



## Retention Rates for African American First-Time Freshmen

This report contains current information about Fall-to-Spring and Fall-to-Fall retention rates for African American first-time freshmen at Tennessee Tech. Each cohort consists of all African American first-time, full-time freshmen who entered the University in the Fall semester or the immediately preceding Summer.

### Fall-to-Spring Retention Rate for African American First-Time Freshmen

What percentage of African American first-time freshmen in Fall return for their Spring semester at TTU? ..... 95%\*

### One-Year Retention Rate for African American First-Time Freshmen

What percentage of African American first-time freshmen return for their second year at Tennessee Tech? ..... 75%\*

Detailed information about recent entering classes of new freshmen is presented in the table on page 2.

\* Because the population of African American first-time freshmen at TTU is small, the calculated percentages are volatile; a change in the retention status of a few students can make a large difference in the retention percentages. However, because of the University commitment to closely monitor retention information about students, these percentages have been calculated and reported here. **Users of this information are warned to interpret and use these statistics carefully.**

Notes:

1. The previous iteration of this report was *IR Series*, Vol. 09-10, No. 18, May 19, 2009.
2. Information about retention of the entire cohort of first-time freshmen is available in the graduation and retention rate section of the OIR web site: <http://www.tntech.edu/ir/gradtime.html>

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Entering Fall Class	First Fall Term	First Spring Term	Second Fall Term	Second Spring Term	Third Fall Term	Third Spring Term
1996	55	53 96.36%	37 67.27%	32 58.18%	29 52.73%	30 54.55%
1997	56	48 85.71%	40 71.43%	36 64.29%	30 53.57%	26 46.43%
1998	59	53 89.83%	40 67.80%	40 67.80%	35 59.32%	31 52.54%
1999	63	61 96.83%	43 68.25%	39 61.90%	35 55.56%	30 47.62%
2000	82	76 92.68%	59 71.95%	50 60.98%	38 46.34%	34 41.46%
2001	64	54 84.38%	36 56.25%	32 50.00%	27 42.19%	24 37.50%
2002	99	92 92.93%	68 68.69%	61 61.62%	57 57.58%	47 47.47%
2003	61	61 100.00%	50 81.97%	47 77.05%	46 75.41%	42 68.85%
2004	63	58 92.06%	45 71.43%	43 68.25%	39 61.90%	34 53.97%
2005	60	57 95.00%	47 78.33%	46 76.67%	40 66.67%	36 60.00%
2006	67	65 97.01%	47 70.15%	44 65.67%	39 58.21%	34 50.75%
2007	54	49 90.74%	41 75.93%	38 70.37%	38 70.37%	
2008	71	67 94.37%	52 73.24%			
Weighted Average		<b>94.95%</b>	<b>75.00%</b>	69.06%	<b>64.11%</b>	52.42%