

Factbook Dictionary

- **Undergraduate student** – A student enrolled in a four-year bachelor's degree program.
- **Graduate student** – A student who holds a bachelor's degree or equivalent and taking courses at post-baccalaureate.
- **Full-Time student** – An undergraduate student enrolled in 12 or more semester credits in each term, or a graduate student enrolled in 9 or more semester credits in each term.
- **Part-Time student** – An undergraduate student enrolled in less than 12 semester credits in each term, or a graduate student enrolled in less than 9 semester credits in each term.
- **FTE Undergraduate** – $1/3$ part-time headcount + full-time headcount.
- **FTE Graduate** – Sum of part-time credits / 9 + full-time headcount.
- **First-Year student** – A student attending any institution for the first time at the undergraduate level. Includes students enrolled in the fall term who attended college for the first time in the prior summer term. Also includes students who entered with advanced standing (college credits earned before graduation from high school).
- **Transfer student** – A student that enters the institution for the first time but have previously attended an institution at the same level (Ex: Undergraduate).
- **Continuing student** – A student who is not new to the institution in the fall, continuing their studies at the institution.
- **Non-Bentley student** – A student enrolled at Bentley as part of an exchange program with another school.
- **Cohort** – Total entering first-year class as of the October 15th (Fall) or February 15th (Spring) census date.
- **Adjusted Cohort** – Cohort after adjusting for the following allowable exclusions: include the death of a student, permanent disability, military deployment, or service on an official church mission or with a foreign aid service of the federal government.
- **Race/Ethnicity** - Categorizing an individual based on where they belong and identify. An individual can identify into one of the following:
 - **Hispanic or Latino** - A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin
 - **Black/African American, non-Hispanic** – A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.
 - **American Indian or Alaskan Native, non-Hispanic** – A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America) who maintains cultural identification through tribal affiliation or community attachment.
 - **Asian, non-Hispanic** - A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian Subcontinent, including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.
 - **White, non-Hispanic** - A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.

- **Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic** – A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands
- **Two or More Races, non-Hispanic** – A person who may identify with more than one race.
- **Unknown Race or Ethnicity** - The category used to report students or employees whose race and ethnicity are not known.
- **Non-Resident Alien** – A person who is not a citizen or national of the United States and who is in this country on a visa or temporary basis and does not have the right to remain indefinitely.
- **Domestic student** – A person who is a citizen or national of the United States, or a person who is not a citizen or national of the United States but who has been admitted as a legal immigrant for the purpose of obtaining permanent U.S. resident status (and who holds either a registration card (Form I-551 or I-151), a Temporary Resident Card (Form I-688), or an Arrival-Departure Record (Form I-94) with a notation that conveys legal immigrant status such as Section 207 Refugee, Section 208 Asylee, Conditional Entrant Parolee or Cuban-Haitian).
- **International student** – A person who is not a citizen or national of the United States and who is in this country on a visa or temporary basis and does not have the right to remain indefinitely.
- **URM** – Underrepresented Minority, someone whose racial or ethnic makeup isn't white, Asian, or unknown.
- **Legal Sex** – The current designation on a person's birth certificate, driver's license, and/or U.S. state identification.
- **Resident** – A student who lives on-campus in university-owned housing.
- **Commuter** – A student who lives off campus and their housing are not owned, operated, or affiliated with the college.
- **Applicant** – An individual who has completed all the school's admission requirements to be considered for admission.
- **Admitted student** - Applicant who is offered admission.
- **Academic Program** - Instructional program that eventually leads to a bachelor's, master's, or doctoral degree.
- **Tuition** – Amount of money students are charged for instructional services. Can be charged by term, by course or by credit.
- **Room & Board** – Assuming double occupancy and 19 meals per week.
- **Retention rate** – Percentage of each fall full-time bachelor's degree-seeking cohort that were re-enrolled as of the October 15th census date each consecutive fall.
- **4-Year graduation rate** – The percentage of students who graduate in 4 years or less with a college degree. Calculated by the number of students who graduate in 4 or less years divided by the number of students in the adjusted cohort.
- **6-Year graduation rate** - The percentage of students who graduate in 6 years or less with a 4-year college degree. Calculated by the number of students who graduate in 6 or less years divided by the number of students in the adjusted cohort.
- **Residence** – A person's permanent address with evidence such as a driver's license or voter registration.