

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	88%	87%	87%
Boston College	95%	96%	96%
Iowa State University	85%	85%	85%
Loyola University - Chicago	84%	84%	84%
Marquette University	90%	90%	90%
Saint Louis University	86%	85%	84%
University of Iowa	83%	84%	84%
University of Nebraska – Lincoln	82%	83%	84%
University of Nebraska – Omaha	74%	74%	72%
University of Notre Dame	98%	98%	98%
Valparaiso University	84%	84%	84%
Xavier University	89%	89%	88%

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 2008 rate is based on the average return rate of freshmen starting in Fall 2004 through Fall 2007 who returned the following fall.