

**Peer Group Analysis Data**  
**Retention and Graduation Rates - US News & World Report August 2007 (2008 edition)**

<b>Freshman Retention Rate</b>		<b>Average Graduation Rate</b>	
1 Santa Clara (CA)	93%	1 Providence (RI)	85%
2 Providence (RI)	92%	2 Santa Clara (CA)	85%
3 Loyola College (MD)	90%	3 Loyola College (MD)	83%
4 Loyola Marymount (CA)	90%	4 Fairfield	80%
5 Xavier (OH)	89%	5 Xavier (OH)	78%
6 Fairfield	89%	6 Saint Joseph (PA)	76%
7 Saint Joseph (PA)	89%	7 John Carroll (OH)	75%
8 Bradley (IL)	88%	8 Valparaiso (IN)	74%
9 Butler (IN)	88%	9 Loyola Marymount (CA)	73%
10 Creighton (NE)	88%	10 Creighton (NE)	73%
11 Elon (NC)	88%	11 Elon (NC)	73%
12 Quinnipiac (CT)	87%	12 Bradley (IL)	72%
13 <b>Drake</b>	<b>86%</b>	13 <b>Drake</b>	<b>71%</b>
14 John Carroll (OH)	85%	14 Samford (AL)*	71%
15 Samford (AL)*	85%	15 Butler (IN)	70%
16 Redlands (CA)	85%	16 Quinnipiac (CT)	70%
17 Valparaiso (IN)	84%	17 Hamline (MN)	67%
18 Seattle (WA)	84%	18 Pacific Lutheran (WA)	66%
19 Hamline (MN)	82%	19 Seattle (WA)	66%
20 Pacific Lutheran (WA)	82%	20 Redlands (CA)	64%
21 Loyola of New Orleans	81%	21 Loyola of New Orleans	64%
22 Evansville (IN)	80%	22 Evansville (IN)	61%
23 Mercer University	80%	23 Mercer University	51%
Mean	86%	Mean	72%
Median	87%	Median	72%

\* Samford University was reclassified as a national research university in the 2005 Carnegie classifications.  
A four-year average is used for both first-year student retention and the six-year graduation rate.