

# Graduate-level Retention and Graduation Rates

## Cohorts 2012-13 through 2021-22

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Northern State University is pleased to share with you the following information about student achievement in graduate-level programs. While reviewing this information, please keep the following in mind.

- Each academic year spans three academic terms, starting with the summer and ending with the spring.
- Students counted in a particular cohort were first-time graduate students during the summer, fall, or spring term of that year. Both full-time and part-time students are included.
- Students are considered retained if they attend during a term within the next year, ignoring the subsequent term. For example, a student who starts during a fall term will be considered retained if he/she also attends the next summer or fall term.

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Cohort Year	Initial Cohort Size	First Year Retention Rate	Graduation Rates		
			within 2 years	within 3 years	within 4 years
2012-13	73	82%	53%	73%	77%
2013-14	51	84%	37%	63%	71%
2014-15	65	83%	60%	71%	74%
2015-16	45	78%	56%	62%	71%
2016-17	53	87%	66%	77%	81%
2017-18	46	83%	63%	78%	83%
2018-19	72	86%	68%	78%	
2019-20	51	84%	75%		
2020-21	100	81%			
2021-22	96				