

# 2015 Retention/Completion Summary Tables



# Table 1

**Retention Trends 1983–2015: Freshman to Sophomore Year**

	Highest Percent	Lowest Percent	Current Percent
Two-Year Public	55.7 ('10)	51.3 ('04)	54.7
Two-Year Private	72.6 ('92)	55.5 ('08, '12)	63.4
BA/BS Public	70.0 ('04)	64.2 ('14, '15)	64.2
BA/BS Private	74.0 ('89)	67.3 ('10, '12, '13)	70.2
MA/MS Public	71.6 ('06)	68.1 ('89)	69.9
MA/MS Private	78.0 ('85)	69.5 ('13)	73.9
PhD Public	78.6 ('10, '15)	72.9 ('08)	78.6
PhD Private	85.0 ('85)	80.2 ('12)	81.7
All			68.0

# Table 2

**Completion Trends 1983–2015: Two-Year Colleges—Graduation in Three Years or Less**

	Highest Percent	Lowest Percent	Current Percent
Public	38.8 ('89)	21.9 ('14, '15)	21.9
Private	66.4 ('90)	43.7 ('14)	40.2
All	44.0 ('89)	22.7 ('15)	22.7

## Table 3

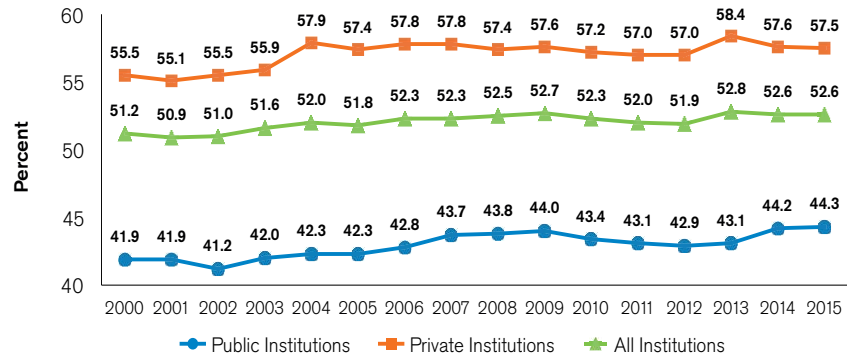
**Completion Trends 1983–2015: Four-Year Public Colleges—Graduation in Five Years or Less**

	Highest Percent	Lowest Percent	Current Percent
BA/BS Public	52.8 ('86)	36.0 ('13)	36.4
BA/BS Private	58.5 ('13)	53.3 ('01)	57.2
MA/MS Public	46.7 ('86)	37.0 ('00)	38.9
MA/MS Private	58.4 ('88)	53.5 ('01)	54.1
PhD Public	50.6 ('89, '90)	45.0 ('01)	49.5
PhD Private	68.8 ('86)	62.4 ('14)	62.5

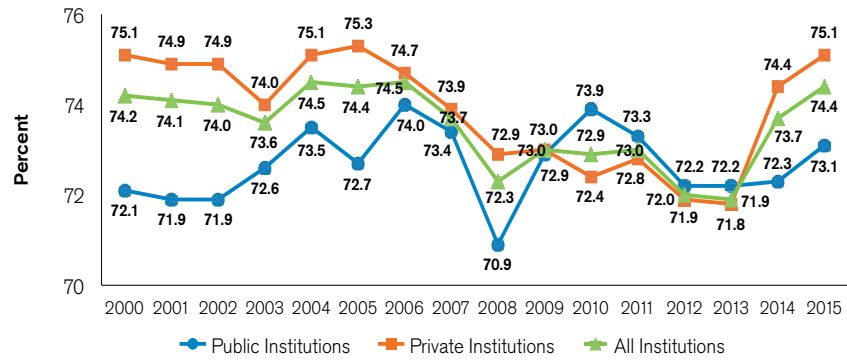
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# Figures 1 and 2

**Figure 1: Percentage of Four-Year College Students Who Earn a Degree Within Five Years of Entry**



**Figure 2: Percentage of First-Year Students at Four-Year Colleges Who Return for Second Year**



Source: Compiled from ACT Institutional Data Files