

**STUDENT PROGRESSION IN THE MARITIME UNIVERSITY SYSTEM  
COURSE LOAD, TERM-TO-TERM PERSISTENCE, AND STOP-OUTS**

**JANUARY 2023**

**STATISTICAL TABLES AND METHODOLOGY**



## DEFINITIONS AND METHODOLOGY

| Measure     | Course Load   |
|-------------|---|
| Purpose     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides a measure of enrolment beyond “full-time” and “part-time” registration status.</li> <li>Provides a full-year and term measure of student course load at the institution and system level.</li> <li>From a policy perspective, identifies groups of students that may take longer to complete a first degree.</li> </ul>   |
| Definitions | <p><b>Full Course Equivalent (FCE)</b><br/><i>(for undergraduate students)</i></p> <p>Total number of course credits attempted ÷ credits normally awarded for a full course at the institution</p> <p>In general</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>full academic year course (6-credit course) = 1.0 FCE</li> <li>semester course (3-credit course) = 0.5 FCE</li> </ul> <p>Includes courses that were successfully completed, failed or with a withdrawal with academic penalty.</p> <p>Excludes audited course and courses with a withdrawal without academic penalty.</p> <p><b>Annual Course Load</b></p> <p>Total credits attempted in a year ÷ credits normally awarded for a full course at the institution</p> <p>Based on the PSIS reporting year from May 1<sup>st</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup></p> <p><b>Term Course Load</b></p> <p>Total credits attempted in a term ÷ credits normally awarded for a full course at the institution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The report year is divided into three terms: spring/summer, fall and winter terms.</li> </ul> |
| Measure     | Persistence rate (term-to-term)   |
| Purpose     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Describes the educational pathways of Maritime university students at a more granular level than annual persistence rates (fall to fall)</li> </ul>  |
| Definitions | <p><b>Fall to winter persistence (first year)</b></p> <p>Percentage of the fall term cohort that re-enrolls at any Maritime university in the winter term of the same academic year.</p> <p><b>Fall to spring-summer persistence (first year)</b></p> <p>Percentage of the fall term cohort that re-enrolls at any Maritime university in the spring or summer terms following the end of the academic year.</p>  |

| Measure   | Stop-outs  |
|---|--|
| Purpose   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Characterizes the pathways of students beyond persistence and graduation rate.</li> <li>Assists in the understanding of factors that impact student time-to-degree.</li> </ul>  |
| Definitions   | <p><b>Stop-out (at the system-level)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A temporary absence from the Maritime university “system” lasting at least one full year.</li> <li>It is based on the PSIS reporting year (from May 1<sup>st</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup>).</li> <li>It is defined as a year with no enrolment in credits courses, i.e., an annual FCE = 0.</li> <li>Stop-outs are measured in years.</li> </ul> |
| Cohort  |  |
| <p>The definition of the cohort approximates that population which enters university directly from high school, that is, students who are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>newly enrolled at a Maritime university in the fall term of the cohort year,</li> <li>aged 19 years or less on December 31<sup>st</sup> of the cohort year, and</li> <li>enrolled full-time or part-time in the fall term in a program leading to a bachelor’s degree.</li> </ul>   |  |
| Field of study  |  |
| <p>This study includes programs in fields of study and at institutions that normally have an annual expected course load of 5.0 FCE. This includes students enrolling in a bachelor’s degree in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Humanities, arts and social sciences (14 universities)</li> <li>Sciences and mathematics (10 universities)</li> <li>Business and management (9 universities)</li> </ul> <p>The fields of study categories are based on the Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) 2016 Primary Groupings as defined by Statistics Canada: <a href="https://www23.statcan.gc.ca/imdb/p3VD.pl?Function=getVD&amp;TVD=394056">https://www23.statcan.gc.ca/imdb/p3VD.pl?Function=getVD&amp;TVD=394056</a></p> <p>The following CIP primary groupings have been combined for analysis:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>‘Humanities’ and ‘Social and behavioural sciences and law’ and ‘Visual and performing arts, and communication technologies’ combined into <b>‘Humanities, arts and social sciences’</b></li> <li>‘Agriculture, natural resources and conservation,’ ‘Physical and life sciences and technologies’ and ‘Mathematics, computer and information sciences’ combined into <b>‘Sciences and mathematics.’</b></li> </ul> |  |
| Gender  |  |
| <p>This variable is obtained from the universities’ administrative data. Hence, it is possible that sometimes the only information available is “sex at birth” in which case it is used as a proxy for “gender.” Also, some institutions include “non-binary genders” in the “unknown gender” category for the gender variable provided in their files which makes it impossible to publish data on non-binary population.</p>  |  |

## The MPHEC Longitudinal PSIS data file

The measures in this report were created using the MPHEC Postsecondary Student Information System (PSIS) data which includes:

- >200,000 individual first entry bachelor's students.
- Twenty cohorts (fall 2001 to fall 2020) with records linked across 14 universities.
- Demographic information including gender, age, and province or region of origin.

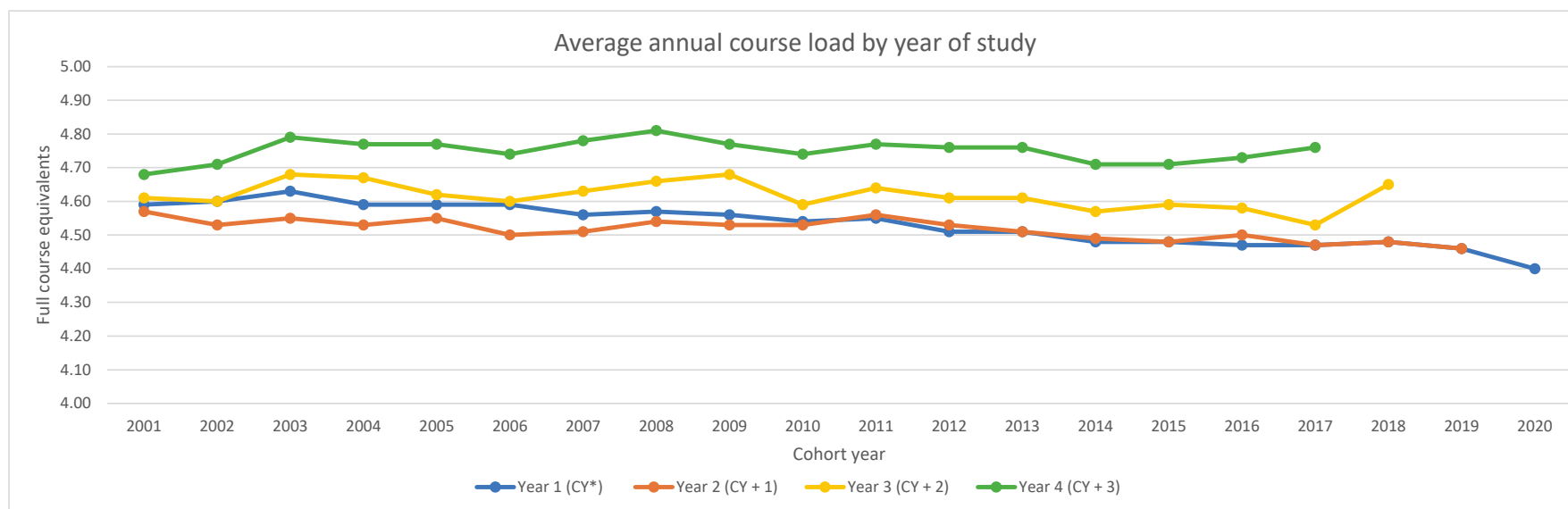
## Notes

- This study includes a subset of programs with an expected course load of 5.0 FCE per academic year.
- All measures are presented at the Maritime university system level. Course load includes the sum of all courses taken at any Maritime university during the reporting period.
- A total of 146,211 first time students who enrolled in a bachelor's degree between 2001 and 2020 are included in this study.
- More information on the calculation of time-to-degree can be found in the following document: [Student Progression in the Maritime University System: Time-to-degree. Statistical Tables and Methodology. June 2022.](#)
- More information on the calculation of graduation rates can be found in the following document: [Student Progression in the Maritime University System: Persistence and Graduation. Statistical Tables and Methodology. May 2022.](#)

**Table 1: Average annual course load (full course equivalents) at the system level by year of study. All Maritime universities combined.**

| Year of study      | Cohort year |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|--------------------|-------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                    | 2001        | 2002  | 2003  | 2004  | 2005  | 2006  | 2007  | 2008  | 2009  | 2010  | 2011  | 2012  | 2013  | 2014  | 2015  | 2016  | 2017  | 2018  | 2019  | 2020  |
| <b>Cohort size</b> | 7,741       | 8,003 | 9,072 | 7,760 | 7,750 | 7,374 | 7,376 | 7,538 | 7,445 | 7,518 | 7,561 | 7,323 | 7,201 | 6,950 | 6,498 | 6,568 | 6,417 | 6,752 | 6,976 | 6,388 |
| Year 1 (CY*)       | 4.59        | 4.60  | 4.63  | 4.59  | 4.59  | 4.59  | 4.56  | 4.57  | 4.56  | 4.54  | 4.55  | 4.51  | 4.51  | 4.48  | 4.48  | 4.47  | 4.47  | 4.48  | 4.46  | 4.40  |
| Year 2 (CY + 1)    | 4.57        | 4.53  | 4.55  | 4.53  | 4.55  | 4.50  | 4.51  | 4.54  | 4.53  | 4.53  | 4.56  | 4.53  | 4.51  | 4.49  | 4.48  | 4.50  | 4.47  | 4.48  | 4.46  |       |
| Year 3 (CY + 2)    | 4.61        | 4.60  | 4.68  | 4.67  | 4.62  | 4.60  | 4.63  | 4.66  | 4.68  | 4.59  | 4.64  | 4.61  | 4.61  | 4.57  | 4.59  | 4.58  | 4.53  | 4.65  |       |       |
| Year 4 (CY + 3)    | 4.68        | 4.71  | 4.79  | 4.77  | 4.77  | 4.74  | 4.78  | 4.81  | 4.77  | 4.74  | 4.77  | 4.76  | 4.76  | 4.71  | 4.71  | 4.73  | 4.76  |       |       |       |

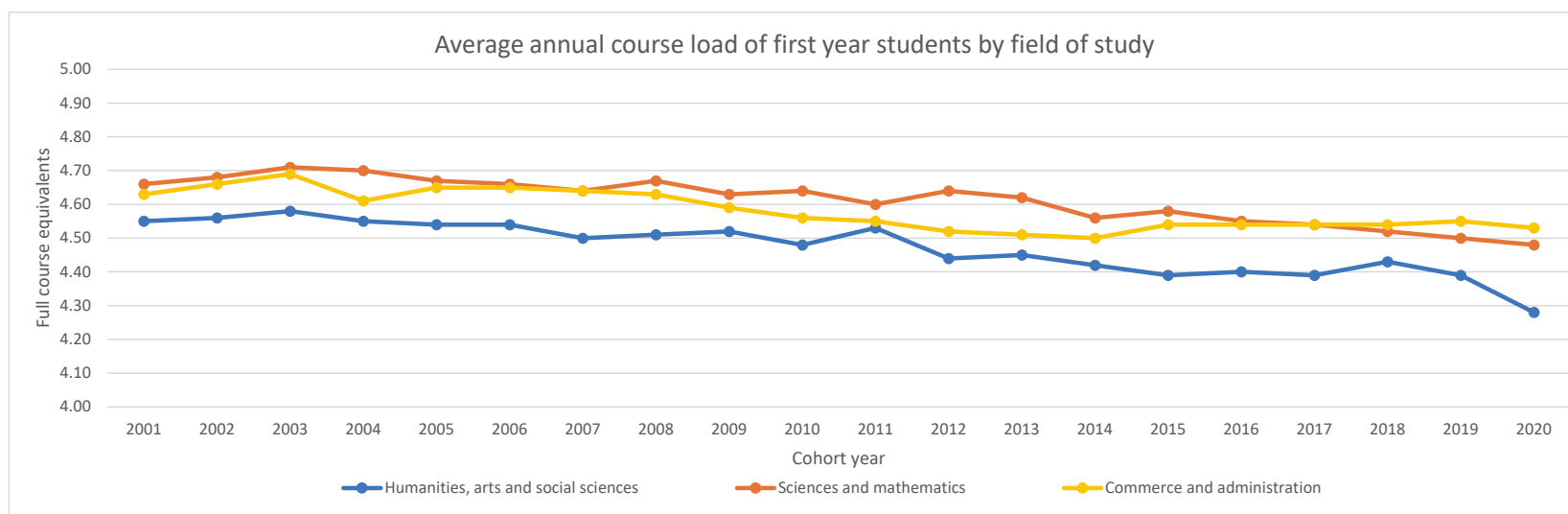
\*Cohort year



**Table 2: Average annual course load (full course equivalents) at the system level by field of study in first year and year of study. All Maritime universities combined.**

| Field of study                       | Year of study      | Cohort year |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                                      |                    | 2001        | 2002  | 2003  | 2004  | 2005  | 2006  | 2007  | 2008  | 2009  | 2010  | 2011  | 2012  | 2013  | 2014  | 2015  | 2016  | 2017  | 2018  | 2019  | 2020  |
| Humanities, arts and social sciences | <b>Cohort size</b> | 4,656       | 4,930 | 5,668 | 4,793 | 4,784 | 4,547 | 4,435 | 4,383 | 4,396 | 4,369 | 4,362 | 4,059 | 3,741 | 3,561 | 3,303 | 3,324 | 3,168 | 3,213 | 3,354 | 2,989 |
|                                      | Year 1 (CY*)       | 4.55        | 4.56  | 4.58  | 4.55  | 4.54  | 4.54  | 4.50  | 4.51  | 4.52  | 4.48  | 4.53  | 4.44  | 4.45  | 4.42  | 4.39  | 4.40  | 4.39  | 4.43  | 4.39  | 4.28  |
|                                      | Year 2 (CY + 1)    | 4.53        | 4.50  | 4.55  | 4.53  | 4.54  | 4.48  | 4.51  | 4.54  | 4.52  | 4.48  | 4.55  | 4.49  | 4.49  | 4.48  | 4.46  | 4.49  | 4.46  | 4.47  | 4.40  |       |
|                                      | Year 3 (CY + 2)    | 4.61        | 4.56  | 4.67  | 4.66  | 4.59  | 4.58  | 4.59  | 4.61  | 4.64  | 4.54  | 4.61  | 4.57  | 4.57  | 4.54  | 4.58  | 4.58  | 4.47  | 4.58  |       |       |
|                                      | Year 4 (CY + 3)    | 4.62        | 4.67  | 4.76  | 4.73  | 4.71  | 4.69  | 4.74  | 4.74  | 4.74  | 4.72  | 4.73  | 4.66  | 4.66  | 4.65  | 4.64  | 4.67  | 4.65  |       |       |       |
| Sciences and mathematics             | <b>Cohort size</b> | 1,908       | 2,016 | 2,184 | 1,873 | 1,822 | 1,734 | 1,769 | 1,879 | 1,868 | 2,039 | 2,038 | 2,093 | 2,172 | 2,082 | 1,937 | 1,984 | 2,003 | 2,248 | 2,254 | 2,187 |
|                                      | Year 1 (CY)        | 4.66        | 4.68  | 4.71  | 4.70  | 4.67  | 4.66  | 4.64  | 4.67  | 4.63  | 4.64  | 4.60  | 4.64  | 4.62  | 4.56  | 4.58  | 4.55  | 4.54  | 4.52  | 4.50  | 4.48  |
|                                      | Year 2 (CY + 1)    | 4.73        | 4.68  | 4.69  | 4.65  | 4.64  | 4.64  | 4.68  | 4.65  | 4.66  | 4.69  | 4.67  | 4.68  | 4.62  | 4.58  | 4.58  | 4.57  | 4.59  | 4.59  | 4.59  |       |
|                                      | Year 3 (CY + 2)    | 4.65        | 4.69  | 4.73  | 4.68  | 4.68  | 4.67  | 4.68  | 4.69  | 4.73  | 4.66  | 4.65  | 4.65  | 4.60  | 4.57  | 4.56  | 4.57  | 4.52  | 4.60  |       |       |
|                                      | Year 4 (CY + 3)    | 4.78        | 4.81  | 4.81  | 4.80  | 4.81  | 4.82  | 4.78  | 4.80  | 4.75  | 4.73  | 4.78  | 4.78  | 4.76  | 4.68  | 4.71  | 4.73  | 4.73  |       |       |       |
| Commerce and administration          | <b>Cohort size</b> | 1,177       | 1,057 | 1,220 | 1,094 | 1,144 | 1,093 | 1,172 | 1,276 | 1,181 | 1,110 | 1,161 | 1,171 | 1,288 | 1,307 | 1,258 | 1,260 | 1,246 | 1,291 | 1,368 | 1,212 |
|                                      | Year 1 (CY)        | 4.63        | 4.66  | 4.69  | 4.61  | 4.65  | 4.65  | 4.64  | 4.63  | 4.59  | 4.56  | 4.55  | 4.52  | 4.51  | 4.50  | 4.54  | 4.54  | 4.54  | 4.54  | 4.55  | 4.53  |
|                                      | Year 2 (CY + 1)    | 4.42        | 4.35  | 4.31  | 4.36  | 4.41  | 4.39  | 4.28  | 4.41  | 4.38  | 4.45  | 4.42  | 4.40  | 4.37  | 4.35  | 4.34  | 4.42  | 4.31  | 4.34  | 4.36  |       |
|                                      | Year 3 (CY + 2)    | 4.54        | 4.59  | 4.61  | 4.68  | 4.61  | 4.57  | 4.68  | 4.74  | 4.73  | 4.62  | 4.73  | 4.64  | 4.71  | 4.62  | 4.68  | 4.58  | 4.65  | 4.90  |       |       |
|                                      | Year 4 (CY + 3)    | 4.71        | 4.70  | 4.89  | 4.89  | 4.90  | 4.77  | 4.95  | 5.02  | 4.90  | 4.85  | 4.86  | 5.01  | 4.98  | 4.87  | 4.85  | 4.87  | 5.06  |       |       |       |

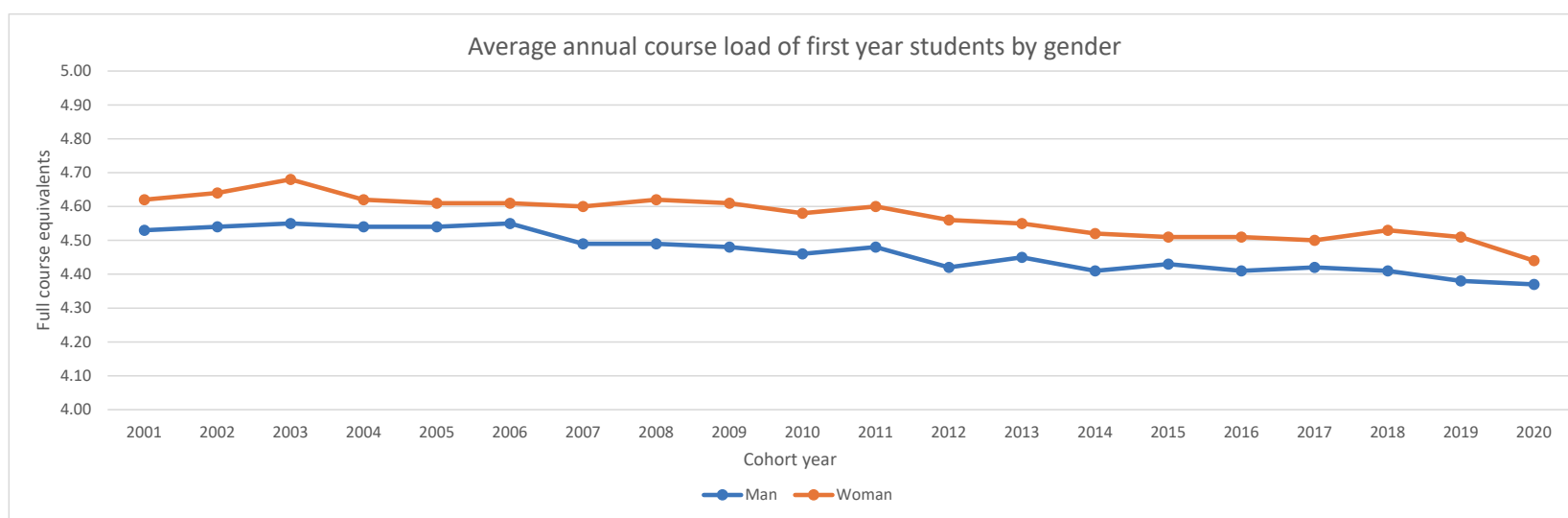
\*Cohort year



**Table 3: Average annual course load (full course equivalents) at the system level by gender and year of study. All Maritime universities combined.**

| Gender | Year of study      | Cohort year |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|--------|--------------------|-------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|        |                    | 2001        | 2002  | 2003  | 2004  | 2005  | 2006  | 2007  | 2008  | 2009  | 2010  | 2011  | 2012  | 2013  | 2014  | 2015  | 2016  | 2017  | 2018  | 2019  | 2020  |
| Man    | <b>Cohort size</b> | 2,933       | 3,059 | 3,520 | 3,025 | 2,967 | 2,889 | 2,889 | 2,922 | 2,906 | 2,908 | 2,950 | 2,762 | 2,689 | 2,599 | 2,458 | 2,486 | 2,525 | 2,629 | 2,753 | 2,435 |
|        | Year 1 (CY*)       | 4.53        | 4.54  | 4.55  | 4.54  | 4.54  | 4.55  | 4.49  | 4.49  | 4.48  | 4.46  | 4.48  | 4.42  | 4.45  | 4.41  | 4.43  | 4.41  | 4.42  | 4.41  | 4.38  | 4.37  |
|        | Year 2 (CY + 1)    | 4.49        | 4.41  | 4.43  | 4.41  | 4.45  | 4.41  | 4.40  | 4.42  | 4.40  | 4.42  | 4.46  | 4.40  | 4.39  | 4.35  | 4.37  | 4.38  | 4.33  | 4.36  | 4.30  |       |
|        | Year 3 (CY + 2)    | 4.44        | 4.48  | 4.53  | 4.56  | 4.53  | 4.49  | 4.49  | 4.51  | 4.55  | 4.44  | 4.56  | 4.52  | 4.51  | 4.46  | 4.52  | 4.46  | 4.41  | 4.51  |       |       |
|        | Year 4 (CY + 3)    | 4.55        | 4.58  | 4.72  | 4.66  | 4.65  | 4.64  | 4.66  | 4.71  | 4.63  | 4.60  | 4.68  | 4.67  | 4.66  | 4.63  | 4.60  | 4.57  | 4.66  |       |       |       |
| Woman  | <b>Cohort size</b> | 4,808       | 4,944 | 5,552 | 4,735 | 4,782 | 4,476 | 4,481 | 4,596 | 4,531 | 4,608 | 4,609 | 4,559 | 4,512 | 4,346 | 4,034 | 4,069 | 3,881 | 4,097 | 4,163 | 3,822 |
|        | Year 1 (CY)        | 4.62        | 4.64  | 4.68  | 4.62  | 4.61  | 4.61  | 4.60  | 4.62  | 4.61  | 4.58  | 4.60  | 4.56  | 4.55  | 4.52  | 4.51  | 4.51  | 4.50  | 4.53  | 4.51  | 4.44  |
|        | Year 2 (CY + 1)    | 4.61        | 4.60  | 4.63  | 4.61  | 4.60  | 4.56  | 4.58  | 4.62  | 4.62  | 4.61  | 4.63  | 4.61  | 4.58  | 4.57  | 4.54  | 4.57  | 4.56  | 4.56  | 4.56  |       |
|        | Year 3 (CY + 2)    | 4.71        | 4.67  | 4.76  | 4.73  | 4.67  | 4.67  | 4.72  | 4.74  | 4.76  | 4.68  | 4.70  | 4.66  | 4.66  | 4.63  | 4.64  | 4.65  | 4.60  | 4.74  |       |       |
|        | Year 4 (CY + 3)    | 4.75        | 4.79  | 4.84  | 4.84  | 4.84  | 4.80  | 4.86  | 4.87  | 4.86  | 4.83  | 4.83  | 4.82  | 4.81  | 4.75  | 4.77  | 4.83  | 4.83  |       |       |       |

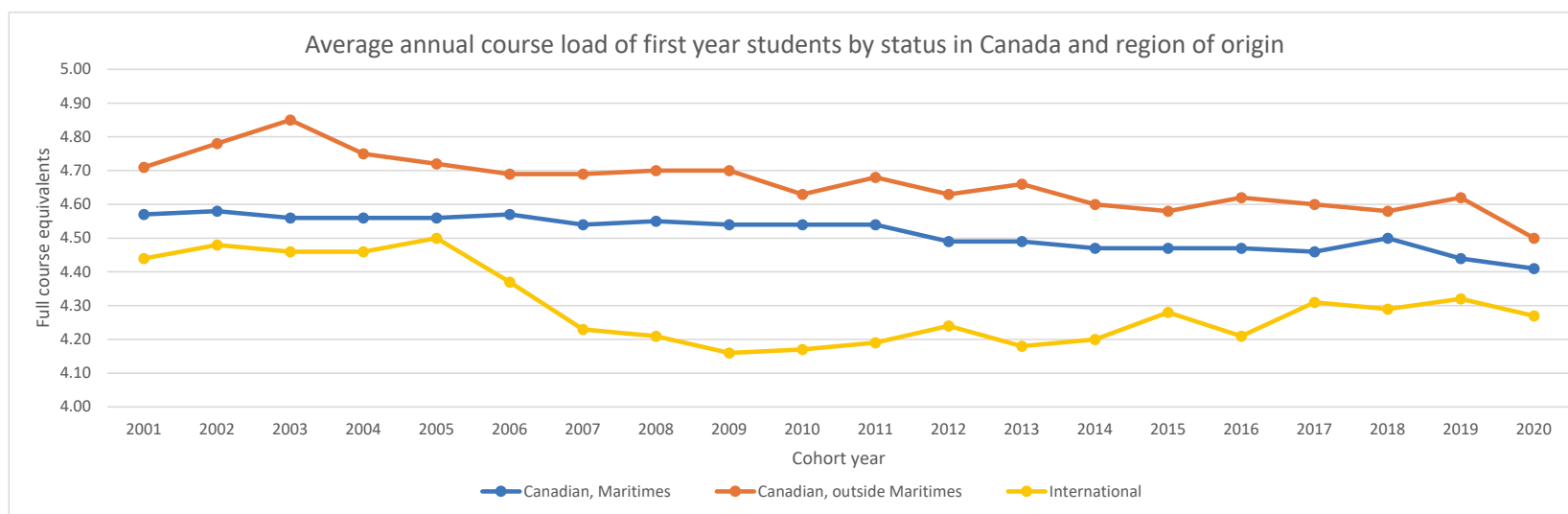
\*Cohort year



**Table 4: Average annual course load (full course equivalents) at the system level by status in Canada and region of origin and year of study. All Maritime universities combined.**

| Status in Canada and region of origin |                    | Cohort year |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                                       | Year of study      | 2001        | 2002  | 2003  | 2004  | 2005  | 2006  | 2007  | 2008  | 2009  | 2010  | 2011  | 2012  | 2013  | 2014  | 2015  | 2016  | 2017  | 2018  | 2019  | 2020  |
| Canadian, Maritimes                   | <b>Cohort size</b> | 6,337       | 6,409 | 6,461 | 6,101 | 6,043 | 5,606 | 5,443 | 5,422 | 5,401 | 5,347 | 5,306 | 5,065 | 4,821 | 4,502 | 4,237 | 4,385 | 4,190 | 4,346 | 4,284 | 4,135 |
|                                       | Year 1 (CY*)       | 4.57        | 4.58  | 4.56  | 4.56  | 4.56  | 4.57  | 4.54  | 4.55  | 4.54  | 4.54  | 4.54  | 4.49  | 4.49  | 4.47  | 4.47  | 4.47  | 4.46  | 4.50  | 4.44  | 4.41  |
|                                       | Year 2 (CY + 1)    | 4.55        | 4.49  | 4.52  | 4.53  | 4.54  | 4.50  | 4.51  | 4.55  | 4.55  | 4.54  | 4.56  | 4.54  | 4.51  | 4.53  | 4.50  | 4.52  | 4.48  | 4.50  | 4.45  |       |
|                                       | Year 3 (CY + 2)    | 4.60        | 4.58  | 4.63  | 4.65  | 4.60  | 4.60  | 4.62  | 4.63  | 4.69  | 4.58  | 4.65  | 4.61  | 4.61  | 4.54  | 4.56  | 4.59  | 4.51  | 4.57  |       |       |
|                                       | Year 4 (CY + 3)    | 4.66        | 4.70  | 4.75  | 4.74  | 4.76  | 4.72  | 4.77  | 4.79  | 4.75  | 4.72  | 4.77  | 4.75  | 4.72  | 4.67  | 4.67  | 4.71  | 4.71  |       |       |       |
| Canadian, outside Maritimes           | <b>Cohort size</b> | 1,127       | 1,277 | 2,246 | 1,335 | 1,389 | 1,423 | 1,557 | 1,719 | 1,642 | 1,678 | 1,795 | 1,798 | 1,847 | 1,781 | 1,593 | 1,405 | 1,366 | 1,330 | 1,458 | 1,335 |
|                                       | Year 1 (CY)        | 4.71        | 4.78  | 4.85  | 4.75  | 4.72  | 4.69  | 4.69  | 4.70  | 4.70  | 4.63  | 4.68  | 4.63  | 4.66  | 4.60  | 4.58  | 4.62  | 4.60  | 4.58  | 4.62  | 4.50  |
|                                       | Year 2 (CY + 1)    | 4.68        | 4.63  | 4.64  | 4.55  | 4.54  | 4.49  | 4.52  | 4.52  | 4.50  | 4.50  | 4.58  | 4.50  | 4.49  | 4.41  | 4.41  | 4.48  | 4.40  | 4.44  | 4.38  |       |
|                                       | Year 3 (CY + 2)    | 4.69        | 4.70  | 4.78  | 4.71  | 4.61  | 4.57  | 4.64  | 4.71  | 4.61  | 4.60  | 4.58  | 4.58  | 4.60  | 4.60  | 4.59  | 4.55  | 4.57  | 4.67  |       |       |
|                                       | Year 4 (CY + 3)    | 4.79        | 4.79  | 4.92  | 4.90  | 4.77  | 4.79  | 4.85  | 4.84  | 4.78  | 4.76  | 4.76  | 4.74  | 4.81  | 4.75  | 4.75  | 4.77  | 4.80  |       |       |       |
| International                         | <b>Cohort size</b> | 277         | 317   | 365   | 324   | 317   | 336   | 370   | 377   | 394   | 491   | 458   | 458   | 533   | 662   | 662   | 765   | 850   | 1,050 | 1,174 | 787   |
|                                       | Year 1 (CY)        | 4.44        | 4.48  | 4.46  | 4.46  | 4.50  | 4.37  | 4.23  | 4.21  | 4.16  | 4.17  | 4.19  | 4.24  | 4.18  | 4.20  | 4.28  | 4.21  | 4.31  | 4.29  | 4.32  | 4.27  |
|                                       | Year 2 (CY + 1)    | 4.55        | 4.80  | 4.61  | 4.60  | 4.65  | 4.63  | 4.58  | 4.55  | 4.49  | 4.59  | 4.50  | 4.58  | 4.50  | 4.44  | 4.50  | 4.42  | 4.51  | 4.46  | 4.57  |       |
|                                       | Year 3 (CY + 2)    | 4.65        | 4.65  | 4.86  | 4.76  | 4.99  | 4.76  | 4.79  | 4.73  | 4.89  | 4.68  | 4.82  | 4.68  | 4.67  | 4.67  | 4.80  | 4.56  | 4.52  | 4.96  |       |       |
|                                       | Year 4 (CY + 3)    | 4.73        | 4.75  | 4.77  | 4.82  | 4.83  | 4.79  | 4.79  | 5.06  | 4.95  | 4.91  | 4.88  | 4.99  | 4.93  | 4.81  | 4.80  | 4.76  | 4.94  |       |       |       |

\*Cohort year

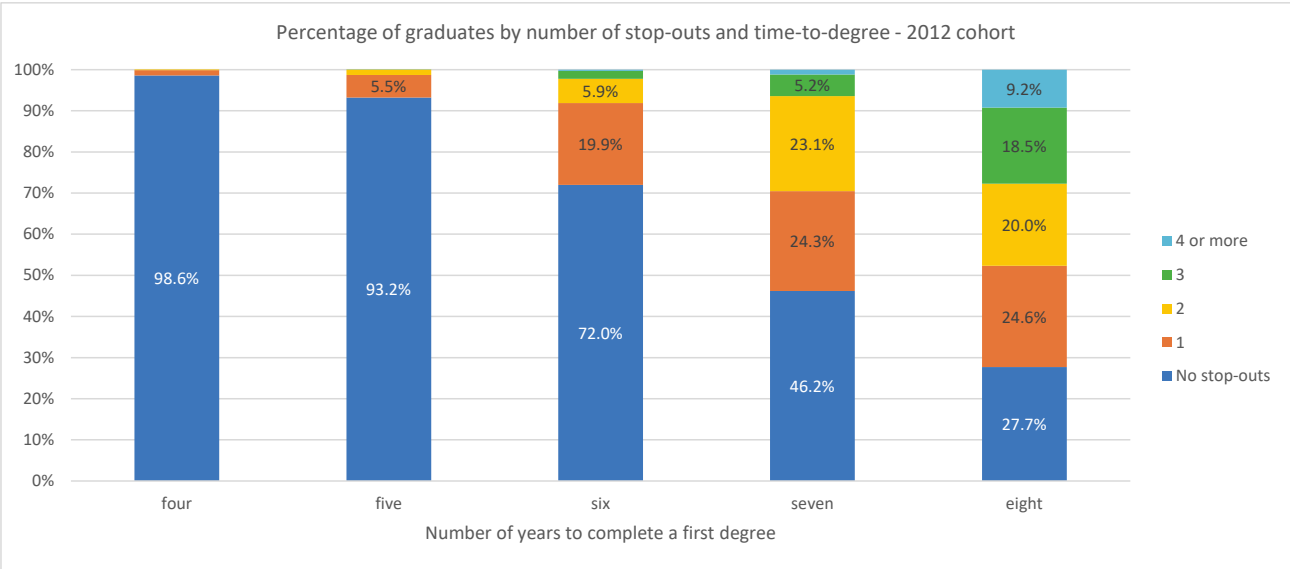




**Table 5: Percentage of graduates by number of stop-outs (in years) and time-to-degree at the system level. All Maritime universities combined.**

| Time-to-degree  | Number of stopouts  | Cohort year |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|---|---------------------|-------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|   |                     | 2001        | 2002  | 2003  | 2004  | 2005  | 2006  | 2007  | 2008  | 2009  | 2010  | 2011  | 2012  | 2013  | 2014  | 2015  | 2016  |
| Graduated within four years                             | Number of graduates | 3,118       | 3,252 | 3,744 | 3,011 | 2,997 | 2,778 | 2,915 | 2,970 | 2,913 | 2,992 | 3,074 | 2,992 | 2,940 | 2,619 | 2,515 | 2,529 |
|   | No stop-outs        | 98.6%       | 98.3% | 98.2% | 98.6% | 98.7% | 98.5% | 98.7% | 98.6% | 98.5% | 98.3% | 99.1% | 98.6% | 98.5% | 98.7% | 98.8% | 99.0% |
|   | 1                   | 1.3%        | 1.6%  | 1.7%  | 1.3%  | 1.2%  | 1.5%  | 1.2%  | 1.3%  | 1.4%  | 1.7%  | 0.9%  | 1.3%  | 1.4%  | 1.3%  | 1.2%  | 1.0%  |
|   | 2                   | 0.1%        | 0.1%  | 0.1%  | 0.1%  | 0.1%  | 0.0%  | 0.1%  | 0.1%  | 0.1%  | 0.1%  | 0.0%  | 0.2%  | 0.1%  | 0.0%  | 0.0%  | 0.0%  |
|   | 3                   | 0.0%        | 0.0%  | 0.0%  | 0.0%  | 0.0%  | 0.0%  | 0.0%  | 0.0%  | 0.0%  | 0.0%  | 0.0%  | 0.0%  | 0.0%  | 0.0%  | 0.0%  | 0.0%  |
|   | 4 or more           | 0.0%        | 0.0%  | 0.0%  | 0.0%  | 0.0%  | 0.0%  | 0.0%  | 0.0%  | 0.0%  | 0.0%  | 0.0%  | 0.0%  | 0.0%  | 0.0%  | 0.0%  | 0.0%  |
| Graduated in five years                                 | Number of graduates | 1,260       | 1,283 | 1,507 | 1,292 | 1,282 | 1,253 | 1,208 | 1,259 | 1,235 | 1,191 | 1,259 | 1,200 | 1,249 | 1,260 | 1,162 |       |
|   | No stop-outs        | 91.1%       | 89.9% | 89.9% | 91.7% | 91.0% | 91.3% | 90.9% | 92.3% | 93.0% | 92.2% | 91.9% | 93.2% | 93.4% | 93.6% | 94.4% |       |
|   | 1                   | 7.8%        | 8.8%  | 9.4%  | 7.7%  | 8.0%  | 8.1%  | 7.5%  | 6.8%  | 6.3%  | 7.2%  | 7.4%  | 5.5%  | 5.4%  | 6.0%  | 5.2%  |       |
|   | 2                   | 1.1%        | 1.2%  | 0.7%  | 0.6%  | 0.9%  | 0.5%  | 1.5%  | 1.0%  | 0.6%  | 0.4%  | 0.7%  | 1.3%  | 1.0%  | 0.3%  | 0.3%  |       |
|   | 3                   | 0.0%        | 0.1%  | 0.0%  | 0.0%  | 0.1%  | 0.1%  | 0.1%  | 0.0%  | 0.1%  | 0.2%  | 0.0%  | 0.1%  | 0.1%  | 0.1%  | 0.0%  |       |
|   | 4 or more           | 0.0%        | 0.0%  | 0.0%  | 0.0%  | 0.0%  | 0.0%  | 0.0%  | 0.0%  | 0.0%  | 0.0%  | 0.0%  | 0.0%  | 0.0%  | 0.0%  | 0.0%  |       |
| Graduated in six years                                  | Number of graduates | 411         | 424   | 446   | 405   | 401   | 386   | 405   | 392   | 405   | 406   | 371   | 322   | 387   | 362   |       |       |
|   | No stop-outs        | 68.9%       | 60.6% | 65.9% | 66.9% | 66.3% | 67.6% | 68.9% | 68.4% | 69.6% | 68.5% | 72.2% | 72.0% | 77.0% | 77.6% |       |       |
|   | 1                   | 25.5%       | 32.8% | 25.6% | 23.5% | 26.9% | 22.5% | 24.4% | 23.7% | 23.5% | 22.2% | 18.9% | 19.9% | 17.6% | 16.3% |       |       |
|   | 2                   | 4.6%        | 5.7%  | 7.0%  | 8.1%  | 5.2%  | 8.3%  | 6.2%  | 5.9%  | 4.9%  | 7.1%  | 6.5%  | 5.9%  | 3.6%  | 3.9%  |       |       |
|   | 3                   | 1.0%        | 0.9%  | 1.6%  | 1.5%  | 1.2%  | 1.3%  | 0.5%  | 1.8%  | 1.7%  | 2.0%  | 2.4%  | 1.9%  | 1.8%  | 2.2%  |       |       |
|   | 4 or more           | 0.0%        | 0.0%  | 0.0%  | 0.0%  | 0.2%  | 0.3%  | 0.0%  | 0.3%  | 0.2%  | 0.2%  | 0.0%  | 0.3%  | 0.0%  | 0.0%  |       |       |
| Graduated in seven years                                | Number of graduates | 195         | 214   | 209   | 198   | 228   | 170   | 185   | 193   | 166   | 160   | 187   | 173   | 141   |       |       |       |
|   | No stop-outs        | 42.6%       | 39.3% | 38.8% | 43.9% | 50.0% | 37.1% | 37.3% | 42.0% | 48.8% | 53.1% | 47.6% | 46.2% | 46.8% |       |       |       |
|   | 1                   | 31.3%       | 36.4% | 33.0% | 34.3% | 27.2% | 37.1% | 41.6% | 31.6% | 25.3% | 27.5% | 26.7% | 24.3% | 28.4% |       |       |       |
|   | 2                   | 14.9%       | 15.9% | 16.7% | 13.1% | 15.8% | 20.0% | 12.4% | 17.1% | 18.7% | 11.9% | 16.0% | 23.1% | 14.9% |       |       |       |
|   | 3                   | 7.7%        | 6.5%  | 9.1%  | 6.1%  | 4.8%  | 4.7%  | 7.0%  | 5.2%  | 6.0%  | 5.6%  | 7.0%  | 5.2%  | 7.1%  |       |       |       |
|   | 4 or more           | 3.6%        | 1.9%  | 2.4%  | 2.5%  | 2.2%  | 1.2%  | 1.6%  | 4.1%  | 1.2%  | 1.9%  | 2.7%  | 1.2%  | 2.8%  |       |       |       |
| Graduated in eight years                                | Number of graduates | 92          | 110   | 115   | 107   | 104   | 102   | 93    | 87    | 93    | 105   | 68    | 65    |       |       |       |       |
|   | No stop-outs        | 19.6%       | 17.3% | 21.7% | 23.4% | 18.3% | 21.6% | 20.4% | 23.0% | 28.0% | 27.6% | 19.1% | 27.7% |       |       |       |       |
|   | 1                   | 37.0%       | 29.1% | 29.6% | 25.2% | 27.9% | 31.4% | 28.0% | 26.4% | 25.8% | 26.7% | 19.1% | 24.6% |       |       |       |       |
|   | 2                   | 17.4%       | 27.3% | 21.7% | 25.2% | 29.8% | 21.6% | 26.9% | 24.1% | 20.4% | 21.9% | 36.8% | 20.0% |       |       |       |       |
|   | 3                   | 20.7%       | 15.5% | 16.5% | 19.6% | 14.4% | 19.6% | 15.1% | 14.9% | 12.9% | 14.3% | 17.6% | 18.5% |       |       |       |       |
|   | 4 or more           | 5.4%        | 10.9% | 10.4% | 6.5%  | 9.6%  | 5.9%  | 9.7%  | 11.5% | 12.9% | 9.5%  | 7.4%  | 9.2%  |       |       |       |       |
| All graduates who completed a degree within eight years | Number of graduates | 5,076       | 5,283 | 6,021 | 5,013 | 5,012 | 4,689 | 4,806 | 4,901 | 4,812 | 4,854 | 4,959 | 4,752 |       |       |       |       |
|   | No stop-outs        | 90.7%       | 89.2% | 90.2% | 90.5% | 90.2% | 90.1% | 90.3% | 91.0% | 91.6% | 91.3% | 92.2% | 92.5% |       |       |       |       |
|   | 1                   | 6.7%        | 7.8%  | 7.0%  | 6.5%  | 6.8%  | 7.0%  | 6.8%  | 6.2%  | 5.8%  | 6.1%  | 5.1%  | 4.8%  |       |       |       |       |
|   | 2                   | 1.6%        | 2.0%  | 1.7%  | 1.9%  | 2.1%  | 2.0%  | 1.9%  | 1.9%  | 1.7%  | 1.6%  | 1.8%  | 1.9%  |       |       |       |       |
|   | 3                   | 0.7%        | 0.7%  | 0.7%  | 0.8%  | 0.6%  | 0.7%  | 0.6%  | 0.6%  | 0.6%  | 0.7%  | 0.7%  | 0.6%  |       |       |       |       |
|   | 4 or more           | 0.2%        | 0.3%  | 0.3%  | 0.2%  | 0.3%  | 0.2%  | 0.2%  | 0.4%  | 0.3%  | 0.3%  | 0.2%  | 0.2%  |       |       |       |       |

Percentage of graduates by number of stop-outs (in years) and time-to-degree at the system level. All Maritime universities combined. (continued)

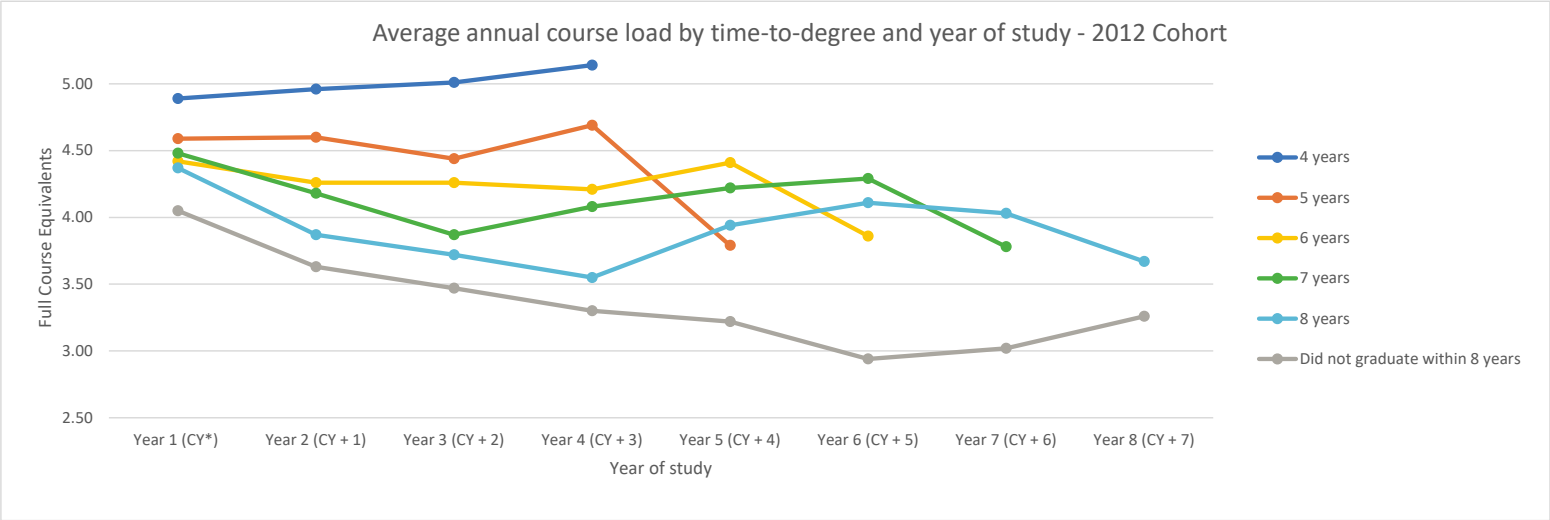


**Table 6: Average annual course load (full course equivalents) at the system level by time-to-degree and year of study. All Maritime universities combined.**

| Time-to-degree                      | Year of study           | Cohort year |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                                     |                         | 2001        | 2002  | 2003  | 2004  | 2005  | 2006  | 2007  | 2008  | 2009  | 2010  | 2011  | 2012  | 2013  | 2014  | 2015  | 2016  |
| Graduated within four years         | Number of graduates     | 3,118       | 3,252 | 3,744 | 3,011 | 2,997 | 2,778 | 2,915 | 2,970 | 2,913 | 2,992 | 3,074 | 2,992 | 2,940 | 2,619 | 2,515 | 2,529 |
|                                     | Year 1 (CY*)            | 4.91        | 4.92  | 4.94  | 4.92  | 4.93  | 4.91  | 4.92  | 4.91  | 4.91  | 4.89  | 4.91  | 4.89  | 4.88  | 4.86  | 4.86  | 4.88  |
|                                     | Year 2 (CY + 1)         | 4.94        | 4.94  | 4.92  | 4.93  | 4.95  | 4.95  | 4.92  | 4.91  | 4.96  | 4.96  | 4.96  | 4.96  | 4.93  | 4.93  | 4.90  | 4.94  |
|                                     | Year 3 (CY + 2)         | 5.05        | 5.04  | 5.07  | 5.09  | 5.07  | 5.08  | 5.05  | 5.11  | 5.08  | 5.07  | 5.05  | 5.01  | 5.02  | 5.03  | 5.04  | 5.03  |
|                                     | Year 4 (CY + 3)         | 5.12        | 5.12  | 5.15  | 5.22  | 5.18  | 5.15  | 5.18  | 5.20  | 5.18  | 5.13  | 5.15  | 5.14  | 5.15  | 5.14  | 5.17  | 5.19  |
| Graduated in five years             | Number of graduates     | 1,260       | 1,283 | 1,507 | 1,292 | 1,282 | 1,253 | 1,208 | 1,259 | 1,235 | 1,191 | 1,259 | 1,200 | 1,249 | 1,260 | 1,162 |       |
|                                     | Year 1 (CY)             | 4.72        | 4.68  | 4.75  | 4.72  | 4.71  | 4.71  | 4.70  | 4.66  | 4.67  | 4.62  | 4.62  | 4.59  | 4.60  | 4.57  | 4.61  |       |
|                                     | Year 2 (CY + 1)         | 4.66        | 4.52  | 4.62  | 4.59  | 4.58  | 4.56  | 4.56  | 4.58  | 4.60  | 4.58  | 4.61  | 4.60  | 4.51  | 4.57  | 4.58  |       |
|                                     | Year 3 (CY + 2)         | 4.53        | 4.50  | 4.61  | 4.54  | 4.55  | 4.49  | 4.54  | 4.52  | 4.60  | 4.49  | 4.52  | 4.44  | 4.51  | 4.47  | 4.47  |       |
|                                     | Year 4 (CY + 3)         | 4.62        | 4.65  | 4.70  | 4.61  | 4.71  | 4.63  | 4.72  | 4.72  | 4.66  | 4.69  | 4.65  | 4.69  | 4.67  | 4.60  | 4.60  |       |
|                                     | Year 5 (CY + 4)         | 3.84        | 3.83  | 3.74  | 3.77  | 3.84  | 3.83  | 3.81  | 3.72  | 3.82  | 3.88  | 3.68  | 3.79  | 3.88  | 3.80  | 3.73  |       |
| Graduated in six years              | Number of graduates     | 411         | 424   | 446   | 405   | 401   | 386   | 405   | 392   | 405   | 406   | 371   | 322   | 387   | 362   |       |       |
|                                     | Year 1 (CY)             | 4.55        | 4.53  | 4.47  | 4.61  | 4.57  | 4.52  | 4.48  | 4.49  | 4.46  | 4.40  | 4.44  | 4.42  | 4.38  | 4.36  |       |       |
|                                     | Year 2 (CY + 1)         | 4.33        | 4.27  | 4.26  | 4.20  | 4.20  | 4.29  | 4.22  | 4.27  | 4.24  | 4.25  | 4.25  | 4.26  | 4.23  | 4.35  |       |       |
|                                     | Year 3 (CY + 2)         | 4.15        | 4.24  | 4.29  | 4.30  | 4.11  | 4.18  | 4.22  | 4.31  | 4.26  | 4.17  | 4.04  | 4.26  | 4.22  | 4.21  |       |       |
|                                     | Year 4 (CY + 3)         | 4.30        | 4.33  | 4.38  | 4.41  | 4.37  | 4.38  | 4.34  | 4.47  | 4.44  | 4.21  | 4.31  | 4.21  | 4.27  | 4.20  |       |       |
|                                     | Year 5 (CY + 4)         | 4.37        | 4.48  | 4.37  | 4.41  | 4.34  | 4.38  | 4.43  | 4.40  | 4.49  | 4.33  | 4.38  | 4.41  | 4.38  | 4.15  |       |       |
|                                     | Year 6 (CY + 5)         | 3.77        | 3.83  | 3.87  | 3.85  | 3.73  | 3.61  | 3.58  | 3.45  | 3.79  | 3.68  | 3.74  | 3.86  | 3.79  | 3.64  |       |       |
| Graduated in seven years            | Number of graduates     | 195         | 214   | 209   | 198   | 228   | 170   | 185   | 193   | 166   | 160   | 187   | 173   | 141   |       |       |       |
|                                     | Year 1 (CY)             | 4.39        | 4.56  | 4.48  | 4.39  | 4.51  | 4.38  | 4.42  | 4.44  | 4.32  | 4.37  | 4.32  | 4.48  | 4.13  |       |       |       |
|                                     | Year 2 (CY + 1)         | 4.14        | 4.02  | 4.22  | 4.12  | 4.15  | 4.06  | 4.14  | 4.08  | 4.19  | 4.00  | 4.06  | 4.18  | 3.88  |       |       |       |
|                                     | Year 3 (CY + 2)         | 4.06        | 3.67  | 3.91  | 3.86  | 4.05  | 3.79  | 4.06  | 3.91  | 4.03  | 3.82  | 4.05  | 3.87  | 3.85  |       |       |       |
|                                     | Year 4 (CY + 3)         | 4.21        | 3.94  | 4.17  | 4.17  | 4.29  | 3.99  | 4.06  | 4.22  | 4.20  | 3.99  | 4.17  | 4.08  | 4.02  |       |       |       |
|                                     | Year 5 (CY + 4)         | 4.18        | 3.94  | 3.93  | 4.02  | 4.24  | 4.21  | 4.05  | 4.21  | 3.98  | 3.97  | 4.01  | 4.22  | 3.71  |       |       |       |
|                                     | Year 6 (CY + 5)         | 4.22        | 4.06  | 4.18  | 4.19  | 4.40  | 4.47  | 4.09  | 4.30  | 4.28  | 4.24  | 4.20  | 4.29  | 4.19  |       |       |       |
|                                     | Year 7 (CY + 6)         | 3.77        | 3.64  | 3.57  | 3.57  | 3.80  | 3.69  | 3.46  | 3.97  | 3.61  | 3.53  | 3.68  | 3.78  | 3.65  |       |       |       |
| Graduated in eight years            | Number of graduates     | 92          | 110   | 115   | 107   | 104   | 102   | 93    | 87    | 93    | 105   | 68    | 65    |       |       |       |       |
|                                     | Year 1 (CY)             | 4.25        | 4.53  | 4.44  | 4.53  | 4.40  | 4.18  | 4.25  | 4.45  | 4.35  | 4.44  | 4.17  | 4.37  |       |       |       |       |
|                                     | Year 2 (CY + 1)         | 3.79        | 4.24  | 3.99  | 4.24  | 3.98  | 4.02  | 4.15  | 3.98  | 4.00  | 3.98  | 4.09  | 3.87  |       |       |       |       |
|                                     | Year 3 (CY + 2)         | 3.72        | 3.89  | 4.05  | 4.38  | 3.44  | 3.92  | 3.67  | 3.66  | 3.87  | 3.97  | 3.82  | 3.72  |       |       |       |       |
|                                     | Year 4 (CY + 3)         | 3.40        | 3.95  | 3.76  | 3.96  | 3.99  | 3.98  | 3.74  | 4.01  | 3.49  | 3.98  | 3.95  | 3.55  |       |       |       |       |
|                                     | Year 5 (CY + 4)         | 3.72        | 3.89  | 3.78  | 3.51  | 3.60  | 3.83  | 3.54  | 3.99  | 3.81  | 3.65  | 3.94  | 3.94  |       |       |       |       |
|                                     | Year 6 (CY + 5)         | 3.75        | 4.23  | 3.77  | 3.70  | 3.85  | 3.89  | 3.75  | 3.69  | 3.75  | 3.71  | 3.95  | 4.11  |       |       |       |       |
|                                     | Year 7 (CY + 6)         | 3.86        | 3.99  | 3.80  | 3.97  | 4.28  | 3.93  | 4.29  | 3.85  | 4.13  | 3.74  | 3.83  | 4.03  |       |       |       |       |
|                                     | Year 8 (CY + 7)         | 3.58        | 3.53  | 3.38  | 3.29  | 3.63  | 3.54  | 3.70  | 3.79  | 3.67  | 3.43  | 3.75  | 3.67  |       |       |       |       |
| Did not graduate within eight years | Number of non-graduates | 2,665       | 2,720 | 3,051 | 2,747 | 2,738 | 2,685 | 2,570 | 2,637 | 2,633 | 2,664 | 2,602 | 2,571 |       |       |       |       |
|                                     | Year 1 (CY)             | 4.19        | 4.20  | 4.22  | 4.18  | 4.17  | 4.23  | 4.12  | 4.17  | 4.15  | 4.14  | 4.14  | 4.05  |       |       |       |       |
|                                     | Year 2 (CY + 1)         | 3.85        | 3.80  | 3.80  | 3.83  | 3.84  | 3.72  | 3.74  | 3.87  | 3.73  | 3.76  | 3.76  | 3.63  |       |       |       |       |
|                                     | Year 3 (CY + 2)         | 3.55        | 3.55  | 3.62  | 3.73  | 3.56  | 3.50  | 3.61  | 3.65  | 3.68  | 3.43  | 3.62  | 3.47  |       |       |       |       |
|                                     | Year 4 (CY + 3)         | 3.36        | 3.47  | 3.67  | 3.54  | 3.42  | 3.66  | 3.62  | 3.64  | 3.45  | 3.54  | 3.45  | 3.30  |       |       |       |       |
|                                     | Year 5 (CY + 4)         | 3.00        | 3.31  | 3.20  | 3.13  | 3.25  | 3.15  | 3.16  | 3.08  | 3.17  | 3.02  | 3.17  | 3.22  |       |       |       |       |
|                                     | Year 6 (CY + 5)         | 3.02        | 3.03  | 2.81  | 3.03  | 3.11  | 3.03  | 2.92  | 2.76  | 2.64  | 2.87  | 2.78  | 2.94  |       |       |       |       |
|                                     | Year 7 (CY + 6)         | 3.00        | 2.90  | 3.07  | 3.07  | 3.12  | 2.98  | 3.00  | 2.73  | 2.96  | 2.84  | 3.16  | 3.02  |       |       |       |       |
|                                     | Year 8 (CY + 7)         | 3.07        | 3.15  | 3.19  | 3.29  | 3.31  | 3.14  | 3.12  | 3.22  | 2.98  | 3.30  | 3.06  | 3.26  |       |       |       |       |

\*Cohort year

Average annual course load (full course equivalents) at the system level by time-to-degree. All Maritime universities combined.

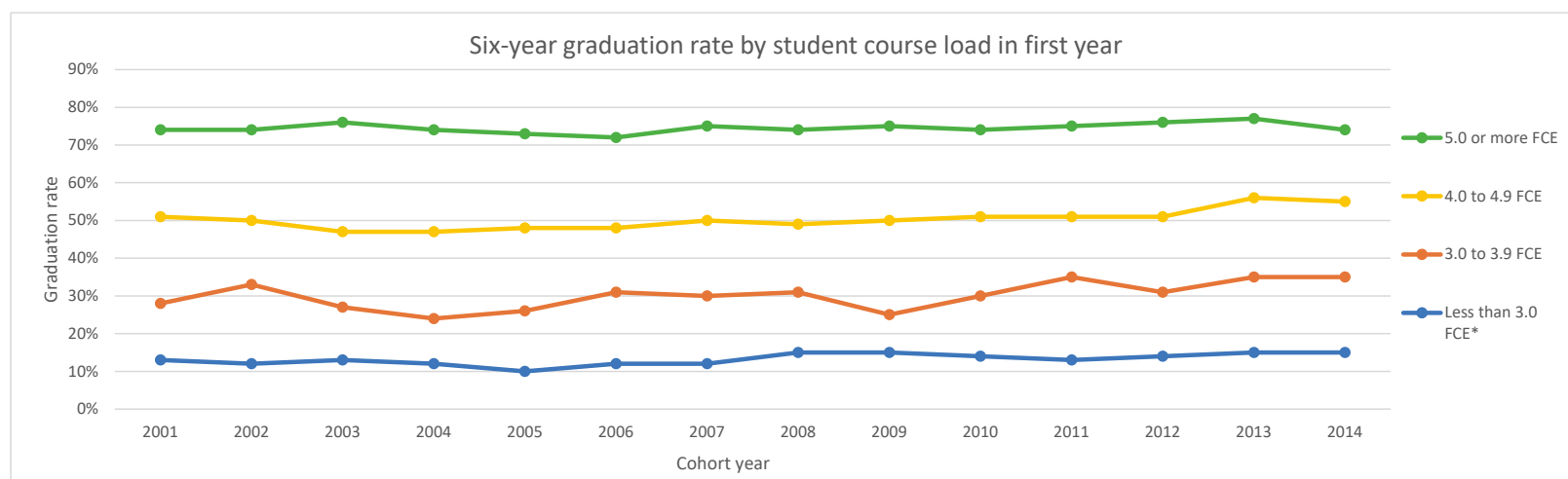


\*Cohort year

**Table 7: Four- to eight-year graduation rates at the Maritime university system level by first year course load. All Maritime universities combined.**

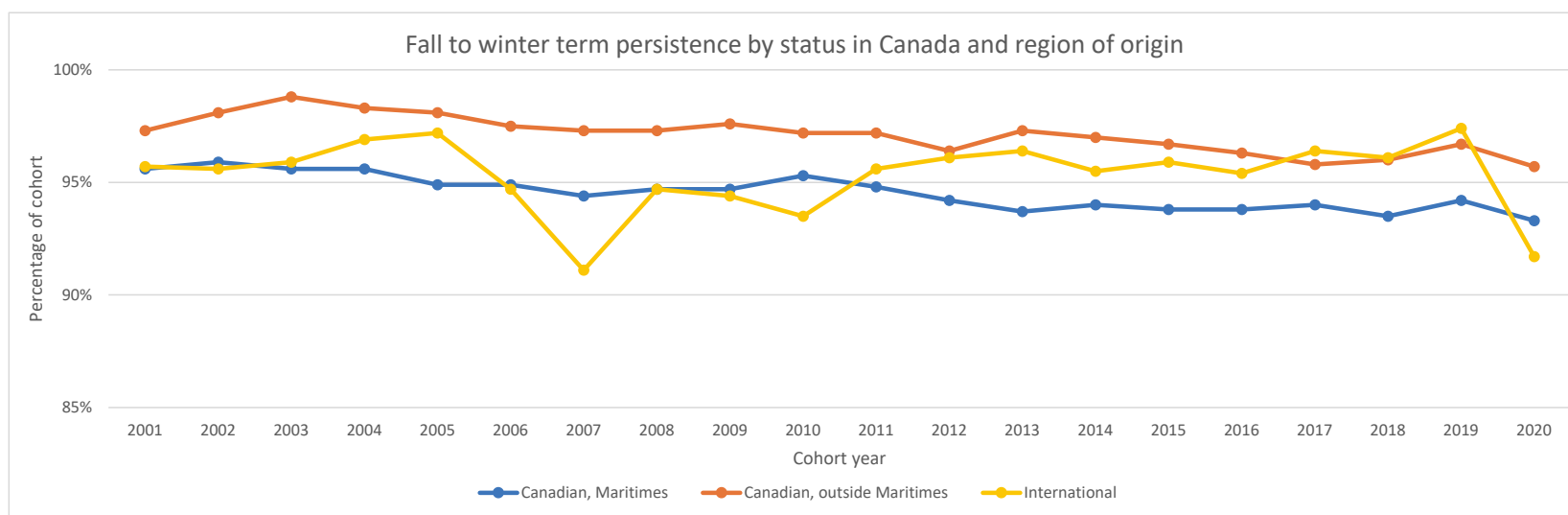
| First-year annual course load | Graduation rate (cumulative) | Cohort year |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                               |                              | 2001        | 2002  | 2003  | 2004  | 2005  | 2006  | 2007  | 2008  | 2009  | 2010  | 2011  | 2012  | 2013  | 2014  | 2015  | 2016  |
| <b>Less than 3.0 FCE*</b>     | <b>Cohort size</b>           | 442         | 395   | 423   | 400   | 432   | 425   | 495   | 457   | 443   | 442   | 445   | 493   | 474   | 480   | 449   | 466   |
|                               | Four-year                    | 2%          | 2%    | 3%    | 3%    | 1%    | 2%    | 2%    | 3%    | 3%    | 3%    | 3%    | 2%    | 3%    | 4%    | 5%    | 1%    |
|                               | Five-year                    | 8%          | 8%    | 7%    | 8%    | 6%    | 7%    | 6%    | 10%   | 9%    | 8%    | 8%    | 11%   | 10%   | 10%   | 11%   |       |
|                               | Six-year                     | 13%         | 12%   | 13%   | 12%   | 10%   | 12%   | 12%   | 15%   | 15%   | 14%   | 13%   | 14%   | 15%   | 15%   |       |       |
|                               | Seven-year                   | 16%         | 16%   | 15%   | 15%   | 13%   | 15%   | 14%   | 18%   | 17%   | 19%   | 18%   | 16%   | 18%   |       |       |       |
|                               | Eight-year                   | 17%         | 17%   | 16%   | 16%   | 14%   | 17%   | 17%   | 19%   | 20%   | 19%   | 19%   | 17%   |       |       |       |       |
| <b>3.0 to 3.9 FCE</b>         | <b>Cohort size</b>           | 504         | 518   | 513   | 481   | 483   | 430   | 430   | 469   | 528   | 566   | 532   | 509   | 527   | 572   | 501   | 536   |
|                               | Four-year                    | 11%         | 10%   | 7%    | 6%    | 8%    | 10%   | 9%    | 8%    | 8%    | 7%    | 9%    | 10%   | 9%    | 10%   | 10%   | 8%    |
|                               | Five-year                    | 22%         | 25%   | 19%   | 20%   | 20%   | 24%   | 23%   | 24%   | 19%   | 23%   | 28%   | 24%   | 26%   | 28%   | 25%   |       |
|                               | Six-year                     | 28%         | 33%   | 27%   | 24%   | 26%   | 31%   | 30%   | 31%   | 25%   | 30%   | 35%   | 31%   | 35%   | 35%   |       |       |
|                               | Seven-year                   | 34%         | 36%   | 33%   | 29%   | 30%   | 35%   | 35%   | 37%   | 30%   | 32%   | 38%   | 33%   | 39%   |       |       |       |
|                               | Eight-year                   | 37%         | 38%   | 35%   | 31%   | 33%   | 40%   | 36%   | 38%   | 31%   | 34%   | 39%   | 35%   |       |       |       |       |
| <b>4.0 to 4.9 FCE</b>         | <b>Cohort size</b>           | 1,910       | 2,123 | 2,339 | 2,009 | 1,879 | 1,868 | 1,937 | 1,969 | 1,935 | 2,053 | 2,004 | 2,038 | 2,071 | 2,071 | 1,928 | 2,004 |
|                               | Four-year                    | 26%         | 24%   | 22%   | 23%   | 21%   | 22%   | 25%   | 24%   | 23%   | 25%   | 25%   | 26%   | 27%   | 26%   | 25%   | 27%   |
|                               | Five-year                    | 44%         | 43%   | 42%   | 41%   | 41%   | 41%   | 44%   | 43%   | 43%   | 45%   | 44%   | 46%   | 49%   | 48%   | 47%   |       |
|                               | Six-year                     | 51%         | 50%   | 47%   | 47%   | 48%   | 48%   | 50%   | 49%   | 50%   | 51%   | 51%   | 51%   | 56%   | 55%   |       |       |
|                               | Seven-year                   | 54%         | 53%   | 50%   | 51%   | 51%   | 51%   | 53%   | 52%   | 53%   | 53%   | 54%   | 54%   | 58%   |       |       |       |
|                               | Eight-year                   | 55%         | 54%   | 52%   | 52%   | 53%   | 52%   | 55%   | 53%   | 54%   | 55%   | 55%   | 55%   |       |       |       |       |
| <b>5.0 or more FCE</b>        | <b>Cohort size</b>           | 4,885       | 4,967 | 5,797 | 4,870 | 4,956 | 4,651 | 4,514 | 4,643 | 4,539 | 4,457 | 4,580 | 4,283 | 4,129 | 3,827 | 3,620 | 3,562 |
|                               | Four-year                    | 52%         | 54%   | 55%   | 51%   | 52%   | 50%   | 53%   | 53%   | 53%   | 54%   | 55%   | 56%   | 56%   | 52%   | 54%   | 55%   |
|                               | Five-year                    | 69%         | 70%   | 72%   | 69%   | 68%   | 67%   | 70%   | 70%   | 70%   | 70%   | 71%   | 72%   | 73%   | 70%   | 72%   |       |
|                               | Six-year                     | 74%         | 74%   | 76%   | 74%   | 73%   | 72%   | 75%   | 74%   | 75%   | 74%   | 75%   | 76%   | 77%   | 74%   |       |       |
|                               | Seven-year                   | 76%         | 77%   | 78%   | 76%   | 76%   | 74%   | 77%   | 76%   | 76%   | 76%   | 77%   | 78%   | 78%   |       |       |       |
|                               | Eight-year                   | 77%         | 78%   | 79%   | 77%   | 77%   | 75%   | 78%   | 77%   | 77%   | 77%   | 78%   | 78%   |       |       |       |       |

\*Full course equivalents



**Table 8: Fall to winter persistence (system level): percentage of first year students who re-enrolled in the winter term following their first fall term of study, by status in Canada and region of origin. All Maritime universities combined.**

| Status in Canada and region of origin | Cohort year |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                                       | 2001        | 2002  | 2003  | 2004  | 2005  | 2006  | 2007  | 2008  | 2009  | 2010  | 2011  | 2012  | 2013  | 2014  | 2015  | 2016  | 2017  | 2018  | 2019  | 2020  |
| <b>Cohort size</b>                    | 6,337       | 6,409 | 6,461 | 6,101 | 6,044 | 5,614 | 5,449 | 5,439 | 5,409 | 5,348 | 5,308 | 5,066 | 4,821 | 4,507 | 4,241 | 4,394 | 4,197 | 4,366 | 4,316 | 4,213 |
| <b>Canadian, Maritimes</b>            | 95.6%       | 95.9% | 95.6% | 95.6% | 94.9% | 94.9% | 94.4% | 94.7% | 94.7% | 95.3% | 94.8% | 94.2% | 93.7% | 94.0% | 93.8% | 93.8% | 94.0% | 93.5% | 94.2% | 93.3% |
| <b>Cohort size</b>                    | 1,127       | 1,277 | 2,246 | 1,335 | 1,389 | 1,423 | 1,557 | 1,720 | 1,642 | 1,679 | 1,795 | 1,798 | 1,847 | 1,781 | 1,595 | 1,409 | 1,369 | 1,334 | 1,474 | 1,352 |
| <b>Canadian, outside Maritimes</b>    | 97.3%       | 98.1% | 98.8% | 98.3% | 98.1% | 97.5% | 97.3% | 97.3% | 97.6% | 97.2% | 97.2% | 96.4% | 97.3% | 97.0% | 96.7% | 96.3% | 95.8% | 96.0% | 96.7% | 95.7% |
| <b>Cohort size</b>                    | 277         | 317   | 365   | 324   | 317   | 337   | 370   | 379   | 394   | 491   | 458   | 459   | 533   | 662   | 662   | 765   | 851   | 1,052 | 1,186 | 823   |
| <b>International</b>                  | 95.7%       | 95.6% | 95.9% | 96.9% | 97.2% | 94.7% | 91.1% | 94.7% | 94.4% | 93.5% | 95.6% | 96.1% | 96.4% | 95.5% | 95.9% | 95.4% | 96.4% | 96.1% | 97.4% | 91.7% |
| <b>Cohort size</b>                    | 7,741       | 8,003 | 9,072 | 7,760 | 7,750 | 7,374 | 7,376 | 7,538 | 7,445 | 7,518 | 7,561 | 7,323 | 7,201 | 6,950 | 6,498 | 6,568 | 6,417 | 6,752 | 6,976 | 6,388 |
| <b>Total</b>                          | 95.9%       | 96.3% | 96.4% | 96.1% | 95.6% | 95.4% | 94.9% | 95.3% | 95.3% | 95.6% | 95.4% | 94.9% | 94.8% | 94.9% | 94.7% | 94.5% | 94.7% | 94.4% | 95.3% | 93.6% |



**Table 9: Fall to spring-summer persistence (system level) : percentage of first year students who re-enrolled in the spring/summer terms following their first year of study, by status in Canada and region of origin. All Maritime universities combined.**

| Status in Canada and region of origin | Cohort year |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                                       | 2001        | 2002  | 2003  | 2004  | 2005  | 2006  | 2007  | 2008  | 2009  | 2010  | 2011  | 2012  | 2013  | 2014  | 2015  | 2016  | 2017  | 2018  | 2019  |
| <b>Cohort size</b>                    | 6,337       | 6,409 | 6,461 | 6,101 | 6,044 | 5,614 | 5,449 | 5,439 | 5,409 | 5,348 | 5,308 | 5,066 | 4,821 | 4,507 | 4,241 | 4,394 | 4,197 | 4,366 | 4,316 |
| <b>Canadian, Maritimes</b>            | 9.9%        | 9.2%  | 9.7%  | 9.2%  | 10.1% | 9.8%  | 10.2% | 12.3% | 13.3% | 14.1% | 14.0% | 14.1% | 14.9% | 16.3% | 16.1% | 14.9% | 14.8% | 15.3% | 18.3% |
| <b>Cohort size</b>                    | 1,127       | 1,277 | 2,246 | 1,335 | 1,389 | 1,423 | 1,557 | 1,720 | 1,642 | 1,679 | 1,795 | 1,798 | 1,847 | 1,781 | 1,595 | 1,409 | 1,369 | 1,334 | 1,474 |
| <b>Canadian, outside Maritimes</b>    | 7.1%        | 6.0%  | 5.4%  | 5.8%  | 6.1%  | 6.4%  | 7.5%  | 6.4%  | 8.0%  | 8.6%  | 8.9%  | 9.4%  | 11.4% | 12.4% | 12.9% | 12.5% | 11.0% | 11.2% | 22.9% |
| <b>Cohort size</b>                    | 277         | 317   | 365   | 324   | 317   | 337   | 370   | 379   | 394   | 491   | 458   | 459   | 533   | 662   | 662   | 765   | 851   | 1,052 | 1,186 |
| <b>International</b>                  | 17.0%       | 20.2% | 18.1% | 17.9% | 16.4% | 21.1% | 27.3% | 32.2% | 28.2% | 33.8% | 29.9% | 34.0% | 33.4% | 33.1% | 34.0% | 30.2% | 31.7% | 27.9% | 38.8% |
| <b>Cohort size</b>                    | 7,741       | 8,003 | 9,072 | 7,760 | 7,750 | 7,374 | 7,376 | 7,538 | 7,445 | 7,518 | 7,561 | 7,323 | 7,201 | 6,950 | 6,498 | 6,568 | 6,417 | 6,752 | 6,976 |
| <b>Total</b>                          | 9.7%        | 9.1%  | 9.0%  | 9.0%  | 9.7%  | 9.7%  | 10.5% | 12.0% | 12.9% | 14.2% | 13.8% | 14.2% | 15.3% | 16.9% | 17.1% | 16.1% | 16.2% | 16.5% | 22.7% |

