

**RESEARCH BRIEF**

**Outcomes of First-Time, Full-Time Degree or Certificate-Seeking Students at NOVA: Fall 2008 through Fall 2014 Cohorts**

This Brief presents outcomes of first-time, full-time degree or certificate-seeking students at NOVA for the Fall 2008 through Fall 2014 cohorts. (Table 1 and Figures 1-3, next page)

**Key Findings**

- The three-year graduation rate for first-time, full-time degree or certificate-seeking students in the Fall 2014 cohort was 25 percent, which was seven percentage points higher than the Fall 2008 cohort (18 percent).
- The three-year transfer-out rate for first-time, full-time degree or certificate-seeking students in the Fall 2014 cohort was 16 percent, which was five percentage points higher than the Fall 2008 cohort (11 percent).
- The three-year still enrolled at NOVA rate for first-time, full-time degree or certificate-seeking students in the Fall 2014 cohort was 19 percent, which was three percentage points lower than the Fall 2008 cohort (22 percent).

**Table 1. Outcomes of First-Time, Full-Time Degree or Certificate-Seeking Students at NOVA: Fall 2008 through Fall 2014 Cohorts**

Cohort	Number of Students	Three-Year Graduation Rate <sup>1</sup> (%)	Three-Year Transfer-Out Rate <sup>2</sup> (%)	Three-Year Still Enrolled at NOVA Rate <sup>3</sup> (%)
Fall 2008	4,106	18	11	22
Fall 2009	4,738	22	11	24
Fall 2010	4,577	23	16	22
Fall 2011	4,848	23	15	23
Fall 2012	5,137	23	16	22
Fall 2013	5,819	24	16	20
Fall 2014	5,815	25	16	19

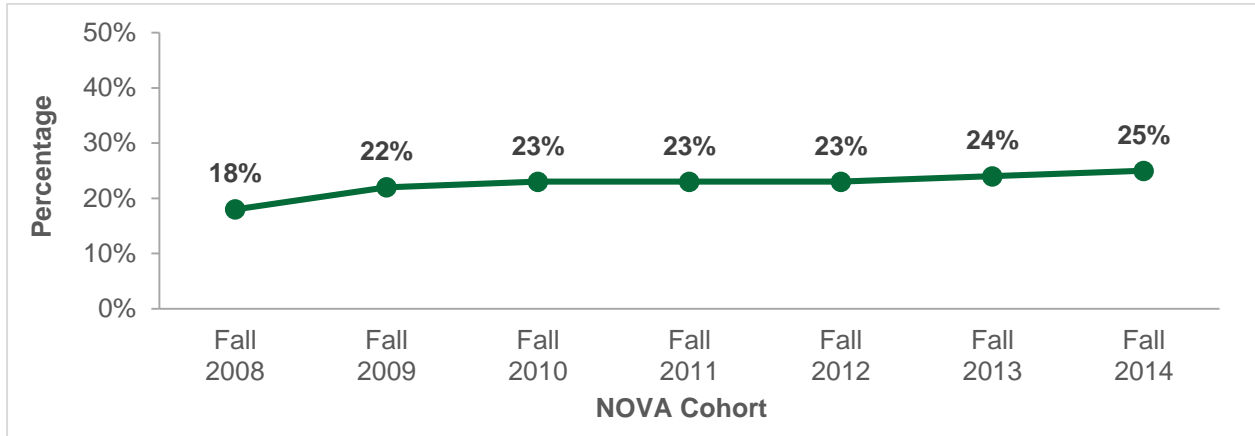
Source: IPEDS Data Center

<sup>1</sup> The graduation rate includes students who graduated with a degree or certificate from NOVA within three years of initial enrollment.

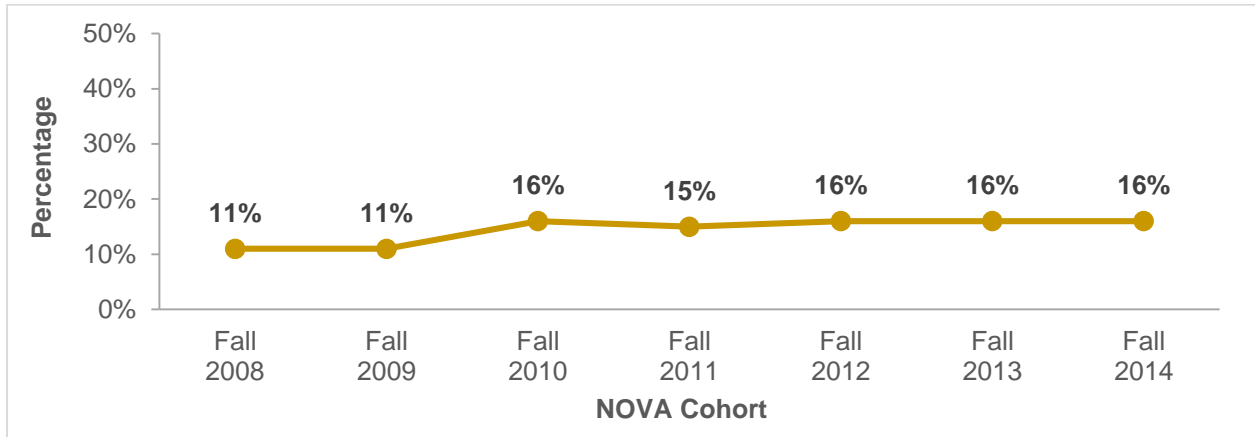
<sup>2</sup> The transfer-out rate includes students who are known to have transferred out of NOVA to another two- or four-year institution prior to graduating from NOVA with a degree or certificate.

<sup>3</sup> The still enrolled at NOVA rate includes students who returned to NOVA in 4th Fall semester since initial enrollment and have not yet earned a degree or credential.

**Figure 1. Three-Year Graduation Rate of First-Time, Full-Time Degree or Certificate-Seeking Students at NOVA: Fall 2008 through Fall 2014 Cohorts**



**Figure 2. Three-Year Transfer-Out Rate of First-Time, Full-Time Degree or Certificate-Seeking Students at NOVA: Fall 2008 through Fall 2014 Cohorts**



**Figure 3. Three-Year Still Enrolled at NOVA Rate of First-Time, Full-Time Degree or Certificate-Seeking Students at NOVA: Fall 2008 through Fall 2014 Cohorts**

