

# 2017 Retention/Completion Summary Tables



# Table 1

Retention Trends 1983–2017: Freshman to Sophomore Year

	Highest Percent	Lowest Percent	Current Percent
Two-Year Public	57.4 ('17)	51.3 ('04)	57.4
Two-Year Private	72.6 ('92)	55.5 ('08, '12)	64.6
BA/BS Public	70.0 ('04)	64.2 ('14, '15)	64.5
BA/BS Private	74.0 ('89)	67.3 ('10, '12, '13)	72.6
MA/MS Public	71.6 ('06)	68.1 ('89)	69.9
MA/MS Private	78.0 ('85)	69.5 ('13)	73.4
PhD Public	79.0 ('16)	72.9 ('08)	79.0
PhD Private	85.0 ('16, '17)	80.2 ('12)	81.2
All			68.8

# Table 2

Completion Trends 1983–2017: Two-Year Colleges—Graduation in Three Years or Less

	Highest Percent	Lowest Percent	Current Percent
Public	38.8 ('89)	21.9 ('14, '15)	22.0
Private	66.4 ('90)	40.2 ('15)	46.9
All	44.0 ('89)	22.7 ('15)	23.1

# Table 3

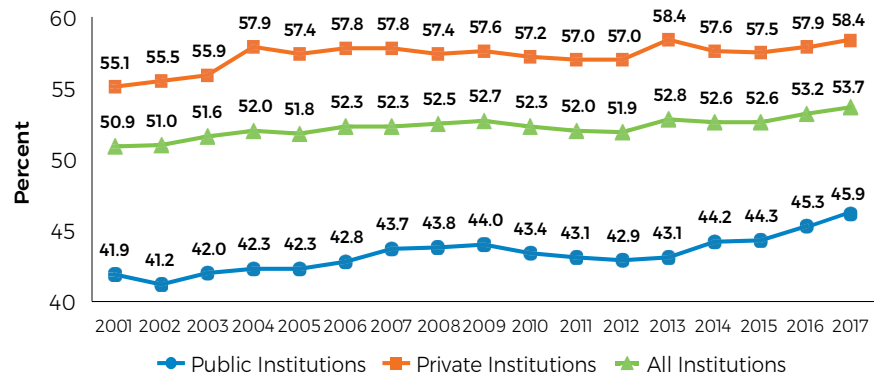
**Completion Trends 1983–2017: Four-Year Public Colleges—  
Graduation in Five Years or Less**

	Highest Percent	Lowest Percent	Current Percent
BA/BS Public	52.8 ('86)	36.0 ('13)	36.9
BA/BS Private	58.5 ('13)	53.3 ('01)	57.9
MA/MS Public	46.7 ('86)	37.0 ('00)	40.0
MA/MS Private	58.4 ('88)	53.5 ('01)	54.8
PhD Public	51.2 ('16)	45.0 ('01)	51.9
PhD Private	51.9 ('17)	62.4 ('14)	63.2

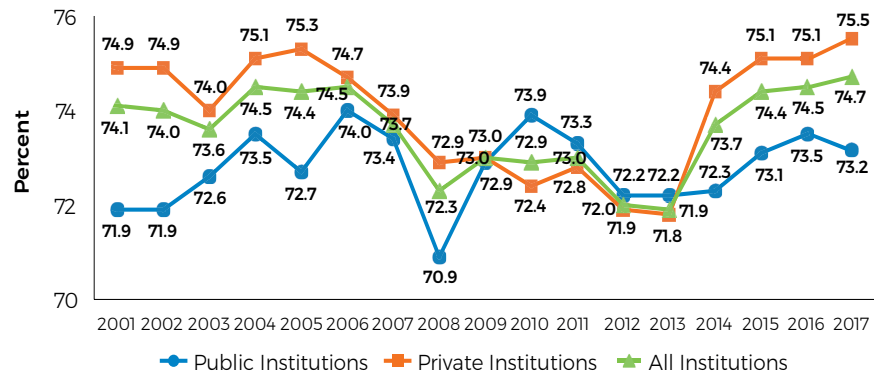
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# Figures 1 and 2

**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