



# 2023-2024 Fact Book

Office of Institutional Research & Effectiveness

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### Important notes about the data:

- All enrollment data are from St. Thomas University’s Fall Census date of October 15 each year.
- Completion data are based on the number of degrees or certificates awarded per academic year, from Fall through Summer.
- Financial aid data are for first-time, full-time students.
- This document was last updated in May, 2024.

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## About St. Thomas University

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St. Thomas University (STU) is a private, nonprofit, Catholic university in Miami Gardens, Florida. STU prepares students to be leaders in every area of their lives—professionally, personally, and spiritually. The University has a long Catholic tradition of academic excellence and it is distinctly progressive in its outlook, embracing new concepts and technologies, and carrying out impressive programs of research over a wide variety of disciplines. The University traces its roots to the Universidad de Santo Tomas de Villanueva, founded in 1946 in Havana, Cuba, by American Augustinians with assistance from European Augustinians. When the Castro government expelled the Augustinians from Cuba in 1961, several of the American Augustinians came to Miami, where they founded Biscayne College that same year. The University came under the sponsorship of the Archdiocese of Miami in 1988, conferring upon St. Thomas the distinction of being the only Catholic Archdiocesan sponsored university in the State of Florida. St. Thomas is one of only 8 diocesan-sponsored colleges in the United States. When University status was attained, the name of the institution was changed to St. Thomas University to reflect its Cuban heritage.

A federally designated Minority Serving Institution, STU's rich campus diversity reflects the diversity of the South Florida region.

*Mission:* St. Thomas is a Catholic university with rich cultural and international diversity committed to the academic and professional success of its students who become ethical leaders in our global community.

## About the President

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David A. Armstrong, J.D., is St. Thomas University's 10th President. Since taking the helm in August 2018, he has led the University to witness record enrollment, historic highs in fundraising, and the development of over 400,000 square feet of new facilities. The campus footprint has been expanded to include the Gus Machado College of Business, a 152-room residence hall, and a new Student Union and Dining Facility. In 2025, a new residence hall will be completed, adding 545 beds, a bowling alley, and an additional dining venue.

Under his leadership, STU continues to be recognized as one of the nation's fastest-growing faith-based schools of higher education. Fall 2019, Fall 2020, Fall 2021, Fall 2022, and Fall 2023 saw the five largest incoming undergraduate classes in university history. St. Thomas University was ranked #1 by U.S. News and World Report in Social Mobility for regional universities in the South, which means STU takes students from the lowest financial strata and catapults them to a much higher financial strata in only 10 years. His commitment to the transformative power of education has led to five continuous years of record enrollment, and multiple new corporate partnerships.

For 2024, President Armstrong has charged St. Thomas University's faculty, staff, and students to pursue excellence in every aspect of the higher education journey.



# STU'S TOP 10

1



Five straight years of record enrollment growth.

2



Grew from an \$85 million to \$204 million organization.

3



400,000 square feet of new buildings and athletics spaces.

4



Institutional accreditation reaffirmed until 2033.

5



Three straight years of record fundraising.

6



Tripled on-campus housing.

7



Operating revenue increased by 54%.

8



Record number of team sports qualifying for the NAIA National Playoffs, and first team National Championship.

9



72% passing rate on the February 2024 Florida Bar exam. Second in the state.

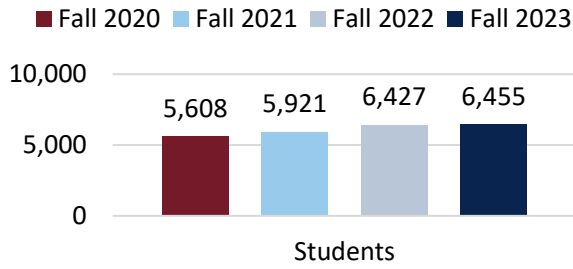
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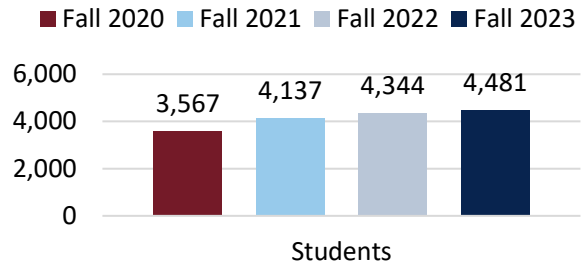
Mock Trial team wins the prestigious Florida Bar Chester Bedell Mock Trial Competition for the second year in a row.

# Fall Enrollment

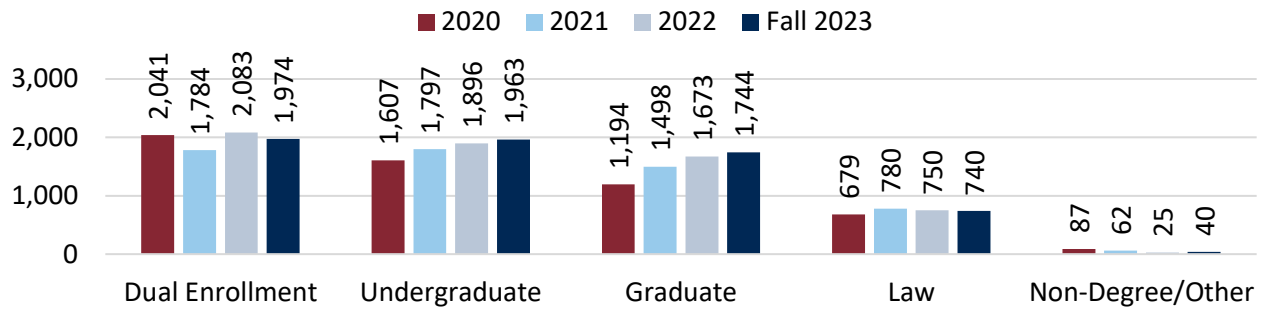
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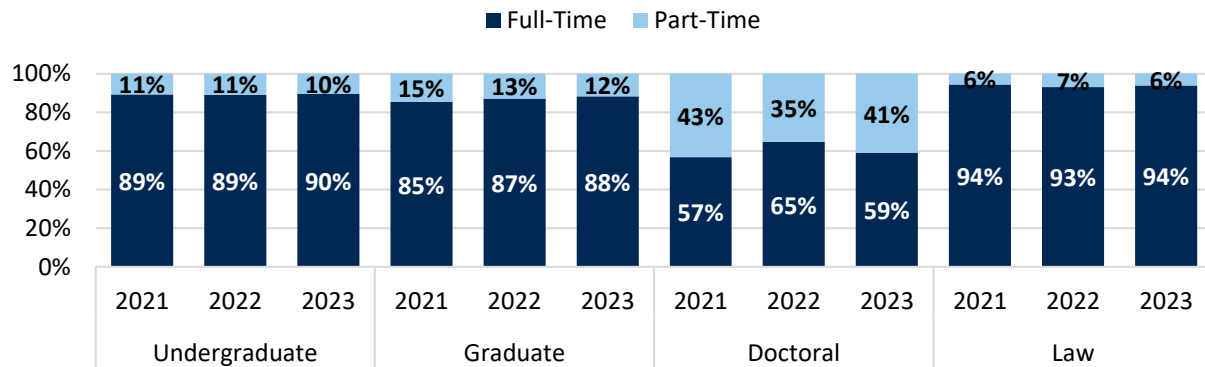
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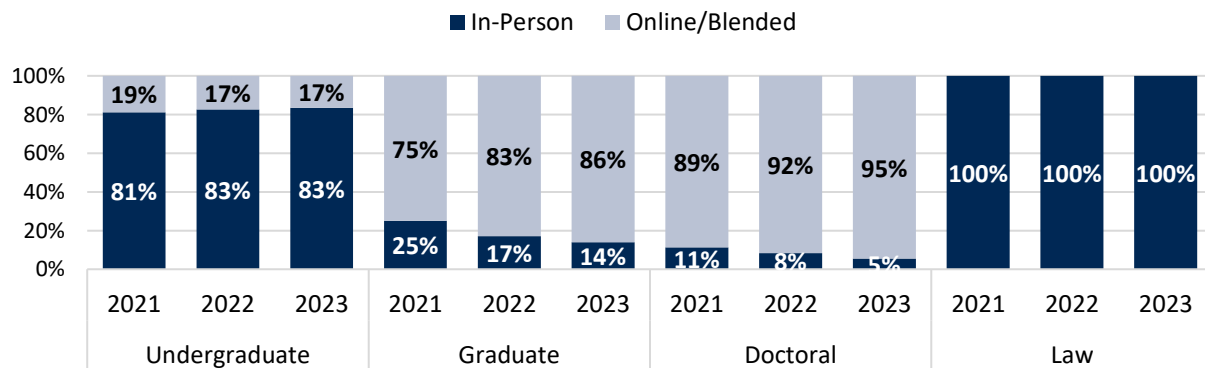
## Enrollment by Academic Level



## Enrollment by Intensity

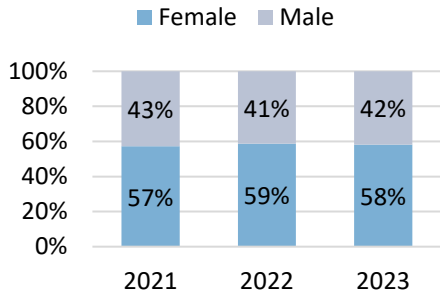


## Percent Enrollment by Location and Academic Level

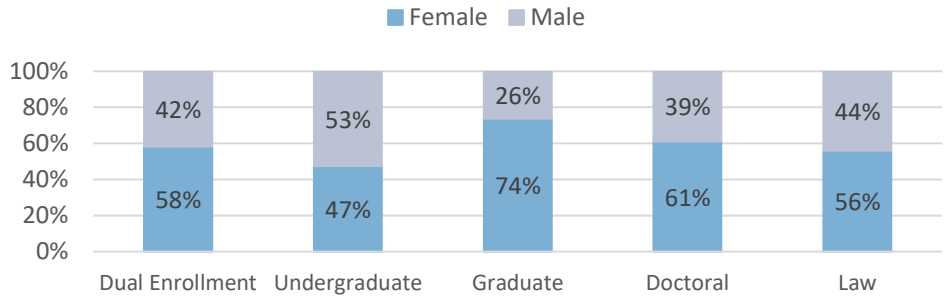


# Fall Enrollment by Student Demographics

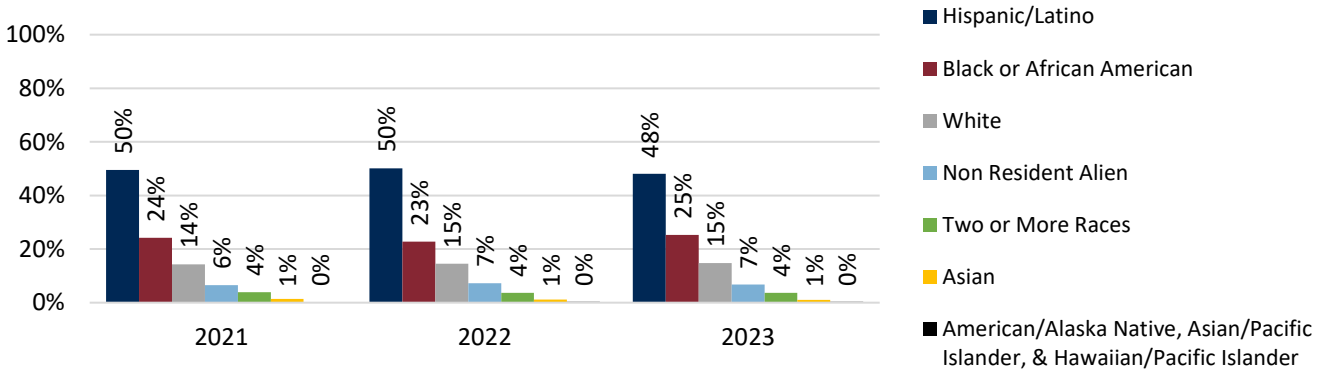
### Percent Enrollment by Gender



### Percent Enrollment by Gender and Academic Level Fall 2023

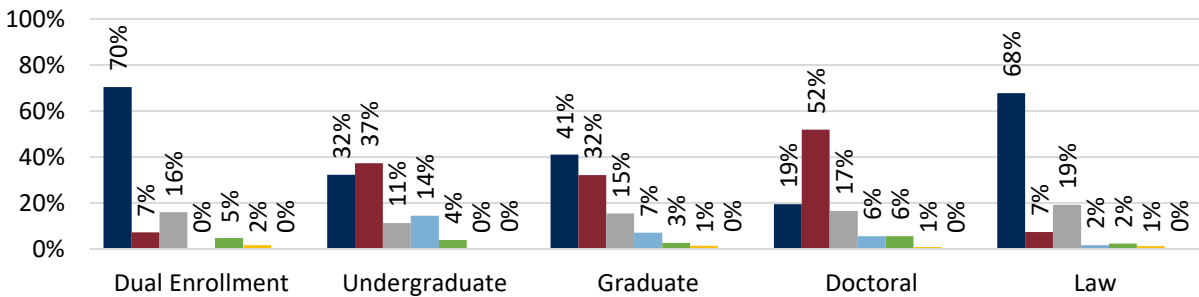


### Overall Percent Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity



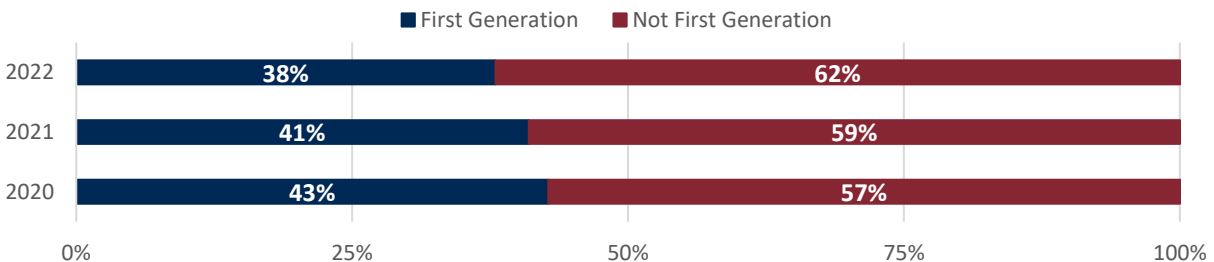
### Percent Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity and Academic Level

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### First Generation Status of First-Time in College Students

(Based on students who completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid – FAFSA)



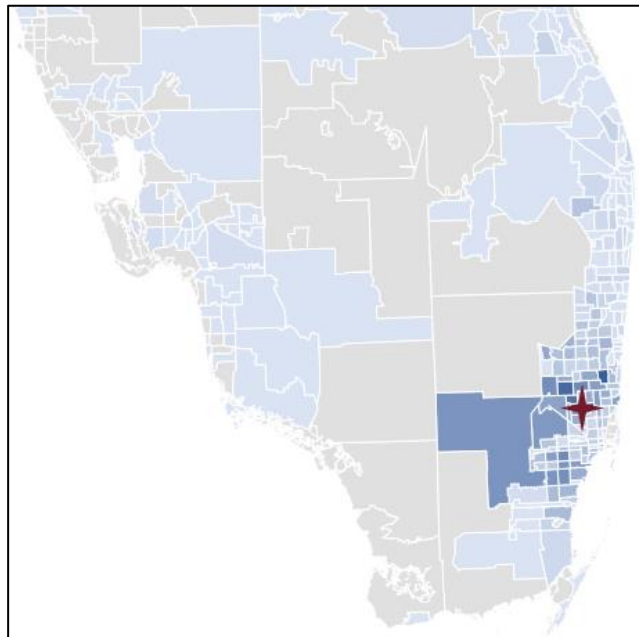
## Fall Enrollment by Country, State, Florida County Residency

In Fall 2023, STU students came from 77 countries (including the United States) and 48 US states or territories. Nearly ninety percent (89%) of Fall 2023 students were from Florida and 90% of Floridians were from three Florida counties: Miami Dade – 54%, Broward – 31%, and Palm Beach – 9%.

The table below highlights the top 10 countries (excluding the United States) and states with the largest enrollment.

Country	Enrollment (#)	State	Enrollment (#)
Argentina	42	Florida	5,719
Colombia	40	Georgia	64
Jamaica	34	Texas	50
Spain	32	New York	40
Brazil	25	New Jersey	30
Bahamas	21	Ohio	22
Canada	18	Virginia	19
United Kingdom	15	Maryland	19
Germany	15	California	15
Mexico	14	Louisiana	15

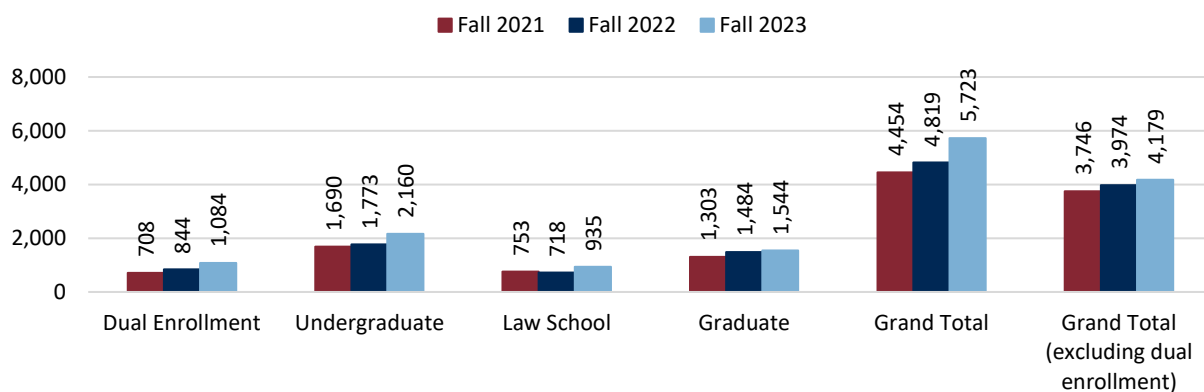
The image below is a heat map of the south Florida region by zip code. The darker the blue, the more enrolled students. The red star indicates the location of St. Thomas University.



## Fall Full-time Equivalent (FTE) Enrollment – IPEDS Methodology

Fall FTE is based on IPEDS methodology for private, not-for-profit 4-year institutions. This formula is used to produce an FTE that is used annually in the Digest of Education Statistics:

- Undergraduate FTE = Full-Time Students + (Part-Time Students\*0.392857)
- Graduate FTE = Full-Time Students + (Part-Time Students\*0.382059)



### Full-time Equivalent (FTE) Enrollment – IPEDS Methodology

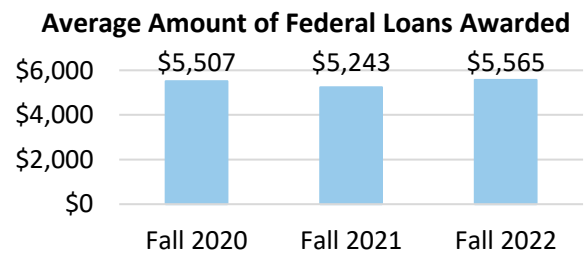
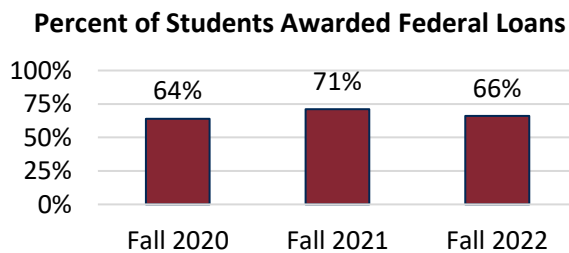
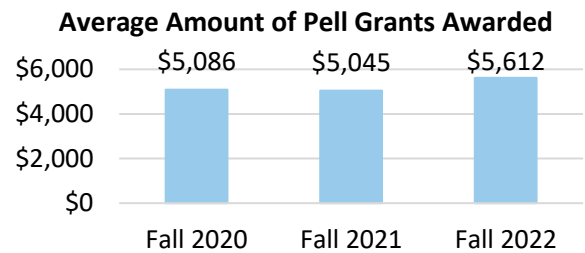
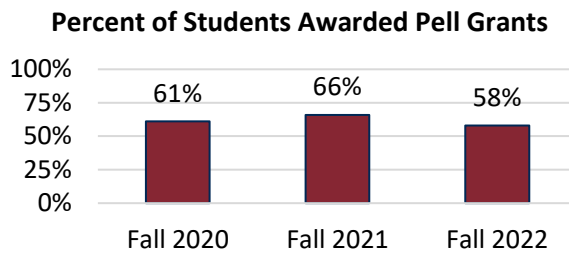
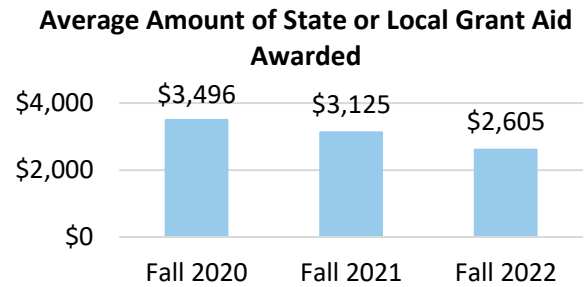
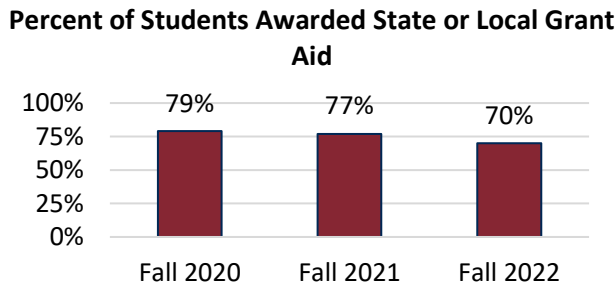
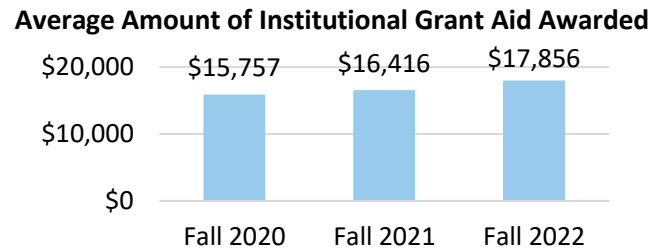
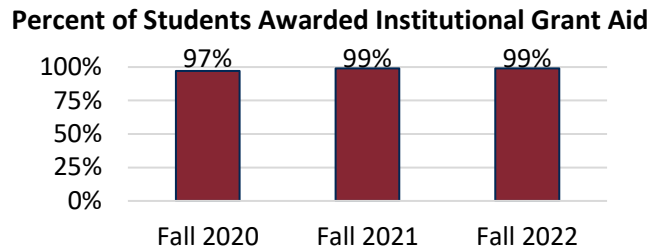
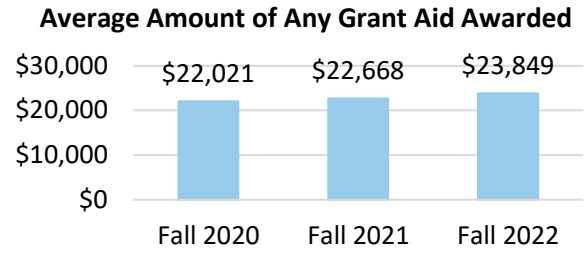
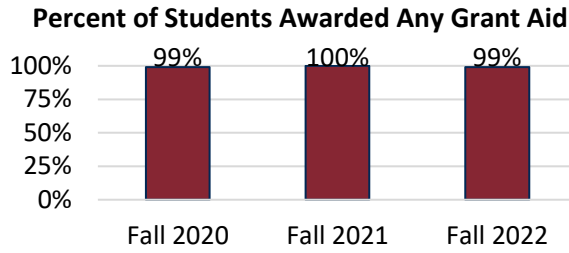
Level	Fall 2023 Headcount			Fall 2023 FTE
	Full-Time	Part-Time	Total	
Undergraduate	1759	205	1,964	1,840
Law School	694	45	739	711
Graduate	1429	319	1,748	1,551
Dual Enrollment	31	1943	1,974	794
Grand Total	3,913	2,512	6,425	4,896
Grand Total (excluding dual enrollment)	3,882	569	4,451	4,102

Level	Fall 2022 Headcount			Fall 2022 FTE
	Full-Time	Part-Time	Total	
Undergraduate	1691	208	1,899	1,773
Law School	698	52	750	718
Graduate	1366	308	1,674	1,484
Dual Enrollment	43	2040	2,083	844
Grand Total	3,798	2,608	6,406	4,819
Grand Total (excluding dual enrollment)	3,755	568	4,323	3,974

Level	Fall 2021 Headcount			Fall 2021 FTE
	Full-Time	Part-Time	Total	
Undergraduate	1,603	221	1,824	1,690
Law School	735	48	783	753
Graduate	1,163	367	1,530	1,303
Dual Enrollment	11	1773	1,784	708
Grand Total	3,512	2,409	5,921	4,454
Grand Total (excluding dual enrollment)	3,501	636	4,137	3,746

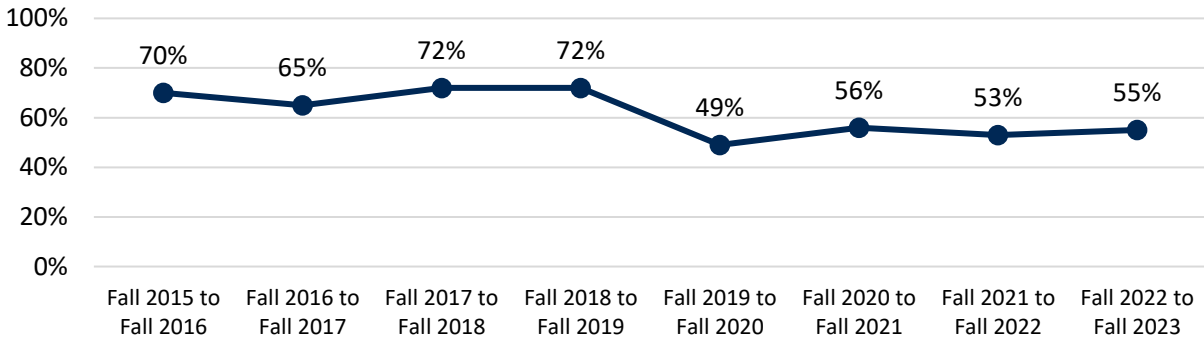


The charts below indicate the percent and average aid awarded to *first-time, full-time students* as reported to IPEDS.

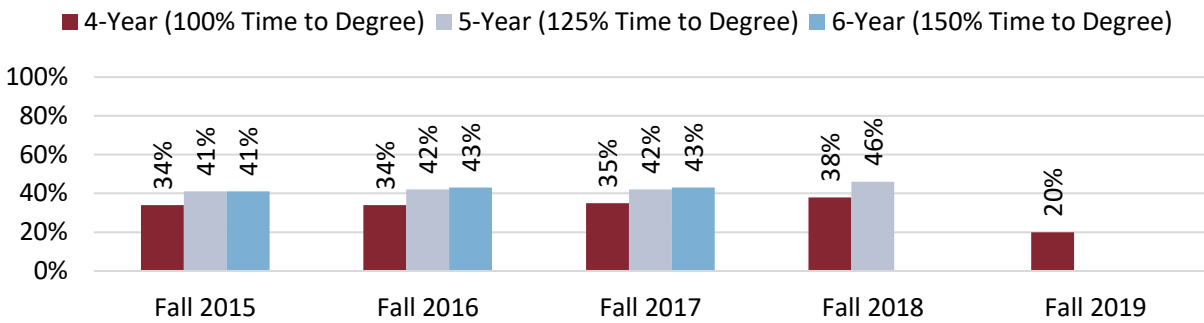


## Student Success: Retention and Graduation Rates

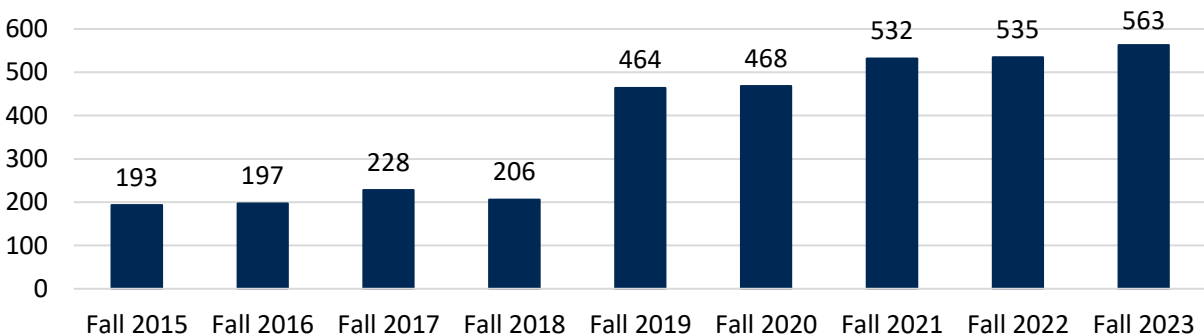
### Retention Rates for First-time, Full-time Students



### Graduation Rates for First-time, Full-time Students

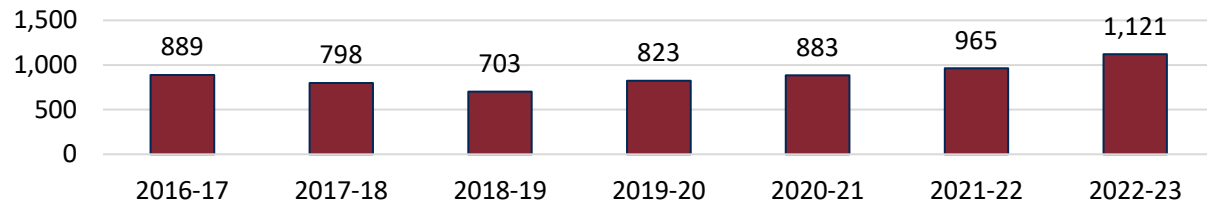


### Number of Students Included in the First-time, Full-time Cohort

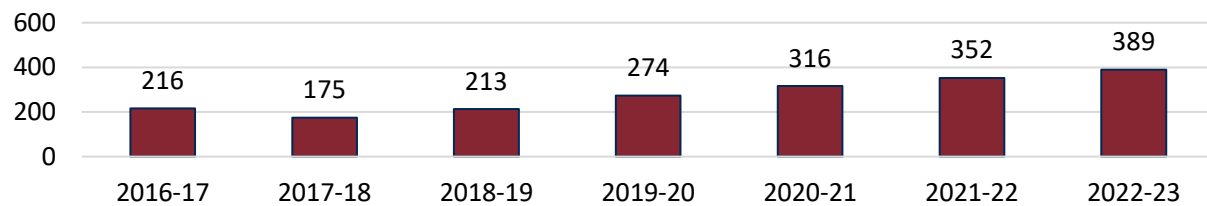


## Degree Completions by Academic Year

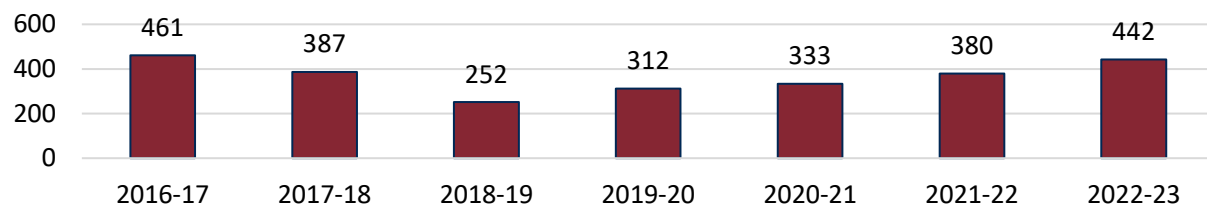
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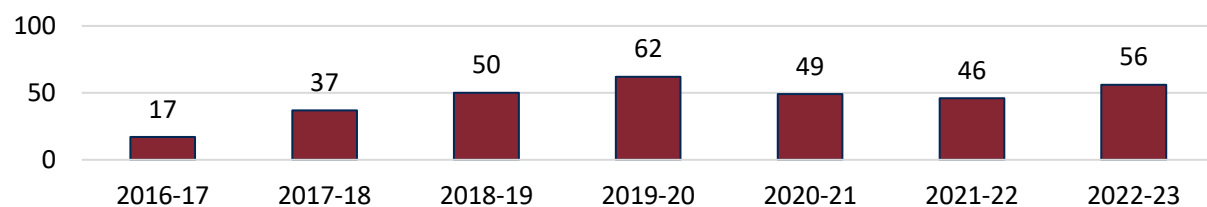
### Bachelor's Degrees



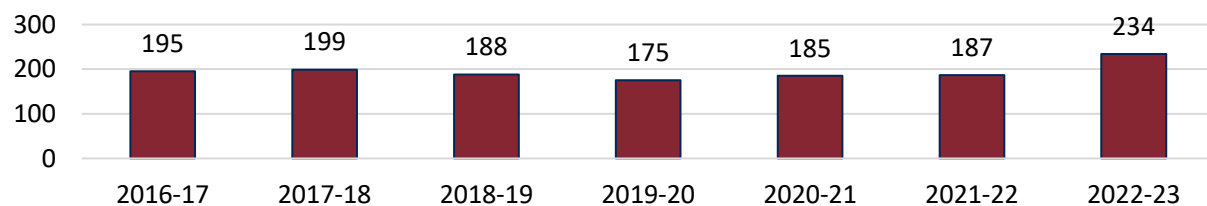
### Master's Degrees



### Doctoral Degrees



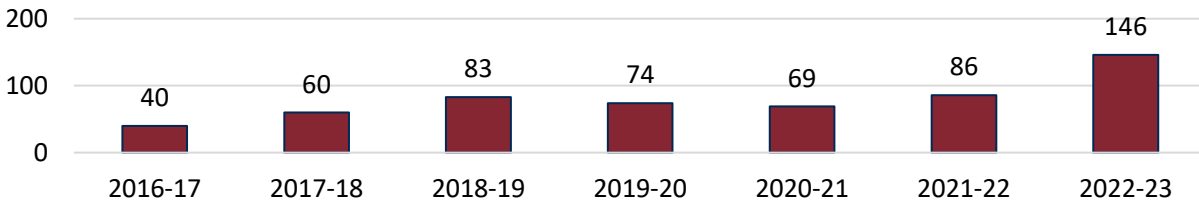
### Law Degrees (Masters and Doctoral)



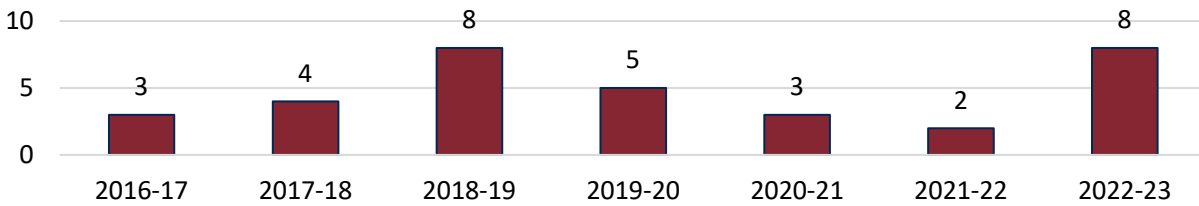
# Certificate Completions by Academic Year



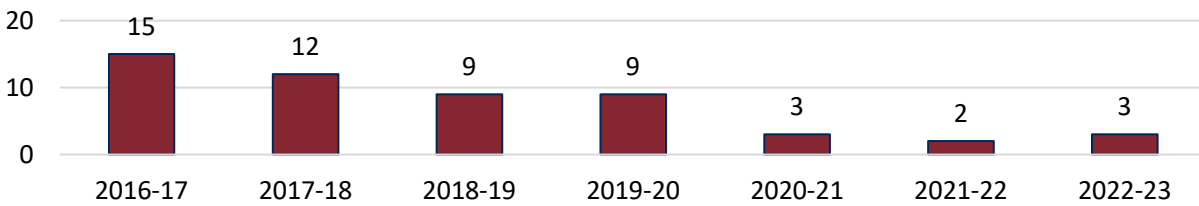
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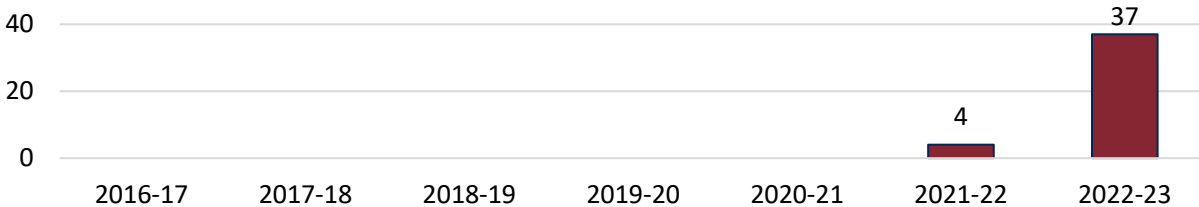
## Undergraduate Certificates



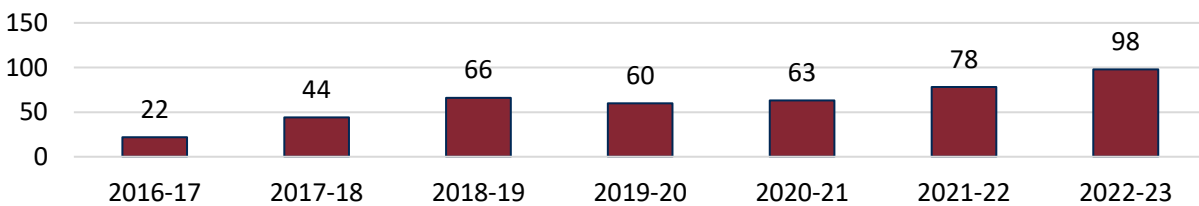
## Master's Certificates



## Post-Master's Certificates



## Law Certificates



Data from students who did not respond (2,838 or 44%) are excluded from the analysis. Therefore, the percentages are only based on students that reported a religious denomination (or responded with Other or Unknown). The table below includes students from all academic levels. Religious groups with fewer than 10 students are marked with a \* and data are suppressed for student privacy.

### Student Religious Denomination in Fall 2023

Religious Denomination	Number (#)	Percent (%)
Roman Catholic	2086	58%
Christian	934	26%
No Religious Affiliation	173	5%
Baptist	147	4%
Unknown/Other	74	2%
Seventh Day-Adventist	33	1%
Jewish	23	1%
Protestant	22	1%
Methodist	19	1%
Greek Orthodox	16	0%
Episcopalian	15	0%
Islamic/Muslim	14	0%
Hindu	12	0%
Church of Christ	11	0%
Islamic/Muslim	*	0%
Jehovah's Witness	*	0%
Presbyterian	*	0%
Lutheran	*	0%
Greek Catholic	*	0%
Buddhist	*	0%
Rastafarian	*	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,616</b>	<b>100%</b>