

**First-Time Freshmen Receiving Services from Student Support Services
NMHU Fall 2000 to Fall 2007**

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Student Support Services is a program funded by the federal Department of Education designed to increase retention and graduation rates among first generation, low income (150% of poverty level), and disabled college students. The program was first funded at NMHU in 1971 and has been in continual existence since that time. The program currently serves approximately 350 students per year and is funded for \$524,000 per year.

Two-thirds of the students served by SSS must be both low income and first generation or disabled. The other one-third must be either low income or first generation. These students receive a variety of intensive advisement and support services throughout their college career.

The program is available only on the main campus, which is appropriate considering that almost all the students served by SSS begin at NMHU as first-time freshmen. The percentage of first-time freshmen served by SSS is generally around 50% each fall.

Of the 2,393 first-time freshmen who entered NMHU since the fall of 2000, 1,139 (47.6%) were served by Student Support Services. SSS support students do not differ significantly in high school GPA (2.93 vs. 2.92) or high school rank percentile (55.7 vs. 53.9) from all other first-time freshmen. However, they are more likely to be Hispanic (71.7% vs. 61.8%), Native American (9.5% vs. 5.5%), and in-state residents (86.8% vs. 76%) than are other first-time freshmen. They are also more likely to be female (49.8% vs. 43.8%) and less likely to be athletes (12.4% vs. 16.4%).

First-time freshmen who were served by SSS have significantly higher first semester retention, first year retention, and six-year graduation rates than do all other freshmen.

**First Semester Retention, All First-time Freshmen
Fall 2000 through Fall 2007**

	Retained Fall-to- Spring	Not Retained	Total	% Retained	
SSS	940	199	1139	82.5%	p=.000
Non-SSS	786	468	1254	62.7%	
Total	1726	667	2393	72.1%	

**First Year Retention, All First-time Freshmen
Fall 2000 through Fall 2006**

	Retained Fall-to- Spring	Not Retained	Total	% Retained	
SSS	594	366	960	61.9%	p=.000
Non-SSS	395	651	1017	38.8%	
Total	989	1017	2006	49.3%	

**Six-Year Graduation Rate, First-time, Full-time Freshmen
Fall 2000 and Fall 2001 Cohorts**

Cohort		Degree Awarded	No Degree	Total	% Graduation
Fall 2000	SSS	37	81	118	31.4%
	Non-SSS	17	133	150	11.3%
	Total	54	214	268	20.2%
Fall 2001	SSS	31	102	133	23.3%
	Non-SSS	26	76	102	25.5%
	Total	57	178	235	24.3%
Fall 2002	SSS	34	108	142	23.9%
	Non-SSS	11	59	70	15.7%
	Total	45	167	212	21.2%

**Fall-to-Spring Retention, First-time, Full-time Freshmen Cohorts
Fall 2000 through Fall 2007**

Cohort		Retained Fall- to-Spring	Not Retained	% Retained	
Fall 2000	SSS	102	16	86.4%	p=.000
	Non-SSS	99	51	66.0%	
	Total	201	67	75.0%	
Fall 2001	SSS	105	28	78.9%	p=.022
	Non-SSS	67	34	66.3%	
	Total	172	62	73.5%	
Fall 2002	SSS	111	31	78.2%	p=.548
	Non-SSS	55	15	78.6%	
	Total	166	46	78.3%	
Fall 2003	SSS	102	21	82.9%	p=.146
	Non-SSS	74	23	76.3%	
	Total	176	44	80.0%	
Fall 2004	SSS	133	13	91.1%	p=.000
	Non-SSS	64	44	59.3%	
	Total	197	57	77.6%	
Fall 2005	SSS	103	22	82.4%	p=.009
	Non-SSS	75	35	68.2%	
	Total	178	57	75.7%	
Fall 2006	SSS	125	19	86.8%	p=.000
	Non-SSS	166	86	65.9%	
	Total	291	105	73.5%	
Fall 2007	SSS	135	39	77.6%	p=.042
	Non-SSS	119	54	68.8%	
	Total	254	93	73.2%	

**Fall-to-Fall Retention, First-time, Full-time Freshmen Cohorts
Fall 2000 through Fall 2007**

Cohort		Retained Fall-to-Spring	Not Retained	Total	% Retained
Fall 2000	SSS	79	39	118	66.9%
	Non-SSS	48	102	150	32%
	Total	127	141	268	47.4%
Fall 2001	SSS	76	57	133	57.1%
	Non-SSS	43	59	102	42.2%
	Total	119	116	235	50.6%
Fall 2002	SSS	94	48	142	66.2%
	Non-SSS	35	35	70	50%
	Total	129	83	212	60.8%
Fall 2003	SSS	75	48	123	70%
	Non-SSS	50	47	97	51.5%
	Total	125	95	220	56.8%
Fall 2004	SSS	94	52	146	64.4%
	Non-SSS	39	69	108	36.1%
	Total	133	121	254	52.4%
Fall 2005	SSS	75	50	125	60%
	Non-SSS	50	60	110	45.5%
	Total	125	110	235	53.2%
Fall 2006	SSS	83	61	144	57.6%
	Non-SSS	97	154	251	38.6%
	Total	180	215	395	45.6%
Fall 2007	SSS	79	95	174	45.4%
	Non-SSS	76	97	173	43.9%
	Total	155	192	347	44.6%