

Withdrawing in the First Semester

Six-Year Graduation Rates of Fall 2008 Freshmen and
Transfer Students with <30 Credits

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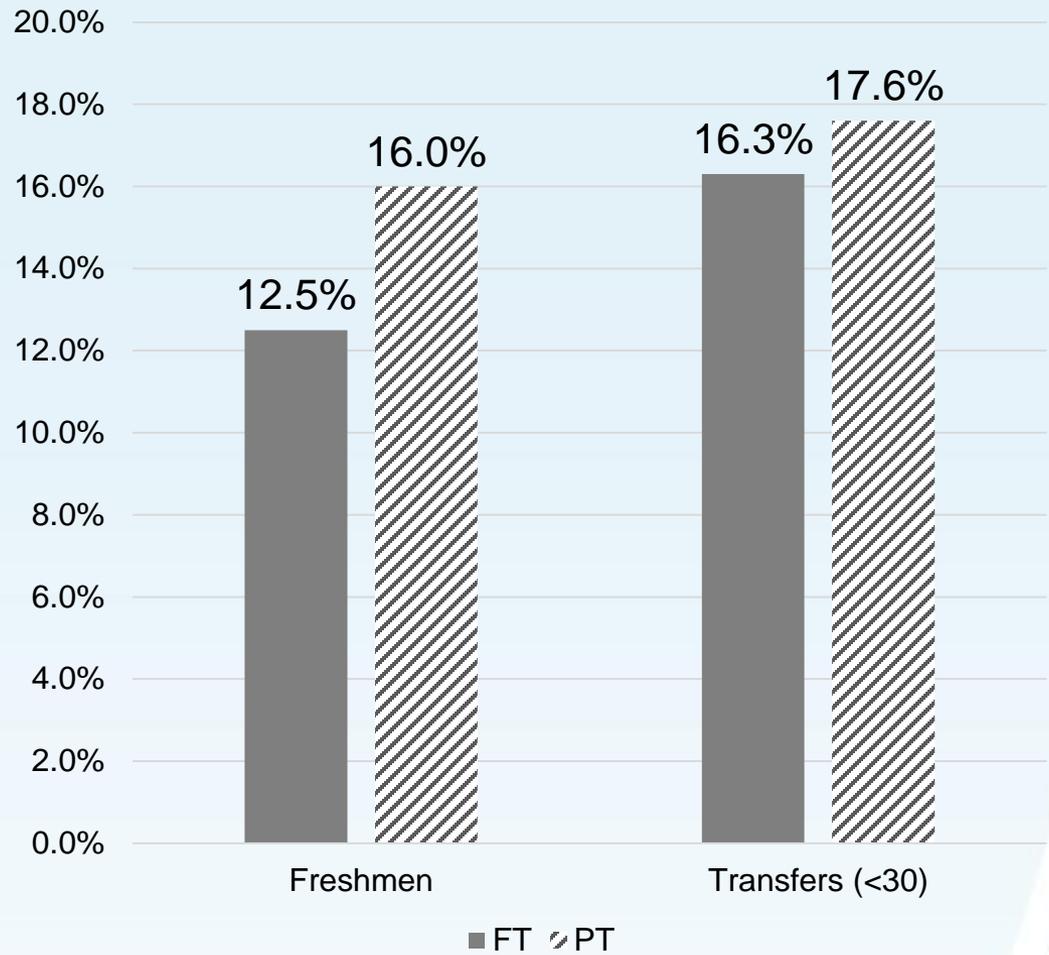
- The analysis focuses on students entering fall 2008 as first-time freshmen or transfers with under 30 credits.
- **1,526** students fit this criteria, including the **970** first-time, full-time freshmen used to calculate the IPEDS 6-year graduation rate.

Admit Type	Full-Time	Part-Time	Total
Freshmen	970	50	1,020
Transfers <30	404	102	506
All	1,374	152	1,526

Who is withdrawing in the first semester at UMass Boston?

Percentage of Students Withdrawing from At Least One Course in the First Semester Fall 2008

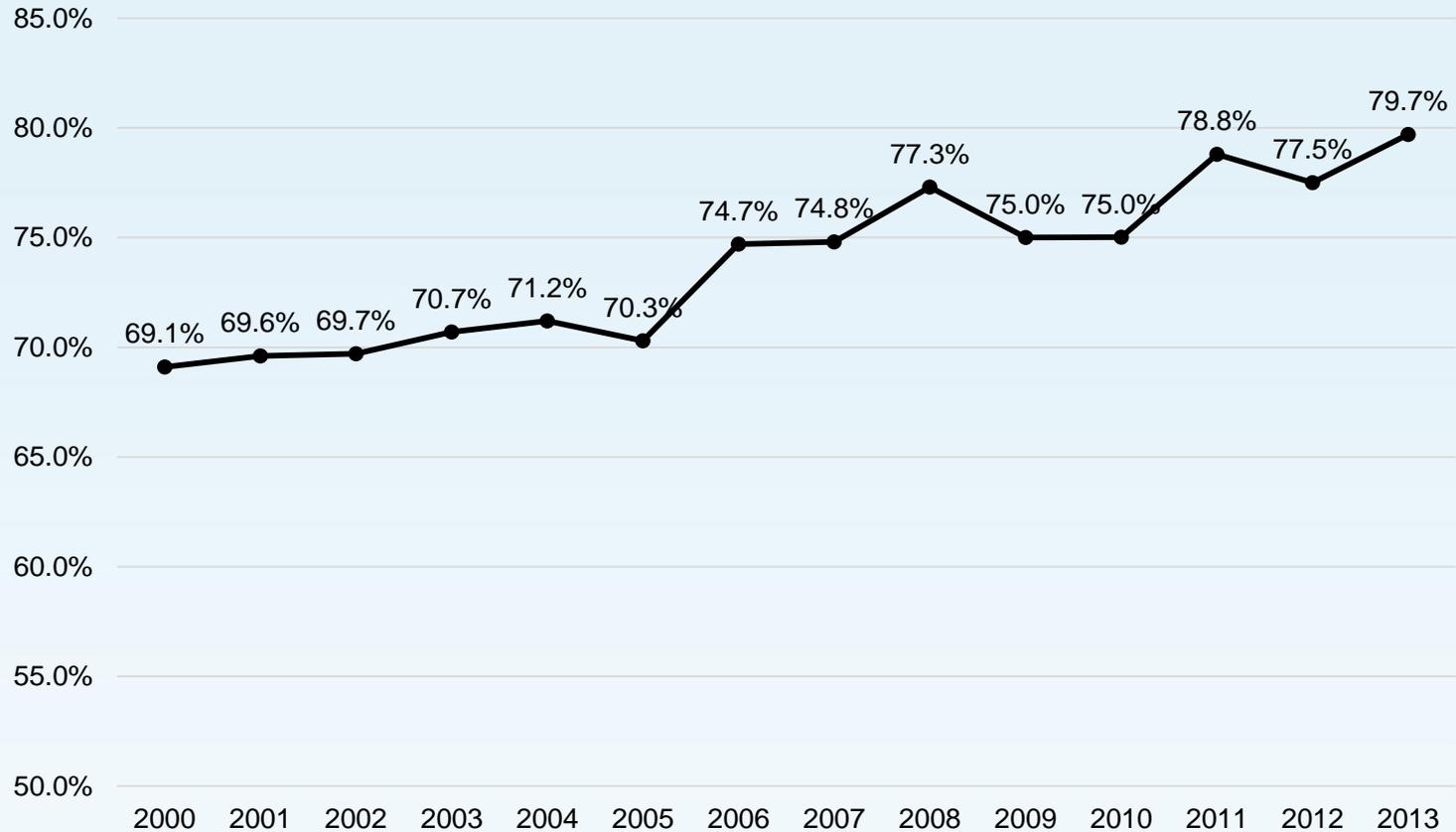
- A majority of the students did not withdraw from any courses in the first semester at UMass Boston.
- 213 out of the 1,526 students (14.0%) in this analysis withdrew from at least one class in fall 2008.
- Most students are only withdrawing from one course, but some are withdrawing from multiple courses.



Why Does Withdrawing in the First Semester Matter?

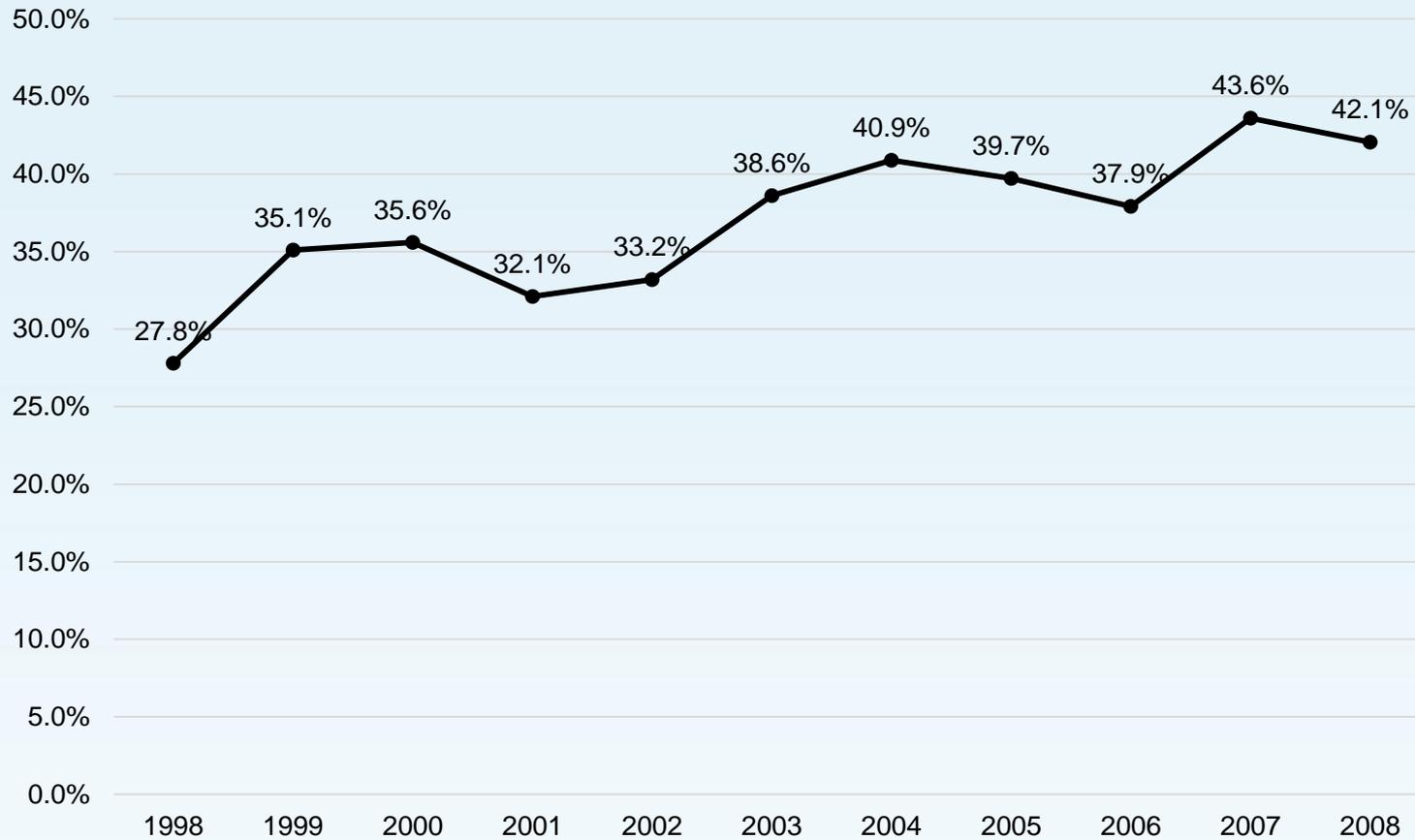
Quick Review: Retention Rates

First-Time Full-Time Freshman Retention Rates
Fall 2000 to Fall 2013 Entering Cohorts



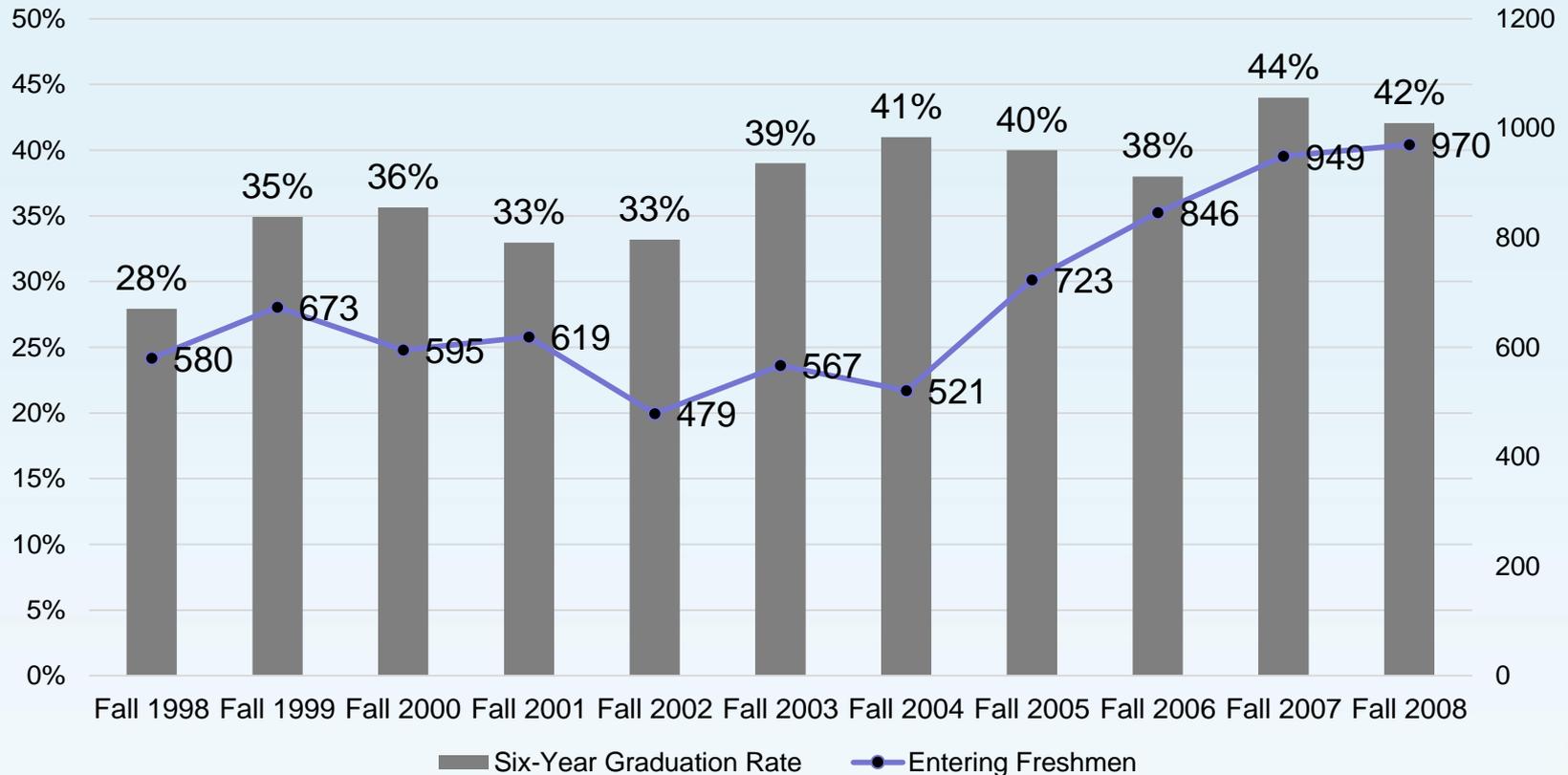
Quick Review: Graduation Rates

First-Time Full-Time Freshman Six-Year Graduation Rates
Fall 1998 to Fall 2008 Entering Cohorts



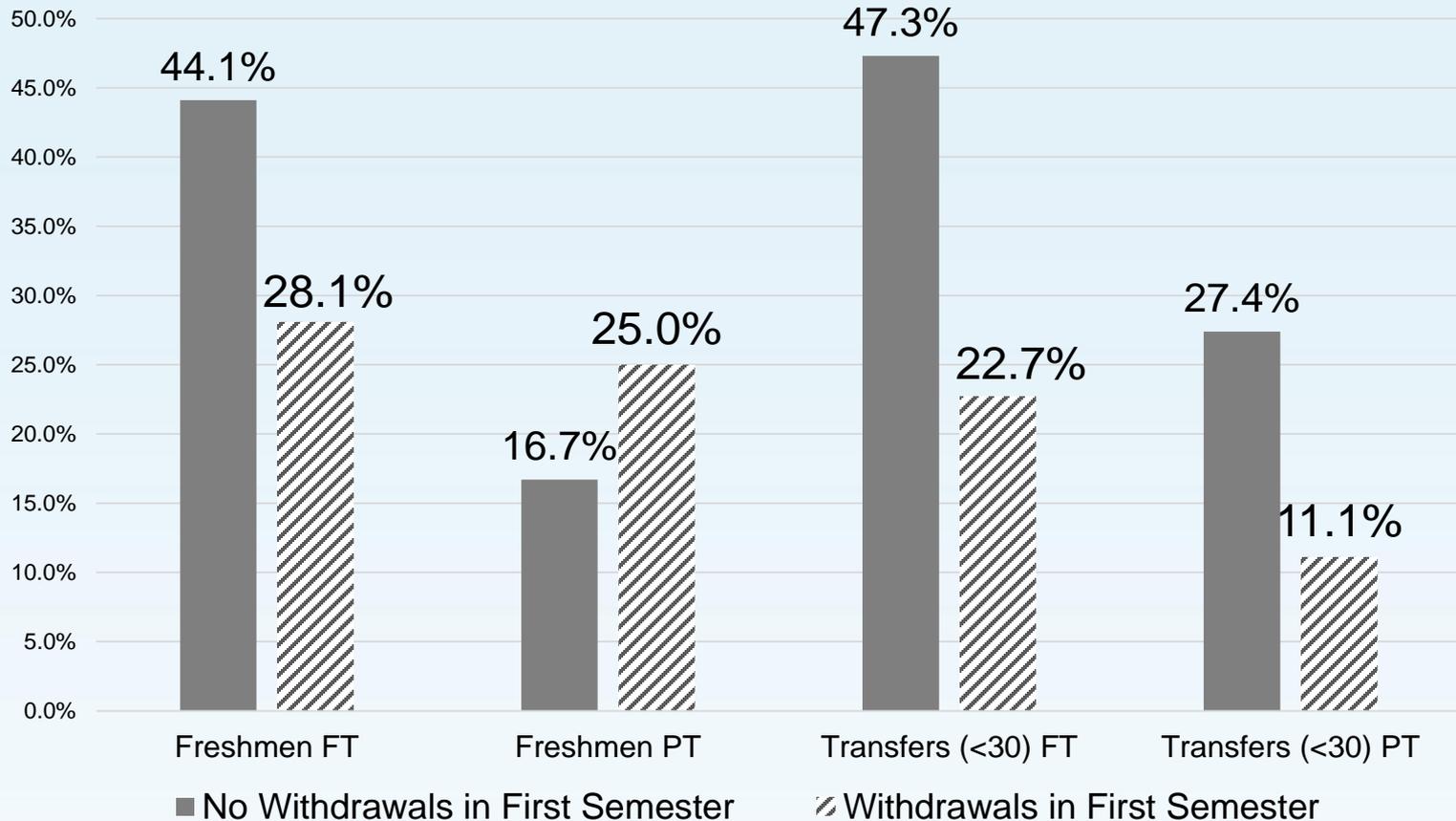
Quick Review: Graduation Rates by Cohort Size

UMass Boston First-Time Full-Time Freshmen Cohorts Six-Year Graduation Rate



Differences in Six-Year Graduation Rate

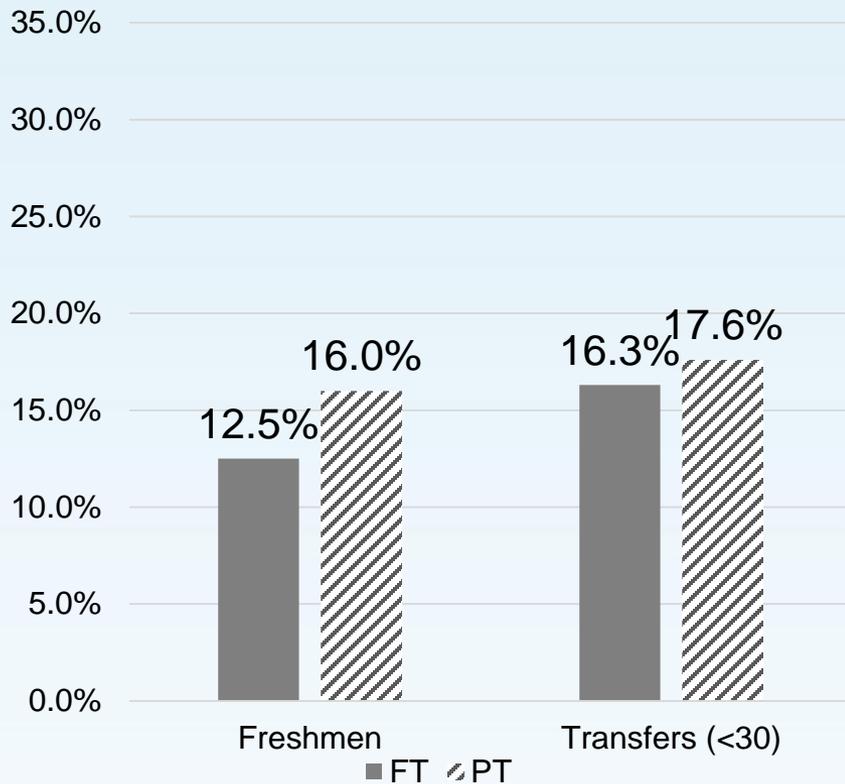
6-Year Graduation Rates
by Admit Type, FT/PT and First Semester Withdrawal



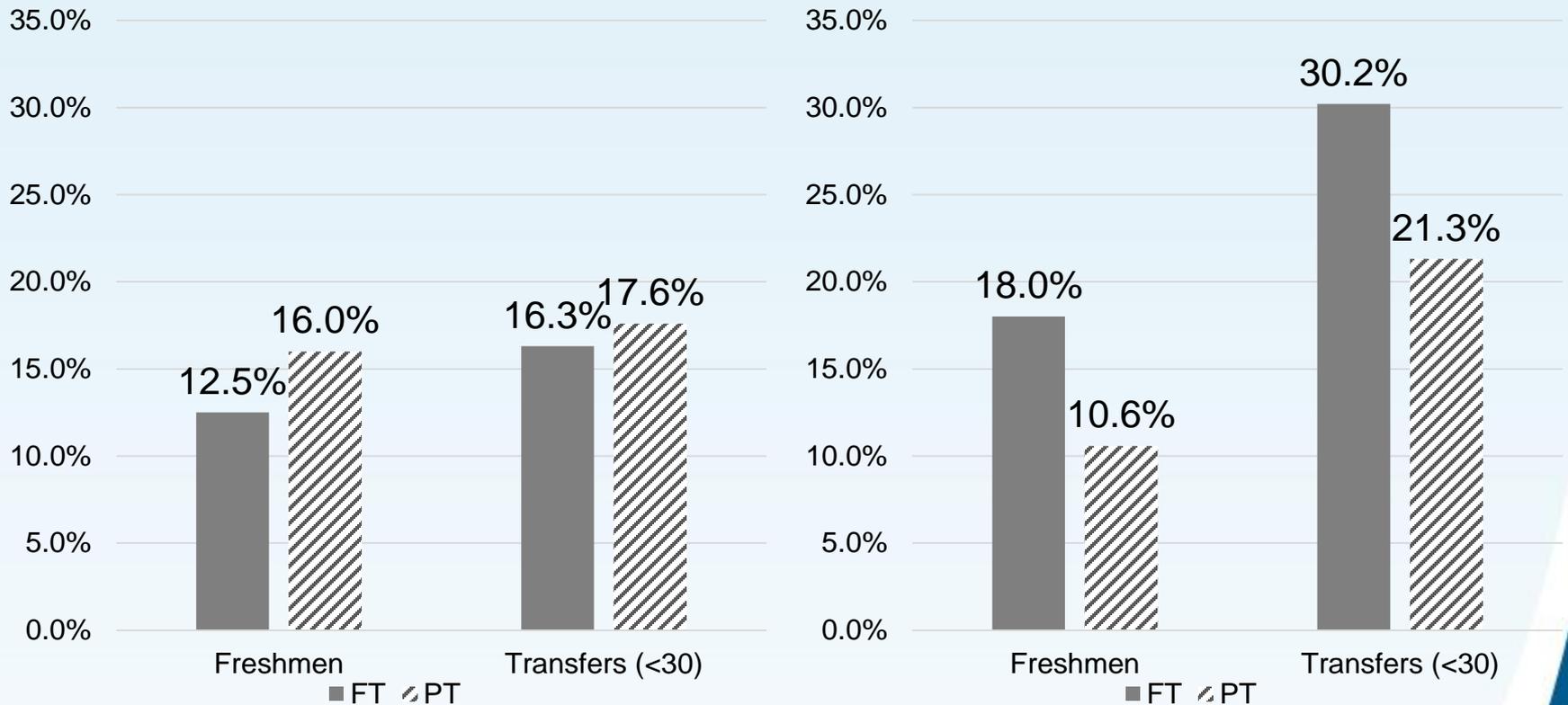
Are students still withdrawing in the first semester?

Percentage of Students Withdrawing from At Least One Course in the First Semester

Fall 2008



Fall 2014



Thank you!

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