

- A student is defined as *New* in a term (cohort) if he or she was not previously enrolled in a Fall (FA) or Winter (WI) term at UNB (going back to a 2002 data cut-off).
- Presence of students over time is taken into consideration only for their first degree or certificate.
- IDs that met the following criteria were filtered out:
 - Blank 'Fees paid'
 - 'Number of courses' less than 1
 - Program = UGND, UGVS, UGEX and STU
 - Student Type = BCCBB, BCCCS, CARM, DUBKV, HUM, KIEV, POL, ROY, ROY1, ROY2, ROY3, ROYED, SAMS and SING
- *Admit Status-HS/HSA*: 'Admit status from Application' field from Enrolment data has value of either 'HS (Yr1 High School)' or 'HSA (Yr1 High School -Auto assess)'.
- *Persistence as a % of Expected to Return* is defined as: *Returned* (Persistence) divided by the number of students *Expected to Return*.
- *Expected to Return* is defined as: *Total Enrolled* minus *Did Not Return & Graduated* (RTW students are still included in *Expected to Return*).
- *Graduated from Starting Program* - First undergraduate degree is counted. If a student is enrolled in a concurrent program, such as BABCS or BABE, their first degree completed is considered as graduation from starting program.
 - Engineering students who start at UNBSJ, but graduate from UNBF, are NOT considered to have graduated from their starting program (they usually change campuses after two years).
- Students who move between related programs are considered as persisting in program. Also, students who move between, and graduate from, related programs are considered to have graduated in their starting program.
 - Examples:
 - BA ↔ BABSC ↔ BSC
 - BABE ↔ BED
 - BSC ↔ BSCBE
 - BSE ↔ BFE
 - BSE ↔ BCSSE
 - BRSS ↔ BRSSBE
 - However, movement from BSKIN to BRSS or BRSS to BSKIN is considered *Switching*.