Florida College System (FCS) retention rates consistently exceed national public two-year college retention rates. For the latest year of complete data, the full-time, first-time in college (FTIC) retention rate for FCS institutions was nearly six percentage points higher than the national rate for full-time students. The FCS part-time FTIC retention rate was close to nine percentage points higher than the national part-time rate.

Although there are a number of factors that influence whether a student decides to re-enroll from one year to the next, retention rate can be an indicator of successful adjustment to college life, student satisfaction, and institutional effectiveness in terms of providing a supportive academic and social environment for students.

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