Withdrawing in the First Semester

Six-Year Graduation Rates of Fall 2008 Freshmen and Transfer Students with <30 Credits
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Sample

- The analysis focuses on students entering fall 2008 as first-time freshmen or transfers with under 30 credits.
- **1,526** students fit this criteria, including the **970** first-time, full-time freshmen used to calculate the IPEDS 6-year graduation rate.

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<td>Freshmen</td>
<td>970</td>
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<td>1,020</td>
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<td>Transfers &lt;30</td>
<td>404</td>
<td>102</td>
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<td>1,374</td>
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Who is withdrawing in the first semester at UMass Boston?
• A majority of the students did not withdraw from any courses in the first semester at UMass Boston.

• 213 out of the 1,526 students (14.0%) in this analysis withdrew from at least one class in fall 2008.

• Most students are only withdrawing from one course, but some are withdrawing from multiple courses.
Why Does Withdrawing in the First Semester Matter?
Quick Review: Retention Rates

First-Time Full-Time Freshman Retention Rates
Fall 2000 to Fall 2013 Entering Cohorts
Quick Review: Graduation Rates

First-Time Full-Time Freshman Six-Year Graduation Rates
Fall 1998 to Fall 2008 Entering Cohorts

- 1998: 27.8%
- 1999: 35.1%
- 2000: 35.6%
- 2001: 32.1%
- 2002: 33.2%
- 2003: 38.6%
- 2004: 40.9%
- 2005: 39.7%
- 2006: 37.9%
- 2007: 43.6%
- 2008: 42.1%

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Quick Review: Graduation Rates by Cohort Size

UMass Boston First-Time Full-Time Freshmen Cohorts
Six-Year Graduation Rate

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Differences in Six-Year Graduation Rate

6-Year Graduation Rates by Admit Type, FT/PT and First Semester Withdrawal

- Freshmen FT: 44.1%
- Freshmen PT: 28.1%
- Transfers (<30) FT: 47.3%
- Transfers (<30) PT: 27.4%

- No Withdrawals in First Semester:
  - Freshmen FT: 25.0%
  - Freshmen PT: 16.7%
  - Transfers (<30) FT: 22.7%
  - Transfers (<30) PT: 11.1%
Are students still withdrawing in the first semester?
Percentage of Students Withdrawing from At Least One Course in the First Semester

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<td>Freshmen</td>
<td>12.5%</td>
<td>18.0%</td>
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<td>16.0%</td>
<td>10.6%</td>
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FT
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Thank you!

• Questions/Comments?

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