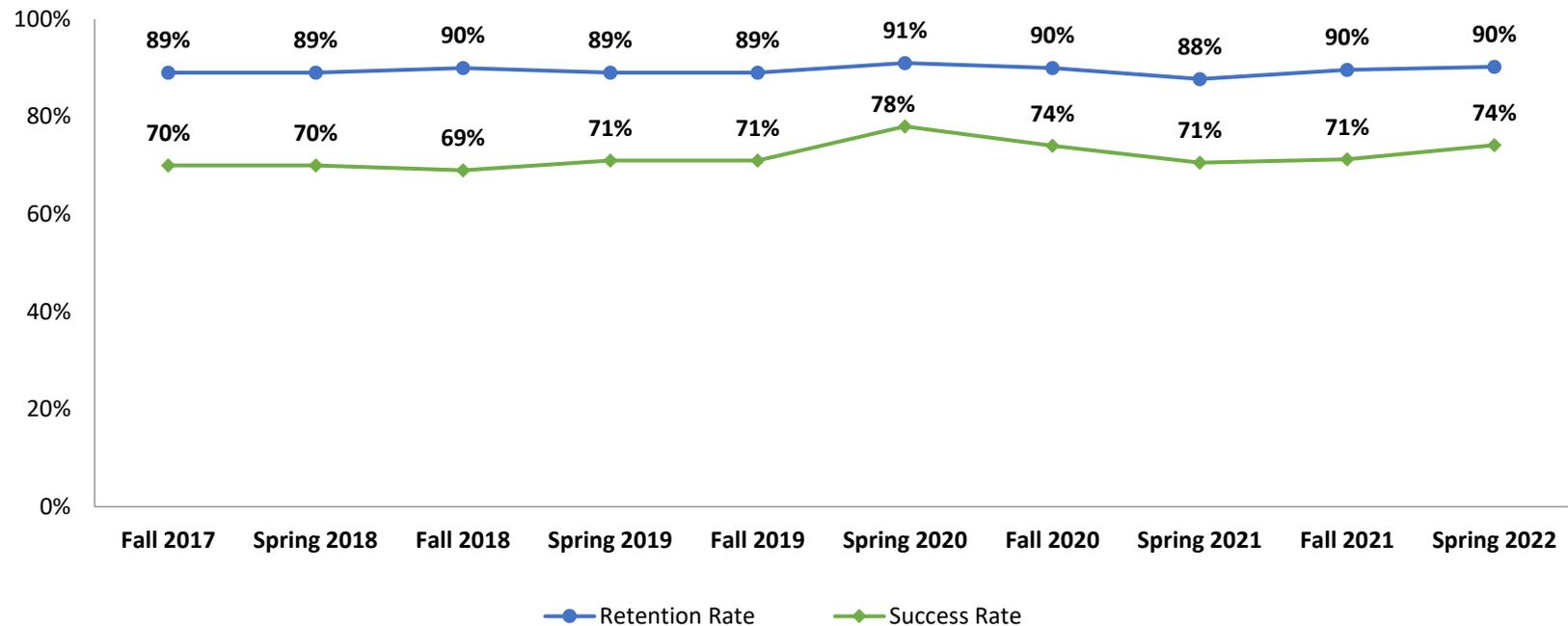


Retention and Success

Retention rate is defined as the percentage of non-withdrawal grades out of all grades posted. Success rate is defined as the percentage of grades A, B, C, or P (Pass) out of all grades posted. The retention and success rates have been relatively stable since fall 2017 in spite of being impacted by the pandemic.¹

Figure 4.1 Retention and Success Rates



¹ Due to COVID-19, students were allowed to petition for Excused Withdrawal (EW) grades for spring 2020 classes. To be consistent with the Chancellor’s Office definitions, EW grades are excluded from the calculation of enrollment, retention rate and success rate.

Tables 4.1 and 4.2 provide more details on retention and success. Female students have higher retention and success rates than male students. However, gaps in retention and success rates are larger among students from different ethnic groups. African American and Hispanic/Latino students have lower-than-average success rates over the last five fall semesters.

Table 4.1 Retention and Success Rates by Gender

Gender	Fall 2017		Fall 2018		Fall 2019		Fall 2020		Fall 2021	
	Retention	Success								
Female	90%	71%	90%	71%	90%	72%	91%	75%	89%	71%
Male	89%	69%	89%	67%	89%	69%	90%	72%	90%	71%
Non-Binary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	83%	59%
Unknown	91%	71%	89%	69%	92%	79%	90%	77%	86%	71%
Total	89%	70%	90%	69%	89%	71%	90%	74%	90%	71%

Table 4.2 Retention and Success Rates by Race/Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	Fall 2017		Fall 2018		Fall 2019		Fall 2020		Fall 2021	
	Retention	Success								
African American	86 %	58 %	85%	62%	84%	58%	87%	65%	83%	58%
American Indian or Alaskan Native	89 %	59 %	84%	59%	86%	61%	91%	61%	85%	67%
Asian	93 %	76 %	93%	77%	92%	79%	95%	85%	94%	83%
Hispanic/Latino	90 %	68 %	89%	67%	89%	69%	89%	71%	89%	68%
Two or More Races	91 %	73 %	91%	73%	89%	72%	93%	80%	91%	76%
Pacific Islander	94 %	81 %	100%	78%	97%	89%	89%	85%	91%	74%
White, Non-Hispanic	92 %	77 %	90%	75%	90%	77%	91%	78%	92%	79%
Unknown	90 %	70 %	88%	78%	88%	70%	93%	79%	85%	68%
Total	89%	70%	90%	69%	89%	71%	90%	74%	90%	71%

Source: Chancellor’s Office Data Mart