

SECTION 4: UNIVERSITY DATA: ATTRITION AND GRADUATION RATES

Table 4.6: Comparisons of Selected College/University Average Retention Rates 2006 – 2008

	Average Retention from Previous Four Years		
	2006	2007	2008
Creighton University	87%	87%	88%
Boston College	95%	95%	95%
Iowa State University	84%	85%	85%
Loyola University - Chicago	84%	84%	84%
Marquette University	89%	89%	90%
Saint Louis University	87%	87%	86%
University of Iowa	82%	83%	83%
University of Nebraska – Lincoln	80%	81%	82%
University of Nebraska – Omaha	73%	74%	74%
University of Notre Dame	98%	98%	98%
Valparaiso University	87%	86%	84%
Xavier University	89%	90%	89%

Source: *U.S. News & World Report, America's Best Colleges*

N.B. In Table 4.6, the average freshman retention rate is based on a four-year average as reported in *U.S. News & World Report's America's Best Colleges*. For example, the Fall 2006 rate is based on the average return rate of freshmen starting in Fall 2001, Fall 2002, Fall 2003, and Fall 2004.