1. Retention rate is the percentage of new students from a given Fall entering cohort who have graduated by the end of each succeeding year (using the Fall-to-Summer degree year). For example, 43.8% of new freshmen who entered UCI in Fall 2000 had graduated by the end of Summer Session 2004 (the end of their 4th year).

2. Graduation rates are cumulative; that is, the six-year graduation rate is the sum of students who have graduated in their 3rd, 4th, 5th, or 6th years.

3. Entering cohorts include new full-time students who paid fees and registered for at least one course by the end of the 3rd week of classes.

4. Full-time status is defined as 12 units or more attempted in the initial quarter of enrollment.