

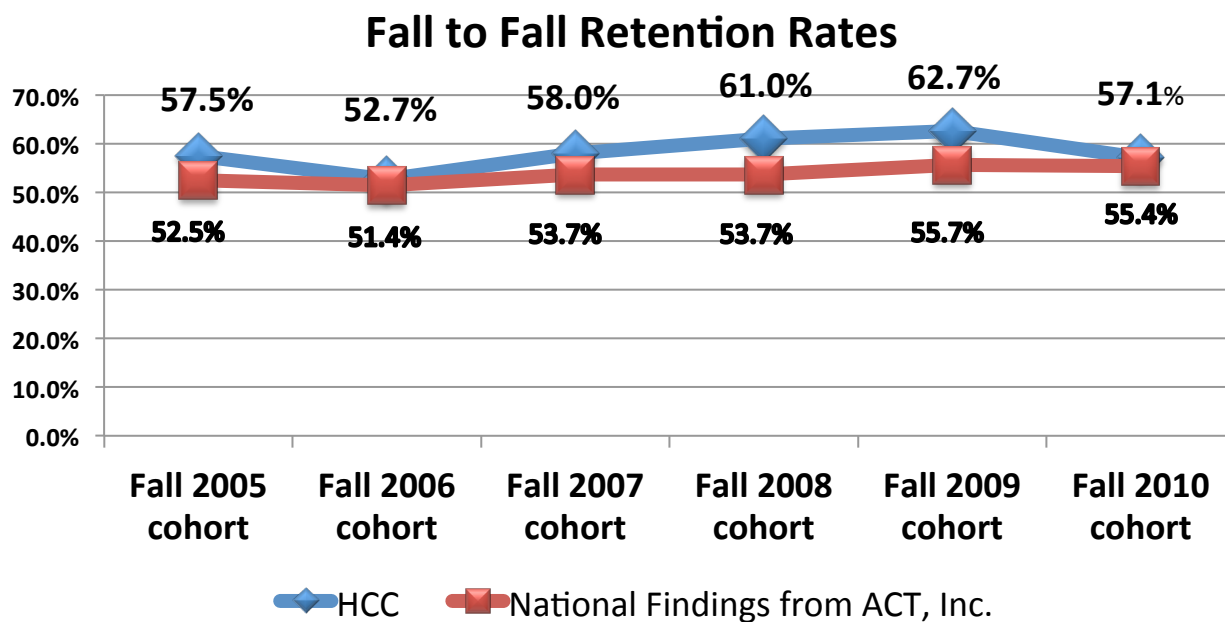
# HCC FAST FACTS

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Housatonic Community College is exceeding the average retention rates found for two-year colleges. In an article recently published in the Community College Journal (April/May 2011 issue), *Making Progress? Retention Rates on the Rise*, it was proudly reported that retention rates at two year colleges reached fifty-six percent (55.7%), the highest in twenty-seven years of research. This information resulted in a longitudinal research study conducted by ACT, Inc.

Housatonic Community College, however, has exceeded the average retention rate for public two-year colleges in the U.S. and is at sixty-three percent (62.7%) for fall 2009 to fall 2010 retention for its first time full time degree seeking students.

[Read the full report from ACT, Inc.](#) To find the national average retention rates for 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 & 2010 cohorts from ACT, Inc please click [here](#).



*\*Retention rate calculated as the number of first time/full time degree seeking students entering in the fall cohort and registered the following fall semester. Fall semester dates 9/12/05, 9/12/06, 9/13/07, 9/16/08, 9/8/09, 9/13/10, 9/12/11*