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Four-Year Graduation Rates of NOVA Program-Placed Students by Full-/Part-time Status

This Research Brief shows the four-year graduation rates of first-time to NOVA, program-placed students by enrollment status (either full-time or part-time) and demographics. Data for four cohorts, Fall 2006 through Fall 2009, are included.

Overall results show that the graduation rate of full-time students was consistently higher than that of part-time students. When broken down by gender, female students graduated from NOVA within four years at higher rates than male students regardless of full-time or part-time status. Younger students (ages 24 and under) tended to have higher graduation rates compared to older students (ages 45 and older). Among racial/ethnic groups, Asian and Other students showed the highest graduation rates, while Black and Native American students had the lowest rates, regardless of full-time or part-time status.

Table 1 (below) and Figure 1 (next page) display four-year graduation rates of first-time to NOVA, program-placed students by full-time and part-time status. Across all cohorts, full-time students graduated within four years at higher rates (21 to 28 percent) when compared to cohort of part-time students (9 to 12 percent). The overall four-year graduation rate for all first-time to NOVA, program-placed students increased steadily with each cohort, from 16 percent for the Fall 2006 cohort to 21 percent for the Fall 2009 cohort.

Table 1. Four-Year Graduation Rates of First-Time to NOVA, Program-Placed Students by Full-/Part-Time Status: Fall 2006 through Fall 2009 Cohorts

Status	Fall 2006 Cohort			Fall 2007 Cohort			Fall 2008 Cohort			Fall 2009 Cohort		
	N	Graduated		N	Graduated		N	Graduated		N	Graduated	
		#	%		#	%		#	%		#	%
Full-Time	4,502	947	21.0	5,187	1,235	23.8	4,503	1,277	28.4	5,417	1,503	27.7
Part-Time	3,972	366	9.2	4,169	464	11.1	3,776	402	10.6	3,983	479	12.0
Total	8,474	1,313	15.5	9,356	1,699	18.2	8,279	1,679	20.3	9,400	1,982	21.1

Figure 1. Four-Year Graduation Rates of First-Time to NOVA, Program-Placed Students by Full-/Part-Time Status: Fall 2006 through Fall 2009 Cohorts

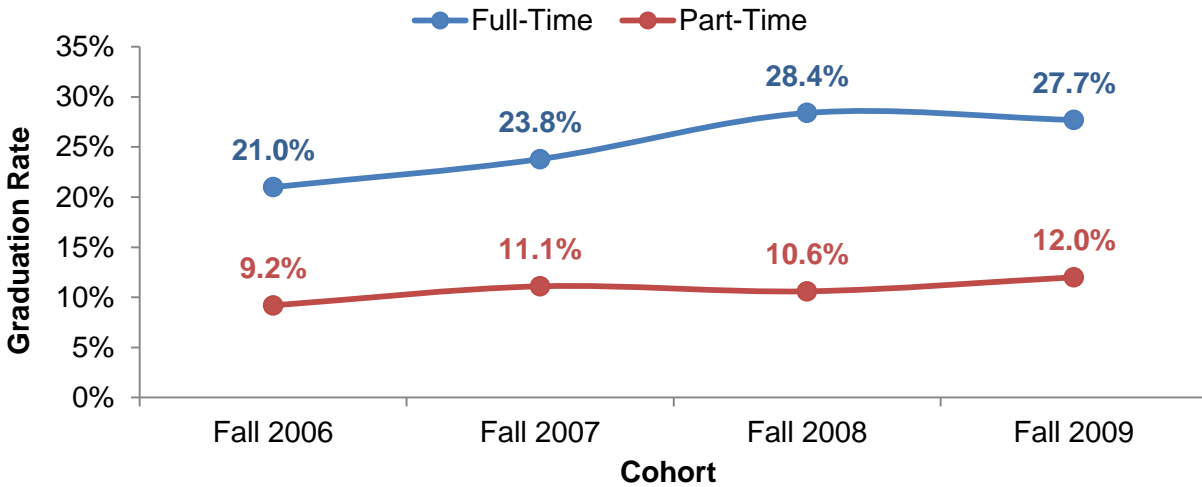


Table 2 shows the four-year graduation rates of full-time students by gender. Among full-time students, female students had higher graduation rates (25 to 33 percent) compared to male students (17 to 24 percent) in each cohort.

Table 2. Four-Year Graduation Rates of First-Time to NOVA, Full-Time, Program-Placed Students by Gender: Fall 2006 through Fall 2009 Cohorts

Gender	Fall 2006 Cohort			Fall 2007 Cohort			Fall 2008 Cohort			Fall 2009 Cohort		
	N	Graduated		N	Graduated		N	Graduated		N	Graduated	
		#	%		#	%		#	%		#	%
Male	2,305	395	17.1	2,698	560	20.8	2,262	551	24.4	2,786	644	23.1
Female	2,197	552	25.1	2,489	675	27.1	2,241	726	32.4	2,631	859	32.6

Table 3 presents the four-year graduation rates of part-time students by gender. Within each cohort, female students graduated at higher rates (11 to 13 percent), than male students (7 to 11 percent).

Table 3. Four-Year Graduation Rates of First-Time to NOVA, Part-Time, Program-Placed Students by Gender: Fall 2006 through Fall 2009

Gender	Fall 2006 Cohort			Fall 2007 Cohort			Fall 2008 Cohort			Fall 2009 Cohort		
	N	Graduated		N	Graduated		N	Graduated		N	Graduated	
		#	%		#	%		#	%		#	%
Male	1,817	134	7.4	1,878	169	9.0	1,777	152	8.6	1,881	200	10.6
Female	2,155	232	10.8	2,291	295	12.9	1,999	250	12.5	2,102	279	13.3

Table 4 presents the four-year graduation rates of full-time students by age. Generally, younger students showed the highest graduation rates among the age groups. For the Fall 2006 and Fall 2008 cohorts, full-time students under 18 had the highest graduation rates (30 and 34 percent, respectively). For the Fall 2007 cohort, students ages 22 to 24 had the highest rate at 27 percent, and for the Fall 2009 cohort, students ages 18 to 21 had the highest rate at 29 percent. Students ages 45 and over had the lowest graduation rates in three of the four cohorts, and the lowest overall graduation rate for full-time students (nine percent) in the Fall 2007 cohort.

Table 4. Four-Year Graduation Rates of First-Time to NOVA, Full-Time, Program-Placed Students by Age: Fall 2006 through Fall 2009 cohorts

Age	Fall 2006 Cohort			Fall 2007 Cohort			Fall 2008 Cohort			Fall 2009 Cohort		
	N	Graduated		N	Graduated		N	Graduated		N	Graduated	
		#	%		#	%		#	%		#	%
Under 18	80	24	30.0	83	21	25.3	76	26	34.2	80	22	27.5
18-21	3,701	768	20.8	4,261	1,020	23.9	3,756	1,093	29.1	4,337	1,259	29.0
22-24	282	59	20.9	338	90	26.6	279	62	22.2	387	88	22.7
25-29	217	46	21.2	271	60	22.1	184	49	26.6	305	78	25.6
30-44	193	44	22.8	202	41	20.3	173	41	23.7	254	45	17.7
45 & Over	29	6	20.7	32	3	9.4	35	6	17.1	54	11	20.4

Table 5 displays the four-year graduation rates of part-time students by age. Part-time students ages 25 to 29 had the highest graduation rates of any age group in the Fall 2006 and Fall 2009 cohorts (11 and 15 percent, respectively). Students under 18 had the lowest graduation rate of any age group in the Fall 2006 cohort at seven percent, but the highest in the Fall 2007 cohort, at 23 percent.

Table 5. Four-Year Graduation Rates of First-Time to NOVA, Part-Time, Program-Placed Students by Age: Fall 2006 through Fall 2009 cohorts

Age	Fall 2006 Cohort			Fall 2007 Cohort			Fall 2008 Cohort			Fall 2009 Cohort		
	N	Graduated		N	Graduated		N	Graduated		N	Graduated	
		#	%		#	%		#	%		#	%
Under 18	58	4	6.9	52	12	23.1	44	5	11.4	41	6	14.6
18-21	1,829	154	8.4	1,875	211	11.3	1,925	235	12.2	1,927	234	12.1
22-24	495	54	10.9	530	60	11.3	457	38	8.3	429	53	12.4
25-29	565	62	11.0	648	70	10.8	453	46	10.2	597	90	15.1
30-44	785	74	9.4	820	92	11.2	666	58	8.7	720	73	10.1
45 & Over	240	18	7.5	244	19	7.8	231	20	8.7	269	23	8.6

Table 6 shows the four-year graduation rates for full-time students by race/ethnicity. Asian students showed the highest graduation rates (ranging from 27 to 34 percent) in three of the four cohorts. Among all racial/ethnic groups, Black students showed the lowest graduation rates in the Fall 2006 and Fall 2009 cohorts (15 and 18 percent, respectively). Native American students showed the lowest graduation rates in the Fall 2007 and Fall 2008 cohorts (6 and 19 percent, respectively).

Table 6. Four-Year Graduation Rates of First-Time to NOVA, Full-Time, Program-Placed Students by Race/Ethnicity: Fall 2006 through Fall 2009 Cohorts

Race/ Ethnicity	Fall 2006 Cohort			Fall 2007 Cohort			Fall 2008 Cohort			Fall 2009 Cohort		
	N	Graduated		N	Graduated		N	Graduated		N	Graduated	
		#	%		#	%		#	%		#	%
White	2,080	429	20.6	2,271	556	24.5	1,948	559	28.7	2,262	636	28.1
Black	617	94	15.2	745	129	17.3	657	129	19.6	907	163	18.0
Asian	829	223	26.9	910	262	28.8	827	282	34.1	966	325	33.6
Hispanic	668	133	19.9	817	183	22.4	677	182	26.9	882	265	30.0
Native American	19	5	26.3	17	1	5.9	27	5	18.5	25	5	20.0
Other	289	63	21.8	427	104	24.4	367	120	32.7	375	109	29.1

Table 7 presents the four-year graduation rates for part-time students by race/ethnicity. As with full-time students, Asian students had the highest graduation rates (13 to 15 percent) in three of the four cohorts. Among all racial/ethnic groups, Native American students had the lowest graduation rates (ranging from 0 to 8 percent) in all but the Fall 2007 cohort, where Black students had the lowest graduation rate (7 percent).

Table 7. Four-Year Graduation Rates of First-Time to NOVA, Part-Time, Program-Placed Students by Race/Ethnicity: Fall 2006 through Fall 2009 Cohorts

Race/ Ethnicity	Fall 2006 Cohort			Fall 2007 Cohort			Fall 2008 Cohort			Fall 2009 Cohort		
	N	Graduated		N	Graduated		N	Graduated		N	Graduated	
		#	%		#	%		#	%		#	%
White	1,830	182	9.9	1,858	240	12.9	1,606	178	11.1	1,758	232	13.2
Black	803	55	6.8	872	61	7.0	757	61	8.1	855	69	8.1
Asian	489	67	13.7	512	72	14.1	478	64	13.4	450	68	15.1
Hispanic	587	43	7.3	615	54	8.8	660	71	10.8	652	70	10.7
Native American	19	1	5.3	26	2	7.7	19	1	5.3	16	0	0.0
Other	244	18	7.4	286	35	12.2	256	27	10.5	252	40	15.9