

# OFFICE FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

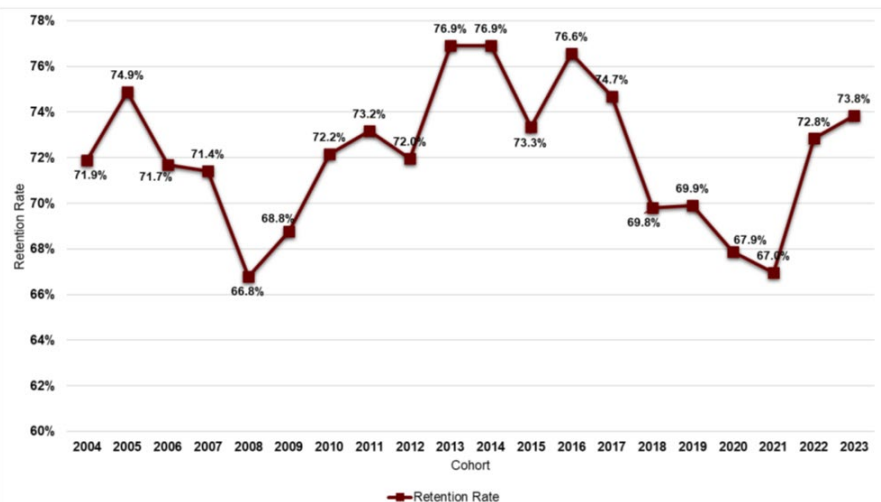
Start: July 2025

Finish: June 2026

Budget: \$150,000

Actual YTD: \$10,000

## Fall-to-Fall First-Time, Full-Time Freshman Retention Rate



**KEY GOAL**  
Increase at least 3.5% by Fall 2028 data report – two full cycles after implementation

## RISK/MITIGATION


There is a slim chance new employees do not join the Winthrop team as expected in May, but it is a remote risk. At this point, we are confident the new Shared Advising Model will be successfully launched this summer/fall. The risk comes later in 2026-2027 and beyond as we settle into this new model and work out any unexpected hiccups. The provost, assistant provost, and executive director will meet regularly to ensure the effort is being properly supported.

## Q3 HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Successfully completed the searches for the executive director and the two professional advisors; all are set to join Winthrop in Q4.
- ✓ Finalized the new four-year worksheets and ensured ADA compliance, which brings a consistent instrument to all majors across campus.
- ✓ New ACAD 150 course to improve first year retention was taught for the first time.
- ✓ Led the second annual Lunch and Learn workshop for chairs and deans on retention.

## Q4 OBJECTIVES

- Onboard the new executive director and professional advisors.
- Complete all orientation sessions as usual but keep the new Shared Advising methodology top of mind.
- Analyze results of new ACAD 150 course.

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## DESCRIPTION

*The new Office for Student Success serves as a nexus for advising, retention, and success. This launch period includes creating a new shared advising model, SuccessFest event, ACAD course for probationary students, a retention workshop, and a new transfer student advising center.*

