long-term persistence trends. Figure 3 is provided to show the positive persistence trends for both females and males in Pre-Covid-19 cohorts.

Figure 2

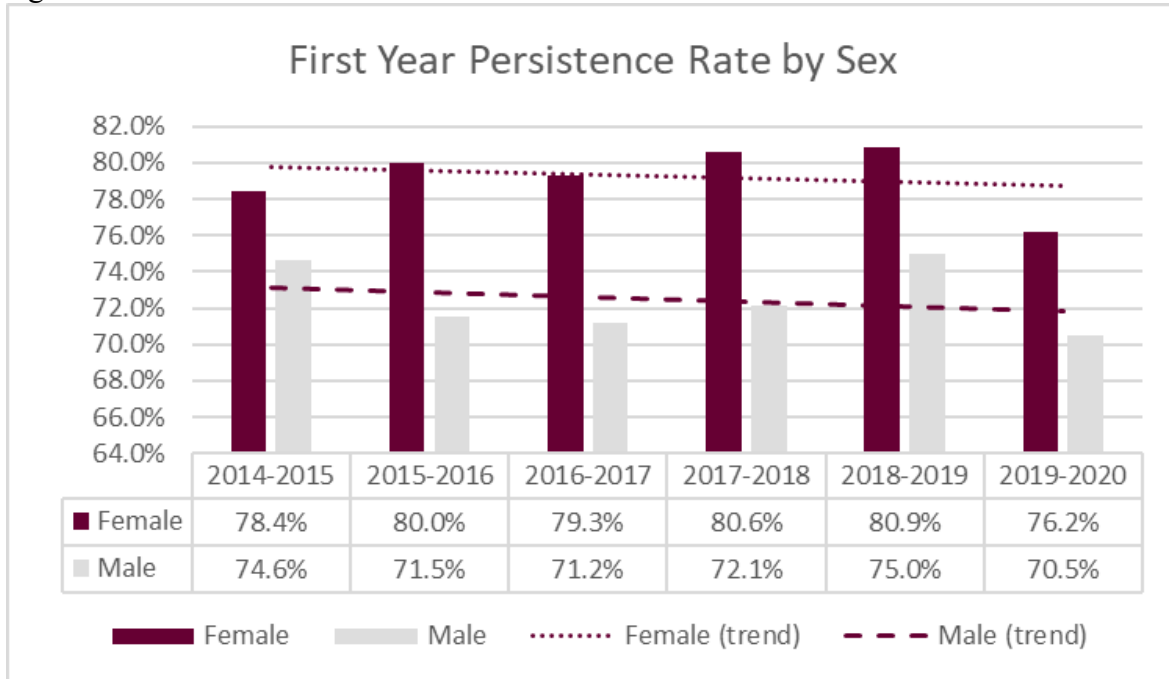
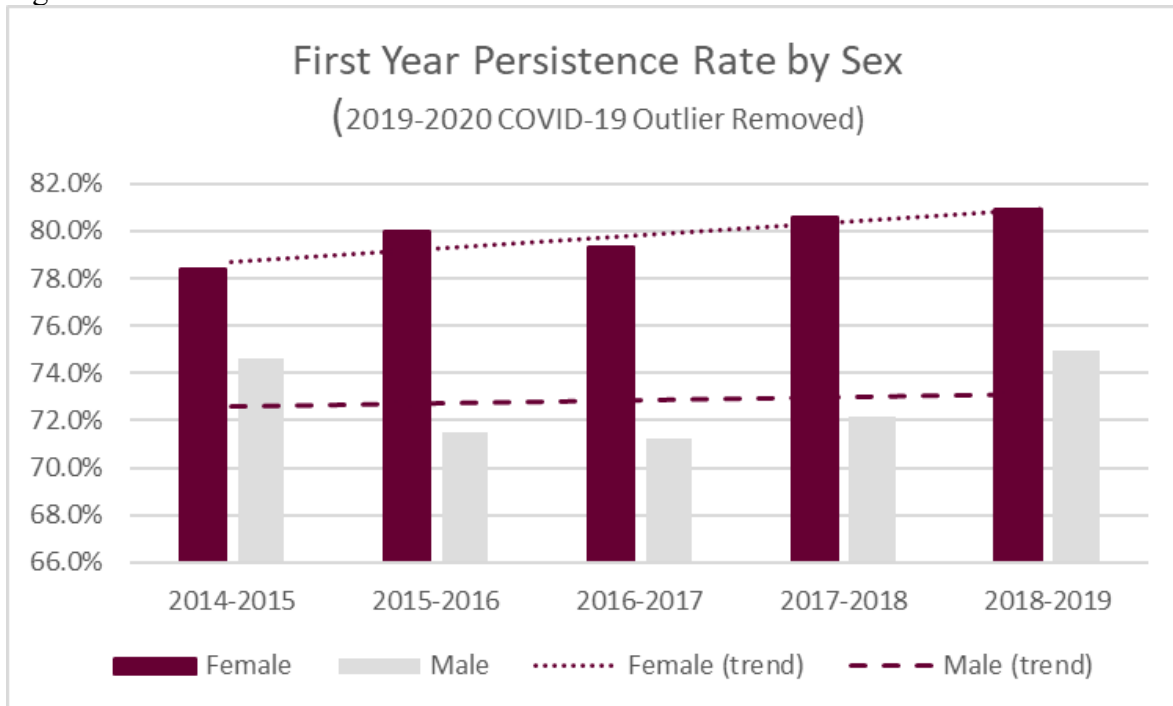


Figure 3



Cohort years show retention rates for Hispanic students (Figures 4 and 5) are consistent throughout the years, only dropping in 2019-2020 cohort. This is probably due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We are still above the overall threshold of acceptability. Hispanic students in these cohorts have consistently made up over 94% of student population. The White student percentage is typically between 1%-2%, with our recent cohort at .88%. Having numbers this low for both White and Other ethnicities suggests that the institution use caution in evaluating data that may not accurately determine success.

Figure 4

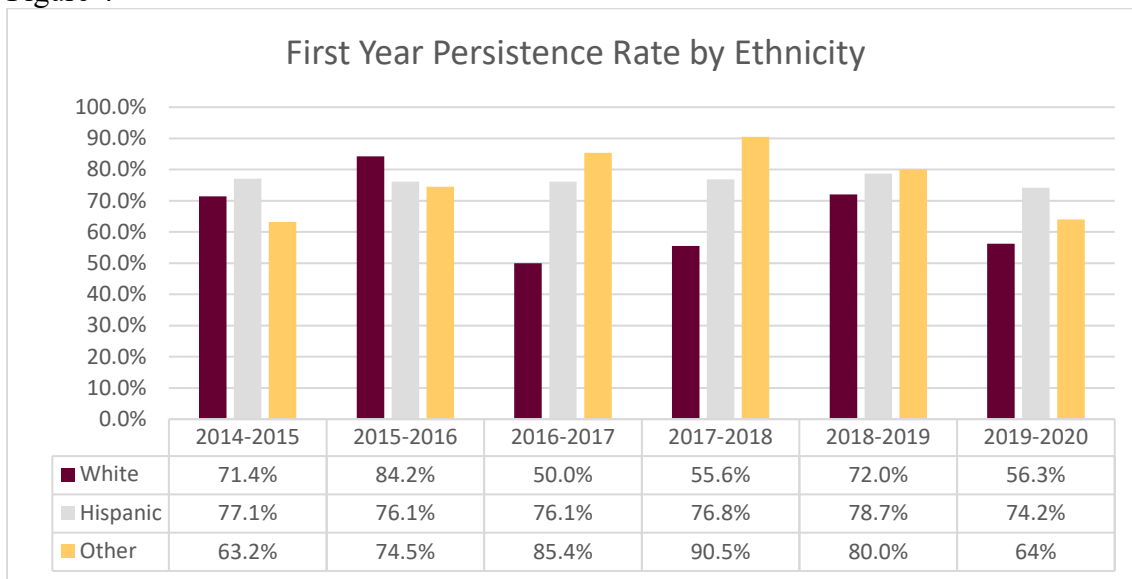


Figure 5

